

**Queensland Rugby Referees Association  
(Brisbane) Inc.**



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**ANNUAL REPORT  
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The Management Committee and Members of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc. gratefully acknowledge the support of the Association's sponsors during 2005.



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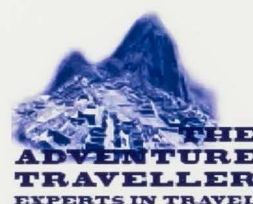


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**QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION**  
**(BRISBANE) INC.**

**OFFICE BEARERS**

**2005**

PRESIDENT	Mark Logan
VICE-PRESIDENT	Tim Matthews
SECRETARY	Michael Jennings
TREASURER	Neill McCann
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Peter Backstrom
	Cole Barrett
	Michael Darcy
	Stuart Tasker
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	John English

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## **President's Report**

Let me begin by thanking both the members of our association and our sponsors for their support throughout the 2005 season. You, the members of our association, have again continued to play your part in the game we all love, by your positive actions on and off the rugby field.

To our major sponsor, the Queensland Rugby Club (and Rugby Club Downtown), and our principle support sponsor, Dixon Homes, thank you for your continued financial backing. Over the past three seasons, you have enabled our association to become a financially sound organisation within the local rugby community. This has enabled us to maintain, and in some instances increase, both the delivery and quality of services to our various stakeholders.

Before outlining what I believe are the positive steps that our association has made this past year, it would be remiss of me not to thank the previous administrations during my years as a member of the QRRRA (Brisbane) Inc. The administrations headed by Geoff Pegg, Richard Bendeich, Peter Gofton and Peter Smith have all played a significant part in the development of the Association over the past decade. I would like to think that this administrative team has continued to develop many of the ideas and plans discussed at length in those previous committees.

From a Management Committee perspective, quite a few significant developments occurred in season 2005. They include:

- a. Development of an official website for the association;
- b. The formulation of a sponsorship policy;
- c. The formulation and implementation of a three-year coaching plan;
- d. Commencement of recruitment drive via BJRU Pathway course;
- e. Appointment of a contracted administrative assistant, i.e. John English;
- f. Re-development of the Referees Room at Ballymore;
- g. Organising for members to become Smart Rugby compliant; and
- h. The implementation of a "reimbursement of expenses" plan for all official games refereed by our members.

From an association perspective, many of our members have continued to excel on and off the rugby field. On the international scene, Andrew Cole and Scott Young again refereed a number of Test Matches in addition to their numerous Super 12 appointments. More specifically, congratulations to Andrew on his Lions/All Blacks and his All Blacks/Springboks appointments and to Scott on his return to the IRB's "A" panel. This year saw the retirement of Greg Hinton from the Australian panel, but the elevation of Paul Marks in his place. As one door closes, another opens. On behalf of all members, I would like to wish both Greg and Paul all the best for their respective future endeavours in rugby.

Congratulations also to Peter Gofton and Alastair Mould for the successful completion of their respective ARU Level 3 Referee Coaching and Referee courses. The Association continues to have the largest number of qualified and active ARU Level 3 coaches, whose services are utilised by many other associations to improve the quality of referees around the country and in some cases, overseas as well. Peter and Frank Meiklejohn were also intimately involved with referee development and assessment of match officials in the recent qualification rounds of the Oceania division for RWC 2007.

The interchange programme was again a successful venture. Our visitors to Christchurch, Hamilton, Wellington and Newcastle all gained valuable knowledge and experience that will no doubt assist them with their refereeing in future years. Congratulations also to the many members selected to officiate at the various national and state championships held this year.

As always though, it was the weekly refereeing appointments that occupied the minds and hearts of the majority of our members. As in previous seasons, this onerous task of appointments fell upon



the shoulders of your Appointments Board chaired by our Vice-President, Tim Matthews. I would personally like to thank Tim, Tom Ryan and Brian O'Donnell for their contributions this year. It would be remiss of me not to thank John English at this time also. I know that his assistance, in what is a very difficult and often thankless job, was greatly appreciated by the both the Appointments Board and Management Committee alike. As in previous seasons, the games refereed by the members of our association included those of the Brisbane Rugby Committee, the Brisbane Junior Rugby Union, the respective GPS, AIC, TAS competitions, the Ballymore Cup (competition for non-traditional rugby schools) and those under the control of the State Referee Committee, such as Premier Rugby.

I would like to take this opportunity of officially thanking the members of your Management Committee in 2005. Tim Matthews (Vice President), Michael Jennings (Secretary), Neill McCann (Treasurer), Michael Darcy (Interchange Co-ordinator), Stuart Tasker (Newsletter editor), Peter Backstrom and Cole Barrett are to be congratulated for their sterling efforts this year. Well done gentlemen.

It is important for any administrative body not to dwell on past achievements, but to continue to work positively for its members. Whilst I feel proud of what we have achieved this year, there is still a lot of unfinished business to complete in 2006. At the time of writing, I am happy to announce that the Queensland Rugby Club has re-signed as our major sponsor for 2006. They have agreed to sponsor the association to the tune of \$25000.00. I would like to thank the club for their continued support of our association. Both parties have agreed to meet again in mid 2006, to discuss a more lucrative, longer term deal, more along the lines of our association's sponsorship document. Dixon Homes has also expressed a desire to continue their association with us as a support sponsor. Whilst the final terms of an agreement are yet to be finalised, may I extend to the management team at Dixon Homes, a special thank you! Coopers Plains Dental Surgery has also agreed to continue with their current sponsorship arrangements with the Association.

Whilst it is early days yet in the three-year Referee Coaching Plan, it is imperative that Management Committees find ways to increase the amount of time that our referee coaches can actually devote to referee coaching, rather than they themselves running around the paddock refereeing! The obvious solution is the recruitment of more referees. The continuation of the BJRU Pathway Courses, as well as perhaps becoming more actively involved with the schools to develop referees, are avenues that the Association must explore. Working along side the State Referee Committee is also a path that I believe we should follow, so as to maximise the use of potentially limited resources. For us, time and commitment are the biggest issues that we must address.

In conclusion, I would again like to thank our sponsors and you, the members of the association, for your support during season 2005. I hope and trust that you will be back for 2006 and beyond. If I may say one thing before closing and that is, please strive to be an active member in your association. We all have so much to offer to each other, both on and off the field, both personally and professionally. To paraphrase JFK (badly I might add), "ask not what can my association do for me, but what can I do for my association."

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you.

Yours in rugby

**Mark Logan**  
**President**

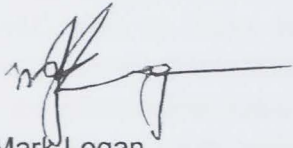
**Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc**  
**Period Ended 30 June 2005**

**Statement by Members of the Management Committee.**

In the opinion of the Management Committee, the accompanying Financial Statements:

1. Present fairly the financial position of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc as at 30 June 2005 and the results of the Association for the period ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:



Mark Logan  
President



Neill McCann  
Treasurer

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2005

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**Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc**  
**Period Ended 30 June 2005**

**Statement of Income and Expenditure.**

	Note	30 June 2005 \$	30 June 2004 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Administration - Contribution by QRU	2	30,000.00	20,000.00
Annual Dinner		3,354.55	3,886.82
Bar Takings	3	2,483.61	876.23
Functions	4		1,390.91
Interest		1,932.11	1,728.46
Miscellaneous Receipts	6	2,453.64	2,360.00
Referee Development and Camp	7	3,633.64	2,094.82
Refereeing Services	8	82,992.27	11,590.91
Sponsorship & Donations	10	32,001.82	27,284.09
Subscriptions	11	16,388.64	10,568.82
Uniform Sales	13	1,127.28	3,197.27
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>176,367.09</b>	<b>84,978.33</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administration	2	16,323.25	15,000.00
Annual Dinner		10,687.42	9,189.26
Bank Fees and Charges		229.70	120.70
Bar Stock	3	2,060.53	657.34
Computer Expenses		843.77	1,481.77
Fees & Permits		515.74	65.55
Functions	4	1,913.37	6,032.73
Insurance Premiums		1,309.15	1,366.72
Interchange Expenses	5	5,661.65	3,357.25
Miscellaneous Expenses	6		2,360.00
Postage		425.29	994.64
Printing & Stationary		961.64	1,624.36
Referee Coaching and Development	7	4,512.54	4,088.46
Referee Development and Camp	7	6,158.01	5,303.47
Remuneration of Referee Expenses	8	20,318.18	
Repairs and Maintenance	9	18,451.31	411.45
Telephone Expenses		2,612.18	2,500.54
Training & Fitness		4,962.32	4,883.85
Trophies & Gifts	12	2,425.98	7,515.28
Uniform and Apparel Expenses	13	20,639.32	10,792.45
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>121,011.36</b>	<b>77,745.79</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>		<b>55,355.73</b>	<b>7,232.53</b>
Less Reduction in stock held			180.32
<b>NET INCOME(LOSS)</b>		<b>55,355.73</b>	<b>7,052.21</b>

GST collections and payments made are excluded from the Income and Expenditure Statement in accordance with Commonwealth Government legislation.

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**Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc**  
**Period Ended 30 June 2005**

**Balance Sheet**

	Note	30 June 2005 \$	30 June 2004 \$
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Accumulated Funds - 1 July		73,436.45	66,508.98
Net Income(Loss)		55,355.73	7,052.21
Adjustment		334.47	(124.74)
<b>Total Members Funds</b>		<b>129,126.65</b>	<b>73,436.45</b>
 <i>Represented By:</i>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank		89,802.79	30,473.50
Cash Management Account		43,508.52	41,576.39
Debtors - GST June Quarter	14	3,242.03	2,753.74
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>136,553.34</b>	<b>74,803.63</b>
 <b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors - GST June Quarter	14	7,426.69	1,367.18
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>		 <b>129,126.65</b>	 <b>73,436.45</b>

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**Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc**  
**Period Ended 30 June 2005**

**Statement of Cash Flows**

	30 June 2005	30 June 2004
	\$	\$
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Cash Income from Customers	176,367.08	84,978.33
Cash Payments to Customers	(121,011.36)	(77,745.79)
<b>Nett Movement in Operating Funds</b>	<b>55,355.72</b>	<b>7,232.53</b>
<b>GST Activities</b>		
GST Collected (Liability i/f/o ATO)	16,810.00	7,988.49
GST Paid (Credit o/a/o ATO)	(12,070.30)	(7,515.46)
GST Collected (Liability i/f/o ATO)	4,663.00	2,252.00
GST Collected (Liability i/f/o ATO)	(3,497.00)	(5,618.00)
<b>Nett Movement in GST Activities</b>	<b>5,905.70</b>	<b>(2,892.96)</b>
<b>Nett Movement in Cash - Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>61,261.42</b>	<b>4,339.57</b>
<i>Cash Balances held - 1 July</i>		
Cheque Accounts	30,473.50	22,828.73
Cash Management Account	41,576.39	44,881.59
<b>Cash Balance - 30 June</b>	<b>133,311.31</b>	<b>72,049.89</b>
<i>Represented By:</i>		
Cheque Accounts	89,802.79	30,473.50
Cash Management Account	43,508.52	41,576.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,311.31</b>	<b>72,049.89</b>

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**Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc**  
**Period Ended 30 June 2005**

**Notes to and forming part of the Accounts**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to provide accounts which satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981. The management committee has determined that the Association is a non-reporting entity and therefore there is no requirement to apply accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of these statements.

The statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981. The statements are prepared on a cash basis, whereby items are brought to account as money is paid or received, from the records of the association. They are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where as specifically stated, current valuation of non-current assets.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies adopted by the Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Incorporated in the preparation of the financial statements.

