



# Manly Warringah Touch Association Incorporated

## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Report 2015



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## 2016 Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Registration of Attendance
4. Adoption of Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting
5. Annual Reports
  - President's Report
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Senior Representative Director's Report
  - Junior Representative Director's Report
  - Referee Director's Report
  - Competition Manager's Report
6. Election of Officers
  - President (2 year appointment)
  - Treasurer (2 year appointment)
  - Secretary (2 year appointment)
  - Junior Representative Director (1 year appointment)
  - Senior Representative Director (1 year appointment)
  - Referee Director (1 year appointment)
  - Development Director (1 year appointment)
  - Competition Director (1 year appointment)

Note – Vice President is not up for election
7. Appointment of Life Members
8. Special Resolutions
9. Notice of Motion re Special Resolution to Amend the Constitution
10. Other Notice of Motions
11. Appointment of Auditor
12. General Business

Members are invited to join the Committee for refreshments at the conclusion of the AGM.



**Manly Warringah Touch Association Incorporated**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**9<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**  
**Dee Why RSL 7pm**

**Minutes**

1. Welcome by President

2. Recording of Attendance:

Graham Knights, Stuart Edgley, Keri Vicini, James Marks, Jill Zochling, Jen Swain, Linda Marks, Jye Malcolm, Matt Scranage, Sandra Dyball, Brett Gillard

3. Apologies: Stuart Geros, Anthony Dudeck, Caren Friend, Brandon McDonald, Sue Jones, Luke Heckendorf (NSW Touch)

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting: Linda Marks, Jen Swain 2nd

5. Annual Reports

- President's Report - as per 2014/2015 Annual Report
- Vice President's Report - as per Annual Report
- Treasurer's Report - as per Annual Report
- Senior Rep Director's Report – as per Annual Report
- Junior Rep Director's Report – as per Annual Report
- Development Director's Report – as per Annual Report
- Referee Director's Report – as per Annual Report

6. Election of Officers

Graham Knights declared all positions of the committee except President and Secretary open, and managed the election of positions.

- Note - President and Secretary were not up for election due to 2 year appointment last year
- Vice President (2 year appointment) - Stuart Edgley and Jen Swain elected unopposed
- Treasurer (2 year appointment) - No one nominated for the position so it remains vacant
- Tournament Director - position is vacant until Graham Knights speaks to Peter Casey about continuing
- Director of Referees - Caren Friend elected unopposed
- Junior Director - Stuart Geros elected unopposed
- Senior Director - Linda Marks elected unopposed
- Development Director – Brandon McDonald elected unopposed

Thank you to James Marks for the excellent work he has done for the past two years as Treasurer.

7. Appointment of Life Membership

Two nominations were received and both were approved at the recent Executive Committee Meeting on 2nd June, 2015.

- Kerri McLeod voted unanimously for life membership
- Brandon McDonald voted unanimously for life membership



## Minutes (cont.)

8. Notice of Motion for Amendments - no amendments were made to the Constitution.

9. Notice of Motions – none received

10. Other Business

We would like to thank Jen Swain and Linda Marks for the enormous amount of time and effort they have put in towards the MWTA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball, which will be held this Friday night, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

No questions received from the floor.

Meeting declared closed at 7:30pm.



## Committees and Life Members

### Executive Committee 2015

- President- Graham Knights
- Vice President – Stuart Edgley
- Vice President – Jen Swain
- Secretary- Keri Vicini
- Treasurer- Ian Kalms

### Management Committee 2015

- Senior Rep Director - Melissa Vayro
- Junior Rep Director - Stuart Geros
- Development Director - Brandon McDonald
- Referee Director - Caren Friend
- Competition Director - Peter Casey (Sunday)
- Competition Manager - Graham Knights
- Administration Manager - Jill Zochling
- Merchandise Managers - Jen Swain and Lara Long

### Life Members

- Cary Thompson
- Tony Rizzo
- Jack Leary
- Lindsay Campbell
- Peter Casey
- Ron Holden
- Jim Bennett
- Brett Gillard
- Peter Wandl
- Brandon McDonald
- Kerri McLeod



## President's Report

It has been another successful year for the Manly Warringah Touch Association. We have achieved some terrific milestones this year and have taken some giant steps towards finalisation of some other larger milestones as well.

Our executive and general committees have been very active again this year. Every position on both committees was filled with fantastic and active members. The reason we continue to improve in so many facets of our club is due to this fantastic bunch of volunteers who work tirelessly to bring this great game of touch football to our local community.



