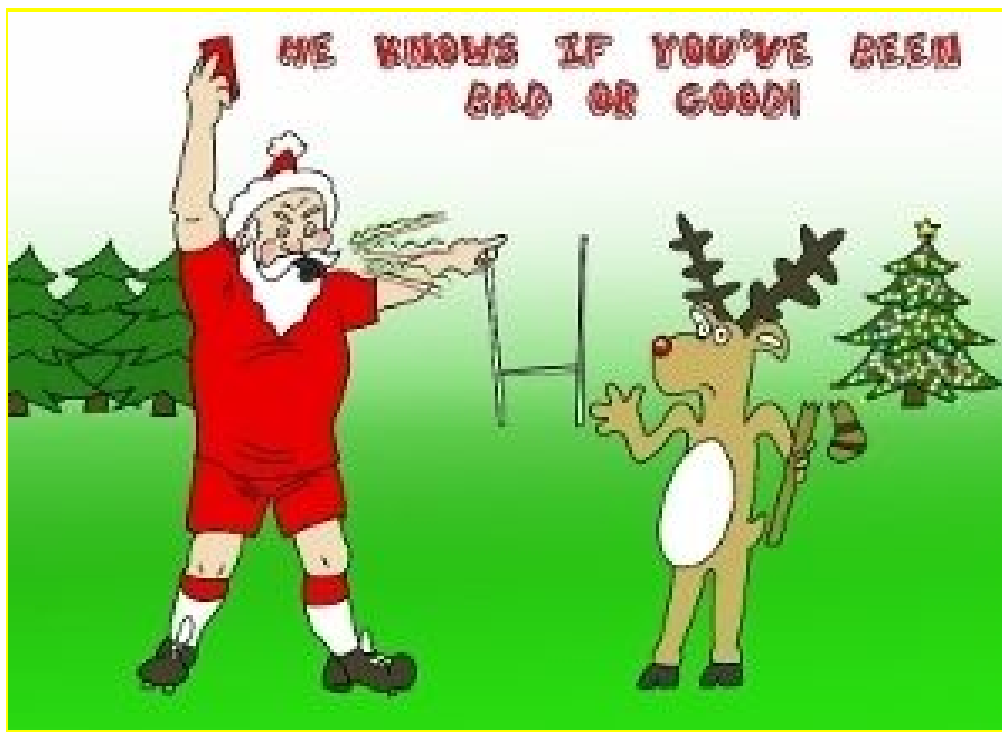




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## *MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL*



Welcome to the first of our renewed newsletters. This will form yet another communication strategy within our Association, as well as with the clubs across our Zone.

It comes as a result of feedback received in a recent survey of members, so we certainly hope that it helps to fill an identified void in our Association.

We hope you enjoy.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome the first of our CCRURA newsletters. We will endeavour to publish this every second week as yet another means to provide communication to members of our Association and to the wider Central Coast Rugby community.

In a recent survey completed by members, communication was one area where the general membership thought that we could improve upon. This newsletter is one means which we identified that we could go towards achieving this improvement.

Since the Annual General Meeting on 28 October, 2019 the Executive Committee have met and have begun looking at planning for 2020 and beyond. While we didn't keep formal minutes of this meeting, a series of discussions were held around the survey completed by members and how best we could address these with the view of further improvement into the future.

From this meeting, the draft Strategic Plan was developed. This was emailed to members earlier with the view for members to read it and then add any further points that they felt should be included. Thanks to the small number of members who took the time to add to this document.

We have also started to discuss how to best initiate our Training and Development and Recruitment and Retention programs and these will be published to all members early in the new year as a discussion paper for comment.

I would like to have this newsletter published with articles included from all members. In light of this, if you have any articles that you think would be appropriate to include, please pass them on to our Association Secretary Kate Thomson at [stompson34@hotmail.com](mailto:stompson34@hotmail.com).

As you will see later in this newsletter, we are seeking new sponsorship agreements for the 2020-2022 seasons. Sponsorship plays a large part in ensuring that our Association remains financially viable and is also a wonderful opportunity for businesses to advertise themselves among the Central Coast Rugby community. Our 'catchcry' for prospective sponsors is 'every game, every week' where they have the potential to be involved in the game through advertising on our uniforms, touch flags etc. If anybody is aware of any prospective sponsorship opportunities, please contact me as soon as possible.

2020 will see some changes to the expectations of our referees, particularly those Premier 1 referees, those aspiring to that level and our referees selected for various NSW Country Representative Panels. I believe that ***'if we always do what we've always done, we'll always get what we've always got'***. With this in mind, I'd like to see some change leading to improvement - in all aspects of our Association - both on and off the field. Much of this will be outlined in our Strategic Plan and Guidelines for Referees documents to be published early in the New Year.

*Tony Rudd*

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2020-2022

With our previous sponsorship agreements expiring at the end of the 2019 season, we are now in the process of seeking new sponsor partners for the seasons 2020 through to 2022.

Our Association offers the unique opportunity for businesses to be recognised at **every game, every week** throughout the Rugby season.