**(a) Taxation**

As of 1 July 2000, the association was registered with the ATO for GST purposes. It is a non-profit organisation that has voluntarily nominated for GST.

No provision has been made for income tax as the association is exempt from income tax under the provisions of section 23(g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

The Association was and still is not required to have a Tax File Number.

The Association collects and pays GST quarterly. A Business Activity Statement (BAS) is submitted to the ATO on a quarterly basis as required by the taxation legislation.

**(b) Stock on Hand**

All bar stock and referee's apparel are expensed in the year of purchase.

**(c) Equipment**

All equipment purchases are expensed in the year of purchase.

For control purposes such items have been listed on the register of non-current assets/chattels.

**(d) GST collections and payments are excluded from the Income & Expenditure Statement in accordance with Commonwealth Government Legislation.**

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**Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc**  
**Period Ended 30 June 2005**

**Notes to and forming part of the Accounts (cont'd)**

	2005 \$	2004 \$	Comments
<b>2. Administration</b>			
Contribution by QRU	30,000.00	20,000.00	QRRRA (Brisbane) Inc affiliated with QRU from October 2003 and receives \$30,000 per annum for administrative costs (prior to this, QRU had one of its own officers providing these services). Additional expenditure is within other categories.
Administration Officer Costs	16,323.25	15,000.00	Administration Officer commenced in February 2005. Prior to this, these activities were undertaken by Secretary of the Association
<b>3. Bar Takings and Purchases</b>			
Bar Takings	2,483.61	876.23	
Bar Purchases	2,060.53	657.34	
<b>Net Takings</b>	<b>423.07</b>	<b>218.89</b>	
<b>4. Functions</b>			
Cost of functions	1,913.37	6,032.73	
Member contributions		1,390.91	
<b>Net cost</b>	<b>1,913.37</b>	<b>4,641.82</b>	Includes cost of mid-year function in 2004 in which life members were presented with specially struck medals
<b>5. Interchange Costs</b>			
<i>Outward</i>			
2005	3,280.91		
2004	692.09	2,849.97	
	<b>3,973.00</b>	<b>2,849.97</b>	Airfare costs for 2004 interchange paid in prior financial year
<i>Inward</i>			
2005	646.04		Interchange for 2005 occurred in June.
2004	1,042.61	507.27	Interchange for 2003 and 2004 occurred in July.
	<b>1,688.65</b>	<b>507.27</b>	
<b>Total Interchange Costs</b>	<b>5,661.65</b>	<b>3,357.24</b>	

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**Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc**  
**Period Ended 30 June 2005**

**Notes to and forming part of the Accounts (cont'd)**

	2005 \$	2004 \$	Comments
<b>6. Miscellaneous</b>			
<i>Receipts</i>			
Proceeds from wind-up of Australian Society of Rugby Referees	2,453.64		Proceeds paid to Referee Associations across Australia at wind up.
Sale of World Cup Quarter Final Tickets		2,360.00	
<i>Expenditure</i>			
Purchase Cost of Tickets		2,360.00	
<b>Net Proceeds</b>	<b>2,453.64</b>		
<b>7. Referee Development</b>			
<i>Referee Coaching and Development</i>			
Coaching and Development Meetings	886.31	148.71	Meeting expenses for late 2003-2004 paid in 2004-2005.
General Meetings	1,696.85	2,299.08	Includes room hire
Sports Recording Services	936.00	1,140.00	Purchase of videos
Videos and Batteries (QRRRA)	898.83	373.72	
Other training items	94.55	86.79	
	<b>4,512.54</b>	<b>4,048.30</b>	
<i>Referee Development Activities</i>			
<b>Referee Camp</b>			
Total Expenditure	4,010.98	5,303.47	
			Payments from DDRRA (\$479) & FNCRRRA (\$182) for 2005 camp.
Total Receipts	3,633.64	2,094.82	
<b>Subsidy by QRRRA (Brisbane) Inc</b>	<b>377.34</b>	<b>3,208.65</b>	
Smart Rugby Day	772.04		
Law Books	1,375.00		
	<b>2,524.38</b>	<b>3,208.65</b>	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>10,670.56</b>	<b>9,351.77</b>	
Less: Payments by Members	3,633.64	2,094.82	
<b>Nett Expenditure</b>	<b>7,036.92</b>	<b>7,256.95</b>	

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**Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc**  
**Period Ended 30 June 2005**

**Notes to and forming part of the Accounts (cont'd)**

	2005 \$	2004 \$	Comments
<b>8. Refereeing Services</b>			
<i>2005 Season</i>			
QRU	26,472.73		Interim payment
GPS	12,000.00		
AIC	10,000.00		
TAS	10,000.00		
	<b>58,472.73</b>		
<i>2004 Season</i>			
GPS	10,800.00		
AIC	8,400.00		
TAS	4,319.55	4,545.46	
Kefu Cup	1,000.00		
	<b>24,519.55</b>	<b>4,545.46</b>	
<i>2003 Season</i>			
Qld Suburban Rugby Pty Ltd		1,375.00	
GPS		4,272.73	
Australian University Sports		454.55	
QRU Club		818.18	
Southern Skies		1,500.00	
		<b>8,420.45</b>	
	<b>82,992.27</b>	<b>12,965.91</b>	
Less:			
<i>Remuneration paid to Referees</i>			
2004 Season	20,318.18		
	<b>62,674.09</b>	<b>12,965.91</b>	
<b>9. Repairs and Maintenance</b>			
<u>Room Upgrade</u>			
Airconditioning	3,215.34		
Bar	3,598.13		
Carpet	2,302.73		
Honour Boards	7,717.74		
Carpentary and Windows	982.73	180.45	
Painting and Cleaning	634.65		
	<b>18,451.31</b>	<b>180.45</b>	
Repairs to Video Camera		231.00	
	<b>18,451.31</b>	<b>411.45</b>	

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**Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc**  
**Period Ended 30 June 2005**

**Notes to and forming part of the Accounts (cont'd)**

	2005 \$	2004 \$	Comments
<b>10. Sponsorships</b>			
Bank of Queensland	909.09	909.09	
Coopers Plains Dental Surgery	909.09		2004 contribution received in 2004-2005 year
QRU Club	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Tamawood / Dixon Homes	5,000.00		2004 contribution received in 2004-2005 year
Donations	183.64		
	<b>32,001.82</b>	<b>25,909.09</b>	
<b>11. Subscriptions</b>			
General Membership	14,078.18	10,568.82	General subscriptions increased from to \$88 in 2005
Associate Members - BJRU	2,310.00		BJRU Referees for Saturday junior games
	<b>16,388.18</b>	<b>10,568.82</b>	
<b>12. Trophies and Gifts</b>			
Annual Awards	2,425.98	2,781.47	
Life Member Medallions		4,733.81	Specially struck medallions for life members
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>2,425.98</b>	<b>7,515.28</b>	
<b>13. Uniform and Apparel Expenses</b>			
<i>Receipts</i>			
Sales to Members	1,127.28	3,197.27	
<i>Expenditure</i>			
Refereeing Kit and Apparel	18,301.98	8,859.04	Further run of jerseys, shorts and socks for BJRU members in 2005
Gear Bags	1,728.25	920.50	
TJ Flags	609.09		
Travelling Kit - Interchange		1,012.91	
	<b>20,639.32</b>	<b>10,792.45</b>	
<b>Net Cost</b>	<b>19,512.04</b>	<b>7,595.17</b>	
<b>14. Debtors and Creditors</b>			
<i>Debtors</i>			
GST Collected June Quarter	7,426.69	3,228.25	GST payment for the June quarter was paid on 26 July 2005.
<i>Creditors</i>			
GST Paid June Quarter	3,242.03	4,609.91	

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**Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc**  
**Period Ended 30 June 2005**

**Notes to and forming part of the Accounts (cont'd)**

	2005 \$	2004 \$	Comments
<b>15. Bank Reconciliation</b>			
Balance as per Cash Book	133,311.31	72,049.89	
<i>Balance at Bank</i>			
Current Account - CBA		6,808.92	Account now closed
Current Account - BoQ	96,036.75	32,872.66	
Cash Management Account	43,508.52	41,576.39	
	<u>139,545.27</u>	<u>81,257.97</u>	
 Less: Outstanding Cheques	 6,233.96	 9,208.08	
Plus: Outstanding Deposits			
As per above	<u>133,311.31</u>	<u>72,049.89</u>	

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**Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) Inc**  
**Period Ended 30 June 2005**

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT**

**SCOPE**

I have audited the foregoing special purpose financial report comprising the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Statement of cash flows for the period ended 30 June 2005. The report comprises pages 1 to 10. The Association's Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and information contained therein and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the entity's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion to the members of Queensland Rugby Referees Association (Brisbane) inc. on its preparation and presentation. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee of Management's financial reporting requirements under the Association's constitution. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. Statements of Accounting Concepts, Accounting Standards and consensus views of the Urgent Issues Group are not applicable to this special purpose financial reporting adopted by the Association.

**QUALIFICATION**

Receipts are not issued for monies received, therefore it was not possible for me to form an opinion on the control over receipts prior to their initial entry in the accounting records, nor was it practicable to circularise all possible contributions or perform other auditing procedures to satisfy myself that all receipts have been recorded. Accordingly, my audit relating to receipts was limited to amounts recorded in the Financial records.

**QUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION**

In my opinion, subject to the effects, if any, on the financial statements of the qualification expressed in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying statements, being the Statements of Assets and Liabilities, Statement of Income and Expenditure, and Statement of Cash Flows present fairly in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Associations Incorporations Act and other professional reporting requirements the financial position of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association Brisbane Incorporated as at the 30 June 2005 and the results of its operations for the year ended 30 June 2005.

*LF Barrett*

LF BARRETT CPA  
CERTIFIED PRACTISING ACCOUNTANT  
Dated this 11 October, 2005  
BRISBANE



## APPOINTMENTS BOARD REPORT

Excluding appointments for which the Association undertook responsibility at Premier Grade (touch judges and no. 4 officials), carnivals and other tournaments, we have in 2005 again appointed and provided referees to some 3,500 games in the Brisbane Rugby Committee Senior Competition, the Brisbane Junior Rugby Union Competition (from U11 to U17) and the Schools' Competitions (1<sup>st</sup> XV, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and A teams). This, again, represents a wonderful achievement by an Association of only just over 200 members, of whom some 140 are active as referees.

On behalf of the Appointments Board comprising Tom Ryan, Brian O'Donnell and me as Chairman, I thank all member referees and congratulate them on their efforts this season. The Board also congratulates on behalf of the Association those members who achieved significant milestones in their refereeing careers, including Mick Abell's 1000 games, and those talented and fortunate enough to achieve IRB, ARU and other representative honours.

Although the pullouts early in the season added to what is a time consuming and arduous task, the Appointments Board's functions were rendered more efficient by the engagement by this year's Management Committee of John English as the Administrator of the Association. The Board also thanks John for his tireless efforts and liaison with the Appointments Board and Michael Jennings as Honorary Secretary to ensure that appointments and revisions to appointments were kept as up-to-date as possible on the Association's newly established website. As with all processes, I acknowledge there were some "teething problems", but as the season progressed they became fewer.

One matter which requires mention in this, the official report of the Appointments Board to the Association, is that the Management Committee also determined that the Association's website and Administrator would for 2005 assist by providing a means for the newly established QRU State Referee Committee (SRC) to promulgate its appointments to Premier games and other State Championships and Representative games. In total, these competitions required the Association's Administrator to ensure website details (and that includes actually, in most instances, telephoning the affected referees) were accurate for 155 games or some 542 appointments during the season for which the Association was not responsible. There is to be a review of the SRC's role in the State in late October 2005 and one of the matters which Mark Logan, as President, will be raising will be the question of either the SRC utilising the QRU's technical and human resources to organise appointments of referees to competitions and games for which it has assumed responsibility or, alternatively, to ensure that QRRRA (Brisbane) Inc. is appropriately recompensed by additional grant funding for administration, given that the SRC responsibilities are for QRU competitions only.

