

Roos News August 2019

Welcome to Roos News!

And just like that.....**FINALS TIME** is here! A HUGE congratulations to the Under 9s BLUE and the Under 10s for becoming the 2019 minor premiers in their grades. Wishing all our teams that have made the finals the very best of luck.

We have the majority of our teams playing at Willoughby Park this weekend as part of the finals, along with us welcoming some games from other clubs within the area. If you can assist on the **canteen or BBQ** on Saturday that would be a great help. Please register here

Volunteer of the Year

On the 4th August North Sydney Junior League held their annual Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony at North Sydney Oval. Each club in the District voted internally for a person they felt most deserved the honour. The winners were announced and presented with a plaque. The winner for the Willoughby Roos was **Vicky Perdikaris**.

Vicky is very well known to the Club as her role as secretary, a role which she worked tirelessly on to obtain the Roos NSWRL Blue Shield accreditation this year. Along with this Vicky manages two teams (Under 10s and the newly formed Under 13s League Tag side), assisting with making sure the canteen runs smoothly on all home games, from creating rosters, re-stocking supplies, manning the canteen and **making a mean coffee**. Vicky is always the first to put her hand up to help with anything and everything!

Congratulations Vicky!



Roos in the Media

We have been very lucky over the past month to be selected to appear in the Daily Telegraph and on the ABC News. The NRL are introducing in the coming months a new program being run out of Willoughby Park for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities. They are looking to **increase participation rates** amongst the Chinese community within our area. You can find out more information on the program here (check out the video, you will see some familiar faces)





North Sydney Under 12s Development Squad

Giacomo Burke, Hayden Johns, James Archer and Taj Mailei were chosen last month in the final team for the North Sydney Bears development squad to take on Tamworth on 4th August at North Sydney Oval. This squad was the first to win the **Mat Toshack Shield** by defeating Tamworth 32-16. Well done boys!



Junior Crazy Sock Round

We were proud to support the **Men of League Foundation's** initiative "Crazy Sock Round" in Round 14 on 27th July. Our Under 13s Girls League Team donned their socks for their game

against the Cromer Kingfishers. The Men of League Foundation used the funds raised to help continue their work supporting men, women and children of the rugby league community who are doing it tough.



NSWRL Junior League Volunteer Recognition 2019

NSWRL are endeavouring to acknowledge and reward the amazing grass roots **Clubs and Volunteers** with a range of awards across all different facets of our game.

We are very fortunate that the Willoughby Roos have been nominated as **NSWRL Grass Roots Club of the Year**, which recognises a Club that has fostered participation and enjoyment for **participants at all levels**, has become an integral part of their community and has shown innovation in administration.

We have also been advised that Martin Irvine our President and Jodi Zimmer our Publicity Manager have been nominated for the **NSWRL District Volunteer of the Year Award**. The nominees in this category have provided excellent service to the game of Rugby League and will have made a **measurable contribution** to their community. The nominee would have demonstrated inclusivity, positivity, discipline and respect through their participation in their community through Rugby League.

The awards evening is being held at the **NSWRL Centre of Excellence** at Homebush on Thursday 22 August, fingers crossed

for our nominees!

As always a big shout out to our sponsors, your generosity is much appreciated!

Go Roos!

Regards

The Roos Committee