



THE WHISTLEBLOWER

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CENTRAL COAST RUGBY UNION REFEREES ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was great to get our season underway with our first round of games held on Saturday; and what a fantastic day to be out at Rugby - warm, sunshine, little to no wind - unlike what those that refereed on Friday night had to contend with rain and wind. Thanks to all referees who did such a great job in ensuring that things went smoothly; those that refereed on Friday night, those who doubled up and those who filled in for the very few 'no shows'. Let's hope that our season continues and that the COVID outbreaks in the Sydney and southern regions can be contained before they spread further.

It was also wonderful to see our partnership with Newcastle Referees Association continue on Saturday. We welcomed Jarryd Logan and Paul Meagher who refereed the Warnervale, Ourimbah Premier 1 and Kariong v The Lakes Premier 2 games respectively. We also welcomed Paul Ryan as a referee coach, with Paul coaching Scott Thornton in the Premier 1 game at Kariong.



Jarryd Logan with John Wood and Gary Sinclair

Also, great to see referees out in our new kit. With us going back to a more 'traditional' CCRURA kit, we received some very positive feedback about how good the new gear looks.

Tony Rudd

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REFEREE KIT PRESENTATION NIGHT

Thank you to all who made the time to attend our presentation and meet the sponsors night on Thursday of last week. In our first physical meeting of the season, it was great to get together and make final preparations for the season.

A highlight of the evening was to welcome our sponsors for 2020, Damien and Brent from **Fabric Architecture Studio** and Ben from **Callaway Plumbing**. While it hasn't been an ideal start to our partnerships due to the COVID shutdown of our competition we hope that, now our games are on, our sponsors can get the due recognition they deserve through their logos being on our on-field shirts, this newsletter, our website, social media etc etc. Please assist in supporting our sponsors in whatever way you can.

Special thanks to The Bay Vikings Rugby Club for allowing us to use their club rooms for our presentation.



TRAINING

With our season getting back underway, training has reverted to Tuesday evenings.

This week, Tuesday 21 July, we have been invited to attend training with the Ourimbah Rugby Club at Ourimbah Rugby Park beginning at 6:30pm.

Our usual COVID-19 precautions and commitments will apply:

1. Do not attend training if you have flu like symptoms or are feeling unwell in any way
2. Each referee must sign the CCRURA register
3. Clean hands with hand sanitizer (supplied)
4. Arrive at the ground ready for training - no changing at the ground.
5. Recommended that referees download the COVID Safe app.

We will meet just inside the fenced area near the car park side of the oval.

We will have the opportunity to train as a group as well and we will be doing timed testing of the Bronco.

GAME REPORT

A new feature to our newsletter now that the season is underway. Each week a referee will be asked to write a brief report form a game they did on the Saturday. It could be a game from any level of competition, so be ready to be asked.

This week, please see the following game report from David Hall.

Gosford verses Avoca - Premier 2

Gosford 19, Avoca 12.

This was a hard fought and tough game of rugby. With both teams having a number of players with first grade experience, the game was of a pretty good standard, and flowed well. Avoca scored a try early, but Gosford hit back pretty quickly with a try of their own, (from advantage). The game then became a tough battle, with neither team able to gain any significant advantage. Gosford scored a second try to extend their lead before Avoca hit back again. In the second half, fatigue began to play a factor, resulting in more dropped balls and mistakes, taking a lot of continuity out of the game. Gosford scored a third try to extend their lead. Avoca threw a lot at Gosford trying to score a late try, but good defense and some errors from Avoca allowed them to hang on for a hard fought win.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Generally, it would be this Monday night that we hold our monthly meeting. However, clubs are still in a position where they have to restrict numbers and groups of larger than 10 people are still not able to book into premises.

With our ongoing Education sessions via Zoom and this newsletter, we have been able to keep members relatively well informed of what is going on within the Rugby community on the Coast and beyond.

While this is not ideal, it is our current situation with little we can do about it. However, now that games have started I would hope that next month on the 4th Monday, we will hold a meeting of some sort - either physical or on-line. So, put the 24th August in your diaries as our next meeting night and you will be informed of the format that the meeting will be held in.

NEW COACHING RESOURCE

Thanks to the grant that we were successful in applying for from The Rugby Club Foundation, last week we took delivery of our latest coaching tool, a SoloShot3 65 tracking camera. We have always found it difficult to record our games due to the fact that it takes another person to 'man the camera', and our lack of personnel to do this.

With the SoloShot3 camera, the referee wears a tracking device and, with the camera paired to the device, the camera tracks the referees around the field. We can also add the referee audio to the video footage by connecting one of our 'comms' sets to the camera for a direct feed of the audio.

The camera also has the facility to live feed the video to and internet service - something that we are a little way from using.

The camera was put through its paces on Saturday with Gary Sinclair being our first referee to have a full game recorded.

We now need somebody with video editing skills to compile the video and to upload it to a platform which can be viewed by members of our Association - in particular the referee concerned and a referee coach. So, if anybody who knows somebody with those skills, please contact a member of our executive.



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MEMBERSHIP

It was very pleasing to learn recently that our Association has one of the highest percentages of re-registration of members from 2019 to 2020 from across the nation. It speaks volumes for the commitment and dedication of our members.

In addition, it is also great that we have been able to attract a number of new members for this year. We welcome:

Shane Snook who has returned to our Association after refereeing in both Queensland Country and Sydney in recent years. Shane brings a wealth of experience as both a referee and referee coach and it's great to have him back. Shane won our Most Improved Referee Award in 1994.

Tony Fisher comes to us from the NSW Referees Association and he too has great experience as both a referee and coach.

John Arrowsmith also from NSW Referees Association with refereeing and coaching experience

We also welcome **Cohen Hopping**, and **Wilson and Brad Young**, all of whom completed the Foundation Level 1 Referee Course earlier this year and will be undertaking their on-field assessments in the coming weeks.

We also have a number of former members who are still on the mailing list for this newsletter who we would value as members of our Association if, now that games are back on, they should wish to re-register. Go to the Rugby Portal, log in to your account and go to the 'Register' tab on the left side of the screen.

FUTURE DATES FOR DIARY

21 July	Training at Ourimbah Rugby Park. 6:30pm
24 August	CCRURA Meeting - Format to be advised, on-line or physical
26 October	CCRURA Annual General Meeting

PHOTOS FROM THE WEEKEND



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