Although we have had some ups and downs in our liaison with the various members of the SRC responsible for particularly Premier appointments, overall the relationship has been a very good one and seems to be reasonably workable. If the review of the SRC means that its responsibilities are more focused on the development and progression of non-Brisbane referees and their associations, then I am confident that the QRRRA (Brisbane) Inc.'s Appointments Board, with input from QRU staff, would be able to handle the day-to-day functions of appointments to schoolboy trials, transition rugby, the Ballymore Cup and other such competitions including Premier. As indicated, the future role and responsibilities of the SRC is to be reviewed in the coming weeks, but as the Association's representative this year on the Brisbane Rugby Committee, I can assure members that the BRC Competition, that is from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to Colts 3 and the Women's Competitions, as well as GPS, AIC and TAS competitions will remain the responsibility of QRRRA (Brisbane) Inc.'s Appointments Board in 2006 and the future.

The Appointments Board was pleased at the keen level of interest members showed in the appointment of finals pools referees in 2005. It is to be noted that this year's Appointments Board met and recommended to the Management Committee that there was no necessity for specific referee coaches to be part of the Appointments Board, as the Appointments Protocol permits, and will in future permit, considerable input by the Referee Coaches' Group Coordinator and all other



referee coaches. It should be noted that all of the Board members are Level 2 coaches. The Board members and I have been open to discussion about particular referees and their appointments and progression as per the Protocol. The Board had the number of formal meetings required by the Protocol and otherwise met electronically and by telephone at least twice every week. Our appointments strategy for 2005 was, we hope, a transparent process and not influenced by external considerations of panels, squads or other groups selected by entities other than the Brisbane Association. In particular, Tom Ryan is to be congratulated for his foresight in providing to members a diversity and range of appointments throughout the season, although in some instances this strategy led to disappointment for some referees at the finals end of the season. There was no intent to create expectations in this process, but rather to give as many people as possible an opportunity to referee at different levels throughout the season.

The ever expanding BJRU Competition (this year we appointed to 1,777 BJRU games compared to 1,662 in 2004) represented a significant challenge to Brian O'Donnell, responsible for those appointments. As one of those who stepped up while Brian was on interchange to do the junior appointments, I can vouch for the weekly enormity of the task. As members were reminded on a couple of occasions throughout the course of the 2005 season, as over 50% of junior games are at the U11 and U12 age groups, if available for Sunday mornings, the likelihood is that about half the time members will be refereeing these age groups. I reiterate the gratitude of the Appointments Board previously expressed in newsletters to those members of the Association, particularly our very senior, "retired" and "semi-retired" referees who have given of their time to ensure the Association can fulfil its obligations to the BJRU this year.

With a view to the future, the current Appointments Board would urge the 2006 Management Committee to give consideration as soon as possible after the 2005 Annual General Meeting to seeking expressions of interest from members who may be willing to perform roles as assistant/trainee appointments officers in 2006. It is a very difficult task as is acknowledged every year and one that requires "on-the-job training" and dedication to get right.

On behalf of the QRRRA (Brisbane) Inc. 2005 Appointments Board, I again thank the Management Committee and all members of the Association, especially the referee coaches who have contributed to the ongoing development of members appointed to games by the Association, and trust the Association will grow stronger each year.

**Tim Matthews**  
**Chairman**  
**Appointments Board**

## 2005 REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Referee	Appointment	Fixture
Andrew Cole	Italy v Wales NZ v British & Irish Lions Ireland v Romania South Africa v NZ Japan v Spain Reds v Brumbies Stormers v Sharks Cats v Hurricanes Crusaders v Cats Crusaders v Sharks Reds v Brumbies Crusaders v Hurricanes Qld v Junior All Blacks	Test Test Test Test Test Super 12 - trial Super 12 Super 12 Super 12 Super 12 Super 12 Super 12 Semi-final Rep.
Scott Young	France v South Africa Fiji v Samoa Portugal v Fiji France v South Africa Reds v Crusaders Highlanders v Stormers Chiefs v Sharks Blues v Sharks Bulls v Chiefs	Test Test Test Test Super 12 – trial Super 12 Super 12 Super 12 Super 12
Greg Hinton	Darwin 7's Wellington 7's LA 7's RWC Hong Kong 7's Singapore 7's Qld A v Crusaders Academy	IRB Sevens IRB Sevens IRB Sevens IRB Sevens IRB Sevens Rep.
Paul Marks	U/21 World Championships Qld A v Wellington Academy Qld A v Hawkes Bay Qld A v NSW A Qld A v Manawatu Qld A v Brumby Runners Aust. Defence v Aust Universities Qld v Auckland NPC Qld Schools v Japan Schools Australian Schools v Samoan Schools	IRB Championship Rep. Rep. Rep. Rep. Rep. Rep. Rep. Schoolboy Rep. Schoolboy Rep.
Geoff Acton	Qld A v Brumby Runners Aust. Schoolboy Champ Div 1	Rep. National Championship
Alastair Mould	Qld Schools v Samoan Schools NSW Country Schools v Samoan Schools	Schoolboy Rep. Schoolboy Rep.
Michelle Colgrave	Aust. Women's Championship	National Championship
Simon Moore	U/16 Aust. Championship	National Championship
Paul Heagney	U/16 Aust. Championship	National Championship



2005 Referees Coaches Group Report

It is with a great deal of thanks to the referee coaches, who I highlight for members, the contribution they have made to referee development in Brisbane over the past season. The coaches have continued to update their skills through a series of five combined Referee/Referee Coach Development Nights and two Referee Coach meetings over the season, attended QRU sanctioned carnivals, represented our Association on interchanges and been ambassadors along with our referees to ARU championships. Additionally, many of the referee coaches undertake to actively referee and/or serve the Association and the wider rugby community through participation in other areas. These include the various areas of appointments (QRU & QRRRA), judiciaries or the QRRRA Management Committee and for some, the wider context of ARU appointments. They give their time freely to benefit refereeing; a fact sometimes missed in the business of our season.

Despite their many commitments across the Association and the wider rugby community, the referee coaches have managed to submit 327 reports on 126 of our members. These figures are an exceptional improvement on the previous year's figures and the Referee Coaching Group members should be congratulated. Also, there were five accredited referee coaches (not included in the listed 26 active coaches) who did not submit any reports in 2005. This is still an excellent achievement for 2005 with the Association having 184 active referee members. These figures equate that 68% of regular, active referee members have had at least one written report on them during 2004.

Written Coaching Reports

	2003	2004	2005	% change
Active Coaches*	34	22	26	(4) +18%
Referees Sighted	135	109	126	(17) +16%
Assigned Coach Reports	88	73	146	#
General Reports	237	167	181	(14) +8%
Total	325	240	327	+36%

\* Accredited coach who has completed at least one written report on a QRRRA member  
# 2005 figure includes reports by Assigned Referee Coaches and Premier Evaluation Reports and cannot be compared to previous year's figures.

The Referee Coaching Group has made significant progress in providing high standards in referee performance for Brisbane competitions. This can be directly attributed to the time and commitment that each coach has been able to give to their evolving role. This has been carried out whilst juggling demands on their time from rugby and other personal commitments that impact on a volunteer role.

The on-going issue of the demand for referees due to the number of games to appoint to did not allow the time for those referees who are also referee coaches to conduct any coaching activities. To obtain the objective of having the maximum number of referees sighted and reported on over the season can only be achieved by looking closely at a number of strategies. These strategies should include all referee coaches being active and/or increasing the number of referee coaches and/or increasing the number of referees through recruitment. The latter is being achieved, albeit the numbers are not extensive. As referee coaches need to be appointed to referee games, this restricts their availability to view other referees and it must be taken into consideration that these members have other personal commitments that have a bearing on the time available to them. However, I am sure the referee coaches in their return to the field enjoyed the experience. The recruitment of more referee coaches is essential and the process of undertaking a Referee Coaching course is now available by contacting the QRU State Accreditation Manager and nominating for the specific course.

Association records from the middle of the year indicate we have 14 Level I, 10 Level II and 7 Level III Referee Coaches in Brisbane. Cole Barrett is presently undertaking the Level III course this year while Greg Hinton is to undertake the Level III course which will be completed in 2006.



Such is the growing strength of referee coaching in Brisbane, a fact that referees should feel confident about for their development in the future.

**Finals' Series Appointments (both Junior & Senior Grades are included)**

QRRRA referee coaches were appointed to all Under Age (Junior), Colts and Grade (Senior) Finals' series with the view to have them make a grand-final recommendation to the QRRRA Appointments Board. The allocation of referee coaches this year was similar to 2004 where two coaches were appointed to all junior semi-final games and one coach to each of the Grand Finals. With the Colts, Women and Senior grades, four coaches were appointed to all semi-final games and the Grand Finals.

**Videotaping**

Once again this season, Michael Petrie has given exceptional service to the Association, through the many hours devoted to the video taping of matches. This has assisted referees and coaches in identifying positive points in referee performance as well as issues to work on. A total of 68 games were videotaped during the season. 44 individual referees were videotaped which included 2 Premier Referees, 22 Talent Identified Referees and 20 General Group Referees. Thank you Michael for your time and dedication to undertake this video taping and Congratulations on being the recipient of the Duffel/Jones Referee Coaching Award for 2005.

**Reports Summary by Referee Coach**

	Pre Season Premier Evaluation	Premier Evaluation	Rep Games Evaluation	Website Referee Coaching Reports	Pre or Non Website Coaching Reports	TOTAL	Country Evaluations*
Agnew M				2		2	
Backstrom M							
Backstrom P				2		2	
Barrett C		4		9		13	
Cuthbert G				5		5	
Evans P		1		19		20	
Gofton P	6	7	1	11	8	33	8
Harding P					3	3	
Harland T				17		17	
Harvey R				5		5	
Heath P		6	1	11	1	19	4
Higginson B							
Jennings K							
Jennings M				5		5	
Lalor M					26	26	
Leask B				2		2	
Matthews T	2	3		7		12	
McAfee R				5		5	
McCann N				14		14	
McGuire S							
Meiklejohn F		1			2	3	4
Newton C				46		46	
O'Connor T	3	11		4		18	4
O'Donnell B				2		2	
Pedofsky M				5		5	
Pegg G	2	9	5	12		28	4
Raukete J				3		3	
Ryan T	1	4	2	5		12	
Smith P	1	8	2	10	6	27	4
Walker R							
Warren C				8		8	
TOTAL	15	54	11	209	46	335	28

\* Country Championship Evaluations are not included in the total figure for each referee coach.

**Geoff Pegg**  
**Referee Coaching Group Co-ordinator**



## Interchange Report 2005

Referee interchanges for 2005 were much busier than in previous years. This year we had four incoming interchange groups and three outgoing interchange groups. Some were expected, others happened very quickly, but in the end everyone who came in had a bed each night and all those going out had a seat on a plane.

The incoming referees and referee coach were from Melbourne, Canterbury, Wellington, Newcastle and Japan. Darren O'Brien came from Melbourne for one weekend early in the season. Our Canterbury visitors were Gavin Cate and Chris Wratt. They arrived on Friday 10 June and were met at the airport by Simon Moore. Simon ensured the boys were well looked after during the day and into the evening. They took part in the Corporate 7's at Ballymore and the dinner that followed. I don't know what time Chris and Simon made it home, but Gavin arrived at my house around 3am. Good thing his game on Saturday was at 3pm.