Our executive committee has again been working hard this year. Whilst we make decisions that don't seem agreeable to everyone, we do feel that we make decisions for and on behalf of the best interests of the Association. This year we have been working hard on a new constitution. The previous constitution was the original one from 1974 and was just not feasible for the size of the Association that we have grown into. After months of work, the new constitution has been finalised and is ready to vote on its implementation at the 2016 Annual General Meeting. This new constitution will give the current and future executive committees guidelines to be able to oversee and run the Association better whilst staying within the guidelines set out by the NSW Government Fair Trading.

At last year's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball, we recognised two of Manly Touch's finest by rewarding them with Life Membership. Kerri McLeod and Brandon McDonald both received their life membership in front of 250 members that attended the Ball. Both did not know about the life membership and seeing their emotions of the moment will stay with me as one of the great moments for our club.

Dee Why RSL Club continued its great sponsorship of our club. They are the MWTa Platinum Sponsor and have been now for a long time. Doyle Spillane Real Estate continued to support MWTa. Geoff Harris at Doyle Spillane is a valued active member of the club and it's through his connections that the relationship continues.

Our junior competition set new another record. This year we had 187 teams register with approximately 30 teams having to be turned away due to the fact we just physically ran out of space to hold the additional games. Friday afternoon/evenings at Nolan Reserve is a fun place to be, and we estimate approximately 5,000 people come through. The atmosphere that is generated by so many kids playing touch football and spectators is simply awesome.

Our senior local park competitions continue to improve both on and off the field. This year saw the Association purchase a new scoreboard for our local competitions. The scoreboard gives our local competition games a whole new dimension to the game. Previously our members never knew how long there was to go in a game and now they can visually see the countdown clock of the scoreboard and know exactly when the half or game will finish. This scoreboard will hopefully be mounted onto the side of the Christian Bros club house in the coming weeks.

Our representative teams continue to dominate. I will not go into detail about them in this report as I am sure the large number of accomplishments will be seen in the Senior and Junior Rep Director's Reports.

I would like to thank all of the members of the executive and management committees of MWTa. We currently have a great bunch of active committee members that are really helping to maintain MWTa as the best touch football club in Australia. I look forward to another year of success for our great club.

**Graham Knights**  
*President*



## Treasurer's Report 2015

It is with great pleasure that I present a summary of the 2015 financial year to the members of the Manly Warringah Touch Association Incorporated (MWTa).

Please refer to pages 11 to 14 for the MWTa Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2015. Also refer to Attachment 1 for the 2015 MWTa Financial Report.

### Strategic Financial Intent

The MWTa Executive Committee will follow the ongoing strategic financial intent of Touch Football Australia, which is to maintain leadership in all aspects of best practice financial management in order to respect and deliver their Economic Mission:

*To preserve the ongoing economic viability of the organisation, while ensuring the financial accessibility of the sport of Touch Football remains.*

### Financial Highlights

MWTa has had another very good year with once again an increase the number of teams and players participating in our touch football competitions (particularly in the juniors where we are at maximum capacity). This has resulted in the very positive results below:

	2015	2014
Total Income	\$459,283	\$314,499
Net Profit (Loss)	\$90,776	(\$4,090)
Cash at Bank	\$282,021	\$197,536
Net Assets	\$308,026	\$217,249

### Operating Result

MWTa achieved a net profit of \$90,776 for the financial year ended 31 December 2015. The organisation reported a loss in 2014 of \$4,090.

The operating result for 2015 reflects MWTa's operations in the reporting year, which accounts for the delivery of the sport of touch football for both recreational and representative players in the Manly Warringah region of Sydney.

The MWTa Accounts are prepared in such a manner that each of the junior and senior, summer and winter competitions and State Cup and Vawdon Cup representative competitions can be tracked to ensure that they each 'pay their own way' for example local competition recreational players are not subsidising our representative teams.

During the course of the financial period the MWTa Executive Committee decided to increase the summer competition fees for the 2015-16 season due to increases in the costs of running the competition including ground hire, lighting, NSW touch affiliation fees and other general operating expenditures.

### Performance Driven Financial Outcomes

The MWTa Executive Committee has implemented, and continues to review a number of strategies to ensure that the organisation remains in a position financially and resourcefully to respond quickly to all influences and economic pressures. The financial resilience of MWTa continues to be evident.

### Significant Events

There are currently no commitments to purchase or lease equipment or property. There are also no unresolved issues that may create a liability for MWTa in the future.



## Historical Financial Synopsis

MWTA uses the Cash Accounting Method, with the financial year being 1 January to 31 December.

