



**Manly Warringah Football Referees Association**  
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**Minutes of MWFRA General Meeting**  
**Monday 11 August 2019**

<b>Venue</b>	Cromer Clubhouse, 101 South Creek Rd, Cromer
<b>Time</b>	6.30 pm
<b>Committee Members</b>	As per the attendance book
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<b>Others</b>	Sigrid Mulherin (SM)

<b>No.</b>	<b>Minute</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Opening and Welcome</b>
	The President opened the meeting at 6.33 pm, welcomed those in attendance, acknowledged Life Members present and called for further apologies. He expressed his
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	Apologies recorded as per the attendance book.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting</b>
	The minutes of the previous meeting had been available on the Association's website.  Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 July 2019 be accepted. Moved Jackson Mackie / Seconded Paul Franklin – CARRIED.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Business Arising</b>
	None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Technical Session</b>
	FM presented on Law 10 and modified laws for local matches. The floor was open for questions throughout FM's presentation.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>
	<p><u>President</u>  Reminded members of the modified laws for junior matches and requested those refereeing junior finals read these before finals weekend.  Requested that members be mindful of posts or comments they make on social media, including pages such as 'Hunch', to ensure there is no negative representation of or reflection on the Association.  Outlined the importance of working well within a team, as an attribute of successful referees. TW reminded referees that whilst, as an AR or 4<sup>th</sup> official, they may disagree with the referee, they must never communicate or demonstrate that disagreement to the players, team officials and/or spectators.</p> <p><u>Vice President Seniors</u>  Thanked everyone for an outstanding year, recognised by positive feedback from all stakeholders.  Was pleased to note that a number of referees had been promoted to the ALR/AL and PLR/PL panels and were doing a great job. Similarly, with younger referees being progressed.  Reminded all members that the Association is here to assist all members, regardless of where they want to go.</p>

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	<p>Thanked JM and everyone involved in the mentoring program, which he believed is delivering huge benefits to the Association.</p> <p><u>Vice President Juniors</u> Reported on the interviews held which were open to all junior referees, which provided insight into how our juniors were coping with refereeing. He noted mentoring was a huge positive for many junior referees. Was pleased to report that 80% of juniors and almost 90% of first years were mentored this year and thanked all mentors for their assistance.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> Thanked members who had been completing the EMS on time, a great help to ensuring payments are made each week. Expected the Association to record a small loss for the 2018/19 financial year due to uniforms. Was pleased to report the Association would be handling the appointment of referees for a small sided competition, which would result in additional income for the Association. Thanked Sigrid, Jack and David Page for their assistance throughout the season. Peter Robson asked what the cost incurred by the Association was for the new uniforms and NB advised it was between \$26,000 and \$30,000.</p> <p><u>Assessors Convenor</u> Advised that 17 PLR/PL, 18 ALR/AL and 15 general referee assessments had been completed during the season. Thanked the Association's top three assessors: James Raphael, Steve Smit and Craig McBurnie.</p> <p><u>Branch Coach</u> Hoped he had been able to assist with any queries throughout the season and that his coaching notes have been useful.</p> <p><u>Gear Steward</u> Reminded members that he would be retiring as Gear Steward at the upcoming Annual General Member and encouraged anyone interested in the position to contact him to discuss. Advised that he still has some gear should members require anything prior to the finals, but that he would be handing everything back to the Association after this time.</p> <p><u>Appointments Officer</u> Requested members update their availability for the finals days.</p> <p>Moved that the Committee Reports be accepted. Moved Paul Franklin / Seconded Don Gale – CARRIED.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>General Business</b>
	<p>TW invited MWFA President, Jeff Smit (JS), to address the meeting and in doing so, remarked on the warm relationship enjoyed by the MWFA and MWFRA committees. JS remarked on the closing working relationship between the two Associations and thanked MWFRA members for their support over the year. He mentioned recent discussions surrounding the ongoing provision of the 4<sup>th</sup> official and reminded those appointed as 4<sup>th</sup> officials to ensure they properly execute the role.</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Announcement of 2019 awards and finals appointments</b>
	<p>TW assured members of the fairmindedness in which the awards process had been completed and remarked on how pleased he was with the list of award recipients for 2019.</p> <p>The award recipients for 2019 were as follows:  Referee of the Year: Andrew Best  Assistant Referee of the Year: Brendan Giuffrida  Senior Referee of the Year: David McLean  L3 Referee of the Year: Hayden Smith  U25 Referee of the Year: Naomi Peterson  U21 Referee of the Year: Jasmin Hill  U18 Referee of the Year: Jackson Mackie</p>

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	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Year: Shaun Denham            2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Thomas Dale            Rookie of the Year: Callum Eason            Encouragement Award: Zahra Chew</p> <p>A slideshow of photos taken by Jeremy Denham throughout the year was presented.</p> <p>TW asked all award nominees and recipients to stand. He congratulated everyone and noted the record amount of females represented.</p> <p>SM presented the finals appointments for 2019.</p>
9.0	<b>Close</b>
	The President closed the meeting at 7.55 pm and invited those present to stay for food and drink.
	<b>Next Meeting</b>
	TBC

Signed (Chair): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_