We kept the boys fairly busy during the week with some sightseeing and a couple of mid-week games. Thursday Steve Williamson drove them to Ballina to stay with Rob Walker for the end of the week and enjoy some NSW country rugby. The boys finished the week with some fixture games in Brisbane and a dinner at the Norman Hotel. Gavin and Chris both spent their last night with us before departing early Sunday morning.

Just as our Canterbury friends were finishing their visit, we had a referee and referee coach from Japan arrived. Nobu Tanaka and Rui Shimizu arrived on Thursday 16 June. This interchange was linked to an interchange with the NSWRRRA. Rui, an up and coming referee from Tokyo, had the opportunity to experience Friday night football as well as Colts 1 and Division 1 First grade while here. Nobu had the opportunity to work with one of our senior referee coaches here, and also in Sydney. Both gentlemen joined us for the Interchange Dinner on the Saturday evening, before exploring Brisbane. Carolyn Warren and Mark Pedofsky looked after the guys on the Sunday, and they explored Brisbane on the Monday. Tuesday I took them to Mooloolaba where we met up with Michael Jennings who arranged for them to swim with the sharks at Underwater World. I thought it was good preparation given they were heading to Sydney the next day.

Rui returned on the Thursday evening, but Nobu remained in Sydney to work with the Japanese referees there. We went sightseeing on the Gold Coast on the Friday, enjoyed lunch with Paul Heath and did some shopping in Surfers Paradise. Rui departed on June 26.

Our Wellington visitors, Lance Jenkins and Steve Goodwin, both referees, arrived on 1 July. We arranged for these guys to referee at the Gold Coast Schools Rugby Carnival for the week. As was the case a few years back, the guys refereed in Brisbane on the weekends and spent the week on the Gold Coast.

Our Newcastle visitor arrived the same day as the Wellington referees. Kevin Twomey hosted Tony Israel. Tony's visit was very much a fly in, referee and fly out affair. He was appointed to referee at Brothers where Geoff Pegg viewed him and wrote a report for Sandy McNeill. He flew out again on Sunday morning.

The outgoing interchanges provide their own reports. They follow below.

Doing this job would be a lot more difficult if not for the assistance of a small number of members of the Association. I would particularly like to thank Simon Moore, Carolyn Warren, Mark Pedofsky, Paul Twomey, Kevin Twomey, Steve Williamson, Rob Walker, Darren Rees, Michael Jennings and John Christophersen. I apologise if there is someone whose name should appear on this list and doesn't. These members were the people who helped billet, transport and entertain our interchange visitors. Without their assistance, things would not have run so smoothly. I hope next year, more members will offer to assist with the interchange to ease the heavy load borne by a few. Most importantly, I'd like to thank my wife Nicola for her patience and understanding throughout



the interchange time and for accepting the procession of visiting referees who stayed with us over that time.

I would also like to mention Dean Tuckwell and the staff at *The Adventure Traveller* for all their support when booking our tickets for all of our interchange travel.

Each year we host a lot of interchange referees from a range of associations from Australia, New Zealand and now Japan. Each year we try to limit the numbers coming in, but our association has such high esteem that it is often difficult to say no. I would encourage all members to support the interchange process by hosting a referee or referee coach. It is a very worthwhile experience.

**Michael Darcy**  
**Interchange Co-ordinator**

## **Canterbury, New Zealand**

**20-29 May**

**Rob “Hollywood” Walker, Steve “Big Willie” Williamson and Neill “Notch” McCann**

The tone for the tour was set early on Friday morning when Willie and Notch were kept waiting for Hollywood to make his long anticipated entrance – the first of many waits the boys were to endure. Then to check-in, and the QANTAS agent stated “You’re 11kgs over” – Willie and Notch looked embarrassed until they realised, he was talking about Hollywood’s luggage (attributed apparently to hair dryers, products and countless changes of clothes). A hasty purchase of some cheap carry bags meant all three were loaded up with carry-on luggage.

The trip across the ditch was quite eventful – first was the discovery that Hollywood had left his mobile phone at home and panic calls made to home to get it sent over. Apparently it travelled right through NZ and its interchange report is provided elsewhere. The second was the massive tailwind that buffeted the plane. Fortunately, two American cousins of last year’s touring mate, J Walker (no relation of Rob), were on the plane. Messrs J Beam and W Turkey were able to sooth any frazzled nerves that we had.

We landed in Christchurch in beautiful weather... not (9<sup>0</sup>C, drizzly and southerly breeze) to be met by one of our hosts, Johnny Rice, a promising second year referee who had volunteered to be a host without knowing what it entailed. Seating positions were quickly established with Willie at tighthead and Notch and Hollywood as flankers. Back to Johnny and his partner’s (Sheree whose brother is the Crusaders reserve half-back) place for a few drinks before heading off to the Super 12 semi-final at Jade Stadium that night. It was at this time that Willie shared his in-depth scientific knowledge that bourbon doesn’t freeze and this provides the most effective remedy for fighting the cold.

We were hosted at Jade by Grant James, one of Canterbury’s referee coaches, who was Notch’s host for the first weekend. Grant’s wife, Sue, is one of NZ’s top assessors in netball umpiring. After the thrashing of the Hurricanes by the home team, the Crusaders, we adjourned to the referees room where we caught up with Andrew Cole, who had refereed the game and a number of the locals, many of them who are well known to QRRRA members. The other highlight was receiving a text message from Tom Ryan that he needed referees for the next day’s Woogaroo v PIDA games.

Saturday morning dawned and Christchurch weather was at its most menacing – freezing cold, pouring rain, sodden muddy grounds and howling southerly. Notch was delighted that he was a referee coach, because the game time for the first of the four referees he was to look at was 9.15am. The image is not a pretty one – massive overcoat, gum boots, beanie and brolly. Guess what – no shows by two of referees scheduled to be coached meant Notch was the first to blow the whistle on NZ soil. Later that day with Grant, he looked at one of Cantab’s up and coming referees and at Kahu Carey, one of their Division 1 referees and an interchange referee to Queensland in 2001. Willie and Hollywood got the best of the clearing weather but the afternoon brought thick muddy



fields. Willie had an Under 19 game at Ilam (still not sure whether that was the ground or the time of kick-off) and Hollywood was appointed to an Under 21 game. Considering the ground conditions, the standard of rugby was very high and referee coaches, John Adams and David McBrearity, were at the grounds to provide feedback to the boys.

Saturday night we travelled to the Holy Grail, a restaurant and bar owned by the Crusaders, which is a refurbished cinema in which they have kept the old screen for sports broadcasts. With 25 or so of Canterbury referees and their partners, we watched the Waratahs succeed in their semi-final and then Johnny took 8 of us on a tour of Christchurch's roundabouts. With Willie, Notch and Grant (inducted as an honorary member of the FRC founded by the aforementioned) all shoved in the back of his station wagon, we are still not sure whether it was deliberate that we kept going round and round and round or he couldn't get the back of the wagon around.

On Sunday, we attended Canterbury's promising referee school which targets the referees who are being promoted from juniors to seniors. We learnt that Willie is the world's best Under 11 referee and only politics prevented him from being a Test referee, as well as the fact that his body is a well oiled machine which must be carefully managed. Sunday was also swim day – a delight not to be missed for all tourists. Greenpeace was placed on alert but fortunately their services were not required.

We were very fortunate to be provided a car, by Johnny's mother's partner – a jovial Maori, going by the name of Marmite who runs a number of tyre outlets in Christchurch. This enabled us to travel up to Arthur's pass, which is on the road to the West Coast. We set out with much anticipation based on Hollywood's description of part of this road. Six hours of driving to find the bloody thing doesn't exist anymore. Fortunately it wasn't all bad, with a dry-witted country publican giving us a great laugh when Willy enquired where the snow line was. His reply "Half-way to bloody Christchurch !!"

Tuesday saw a relaxing trip to Hamner Springs and a change of host. Willie and Notch headed to the famed establishment of Rob Tasker for three days of gourmet meals (if your tastes extend to pizza). Hollywood spent 2 days with 2004 interchange referee, Greg Milne before he joined the other boys at Taskers.

Wednesday saw all three of us refereeing at the Country Schools Championship, which acts as part of the selection trials for their Academy. A decent mid-week hit out with some very good skills on display. Willie also met up with John Adams to follow up on his coaching report from the previous Saturday's game.

On Thursday, we were picked up in a sleek black V8 SS Commodore by KB (we still don't know what KB stands for) and taken to Akaroa, a trip that would have taken twice as long in any other vehicle. That night we all attended a country referee meeting in Ellesmere, held in the backroom of a country pub that had a jukebox which had all of the latest hits from the sixties and for some funny reason, it smelt like sheep dip.

Friday was a lay day and allowed us to catch up with our shopping and to have a relaxing lunch by the beach before we all relocated to our new hosts, David and Sue McBrearity, where we were served with an impressive meal and fantastic wine from his cellar. David was also able to elaborate on his coaching report for Rob.

Saturday was game day in more than one way. Both Willie and Hollywood did top of the table clashes and followed up by running touch. Notch did an interesting game which pitted a school 1<sup>st</sup> XV against an under 18 club side (the competition is integrated in Christchurch), before looking at another up and coming referee and Josh Noonan, a NPC panel referee with David. It was also a big day for Sydenham with its victory over traditional rival, Linwood. After a quick shower (well it was for Willy and Notch), we headed off for a meal and then onto the Super 12 Final - the locals reminded us that we would be the last Queenslanders to ever see a Super 12 final. After the local



victory, we went back to the referees room and met up with the match officials. The traditional bundy was cracked and enjoyed in quick time before we moved to the Canterbury Supporters Club where the victory was celebrated with the presentation of the players to the supporters. The Cantabrians are certainly passionate about their team.

The experience of the Canterbury interchange was outstanding and exceeded all our expectations and will provide life long memories and friendships for all of us. QRRA members are held in high regard in Christchurch, some for the things they did, others for things they didn't (but you need to ask Frank about that). We believe we did the Association proud.

Lastly, there are many that we want to thank:

- The Management Committee for supporting the interchange program and selecting us and the financial support that was provided;
- The interchange co-ordinators on both side of the Tasman – Michael Darcy and Lyndon McKendry;
- All of our hosts for the marvellous hospitality and generosity they showed us;
- All of the referees and referee coaches who shared their knowledge;
- Simon Moore, for providing early morning alarm clock services, even if they weren't required and
- Each other, for providing such good company and so many laughs over the tour.

## **Hamilton, New Zealand**

**1 – 10 July**

**Michael Wallace and Mike Willis**

### **1.7.05 Day 1**

The two Michaels met at Brisbane International Airport, not really knowing who each other was, and not knowing where we were staying or who we were staying with when we arrived. Would someone be at the airport? And how would they know who we were? Would we be sleeping on a park bench? When everybody else had left Hamilton airport, and two other people were standing there, we found each other - problem solved!

### **2.7.05 Day 2**

Our initiation to NZ rugby was to referee some Under 15A and 16A games at Hamilton High, in typical muddy conditions and with the vigour of rucking for which the Kiwis are famous. This was followed by running touch for Under 21 Premier Division at Hamilton Marist Club. The early coaching feedback from these games really helped us both in refereeing the more forwards-oriented NZ games. Advice on positioning at the tackle/ruck/maul, particularly the use of the "Jockey position" gaining favour in NZ, was a great help.

We were extremely impressed with our reception at the Marist Club. Their hospitality as far as food (and alcohol) was concerned was amazing, as was their friendliness towards us Aussies. We were also impressed with the respect shown to referees in NZ, at least after the game! It is something that Aussie players and spectators could learn from the Kiwi rugby culture. We also caught up with Gold Coast interchange referee, John Payne, who joined us for the week. We then were wined and dined by the local referees that evening, while we watched the second All Blacks - Lions Test. More alcohol! It was great to see local boy Andrew Cole in action at the Test.