As raised in the Treasurer's Report last year by Mr James Marks, MWTA financial accounts can be very misleading in particular the overall financial result when making comparisons year to year.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Net Profit (Loss)	\$90,776	(\$4,090)	\$99,291

The timing of both Senior State Cup (December) and Junior State Cup (February) on either side of our financial year end causes problems in allocating the income and expense to the correct event and in the correct financial period. When invoices are presented they are paid based on requested supplier time frames and reported in that period even if they may relate to another financial period. Currently 33% of the Association's income is delivered across this period; therefore these inconsistencies make year to year comparisons for the Executive Committee and members of the MWTA association difficult.

March and April are traditional down periods of MWTA with no major events being held, only the commencement of the Senior Winter Competition in April. However by the end of March all team fees should have been paid up for the Winter Competition so there is very little in the way of income or expenditure being incurred in the month of April. This makes 31 March a more appropriate time for our financial year end.

Therefore notice is given to all Members that it is proposed to alter the financial year end for the MWTA from 31 December to 31 March. The reporting year will become 1 April to 31 March for any given year. This recommendation forms part of the Notice of Motion re Special Resolution to amend the Constitution and will provide the Executive Committee surety in financial decision making and projections.

There are no implications for MWTA, other than if passed, we will present audited financial accounts which will cover a 15 month period (1 January 2016 to 31 March 2017) at the 2017 Annual General Meeting. The new 12 month financial year would come into effect from 1 April 2017.

## Accounting Practices

Care Accounting are our Bookkeepers and provide for all our accounting needs. I would personally like to thank them for their assistance in the preparation of the financial statements.

As of 1 January 2016, MWTA has moved their financial accounting operations from MYOB to Xero. The Xero program is a cloud-based package that enables the MWTA President and Treasurer to review the accounts without the continual need to contact Care Accounting.

MWTA is a NSW Tier 1 Incorporated Association and is therefore required to have its accounts audited. The financial statements must, at a minimum, comply with the requirements of Schedule B of Class Order No. 11/01. Therefore the 2015 audited financial accounts and all future audited financial accounts will include a Statement of Accounting Policies i.e. Notes to the Accounts.

The 2015 audit was conducted by Ms Kristen Patrick (BComm CA AFin). The Audit Report is included in Attachment 1. I have recommended that Ms Patrick be appointed auditor for the 2016 financial year.

Unfortunately members were not presented with the 2014 audited financial accounts at last year's Annual General Meeting. Whilst the figures remain exactly the same, in the interests of good governance, I would like to present a copy of the fully Audited Financial Accounts for 2014 (Appendix 1 in Attachment 1) and the 2014 Audit Report (Appendix 2 in Attachment 1). These audited financial accounts are available for inspection at no charge.

### **Commercial Partners**

To all of our commercial partners we thank you for your continued support. We particularly would like to mention Dee Why RSL - we would not be able to achieve the financial success and participation goals without their continued support.

### **Volunteers**

Thank you to all the volunteers who turn up rain, hail or shine to continually represent MWTA. This includes our coaches, managers and members of our Executive Committee (President, Vice Presidents and Secretary) and also our Management Committee (Junior and Senior Representative Directors, Referee's Director, Merchandise Managers, Accommodation Managers, and those who donate their time to work on the BBQ and in the Canteen etc). While it can sometimes be a challenge, we thank you for your continued commitment to our great club. Once again we would not be able to achieve the financial success without your valuable un-paid contribution.

### **Summary**

The surplus for the year of \$90,776, or 20% of income, is higher than we believe appropriate but it reflects a problem of relevant matching of income and expenditure for the financial period and therefore the ability to compare year to year performance accurately. This hopefully will be addressed by changing our financial year as described above.

MWTA is in a very stable position with no foreseeable change. This strong result will provide us with the opportunity for a number of programs, initiatives and capital expenditures in 2016 that will benefit all MWTA members.

The MWTA Executive Committee will continue to manage member funds in a diligent and professional manner and provide such stewardship in order to promote and foster the sport of Touch Football for both recreational and representative players in the Manly Warringah area.

**Ian Kalms**

*Treasurer*



**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Transaction Account	9,705	9,628
Savings Account	272,316	184,208
Senior Rep Account	0	1,679
Junior Rep Account	0	2,022
State Cup Accom Deposits	11,721	4,500
Inventories	2,352	1,290
Other	0	4,600
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>296,094</u>	<u>207,926</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>14,485</u>	<u>1,574</u>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>14,485</u>	<u>1,574</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>310,579</u>	<u>209,500</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
GST Liabilities	<u>2,553</u>	<u>-7,749</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u>2,553</u>	<u>-7,749</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>2,553</u>	<u>-7,749</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>308,026</u>	<u>217,249</u>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		
Retained Earnings	217,249	221,340
Current Earnings	<u>90,776</u>	<u>-4,090</u>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	<u>308,026</u>	<u>217,249</u>

