



# WEST COAST INSIDER

## NRL WA's Rugby League News

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### 2017 SEASON KICKS OFF

On behalf of the Chairman Bob Cronin and the Board, Management & Staff of NRL WA it gives me great pleasure to welcome all supporters, sponsors, volunteers, Life Members, players and officials to Round One of the 2017 Smarter than Smoking Premiership at Charles Riley Reserve.

As this season unfolds our focus will be on working with our clubs and stakeholders to help grow and strengthen the games foundations in WA.

Off the back of the mining and business downturn affecting our state, all community sports are being faced with considerable challenges that need to be identified & overcome.

To this end, I would like to ask all clubs, both junior & senior, to work collaboratively with NRL WA to build awareness, interest and enthusiasm for Rugby League throughout the state.

It is vitally important that your respective committees and stakeholders are pro- active in your communities to promote your game locally and to effectively use social media channels, among others, to positively enhance your clubs 'brand' and the general perception of our code in a very competitive marketplace.

Another key focus this year will be the aim of upskilling the key personnel involved in the WA game to achieve better outcomes.

For example, nation-wide research conducted by the NRL has revealed that the major reason why junior players leave our game is directly related to poor or inadequate coaching techniques.

We would encourage all our local coaching fraternity to set personal objectives to become better, higher qualified teachers and mentors for our younger participants and to try to take advantage of the opportunities to attend relevant courses and NRL Coach Masterclasses when on offer.

The same applies to our referees, and the NRL is very active in this space by implementing a new coaching methodology that is consistent at all levels of the game from the elite to grassroots.

Improved coaching and officiating should uplift the quality of the code as it is showcased every weekend throughout the season.

I would also ask for us all to value, appreciate, and when possible, reward the often-thankless efforts of our many Volunteers without whom we simply cannot run our game.

To continue to grow Rugby League in our state we also need sponsors who are willing to invest and support Rugby League both at club and broader state levels.

We sincerely thank all our partners, but especially long standing allies such as Cash Converters, Healthway through their Smarter than Smoking message, the Department of Sport and Recreation, Lion, The West Australian, Nova 93.7, Red FM, Fleetwood and ISS.

We are also excited and grateful to welcome significant new sponsors, AGI which is part of the iconic BGC organisation, TDH 1 Drilling who have come on board to help fund our referees and officials...and our new on-field apparel partner Struddys.

As we kick off our 2017 domestic season, we can also look forward to the upcoming NRL fixtures, the South Sydney Rabbitohs against the current Premiership favourites Melbourne Storm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May ....and the resurgent Manly -Warringah Sea Eagles against the hugely popular NZ Warriors on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The Rugby League World Cup rolls into town with a double- header on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The Wayne Bennett coached England V France, and Wales V Ireland ...a block-buster event that will ensure a packed nib Stadium in what will truly be a wonderful Festival of Football not to be missed by local sports fans.

For most of us, together with our families, the game is what we love the most. For some, their club is an extension of their family, and for others, the club and its players and volunteers, are family....so in 2017 I encourage you to get to as many games as you can to support your local club and by doing so, you will be playing a vital role in helping the growth and sustainability of Rugby League in WA.

Good luck to you and your team in 2017 and see you around the grounds.

John Sackson

General Manager  
NRL WA





## Round 1 — 2017 WA Smarter Than Smoking Premiership



**Rockingham Sharks**

**v**

**Kalamunda Bulldogs**

**Fremantle Roosters**

**v**

**Joondalup Giants**

**North Beach Sea Eagles**

**v**

**South Perth Lions**

Charles Riley Reserve, North Beach - Kick off 2.30pm

Charles Riley Reserve, North Beach - Kick off 4.30pm

Charles Riley Reserve, North Beach - Kick off 6.30pm

Stephen Widders	<b>1</b>	Levi Atawhai Kissick-Ponga
Connor Hudson	<b>2</b>	Jonah Via
Joshua Jerome	<b>3</b>	Ricco Heta
David Tuliloa	<b>4</b>	Haedon Carley
Michael Heather	<b>5</b>	Chris Phippen
Caleb Reedy	<b>6</b>	William Tuheke-Wade
Benton Leme Pyako	<b>7</b>	Bruce Anderson
Benjamin Bolth	<b>8</b>	Mac Heke
Brandon Timlin	<b>9</b>	Kurt White
Peter Worth	<b>10</b>	Robert Sharp
Damien Worth	<b>11</b>	Josh Ngapuhi
Reece Potter	<b>12</b>	Paora Harris
Brandon Wright	<b>13</b>	Aquila Umu
Andrew Jeffery	<b>14</b>	Thomas Kiao
Geordie Connelly	<b>15</b>	Winston Green
Wyllis Timlin	<b>16</b>	TBC
Jayden Toelupe (20)	<b>17</b>	TBC

REFEREE : T. Tangatutai

TOUCH JUDGES : M. Keating & P. Lawrence

Jason Nicholls	<b>1</b>	Michael Bramley
Alan Cowen	<b>2</b>	Rodney Mauga
Daniel Vi	<b>3</b>	Blaze Te Whariki
Tane Peakman	<b>4</b>	Brad Sparrow
Edward Palelei	<b>5</b>	Bryce McRobert
James Aspden	<b>6</b>	Jeremy Browne
Michael Pomare	<b>7</b>	Daniel Bynes
Joel Davis	<b>8</b>	Logan Houghton
Simon Tabakanaca	<b>9</b>	Craig Richardson
Thomas Holmes	<b>10</b>	Eddie Tini
Mitchel Kerr	<b>11</b>	Tarzan Rihia
Bjorn Crotty	<b>12</b>	Gus Marshall
Jarrold Thompson	<b>13</b>	Macey Howarth
Delane Edwards	<b>14</b>	River Coleman
Hunter Cleland	<b>15</b>	Jason Rapana
Onesimo Tagicakibau	<b>16</b>	Adam Smith
Bradley Gibson	<b>17</b>	Jacob Tana

REFEREE : B. Solomon

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Brad Sharpham	<b>1</b>	Pikari Te Wara
Tainui Richards	<b>2</b>	Mose Faafua
Joshua Toole	<b>3</b>	Dominic Chalker
Dean Morgan	<b>4</b>	Akua Robert
Callum Bowe	<b>5</b>	Madison McGregor
Corey Broughton	<b>6</b>	Adam Bartholomew
Mick Kestel	<b>7</b>	Harry Debique
Gershom Adams	<b>8</b>	Mason Hiko
Trent Trotter	<b>9</b>	Isaac Thomas
Makiongo Richardson	<b>10</b>	Timoti Noble
Wiremu Paki	<b>11</b>	Scott Jones
Austin Lingard	<b>12</b>	David Coffin
Ashley Belcastro	<b>13</b>	Jarrad Smith
Cameron Hoff	<b>14</b>	Carl Hiko
Joshua Broughton-Spark	<b>15</b>	Bryce Penny
Te Relli Whaanga	<b>16</b>	Joe Halpin
Josh Lean	<b>17</b>	Dean Harrigan

REFEREE : D. Wallis

TOUCH JUDGES : B. Solomon & T. Tangatutai

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