### **3.7.05 Day 3**

We set off early the next morning to go to Cambridge to take part in a junior carnival. We were very kindly driven there by one of our billet hosts, Bill Head (referee coach), who was still a little weary from the previous night's revelry. The temperature at kick off at 9.30am was four degrees. Throughout the day, we refereed three games each. Once again, the Kiwis impressed us with their hospitality. We captured on film the best referee recruitment strategy that we have seen - a car



painted all over in Waikato Referee advertising. A brave driver! After the pace of the previous few days, a quiet night was needed.

#### 4.7.05 Day 4

No refereeing commitments, so we checked out the bright lights of Hamilton. That evening we attended the local referee association meeting, with a practical session on running touch given by host Paul Jeffrey. The referees' rooms at Waikato Stadium are amazing, with a stained glass entrance and six beers on tap!! Big Willie, when are we going to get that sort of treatment??

#### 5.7.04 Day 5

We ran touch for a "friendly" match between St John's Marist College 1<sup>st</sup> XV and a visiting U18 team from Datchworth, England – a very tough game, played with great spirit and vigorous rucking. It is acceptable apparently to ruck your own team-mates out of the way. Both teams invited us back to an Irish Bar that night to watch the Lions v Auckland game. More drinks!

#### 6.7.05 Day 6

Both of us got the chance to put our new-found skills into practice. While Mike Willis refereed a tight game 1<sup>st</sup> XV game between Fraser College and St Paul's Collegiate School, Michael Wallace refereed a 1<sup>st</sup> XV schoolgirls game. The girls would beat some of Brisbane 1<sup>st</sup> XV teams in aggression. Michael took his billets out for dinner and enjoyed the best Indian food he had eaten in a long time.

#### 7.7.05 Day 7

Because of the impending school holidays, we were able to referee several 1<sup>st</sup> XV games mid-week. We both refereed good standards games at different venues, with a further opportunity to implement the skills under supervision of our host-coaches. Thanks again to Bill Head and his son Paul for driving us around to these matches.

#### 8.7.05 Day 8

Road trip – Rotorua. Thanks to the Head family, who loaned us the hottest car in NZ (we didn't find the rocket switch, Glen), we were able to drive to Rotorua and enjoy the sights and smells of NZ's famous volcanic region. Mike fancied himself on the Luge, but that was all a bit boring for the motorbike speed king, Michael. A highlight was our visit to Te Puia – active geysers, mud pools and hot pools. Nice smell!!!!

#### 9.7.05 Day 9

This was planned as the highlight of our tour, the chance to referee on Waikato Stadium. Mike Willis lost out, with a forfeit in his Under 21 game, but he was able to run touch for two stadium games. Michael made the most of the opportunity of his career – the Under 85kg Open Division on Waikato Stadium, the main game of the day. He was wired (for sound) as were his nerves. But once his nerves settled, he enjoyed the opportunity to put his recent lessons into practice at a demanding level of rugby. It isn't easy refereeing in sleet! Following the game Michael was unexpectedly called upon to make a speech at the clubhouse. Rarely lost for a word, he just managed! As it was our last night, we went out for dinner with all the local referees and watched the last All Blacks v Lions game. Christo will be pleased to hear that the bar ran out of rum as a result of our invasion!

#### 10.7.05 Day 10

After a very big night, and a late one staying up to watch the Aussie-Springbok test, we enjoyed two hours of sleep before crawling out of bed to catch the early flight home.

Many thanks to the QRRRA (Brisbane) Committee for offering two battlers the chance to improve our skills and experience great rugby in Hamilton. The lessons from international exchanges, even at junior and grade levels, are invaluable. The generous hospitality of the Waikato RRA is greatly appreciated, especially Bill & Marise Head and their family, and the perfect referee couple, Paul and Lee Jeffrey.



We learned so much from the Waikato referees, and even from talking with our local neighbours from the Gold Coast, and encourage others to take up this opportunity.

## **Wellington, New Zealand**

**22 – 29 July 2005**

**Warren Ford and Brian O'Donnell**

At about 7:30am Friday 22 July, I arrived at Brisbane Airport kitted and spurred for the trip to Wellington. Thankfully the Association had utilised Air New Zealand for the trip over and back. I say gladly as I am not at my best when my feet are off the ground and Air New Zealand was a safe bet that I would arrive in safely.

My luck was in as I found out. At check-in I observed my boarding pass read "Business Class". It's good to have friends in the industry. Sitting up the front in a luxury leather chair and two glasses of French champagne later my fear of flying had diminished.

Three and a half hours later the captain tells us that we are over the northern most point of the South Island and beneath us is the KAI KOURAS Mountain Range. I look and see what is best described as mountains of snow. The scenery is fantastic but my bones were creaking with the anticipation of the forthcoming cold I would feel upon exiting the aircraft.

A quick check of the boots by customs and out the door I go to be met by Dan Dempsey of the WRRRA. I was not disappointed with my belief that it would be cold. The wind was blowing from the south and it ate threw my clothing and into the bones.

Dan Dempsey lives at Upper Hut, about 40 minutes north of Wellington. He lives in the mountains at Upper Hut. If you have not been to Wellington, more so Upper Hut, then be advised it's not a habitat for humans. Beautiful countryside but freezing cold. However, a few beers later and all things are even.

Saturday morning arrived and the weather had improved. Dan and I head off to meet up with Brian, who had arrived via Hong Kong/Auckland at about 8am that morning. David Walsh, or Courtney as he is also known, met Brian at the airport. Courtney is the Referee Interchange Committee Chairman.

My first game was between Avalon and Norths at Avalon and commenced at 1:30pm. Dan took Brian away to attend Helston Park, Johnsonville, to referee a Premier 2 grade game between Johnsonville and Old Boy University.

My game was Seniors 2, which I equate to about 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Brisbane. Rex Ward was the referee coach and was quite helpful with his advice. The ground, Fraser Park at Avalon, was very soft and wet. I could hear my hamstrings singing as I warmed. The weather was not my friend at it had turned overcast, windy and as expected, cold. The game itself was physically hard and mostly played in the forwards with the occasional backline movement. There was no love lost between the teams, something Rex had warned me about, and my management skills were given a work-over. At the final whistle Norths had got up 14 to 10 and from what I was told, was an upset.

Immediately at the completion of the game I was fitted up with microphone and I was touch judge for the Premier 1 grade fixture. By the start of the second half I was cramping and freezing. It was a great game of rugby and a pleasure to have been running touch.

I was very impressed with the after-match hospitality where the referee attendance is mandatory. At the Avalon Rugby Club I was made to feel at home and I was just getting into the groove with the pints of beer only to be told that Brian had suffered an injury after only seven minutes into his match that required him to leave the field.



Brian arrived at the club and the distress and frustration he displayed with regards to his injury was apparent. Although not known at that time, Brian was later told that he had torn his right calf muscle in two places.

Brian soldiered on through and later that evening we attended a dinner hosted by the WRRRA for all visiting interchange referees that included referees from Hong Kong and Japan. The dinner was held at the exclusive "Establishment" restaurant/nightclub. Brian and I dined with Association President Ian Dallas and referee Lyndon Bray and their hospitality was first rate.

It was obvious as the evening progressed Brian's injury was worsening. We ended the night relatively early and headed back to Upper Hut. Brian had made arrangements during the evening for a QANTAS flight out of Wellington Sunday afternoon.

Sunday came and Dan and I saw Brian off at the airport. Sunday being Sunday a few beers were to be had. Dan took me to a number of hotels on the trip back to Upper Hut and the flavour of New Zealand was tasted again and again. That night my host Dan fell whilst showering and broke several ribs. Could it be that accidents happen in three's?

Even though Dan was injured and told that his season was over, he managed to drive me to my next appointed game on Monday 25 July. The game was a First 15 between Scots College Wellington and Kings College Auckland. It was an exciting game; however, Kings ran away with a 54 to nil score line.

Monday evening and I attended the WRRRA monthly management meeting. The topic matter for the meeting was "Motivation". Guest speaker was Mr. Jamie Twigg. Jamie participated and won the Trans-Atlantic rowing event in 2003. His description of the event and how he and his fellow rower overcome 50 plus days of obstacles was truly rewarding and certainly gave one a feeling that motivation is indeed the principle emotion that pushes you to achieve.

The following day Dan again managed to drive me to another First 15 game between Kings College Auckland and a Wellington College with the game finishing at 14 to 10 to Kings.

Tuesday evening I took up billeting with Dean Adams. Dean took time to show me the sights of Wellington and explained the history of the city. Wellington is situated directly over a fault line and tremors are experienced regularly.

Wednesday evening I refereed the First 15 teams from Mana College and Aotea College for the Beard Trophy Challenge. The Challenge match is held annually and has been so for the last 40 years. With a spectator crowd about 1000 (so I was told) and with drums beating, the game commenced. This game would live up to the hype for which I had been told surrounds the winning of the trophy. The game was extremely physical and skillful. The scores were locked at seven-all at half-time and with only a successful penalty kick to Aotea College in the second half, the game resulted in Aotea winning 10 to 7.

After the game I felt stiffness in my right knee but not a concern. However, by morning my knee was quite swollen. I managed to attend the Golf tournament arranged by the WRRRA on Thursday at the Maurua Golf Club. After 13 holes my injury had made itself well known and I called it a day. I guess accidents do come in groups of three's!!

Later that evening I made the decision not to referee my final game on Saturday and therefore made arrangements to leave Wellington on Friday afternoon so as I could once again visit my specialist to ascertain the damage.



The experience of refereeing in New Zealand is overwhelming. The laws are the same but the game is completely different. The off-field relationship between referee and player is great and the hospitality offered to referees by the rugby clubs post-match is excellent.

The WRRRA is very pro-active towards the advancement of their referees. I observed many similarities between the QRRRA and the WRRRA and I do believe that the QRRRA is well-seated.

I strongly recommend to any referee that should the opportunity present itself to take a trip to the land of the long white cloud to referee, then jump for it. You will not be disappointed.

## **Newcastle**

**5-7 August**

**Paul Haydock and Craig Hills**

Craig Hills and I flew out of Brisbane mid-afternoon on 5 August and arrived at Newcastle an hour and a half later. We were met at Newcastle airport by Grant McNeil, with whom we were staying.

Nothing fancy to report on the first night. We stayed in at Grant's place to a home-cooked meal, had a few beers and watched the Cowboys go down to the Dragons, much to the delight of Grant. After the disappointment of the Cowboys defeat, we watched the Aussies battle the Poms in the Ashes for an hour or so, before hitting the hay.

Saturday morning we watched a bit of telly before we headed off to Hamilton Rugby Club. When we got there, Grant introduced us to the locals before he left to go and do his 1st Grade game at Waratah Rugby Club. Grant's father Sandy arrived soon after, as he was going to do reports on Craig and I.

I had the Colts game at midday. The Colts in NSW are Under 20's, and as I hadn't had much experience refereeing senior matches, took a little while to settle in. The standard of playing was fairly good, although as expected was lower than in Brisbane. The game, Hamilton versus Easts, was played in good spirits, considering that the last time these two teams met there was an all-in-brawl. After the game, I had a talk with Sandy who gave me feedback on the game and some tips to work on.

Craig had the 1st Grade boys an hour later. He had a good game, again considering the skill and discipline levels of the country competition. The breakdown area was lacking structure and there was a lot of dropped ball, but all in all it was a good game and a good performance from Craig.