For details of the various levels of sponsorship available follow the link to our website where you will find the current sponsorship proposals.

<https://www.ccrura.com/sponsors>

Any businesses interested in sponsoring the Central Coast Rugby Union Referees Association can contact Tony Rudd at [tonyrudd58@gmail.com](mailto:tonyrudd58@gmail.com)

## NEWSLETTER NAMING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Bob Platt for his suggestion of '**The Whistle Blower**' for the name of this revamped newsletter. There some fantastic suggestions come through including:

Whistler Weekly	Refs Rap	Refs Wrap	Refs Call
Impartial Press	Malum	You Blew It	Read of Heaven
Blow By Blow	Material Effect	Going Upstairs	Referees Tome
The Yellow Card	The Official	The Final Call	Come On Ref
Last Feat	Say Cheese	The Interpretation	Referee Rants
The One Eyed Ref	But Sir, What About	Every Game, Every Week	The 11th Club
... among others			

Thank you to all who contributed. With so many great ideas, it was hard to actually narrow the vote, however, **The Whistle Blower** was a clear favourite in the voting of our executive members.

Thanks again and well done Bob.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO CERY'S

Congratulations to Cerys O'Grady-Cousins who, this week, found out that she has been selected into the Rugby Australia, Student Scholarship Program. Cerys is one of 16 referees from NSW selected, but the only one selected from outside of the metropolitan area. Selection into this group of promising referees will see Cerys appointed to a range of State and National Age and Schools Carnivals while participating in a range of coordinated development activities with RA Referee Development staff. This is well-deserved recognition for Cerys' dedication and growth, and comes on top of numerous NSW Country appointments in recent years.



The CCRURA has a proud history of referees being selected into this program dating back to 2001 (see full list below), with many going on to referee at higher levels both on the Central Coast, in Sydney and overseas.

ARU STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	
2001 - Guy Grinham	2016 - Brock Saxby
2004 - Shaun Smith	2017 - Ronan Marks
2007 - Simon Rudd	
2009 - James Ardern	
2010 - Matt McGuire	
2013 - Jack Margin	
2014 - Jack Waining	
2014 - Bryce Mullins	

## **GAME MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES UPDATE**

This will be held in conjunction with our first meeting for the year on 24 February, 2020. This meeting will begin at 7:00pm, being held at the Bateau Bay Bowling Club.

This is compulsory for all referees. Club representatives will also be in attendance. The GMG update will be presented by staff from NSW Rugby.

Please put this in your diary.

## **SUMMER 7s**

Recently, members of our Association have been actively involved in refereeing the CCJRU and NSW Rugby initiative, the Summer 7s. These games took place one evening per week at both Joseph Banks and Carrington Street Ovals (with one week at Slade Park).

In a very efficiently run competition thanks to NSW Rugby Development Officer, Luke Mack and CCJRU official (and CCRURA member) Steve Keiler, games were played across a number of age groups in both male and female competitions.

It was wonderful to see our Association well represented on a regular basis by referees including Toby Kitchen, Peter Scholes, Steve Sai-Louie, Scott Edmunds, Stuart Formston, David Hall, Cooper Anderson and Adam McArdle.

Unfortunately, due to the heavy smoke from bushfires late in the year, it was at least two, possibly three of these evening competitions that had to be cancelled due to the poor air quality.

The competition resumes on 28 February for a further 6 weeks. This will be an ideal pre-season opportunity for all of our members to get involved in refereeing and some fitness work. I encourage all referees to try and get involved.

## 2019 AWARD WINNERS

The following members were recognised at our annual Awards Ceremony for their achievements during the 2019 season. Congratulations to all.

<b>Under 11 Grand Final</b>	Matthew Reubenheimer
<b>Under 12 Grand Final</b>	Peter Scholes
<b>Under 13 Grand Final</b>	Cerys O'Grady-Cousins
<b>Under 13 Girls Grand Final</b>	Toby Kitchen
<b>Under 14 Grand Final</b>	Billy Smith
<b>Under 15 Grand Final</b>	Lloyd Pakai
<b>Under 15 Girls Grand Final</b>	Scott Edmunds Steve Sai-Louie
<b>Under 16 Grand Final</b>	Gary Sinclair
<b>Under 17 Grand Final</b>	David Hall
<b>Under 19 Grand Final</b>	Scott Thornton
<b>President's Cup Grand Final</b>	Stuart Formston
<b>Premier 2 Grand Final</b>	Kate Thomson
<b>Premier 1 Grand Final</b>	Tony Furey
<b>100 Games Refereed</b>	Stuart Formston Murray Fraser Peter Norman
<b>200 Games Refereed</b>	Kate Thomson
<b>300 Games Refereed</b>	David Hall Steve Sai-Louie
<b>NSW Senior Referee of the Year</b>	Tony Furey
<b>NSW Junior Referee of the Year</b>	Billy Smith
<b>Most Improved Referee</b>	Gary Sinclair
<b>David Sloane Encouragement Award</b>	Peter Scholes
<b>CCRURA Contribution Award</b>	Tony Rudd

## RECRUITMENT

The CCRURA is always on the lookout for new members and now is an ideal time for prospective referees to express interest in gaining their referee qualification for 2020. There are a number of pathways for doing this:

### Refereeing Under 8 to 12

Course – Refereeing Kids Rugby 8-12 (RKR)

Post Course Accreditation – Optional Exam

You must be 13 years old to referee these age groups. Anyone who completes the RKR course can be a Referee or Assistant Referee (AR) up to Under 12's.