**Statement of Profit & Loss**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Senior Winter Comp		
Snr Winter Comp Rego Fees	53,283	47,726
Total Senior Winter Comp	53,283	47,726
Senior Summer Comp		
Snr Summer Comp Rego Fees	82,347	65,066
Total Senior Summer Comp	82,347	65,066
Junior Summer Comp		
Jnr Summer Comp Rego Fees	133,637	93,926
Total Junior Summer Comp	133,637	93,926
Senior State Cup		
SSC Player Levy	20,400	22,164
SSC Uniforms	11,727	6,067
SSC Accommodation	2,000	0
Total Senior State Cup	34,127	28,231
Junior State Cup		
JSC Player Levy	81,789	13,959
JSC Uniforms	20,723	9,855
JSC Accommodation	16,550	22,240
JSC Fundraising	231	1,680
Total Junior State Cup	119,293	47,735
Vawdon Cup		
Vawdon Cup Player Levy	1,418	2,545
Vawdon Cup Double Header	0	600
Total Vawdon Cup	1,418	3,145
Other Income		
MWTa Events	10,151	0
Referee Courses & Uniforms	0	1,409
Sponsorships & Grants	13,295	16,857
Canteen Sales	11,731	10,405
Total Other Income	35,177	28,670
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>459,283</b>	<b>314,499</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Senior Winter Comp		
SnrWin Affiliation Fees	15,182	13,886
SnrWin Referees	9,998	4,590
SnrWin Advertising	2,071	2,421
SnrWin Ground Hire & Lighting	6,638	1,529
SnrWin Footballs	658	658
SnrWin Prizes and Trophies	4,464	4,488
Total Senior Winter Comp	39,009	27,572



**Statement of Profit & Loss**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2015**

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>EXPENSES (cont.)</b>		
Senior Summer Comp		
SnrSum Affiliation Fees	22,850	16,212
SnrSum Referees	14,180	\$0
SnrSum Advertising	55	1,298
SnrSum Ground Hire & Lighting	19,557	19,603
SnrSum Footballs	1,042	1,315
SnrSum Prizes and Trophies	3,500	2,773
Total Senior Summer Comp	61,183	41,201
Junior Summer Comp		
JnrSum Affiliation Fees	28,224	23,636
JnrSum Referees	6,685	8,290
JnrSum Advertising	844	0
JnrSum Ground Hire & Lighting	0	45
JnrSum Footballs	2,069	1,765
JnrSum Uniforms	22,887	19,728
JnrSum Prizes and Trophies	3,282	2,103
Total Junior Summer Comp	63,991	55,568
Senior State Cup		
SSC Affiliation Fees	0	7,961
SSC Referees	6,884	6,545
SSC Uniforms	12,926	1,855
SSC Accommodation	2,091	9,091
SSC Tent Hire	3,136	3,500
SSC Functions	5,536	12,527
SSC Prizes and Trophies	0	763
SSC Sports Lighting	0	566
SSC Footballs	0	1,127
Total Senior State Cup	30,574	43,936
Junior State Cup		
JSC Entry Fees NSW	182	(850)
JSC Gala Day Fees	2,054	2,345
JSC Referees	11,280	3,691
JSC Uniforms	54,039	69,690
JSC Footballs	1,112	0
JSC Accommodation	18,830	22,555
JSC Tent Hire	9,923	0
JSC Functions	0	1,890
JSC Prizes and Trophies	115	2,787
Total Junior State Cup	97,535	102,109

**Statement of Profit & Loss**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2015**

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>EXPENSES (cont.)</b>		
Vawdon Cup		
VC Referees	8,785	2,640
VC Uniforms	\$0	\$87
VC Tent Hire	\$0	2,233
VC Double Header	\$0	309
Total Vawdon Cup	<u>\$8,785</u>	<u>5,269</u>
General Expenses		
Competition Manager	17,950	18,243
Administration Manager	9,675	7,550
Administration Manager	682	227
General Referee Expenses	1,049	1,429
Coaching Expenses	901	(1,010)
Audit & Bookkeeping Fees	2,100	2,000
Advertising & Marketing	1,335	2,557
Printing & Stationery	0	1,823
Postage & Couriers	242	0
Telephone	401	870
Web Hosting & Internet	827	0
Gifts & Donations	1,269	4,267
Canteen Supplies	6,522	1,610
Ground & Line Marking	3,272	3,171
General Equipment	3,306	1,496
Honorariums	0	200
Volunteer Rewards	0	809
AGM Expenses	785	497
MWTa Events	15,485	0
NSWTA Events	1,877	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	550	1,294
Depreciation P&E	2,299	0
Bank Charges	106	57
Total General Expenses	<u>70,635</u>	<u>47,088</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u><b>371,711</b></u>	<u><b>322,742</b></u>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	<u><b>87,571</b></u>	<u><b>(8,243)</b></u>
Other Income		
Interest Earned	3,205	4,299
Total Other Income	<u>3,205</u>	<u>4,299</u>
Other Expenses		
Interest Paid	0	147
Total Other Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>147</u>
<b>NET PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	<u><b>90,776</b></u>	<u><b>(4,090)</b></u>