After we had cleaned up and Craig had spoken to Sandy, we left for dinner, which was being put on by the Newcastle referees at the Waratah Rugby Club. This was a good chance to meet the local refs and get an idea of what it's like to referee in a small association across a wide area.

Later on, after dinner, we went down to the local paceway to have a bit of a punt. I was not having much luck at all, but Craig came up with a win from only one attempt so he was happy. After the trots Craig and Grant went home while I ventured to the local night club district to check it out. Nothing special to see there and it was extremely cold, so it wasn't long before I headed back to call it a night.

When I was woken up Sunday morning, it was basically time to leave, so we packed our bags and Grant dropped us off at the airport. We weren't there for long; however, the trip to Newcastle was a great opportunity for both Craig and I and we had a great time whilst there.



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Name:	Joined:	Premier	1st	2nd	3rd	Colts 1	Colts 2	Colts 3	1st	2nd	Normanby	Wyatt	3A	3B	Women	Other	Schools	BJRU	Total	Total	Total	
Abell, Mick	1979						1	2									15	22	40	960	1000	
Acton, Geoff	1994	13	1	1					1							2	6	3	27	236	263	
Agnew, Michael	1994					2	1										1		4		4	
Armstrong, Ian	2005 ✓			1	2					1	1	2		2			3	2	14		14	
Ashby, Darren	2004													3			2	13	18	41	59	
Backstrom, Michael	1990																4	3	7	161	168	
Backstrom, Peter	1998			2	4	1	1		3	2				1		1	3	10	28	148	176	
Baker, Andrew	2003																	21	21	55	76	
Baker, Tony	2005 ✓																	14	14	0	14	
Barlow, Bruce	2001																2		2	18	20	
Barrett, Cole	1988									1	5	4					3	4	17	491	508	
Barron, Andrew	2001			2	2	3	2						2		1	4	3		19	81	100	
Beauchamp, Brad	2004															1	4	28	33		33	
Belanszky, Daniel	2000																	1	1		1	
Bendeich, Richard	1976		1	1	3	1			2	1	2	1	1		1	1	3	9	27	832	859	
Betson, Ray	2002				2			2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1		2	14	28	90	118	
Bowler, David	2001						1		1		2	5	1				3		13	91	104	
Brockett, Rodd	1988	15	2														1		18	548	566	
Burnett, Paul	1990						1					1	1	2	1		6	18	30	229	259	
Cahill, Peter	2005 ✓																1		1		1	
Campbell, Russell	2004			1	4				1			1	1	2			4	1	15	21	36	
Carmody, Andrew	2003			1			1	3	2	1	5		1	2			1	11	28	17	45	
Carroll, Justin	2002																		0	7	7	
Chalmers, Martyn	1996						1							1			1	10	13	187	200	
Christophersen, John	1997															1		7	8	128	136	
Cichero, Jonathan	1997		5	2	1	2			1			1	1			3	3		19	192	211	
Clark, Mathew	1999				1		2				1		1				2	10	17	217	234	
Codd, Brian	2004																4	11	15		15	
Cole, Andrew	1984	7															2		9	504	513	
Colgrave, Michelle	2003		5	2		4	2				2					1		10	26	34	60	
Coorey, Andrew	2003			2	2	2	4	1									4	2	17	47	64	
Cranshaw, Pat	2001																					
Crawford, Fred (LM)	1972																					
Cree, Greg	1996										1				1		1	10	13	242	255	
Cribb, Brett	2001			2	1		2		3			2	1	5					16	58	74	
Crook, Anthony	2003																					
Crouch, Alastair	2004																					
Crowe, Kevin OAM (LM)	1955																					
Cusack, Alexander	2003																	6	6	10	16	
Cusack, David	1995		1														1	2	4	60	64	
Cuthbert, Greg	1996	4	7			2			2							3	3	3	24	155	179	
Cutts, Alex	2002																					
Daly, Paul	2003								1		2	2				1	7	15	28	64	92	
Darcy, Michael	2000		4	3	1	2											3	7	20	82	102	
Davies, Jacob	2005 ✓																					
Davies, Russell	1984																		0	358	358	
Dee, John	1984		1		3				2	3	4	2					6		21	332	353	
Devlin, Tim	1999														1		9	12	22	130	152	
Dilk, Jay	1986																	3	3	486	489	
Doig, Jason	2004																3	14	17		17	
Duffell, Donald (LM)	1950																					
Duffy, Gavin	1998						2	1			2	1	2				4	9	21	103	124	
Eva, Richard	2005 ✓																	6	6		6	
Evans, Paul	1998						1	1	1	3	4	3	1				3	4	21	275	296	
Fleming, Brian	1998			3	3	1			4	1	3	4	1	1			2	2	25	124	149	

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Forbes, John (LM)	1960																				
Ford, Warren	2001			2	4		3		1								7	14	31	153	184
Forrester, Chris	1999																				
Foster, Bob	2002			1	1			1	1	2	3	6	1	2			8	22	48	81	129
Foster, Ian	2004																2		2		2
Fox, Dan	1989 <del>2003</del>		1	1	1		1										5		9	33	42
Gardiner, Geoff	1984										1							2	3	340	343
Gillies, Andrew	2002			4		1	2	1	1	3		2		1			6	13	34	63	97
Gofton, Martin	2004																	28	28	33	61
Gofton, Peter	1993									1	1	7					1	15	25	638	663
Gooch, Mark	1999		1	2		4	1		3	3			1				3	3	21	123	144
Harding, Paul	1989																				
Harland, Tim	1981																1		1	253	254
Harland, Tony	2001																				
Harley, Murray	2003																1		1	3	4
Harris, Peter	2000					1								1			1	17	20	69	89
Harvey, Rob	2002		1	5	1		1		1				2	2			2	6	21	111	132
Haydock, Paul	2001				1	3	3	2									2	6	31	48	169
Heagney, Paul	2004		3			2							1				4		10	19	29
Heath, Paul	2003																				
Hennessey, Dominic	2005 ✓																1	36	37		37
Higginson, Bruce	1999				4		2	1		2	4	4			1	2	4	18	42	212	254
Hills, Craig	2002	1	6	2	1	5										1	4	3	23	68	91
Hinton, Greg	1989	17															1		18	370	388
Hogan, Mark	1993			4	3			1	2	1		1	1	1		1	3	2	20	284	304
Hooper, Roy	1995																				
Houston, Sam	2004																4	10	14	17	31
Hutchings, Doug	1993														2		3	6	11	255	266
Hutchinson, Pearce	2004																	57	57	11	68
Jacobs, Duncan	1999					1	1	2		1				1	1	1	2	18	28	115	143
Jennings, Keith	1988																				
Jennings, Michael	1991																				
Johnstone, Gordon	2005 ✓								1	3			1	2	1	1	2		11		11
Jones, Philip (LM)	1980																				
Kelly, Wayne	2001																3	13	16	38	54
Kennedy, Brian	1991																1	16	17	407	424
Kersnovske, Rob	1996				1	1				1				1			3		7	308	315
Kolio, Kolio	2005 ✓				1					5		2	1	1			3		13		13
Krause, Peter	2005 ✓																1	17	18		18
Lalor, Michael	1991																				
Landsberg, Ross	2001																3	7	10	43	53
Lavery, Neil	2005 ✓																				
Leask, Barry (LM)	1977																13	25	38	724	762
Lees, Callum	2005 ✓																	9	9		9
Lees, Jason	2003		1	2		2								2	1	2	11		21	9	30
Leszczynski, Steve	1996	11	3	1		2										1	1	5	24	160	184
Logan, Mark	1997		2	2	1	2			1	1						2	7	5	23	236	259
Lucas, Paul	2002																1	2	3	19	22
MacIntosh, Andrew	2005 ✓																	6	6		6
Maher, Dominic	2004			1	1	1	1	1								5	8	10	28	22	50
Mallon, Fraser	1996							1			1		1		1		2	11	17	151	168
Manfield, Phil	2001										1						6	10	17	82	99
Marks, Paul	1993	12				2										1	1	3	19	275	294
Marshall, David	2005 ✓									1				1				4	6		6
Martin, Rex	2004						2	5					1		3		4	37	52	35	87
Matthews, Charles	2001														1		7	19	27		27

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Matthews, James	2005 ✓																	17	17		17	
Matthews, Tim	1996																3	11	14	154	168	
May, Chris	2001																2		2		2	
McAfee, Michael	2002																	2	2		2	
McAfee, Rob	2002		1	1		2	1		6	1	2	2	2				3	15	36	113	149	
McCann, Neill	1999			1	4			1	1	2	2	1	2				6	5	25	183	208	
McCarthy, John	1980																2	11	13	269	282	
McGregor, Charles	2002																3	27	30	58	88	
McGuire, Sean	2000																	24	24	145	169	
McIntosh, Tom	1995														1		8	21	30	160	190	
McKay, Johnny	1996																	24	24	142	166	
McLachlan, Damien	2005 ✓			2			2					1					2		7		7	
McLean, Greg	1994																					
Meek, Frank (LM)	1976																					
Meiklejohn, David	1999				1	2	3	2								1	3	12	24		24	
Meiklejohn, Frank	1992		1														1	1	3	229	232	
Meiring, Steve	2002		1	1	1	3			1		1					1	3		12	48	60	
Moloney, Luke	2004						2										8	19	29	35	64	
Moloney, Michael	2004														3		9	24	36	33	69	
Monaghan, Laurie	1993			2		4			2	1							7	17	33	265	298	
Moore, Simon	2000	2	7		1	5										3	3	8	29	113	142	
Mould, Alastair	2002	13	2			1							1			1	4	1	24	55	79	
Neville, Russell	2004																2	2	4	1	5	
Newton, Chris	1994																5	17	22	337	359	
Nissen, Darryl	2001																					
Nohreiter, Franz	1998			1	2		1				3		1		1		6	9	24	203	227	
O'Callaghan, Rod	2001																3		3	3	6	
O'Connor, Terry	1985																					
O'Donnell, Brian	2001		1	4	2	1			1		1						5	5	20	173	193	
O'Neill, Paul	1997				1				1	4		2	3	1					12	104	116	
Orgill, Michael	2002						1				1	2	2		4		2	21	33	41	74	
Ormsby, Nigel	2005 ✓													1			4	14	19		19	
Oxenford, Chris (LM)																						
Parkinson, Lachlan	2004						2	1			1						11	19	34	2	36	
Peachey, Peter	2001					1	1								1	3	2	16	24	98	122	
Pedofsky, Mark	2002		1	2	1		1		3		2	2	3				4	14	33	94	127	
Pegg, Geoff (LM)	1987																	1	1	463	464	
Plater, Rob	2005 ✓			2	2		1		3	1	2	2	1			2	1	4	21		21	
Quinn, John	1969																					
Quinn, Phil	1992			1				1					1						3	209	212	
Raukete, John	1987																12		12		12	
Rees, Darren	1996	1	8	2		3	1									4	5	4	28	158	186	
Retchford, Andrew	1999							1			3	4	2	2			1	7	20	98	118	
Reynolds, Will	2005 ✓		1										1	1	1		9	4	17		17	
Ritchie, Paul	2004										2	1			1		9	15	28	7	35	
Robertson, Ian	1989						1				1				1		9		12		12	
Russell, Andrew	2000																6	19	25	200	225	
Ryan, Nick	2005 ✓																		0		0	
Ryan, Oliver	2005 ✓																2	9	11		11	
Ryan, Tom	1994														1		6	25	32	335	367	
Saini, Stewart	2003 ✓																					
Samios, Jacob	2005 ✓																2	34	36		36	
Scotney, Ian (LM)	1972																					
Shaw, David	2005																					
Shaw, Mark	2004											2					5	9	16	11	27	
Sheehan, Graham OAM (LM)	1963																					