These referees can also be appointed to matches by their club through the Club To Appoint (CTA) mechanism.

Smart Rugby will need to be completed separately to this course.

### Refereeing Under 13 to Senior

Course – Foundation

Post Course Accreditation – Exam & On-Field Competency Assessment

You must be 15 years old to referee Under 13 matches or older and for junior referees who are 15/16/17 years of age you can only referee to an age group 2 years younger than your own age.


Adults that do this course can referee at any level.

This course covers the requirements of Smart Rugby.

Do you wanna be...  
wanna be ...  
wanna be a Wallaby?


or better still...

Do you wanna be...  
wanna be ...  
wanna be a Referee?



## CENTRAL COAST RUGBY UNION REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

**is recruiting now.**



Come and join us for the best seat at the game.  
On the field in the middle of the action.

Prospective referees must be 13-14 years to complete the Referee Kids Rugby course or 15 years to complete the Level 1 accreditation.  
Stay tuned for details regarding an information session.  
Payments for junior games range from \$15 - \$30 per game depending on the age group refereed.

Express your interest by completing the form at the link below or by using the QR code and a member of our Association will contact you with details:

<https://forms.gle/TYxX9gFU48fdid2q8>



Anybody interested in undertaking either of these courses should contact either our Recruitment and Retention coordinator, Gary Scholes at [wattletree1@gmail.com](mailto:wattletree1@gmail.com) or by scanning the QR code above and filling in your details (you will be contacted by an officer from our Association).

The Foundation/Level 1 Referee course will be held on the Central Coast on 16 March, 2020.



## MEMBER PROFILE

### PETER SCHOLES



**Age:** 15

**School:** Knox Grammar School - Year 10

**Why did you start refereeing?**

I wanted to be like my dad (Referee and Referee Coach - Gary Scholes).  
I also wanted to still be involved in the game in addition to playing.

**What is the biggest challenge you've faced in refereeing?**

Overcoming my own self-doubt, especially when the crowd is arguing.

**What has been a major highlight for you so far?**

Being involved in the CCJRU Grand Finals day in 2019. Being on the pitch so much as both a referee and Assistant Referee.

**What is your current goal as a referee?**

Being selected to participate in the Rugby Australia, Referee School Student Scholarship program.

**Representative Honours:**

2019 - Under 10/11 State Championship carnival

2019 - Under 13 State 7s carnival

2019 - NSW Primary Schools Girls 7s carnival

2020 - Nominated for NSW Country Representative Development Program



## REFEREE PAY AMOUNTS FOR 2020

Both CCRU and CCJRU have approved payments for appointed referees in 2020.

The rates are:

- Under 9 and 10 \$15
- Under 11 to 15 \$20
- Under 16 to 18 \$30
- Under 19 \$50
- President's Cup \$40
- Premier 2 \$60
- Premier 1 \$70
- Women's 7's \$10
- AR Premier 1 \$15

This is great news for our members.

## FUTURE DATES FOR DIARY

20 January	CCRURA Training commences. Venue TBA
22 February	The Lakes 'Sevens By The Sea' - Slade Park. All day
24 February	CCRURA Meeting - GMG Update - Compulsory attendance for all members.
28 February	Summer 7s Recommences
5 March	Central Coast Primary Schools Gala Day. Tuggerah Sports Complex
7 March	Foundation / Level 1 Referee Course. Central Coast Grammar School
12 March	Central Coast Primary Schools Gala Day. Carrington Street Oval
19 March	Central Coast Primary Schools Gala Day. Finals Day. Carrington Street Oval
14 March	NSW Country Women's Championship Carnival. Woy Woy Oval
26 March	Girls & Boys U18 CHS Schools Gala Day - Tuggerah Sport Complex
30 March	CCRURA Meeting - Note this is not the 4th Monday of the month.
2 April	Boys Under 14 & 16 CHS Schools Gala Day - Tuggerah Sports Complex
27 April	CCRURA Meeting - Education Topic TBA
25 May	CCRURA Meeting - Education Topic TBA
9 June	Brian Palmer Shield. Primary School 12-a-side Knockout. Carrington Street Oval
22 June	CCRURA Meeting - Education Topic TBA
23/24 June	Zone Finals CHS Schools Gala Day - Tuggerah Sports Complex
2 July	Chris Gamngemi Shield. Primary School 12-a-side Knockout. Venue TBA
27 July	CCRURA Meeting - Education Topic TBA
24 August	CCRURA Meeting - Education Topic TBA
26 October	CCRURA Annual General Meeting