## Senior Representative Director's Report

It is with great honour and pleasure that I have the opportunity to represent Manly Warringah Touch Association as the Senior Representative Director. I took over the reins leading into the 2015 Senior State Cup and have witnessed what a great network of volunteers, coaches and players we have at Manly Touch, from our juniors through to our seniors.

### Vawdon Cup 2015

MWTA fielded teams in Women's Premier Division, Girl's Youth League, Men's Premier Division, Men's Division 1 and Boy's Youth League.

#### Men's Premier League

Coach: Graham Knights,  
Asst. Coaches: Matt Scranage & Jye Malcolm  
Player of the Year: Sam Brisby  
Finished: Plate Champions

#### Women's Premier League

Coach: Barry Gibson, Anthony Dudeck  
Asst. Coaches: Jamie Clifford & Sarah Peattie  
Player of the Year: Danielle Davis  
Finished: Champions

#### Men's Division 1

Coach: Jason Martin  
Player of the Year: Jaycob Fong  
Finished: Semi Finalists

#### Boy's Youth League

Coach: Ian Kalms & Darren Swain  
Player of the Year: Sam Edgley  
Finished: Semi Finalists

#### Girl's Youth League

Coach: Christian Browne  
Asst. Coaches: Keith Smith & Brandon McDonald  
Player of the Year: Kristie Leonard  
Finished: Grand Finalists



## Senior State Cup 2015

It was another successful 2015 Senior State Cup for MWTa with 16 teams competing in Port Macquarie. We were unlucky not to take Club Champions falling short by **1 point** to Mavericks.

In 2015 NSWTA removed the 35's and 45's age groups in both men's and women's from the divisional categories. This impacted on MWTa's ability to regain the Club Championship as we believe we would have been successful if both the Men's and Women's 45's divisions were held, based on past year's results.

### Men's Open A

Coach: Graham Knights,  
Asst. Coaches: Matt Scranage & Jye Malcolm  
Finished: 5<sup>th</sup> in Pool

### Men's 20's

Coach: Jason Martin  
Asst. Coach: Brandon McDonald  
Finished: 5<sup>th</sup> in pool

### Men's 30's

Coach: Brett Gillard  
Finished: Grand Finalists

### Men's 40's A

Coach: Ian Kalms  
Finished: Semi Finalists

### Men's 40's B

Coach: Jim Simons  
Finished: Bowl Grand Finalists

### Men's 50's

Coach: Brett Gillard  
Finished: Champions

### Men's 55's

Coach: Grahame Pickering  
Finished: Champions

### Women's Open A

Coach: Barry Gibson, Anthony Dudeck,  
Asst. Coaches: Jamie Clifford & Sarah Peattie  
Finished: Champions

### Women's 20's

Coach: Roha Paki  
Asst. Coaches: Keith Smith & Kalani Duff  
Finished: Grand Finalists

### Women's Open B

Coach: Melissa Vayro  
Finished: Semi Finalist

### Women's 30's

Coach: Chloe Butcher  
Finished: 5<sup>th</sup>

### Women's 40's A

Coach: Michelle Griffiths  
Finished: Champions

### Women's 40's B

Coach: Edith Nathan  
Finished: Semi Finalists

### Women's 40's C

Coach: Les Saggus  
Finished: 3<sup>rd</sup> in pool





## Manly Women's Premier League Success

Season 2015 was an incredible year for Manly Women's Premier League team, taking out the Vawdon Cup in early November and then winning the NSWTA State Cup undefeated later in December.

The Women's Premier League won the 2015 Vawdon Cup title after defeating the Eastern Suburbs Roosters by 8-3 with Tayla Clifford named the NSWTA Player of the Final.

The Manly Sea Eagles then topped off a magical season taking out the 2015 NSWTA Women's Opens A State Cup title in Port Macquarie. The team went through 11 games undefeated winning the Grand Final by 5-2 over the Western Suburbs Magpies. Danielle Davis was named the NSWTA Player of the Final.