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Silvester, Graeme	2003						1				2	3	1	1	2		3	4	17	41	58
Si'u, Enekosi	2005											1			1		6		8		8
Smith, Peter	1988																1	2	3		3
Spence, Luke	1990		8	1		1							1			5	3	1	20	192	212
Stainlay, Leon	2003				1						1	2				2		31	37	33	70
Stanfield, Cameron	2002																5	26	31	70	101
Stenner, Brian	2004										1	4		1				5	11		11
Stewart, Lance	2005																7	11	18		18
Stormon, John	2003																1		1	3	4
Sullivan, Patrick	2005																1	10	11		11
Sullivan, Peter	2005																	1	1		1
Sullivan, Shane	2001						1								4		9	11	25	88	113
Tait, Harrison	2005																3		3		3
Tasker, Stuart	1999				2						1		1		1		3	16	24	141	165
Taylor, Brett	2003				1	1	1		1		1	1					6	13	25	56	81
Taylor, Craig	2004																	17	17	9	26
Taylor, Matthew	2004																1	13	14		14
Thorp, Michael	2004																1	5	6		6
Tims, Ross	2005																				
Tippelt, Michael	2000													1			4	10	15	9	24
Titcume, Bryce	2001						1	3		1							10	21	36	70	106
To'omata, Margaret	2005																		0		0
Tou, Bruno	2005			1	1			1		1			1	2					7		7
Towler, Paul	2005										1		1				2		4		4
Trogenza, Peter	2003														1		4	20	25	36	61
Tresize, Tim	2003																2	28	30	36	66
Tressider, Terry	1995																				
Tutty, Michael	1998	7	2			1										2	1	1	14	150	164
Twomey, Kevin	1998			2		1	6	1			3		1	1		3	3	18	39	151	190
Twomey, Paul	2001			4	1	2					2	1		1		6	10	15	42	100	142
Valentine, Guy	2001									1					4		7	21	33	71	104
van der Nest, De Wet	2005		1	3	1	1	2		2					4			5	17	36		36
Waldron, Colin (LM)	1970																				
Walker, Rob	1998	1	6	1		5											5		18	130	148
Wallace, Josh	2003					1	4	4			1				1	4	4	24	43	35	78
Wallace, Michael	1999			1							3		1	2	1	1	7	32	48	127	175
Warren, Carolyn	1999		1	3	3	3	1	2		2	2	1						7	25	104	129
Webb, Jarrad	1998																				
Williams, Noel	2003																1	9	10	40	50
Williamson, Michael	2002													1			8	9	18	25	43
Williamson, Steve	1999		2	5	1	1	1		2		1	2	1		1	2	2	1	22	186	208
Willis, Mike	2001					1	1	2					1	1		1	4	14	25	72	97
Wilson, Daniel	2004				1	1	1			1							2	10	16	24	40
Young, Scott	1985	4				1											1		6	361	367
Zeller, Mark	2005			1											1		5	14	21		21
Zinglemann, Ray	1980								1	1			1	1			7	3	14	554	568
Zivcic, Michael	2004																3	33	36	9	45
Others			7	3	1	4	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	1			2		29	150	179
Total		96	76	70	68	71	60	34	55	49	73	83	47	43	39	59	513	1,501	8,952	24,958	33,910

LM denotes Life Member

2937

3488 / 21307

Statistics compiled by John English

LM 9 x 762 = 6858

KEM JENNINGS 642

750

3651

9105

24805



Associate Members											
Name:		Year joined	Name:		Year joined	Name:		Year joined			
Aplin	Alan	2005	Hopley	Brian	2005	Searle	John	2005			
Arcott	Glenn	2005	Howes	Peter	2005	Shannahan	John	2005			
Bambrick	Andrew	2005	Huntley	Timothy	2005	Sinclair	Bill	2005			
Barrow	Grant	2005	Hutchinson	Elliot	2005	Smith	Adam	2005			
Battersby	Bruce	2005	Ihlenfeldt	Ale	2005	Smith	Bradley	2005			
Beech	Brett	2005	Johnson	Hayden	2005	Smith	Catherine	2005			
Beirne	Tom	2005	Jones	Guy	2005	Smith	Forbes	2005			
Biggs	Stephen	2005	Kareroa	Briant	2005	Smith	Matthew	2005			
Bosch	Michael	2005	Kent	Brad	2005	Smith	Peter	2005			
Boyle	Christopher	2005	Kerins	Brian	2005	Spanner	Peter	2005			
Bremner	Jayden	2005	Kinloch	R	2005	Spencer	Bruce	2005			
Brown	Nigel	2005	Laing	Stuart	2005	Stokes	Michael	2005			
Brown	Peter	2005	Lane	Thomas	2005	Stringer	Brendon	2005			
Bygraves	Gil	2005	Lawreance	Laurie (Stavan)	2005	Struwlg	Andries	2005			
Campbell	Colin	2005	Litchfield	Sean	2005	Sullivan	Brian	2005			
Carroll	Tracey	2005	Luafutu	Matatamalli	2005	Tait	Lachlan	2005			
Casey	Alex	2005	Luafutu	Poutasi	2005	Taylor	Steve	2005			
Clarke	Xavier	2005	Lynch	Terry	2005	Thomas	Keri	2005			
Clinton	Brian	2005	Mackintosh	George	2005	Thornton	John	2005			
Cole	Graham	1994	Mangels	Deon	2005	Tressider	Terry	2005			
Cornish	Andrew	2005	Marshall	David	2005	Varnham	Rod	2005			
Cornish	Scott	2005	McAfee	John	2005	Vickery	Chris	2005			
Coyne	Terry	2005	McCullough	Peter	2005	Wade	Tim	2005			
Crichton	Fallo	2005	McDonough	Martin	2005	Walshe	Shane	2005			
Cupples	Mark	2005	McGregor	David	2005	Warmington	Ian	2005			
Daniels	Patrick	2005	McHugh	Daniel	2005	Weir	Vince	2005			
Deicke	John	2005	McLean	Michael	2005	West	Graeme	2005			
Donaldson	Peter	2005	McLoughlin	Alan	2005	Whip	Craig	2005			
Downes	Adrian	2005	McMahon	David	2005	Williams	Mark	2005			
Duckworth	Lewis	2005	McMahon	Michael	2005	Williams	Ross	2005			
Eason	Craig	2005	McPhee	Roger	2005	Wilson	Andrew	2005			
Edmonds	Michael	2005	Moore	Stewart	2005	Wilson	Christopher	2005			
Fatseas	George	2005	Morgan	Earl	2005	Wilson	Michael	2005			
Faulkner	Neale	2005	Munro	Harry	2002	Wilson	Murray	2005			
Forster	Ben	2005	Murdoch	Rob	2005	Wiltshire	Tom	2005			
Foster	Wayne	2005	Murphy	Roger	2005	Yeoman	Craig	2005			
Fox	Simon	2005	Nelson	Ray	2005						
Francisco	John	2005	Nissen	John	2005						
Fraser	Mark	2005	Noble	Brian	2005	Honorary Members					
Galloway	Ross	2005	Oakes	Andrew	2005	Barrett	Leon				
Gassman	Anthony	2005	Oliver	Andrew	2005	Chappell	Clarie				
Gassman	Lachlan	2005	Panizza	Mark	2005						
Gercken	Barry	2005	Parker	Peter	2005						
Glover	Yvonne	2005	Pol	Nigel	2005						
Glowney	Chris	2005	Porter	Simon	2005						
Hammond	Robert	2005	Provan	David	2005						
Hannaway	David	2005	Rice	Michael	2005						
Hardy	Tony	2005	Roberti	Rob	2005						
Harris	James	2005	Roberts	Geoff	2005						
Harris	Peter	2005	Roberts	Guy	2005						
Hoffman	Anthony	2005	Saunders	John	2005						
Holloway	Paul	2005	Scanlan	Michael	2005						
Homes	Leslie	2005	Schuck	Kim	2005						

## MILESTONES ACHIEVED IN 2005

### **1000 Games**

**850**

**750**

**650**

**550**

**500**

**350**

**300**

**250**

**200**

**150**

**100**

**50**

Mick Abell

Richard Bendeich

Barry Leask

Peter Gofton

Rodd Brockett

Cole Barrett

John Dee

Geoff Gardiner

Chris Newton

Tom Ryan

Mark Hogan

Geoff Acton

Paul Burnett

Greg Cree

Bruce Higginson

Mark Logan

Neill McCann

Martyn Chalmers

Jonathan Cichero

Luke Spence

Steve Williamson

Peter Backstrom

Tim Devlin

Paul Haydock

Sean McGuire

Johnny McKay

Stuart Tasker

Michael Wallace

Andrew Barron

Ray Betson

David Bowler

Michael Darcy

Bob Foster

Peter Peachey

Mark Pedofsky

Andrew Retchford

Cameron Stanfield

Shane Sullivan

Bryce Titcume

Guy Valentine

Darren Ashby

Michelle Colgrave

Andrew Coorey

Martin Gofton

Pearce Hutchinson

Wayne Kelly

Ross Landsberg

Dominic Maher

Rex Martin

Steve Meiring

Luke and Michael Moloney

Michael Orgill

Graeme Silvester

Leon Stainlay

Peter Tregenza

Tim Tresize

Josh Wallace

Noel Williams



### Award Winners 2005

**Richard Andrews Memorial Award**  
**Cec Menzies Shield**  
**Trevor Henry Memorial Award**  
**R M Bendeich Trophy**  
**Duffell/Jones Award**  
**Murray McNae Award**  
**Paddy O'Brien Award**  
**(formerly Clubman Award)**

Dominic Hennessy  
 Cameron Stanfield  
 Brian O'Donnell  
 Dominic Maher  
 Michael Petrie  
 Paul Twomey  
 John Christophersen

### Grand Final Referees 2005

1	DIVISION 1 1ST GRADE – Norbert Byrne Cup	Rodd Brockett
2	DIVISION 1 2ND GRADE – Chappie Schulte Cup	Craig Hills
3	DIVISION 1 3RD GRADE – Bert Bickley Cup	Brian O'Donnell
4	DIVISION 2 1ST GRADE – John Barber Cup	Greg Cuthbert
5	DIVISION 2 2ND GRADE – Geoff Pegg Cup	Andrew Gillies
6	DIVISION 3A – R A Tuckey Cup	Mark Pedofsky
7	DIVISION 3B – Ian Scotney Cup	Jason Lees
8	DIVISION 3 – Normanby Cup	Cole Barrett
9	DIVISION 3 – Graham Wyatt Cup	Brian Fleming
10	DIVISION 1 WOMEN	Michael Orgill
11	COLTS 1	Paul Marks
12	COLTS 2	Michelle Colgrave
13	COLTS 3	Paul Haydock
14	UNDER 17 END SEASON DIVISION 1	Luke Spence
15	UNDER 17 END SEASON DIVISION 2	Mark Hogan
16	UNDER 17 MID SEASON	Andrew Gillies
17	UNDER 16 END SEASON DIVISION 1	Laurie Monaghan
18	UNDER 16 END SEASON DIVISION 2	Mat Clark
19	UNDER 16 END SEASON DIVISION 3	Leon Stainlay
20	UNDER 16 MID SEASON DIVISION 1	Bryce Titcume
21	UNDER 16 MID SEASON DIVISION 2	Dominic Maher
22	UNDER 15 DIVISION 1	Dominic Maher (R M Bendeich Trophy)
23	UNDER 15 DIVISION 2	Lachlan Parkinson
24	UNDER 15 DIVISION 3	Sean McGuire
25	UNDER 15 DIVISION 4	Daniel Wilson
26	UNDER 14 DIVISION 1	Luke Moloney
27	UNDER 14 DIVISION 2	Martin Gofton
28	UNDER 14 DIVISION 3	Charles Matthews
29	UNDER 14 DIVISION 4	Paul Daly
30	UNDER 13 DIVISION 1	Cameron Stanfield
31	UNDER 13 DIVISION 2	Dominic Hennessy
32	UNDER 13 DIVISION 3	Jake Samios
33	UNDER 13 DIVISION 4	Craig Taylor

**QRRRA Judicial Report 2005**

The year was again a busy one; however, again there were two Mondays with no one to see!! After the same thing last year, does this mean the players are behaving better?