**Mel Vayro**

*Senior Representative Director*



## Junior Representative Director's Report

This year we started off with a major low for Manly Warringah Touch Association. The low was in the form of a major low pressure system, off the coast of NSW, that brought havoc to the Junior State Championships. That low was nothing compared to the way our young players and parents felt after such major highs for the previous two days. After two phenomenal days of junior touch, we were poised to take out another Junior State Cup. With all teams at the top of their ladders from 10s through to 18s, this year truly promised to deliver.

That was not to be though when the tournament was cancelled by NSW Touch, but the weekend was still fantastic and the atmosphere inside the big top during the rain made what could have been a very trying experience, a fun and very memorable one.



Moving on from the Junior State Cup, we had a very strong presence in the NSW Junior Regional Championships. Teams with our players dominated the tournament, held in Penrith in April. The Sydney Scorpions were once again crowned State Regional Champions. Many of our players were also chosen in the NSW State Merit Teams, based on their performances over the weekend. The wins also provided some consolation over the Junior State Cup washout for those players fortunate enough to be selected.

I would like to congratulate Hannah Dyball, one of our junior players, who represented Australia in the World Championships, playing for the Australian Opens Women's team. The championships were held late April in Coffs Harbour and I was fortunate enough to be at the finals and was proud to see one of our junior girls dominate the best players in the world.

Throughout the year our young players represented Manly in many school based tournaments, including the National Primary Games in Tamworth, where our under 12 girls won the tournament, and the Pacific School Games for high school students, held later in the year in Adelaide.



In October 2015 we had the largest ever participation of children trialling for our Manly Touch junior teams for the 2016 Junior State Cup. Almost 400 children attended over two nights and subsequent squad sessions to pick a total of 16 teams to represent in February 2016. This number is an increase of nearly 150% over just two years ago, and demonstrates the growth in touch football in the Manly Warringah district and across Australia. I would like to thank the team that assisted through that process, including the selectors, referees, coaches and managers. It was chaotic, but very well received by the parents.

Special thanks need to go out to Jen Swain, Lara Long, Mel Scranage and Michelle Geros for all the support in organising uniforms, accommodation, coordinating managers and organising all the arrangements for the junior rep tournaments. Organising gear for 200 players and accommodation for nearly 800 people is not an easy job, and I could not have done my job without their fantastic help.

I would like to congratulate The Northern Beaches Renegades for conducting their first tournament on the first weekend of December. It was great to support our neighbours, and a fantastic first hit out for our teams leading into Junior State Cup.

We followed up with the Central Coast Touch Football Championships the following week, with Manly winning the Club Championship once more.

Thank you to all of our coaches and managers who have assisted in the last year in getting our kids onto the field and playing fantastic touch football.



I would also like to thank our tireless committee for the amount of energy that they bring to the development of our young touch players. The innovations that are brought about at each meeting with new ways of developing our young talent will ensure that Manly remains the leading force in Australian Junior Touch Football.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank our 2015 Junior State Cup sponsors. Their support is very much appreciated.



**Stuart Geros**  
*Junior Representative Director*



## Referee Director's Report

Manly Warringah Touch referees are a slowly growing crew of quality referees who support our forever growing local competition. Over the last 7 years I have seen the quality of referee progress to the high level players in MWTa have come to expect, as well as the number grow tenfold.

The forming of a MWTa Referee Panel has allowed us to advance referee development in MWTa while developing goals and future plans for sustainability in referee ranks within MWTa. An initiative introduced through this Referee panel was the allocation of a referee coach for all local round games. This has helped not only with our referee development, but in clarifying rulings for players. This coaching role has also assisted our junior referees in transitioning from our junior competition into our senior competition.



On the back of this, we had 20 referees, both junior and senior, attend a Level 2 referee course conducted by our referee panel, all of whom are currently undergoing the assessment process for an upgrade.

The successful introduction of the duty referee system into our summer competition has alleviated some of the pressure on our regular referees. It has also provided an awareness of the rules and the difficulties in refereeing for some players, whilst identifying referee talent in some of our players. This is a system worth keeping.

As always our small band of representative referees fly the MWTa banner with pride, with many of our representative referees being allocated final appointments based on performance. Clive Elks and James Thomson joined the representative ranks for the first time this year, Clive refereeing in his first tournament at Vawdon Cup and James at Junior State Cup. Both were awarded their level 2 upgrades at these tournaments. Our MWTa referees also performed well at Senior State Cup. Tony Suters, Craig Hughes and Luke Saldern all received grand final placements. Ty Zochling also received a semi-final placement.