Again, the level of reporting from referees this year continues to improve, although there are some notable exceptions.

I hope the attached statistics mean something, although I am not quite sure what, other than it is interesting that Under 19 tops the polls for the number of dismissals.

As mentioned last year, the impact of coaching and other activities would appear to be bearing fruit in terms of game management. This is reflected in a continuing decline in send-offs for frivolous or disputed offences, so well done to all concerned.

The committee continues to look to working with the QRU to seek initiatives to improve the functioning of the judicial process. Comments and suggestions from members as always are welcome.

Below are the statistics for the season. There are a couple of discrepancies because of code of conduct hearings and playing out of age offences that were not send-offs.

Grade	Number of Send-offs
Premier 1	9
Division 1,1	8
Division 1,2	7
Division,1,3	4
Division 2,1	6
Division 2,2	7
Division 3,1	4
Division 3A	8
Wyatt Cup	8
Normanby Cup	6
Kefu Cup	1
Representative	1
U19, Division 1,1	13
U19, Division 1,2	5
U19, Division1,3	3
Transition Program	2
UQ	3
Women	5
Total	106



<b>Result</b>	<b>Number</b>
1 week	41
2 weeks	15
3 weeks	1
4 weeks	4
6 weeks	1
8 weeks	3
10 weeks	1
12 weeks	2
To fixed date	4
To be fixed 2006	2
Caution	14
Adjournment	1
No case to answer	2
No Appearance	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>

Yours in Rugby

**Geoff Gardiner**

## **Brisbane Junior Rugby Union Judiciary Report 2005**

The Brisbane Junior Rugby Union Judiciary Committee commenced, in earnest, the 2005 sittings on 13 February 2005.

Without fail, the Committee was provided with the usual submissions from players and/or club officials attempting to mitigate any penalty that may be imposed. There were, of course, those who fell on their sword and pleaded guilty (shortening the period of an evening's sittings) and those who felt obligated to carry on traditions of having two or three legal representatives, notwithstanding competition rules restricting numbers of representatives, appear and tender booklets of submissions; the latter ensuring many hours of deliberation.

It is worth noting the increase in Show Cause Notices and Misconduct Reports this season. This season, nine (9) Show Cause Notices were issued on players, coaches, managers and parents for breaches of the Code of Conduct. The judiciary imposed suitable sanctions for each offence and it is hoped that there will be a reduction next season.

The accompanying graphs depict that the Under 14 (11 players) and 15's (10 players) were the worst offenders this season, no doubt due to testosterone levels peaking at this age, with 21 out of 32 send offs coming from these age groups. These age groups were followed closely by the Under 16's and 17's (8 each).

Of further interest is that Sunnybank (8 players) and Ashgrove (7 players) were the worst clubs to offend with Redlands (5 players) a close third. Other clubs, who previously had a reputation for regular judiciary appearances, appear to have improved their players' behaviour and dramatically reduced their appearances.

The most common offences were for punching (49%), stomping (15%), dangerous tackle (13%) and kicking (9%). The remaining offences, including disputing referee's decisions, formed a small percentage of the overall offences.

The judiciary, with certain offences, has shown little tolerance and mercy this season where the higher range of penalty has been imposed, especially for repeat offenders. The major suspension period imposed this season was 28 weeks suspension suspended after 8 weeks, the player to attend a Foundation Referee Course and who was, consequently, not eligible for any State Championship teams in 2005. The second was a straight 18-week suspension for kicking.

The overall standard of Send-off Reports this year was acceptable. A clear and precise, but yet detailed, report always ensures that all participants in the judicial process are aware of the matters that need resolution.

Our thanks must go to the people prepared to give up their time, in the interests of rugby, to ensure that the necessary judicial responsibilities are maintained to a high level. In this regard, Mr. Mal Harrison, the Chairman of the Judiciary, deserves many thanks, together with the BJRU Secretary, Mrs Kim Shuck, who has undoubtedly spent many long thankless hours compiling reports and statistics for the judiciary's

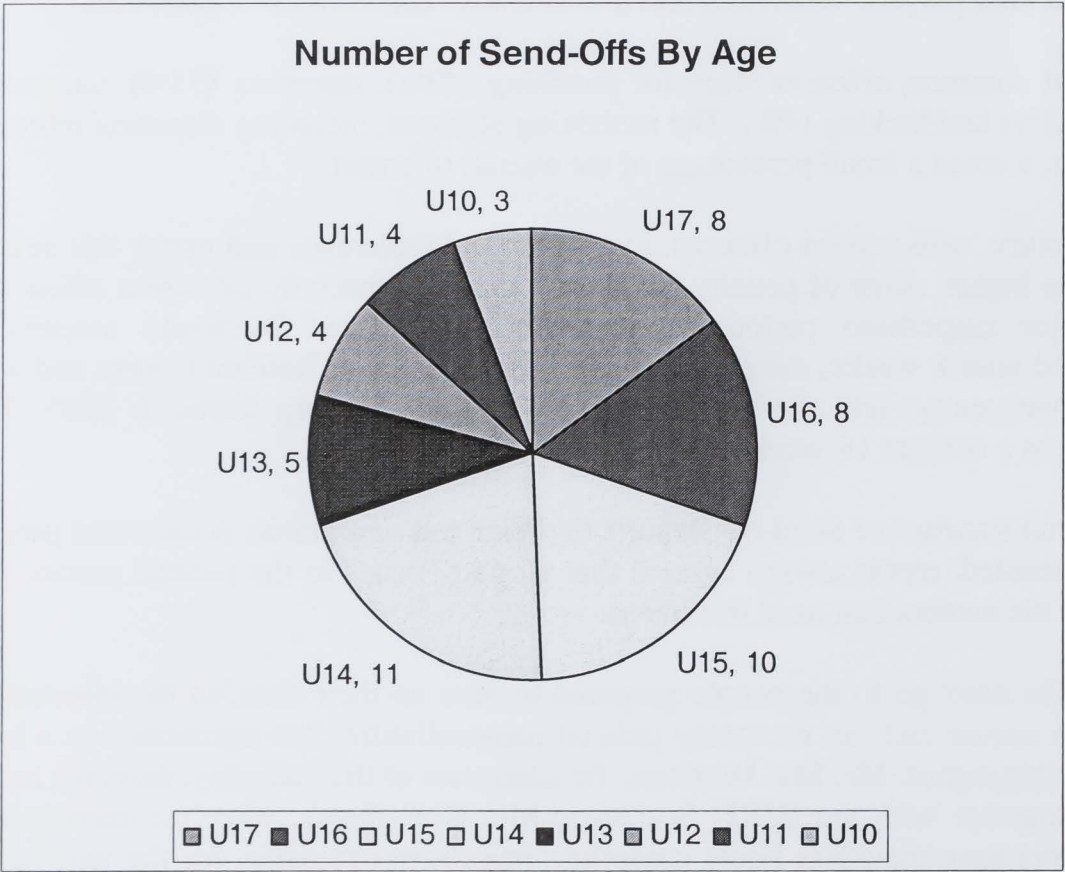
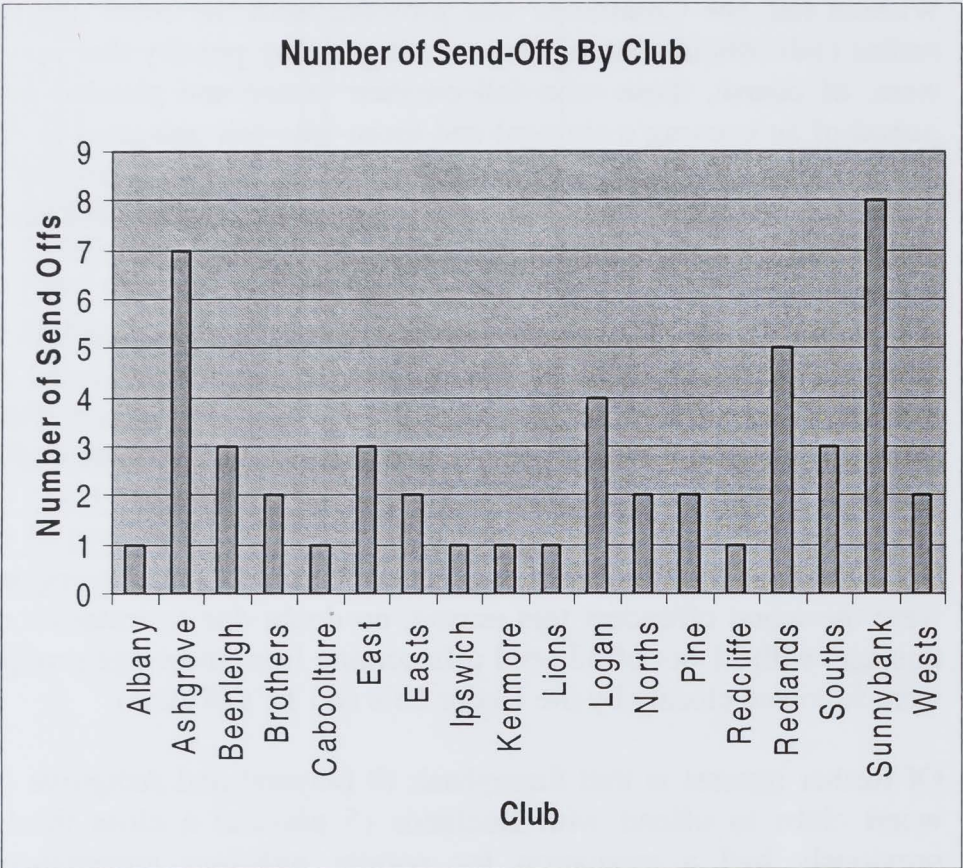


use and sometimes without notice. Mr. Brian O'Donnell must also be thanked for sitting as the alternate QRRA representative.

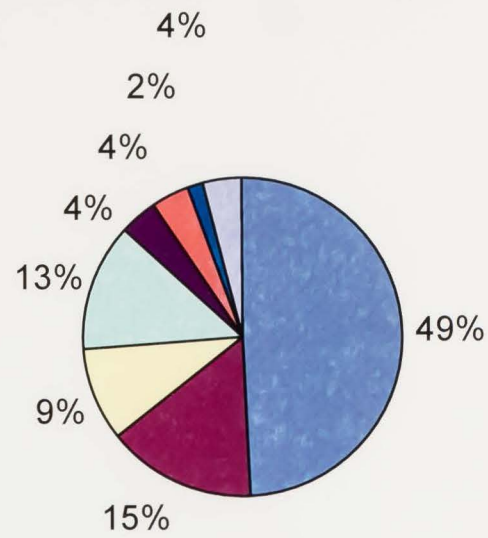
Thank you to all who have made this season a memorable one.

Yours in Rugby,

Martyn Chalmers



Number of Send-Offs By Offence



- 10.4 (a) - punching
- 10.4 (b) - stomping
- 10.4 (c) - kicking
- 10.4 (e) - dangerous tackle
- 10.4 (j) - retaliation
- 10.4 (k) - acts contrary to good sportsmanship
- 10.4 (m) - late-charging the kicker
- 6.6 - Disputing the referee's decision





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