The success of Tony Suters and Luke Saldern refereeing in World Cup is a culmination of the hard work of these two individuals and also the coaching program and support network at MWTa. I believe these gentlemen have paved the path for many more representative referees, as has Craig Hughes who is currently refereeing in his 24<sup>th</sup> year as a representative referee for MWTa.

**Caren Friend**  
*Referee's Director*



## Competition Manager's Report

This was my second year as Competition Manager for the Manly Warringah Touch Association. It is a role that I have thoroughly enjoyed doing.

Our 2015 winter season saw 47 senior teams compete across our Monday night and Sunday morning competitions. The breakup of the teams entered was:

- Monday night Men's A/B – 10 teams
- Monday night Men's C – 8 teams
- Sunday morning Opens – 9 teams
- Monday night Women's A/B – 9 teams
- Monday night Mixed A/B – 11 teams



Our 2015/16 summer season saw our junior competition **set a new record number with 187 teams**. Adding to this, we had to turn away about 30 additional teams as we did not have enough grounds or time slots available to cater for these teams, which is disappointing.

Our senior competitions saw 58 teams nominate. The breakup of the teams entered was:

- Monday night Men's A – 5 teams
- Monday night Men's B – 10 teams
- Monday night Men's C – 9 teams
- Monday night Women's A – 5 teams
- Monday night Women's B – 9 teams
- Thursday night Mixed A – 7 teams
- Thursday night Mixed B Maroon – 8 teams
- Thursday night Mixed B White – 8 teams
- Sunday morning Opens – 8 teams
- Friday 9 Boys – 17 teams
- Friday 9 Girls – 14 teams
- Friday 11 Boys – 25 teams
- Friday 11 Girls – 23 teams
- Friday 13 Boys – 24 teams
- Friday 13 Girls – 24 teams
- Friday 15 Boys – 15 teams
- Friday 15 Girls – 31 teams
- Friday 17 Boys – 4 teams
- Friday 17 Girls – 10 teams





This season also saw us introduce a post-Christmas “Shot Gun Junior Competition”. This was for junior teams who wanted to continue playing touch for the complete summer season. We had a fantastic response to the inaugural season, with 41 teams registering. The breakup of the teams entered was:

- Friday 10 Boys – 6 teams
- Friday 12 Boys – 6 teams
- Friday 16 Boys – 6 teams
- Friday 10 Girls – 5 teams
- Friday 12 Girls – 5 teams
- Friday 14 Girls – 7 teams
- Friday 16 Girls – 6 teams

It was another great year of local competition touch football in the Manly Warringah area. A big thank you to all of our referees that support the competition all year round, with particular mention to Caren Friend, our Referee Director. Thank you as well to life member Peter Casey who runs the Sunday morning competition. I am now standing down as Competition Manager for MWTa and Scott Collins has taken over. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Competition Manager, being able to see and chat with the many friends I have in this great club of ours. I now look forward to being just a player in the great local competitions we have at MWTa.



**Graham Knights**  
*Competition Manager*



## Key Achievements and Annual Highlights

### 2015 Youth Trans-Tasman Series – January 2015 (Cronulla, NSW)

The following Manly players and coaches represented Australia in the 2015 Youth Trans-Tasman series against New Zealand, which was won by Australia.

#### 20's Girls

Laura Peattie (Captain, Players Player and Ron Hanson Medal Flag Bearer)

Danielle Davis

Hannah Dyball (Roxy Winder Award)

Yasmin Meakes

Sam Rogers

Barry Gibson – Assistant Coach



#### 18's Girls

Rachelle Davis (Co-Captain)

Tayla Clifford

Stephanie Maiolo

Zara Nicholas

Anthony Dudeck – Assistant Coach

#### 20's Boys

Johnathon Huskins

#### 18's Boys

Jason Martin – Assistant Coach

### Federation of International Touch (FIT) World Cup – April 2015 (Coffs Harbour, NSW)

The year cannot go without highlighting the success of the 2015 FIT World Cup. There are not many sporting clubs in all of Australia that can boast to having 14 world champions as their members. Based on the results of the World Cup, it is something MWTa can be very proud of. We had players and referees representing Australia in the Men's and Women's Opens teams, Mixed Opens along with the Men's 40's and Men's 50's, all of whom won the gold medal in their respective divisions. We also had a number of MWTa members representing New Zealand, Fiji and the Cook Islands.

#### Australian Women's Open

Danielle Davis

Hannah Dyball

Laura Peattie

Samantha Rodgers

#### Australian Men's Open

Sam Brisby

#### Australian Men's 35's

Drew Davies

Michael Irvine

#### Australian Men's 40's

Christian Browne

Anthony Dudeck

Darren Swain

#### Australian Men's 50's

Brett Gillard

Trevor Jolly

Peter Wandl

#### Australian Mixed Open

Yasmin Meakes

#### New Zealand Women's Open

Elesha Dougal

#### Cook Islands Men's 30's

Joel Marsters

Ritchie Marsters

Tua Marsters (C)

#### Fiji Men's 35's

Roy Stratham

#### Referees

Tony Suters

Luke Saldern



## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball

In June 2015, the Manly Warringah Touch Association celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> year with a gala event, held at Dee Why RSL.

This formal event for members and eligible players were wined, dined and entertained. Former players from the past 40 years shared their stories and exploits from across the different decades. Photos from the past and present were shown throughout the night.

We also welcomed two new life members, Kerri McLeod and Brandon McDonald, recognising them for their years of work and dedication to the Association. All life members were presented with special gifts, and every attendee received a gift as well.

It was a fantastic evening, topped off with music and dancing.

All agreed that it was something that we as a club should do more often, and not wait for another ten years for past and present members to get together.





## NSWTA Blues Awards 2015

It was a great honour for the Manly Warringah Touch Association to be named Club Affiliate for 2014/2015 at the NSWTA Blues Awards night.

This award goes to all Manly Touch volunteers including the committee, referees, coaches, managers and players who continue to put hours and hours of dedication and commitment into ensuring this club is number 1 in NSW.

The full list of MWTa award recipients at the 2015 NSWTA Blues Awards night were:

Club Affiliate of the Year:	Manly Warringah Touch Association
Junior Female Player of the Year:	Hannah Dyball
Male Player of the Year:	Sam Brisby
Blues Award:	Jen Swain



## Life Membership Nomination(s)

The Executive Committee received a nomination for Life Membership of the Manly Warringah Touch Association in accordance with the constitution. This nomination was for Grahame Pickering.

***We wish to nominate Grahame Pickering for Life Membership of the MWTa.***



Grahame has been a member of MWTa for approximately 40 years starting in the North Manly Mongrels touch football team. This lead Grahame into representing MWTa at Men's Opens all the way through the divisions to the current over Men's 55's side. During his touch career he represented Scorpions, City, NSW and Australia.

Grahame is and has been an extremely hard working volunteer for the club. He was my first ever men's opens A grade coach over 20 years ago. He has gone onto coaching a large number of representative teams both in the juniors and seniors with MWTa. He has coached at MWTa continually for over 20 years. He is currently the captain/coach of his Men's 55s team.

Grahame was also the Junior Director for a number of years. Through his hard work, MWTa started to really surge in the rankings in the juniors. He was the pioneer that started our success in the juniors.

Grahame is the current Judiciary Director for the club and has been for a number of years. His dealing with any judicial matters for MWTa has always been quick and very professional.

We feel Grahame has been an extremely active member and volunteer for MWTa. We feel he should be acknowledged for all of his hard work over the years by receiving life membership.

In conclusion for a man who has exemplified the word 'service' to all levels of Touch Football both Stuart and I nominate Grahame Pickering for elevation to Life Member of Manly Warringah Touch Association.

***Proposed: Graham Knights (President)***

***Seconded: Stuart Edgley (Vice President)***

On receipt of this nomination the Executive Committee reviewed, independently of Grahame Pickering, his service to the game.

## Special Resolutions

Nil

### Notice of Motion re Special Resolution to Amend the Constitution

The Special Resolution is to replace the document entitled “Constitution – Manly Warringah Touch Association Incorporated” with the “Manly Warringah Touch Association Incorporated Constitution Version: April 2016”.

#### Explanatory Note regarding the Special Resolution

The amendments proposed are intended to ensure that the Manly Warringah Touch Association correctly conforms to the current requirements of the Association Incorporations Act 2009.

A copy of the amendments is available on the MWTa website or in hard copy from the Association on request.

#### Procedural Matters in Relation to the Proposed Special Resolution

1. All Life Members, Committee Members and Team Delegates are entitled to attend and vote on the Special Resolution.
2. To be passed, the Special Resolution requires votes in its favour from not less than three quarters majority (75%) of those members who being eligible to do so, vote in person at the meeting.
3. The Special Resolution must be considered as a whole and cannot be altered by motions from the floor of the meeting.
4. The Executive Committee of the Association recommends that members vote in favour of the Special Resolution.

## Other Notice of Motions

Nil

## Appointment of Auditor

Moved: That Kristen Patrick (BComm CA AFin) be appointed auditor for 2016 financial year.

***Proposed: Ian Kalms***

***Seconded: Graham Knights***

## General Business

Nil



## Acknowledgments

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