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LOOKING back at 2016, the Former Origin Greats have been through another year of terrific success tinged with a touch of sadness.

In October we bid farewell to Terry Butler, FOG No.39, who lost his battle with lung cancer.

I was part of a large group of FOGS, former Wynnum-Manly players and former Townsville Souths players to attend Terry's funeral in Townsville, and it was a fitting farewell to a great man who will be missed enormously.

We have a special tribute to Terry on Pages 4-5 of this edition of Queenslander Magazine.

Wally Lewis was due to attend Terry's funeral with us, but was a late withdrawal from the trip because he had to go to Melbourne where he was officially inducted into the Sports Australia Hall of Fame as a Legend of Australian Sport.

Wally is just the third Rugby League player, behind Reg Gasnier and John Raper, to be awarded the honour, and he now joins names like Bradman, Laver, Norman, Brabham and Fraser in this elite field of Australian athletes.

Our congratulations go to "The King" on receiving this remarkable, but deserved recognition of an outstanding career.

We celebrated success on the field

too, with Kevin Walters marking his first series as Queensland coach with a wonderful 2-1 series win over NSW.

There is nothing that pleased me more this year than to see Kevin succeed in his first year as coach.

From the outside, it looked like a bit of a no-win situation for any coach to follow what Mal Meninga had achieved in his 10 years in charge.



But Kev not only took it on, he came in with new ideas and a new approach and made it clear he was not taking over Mal's team – he was starting with his own. More success for the FOGS is also just around the corner, with our new building due

for completion and our relocation in February.

It is really starting to come out of the ground now, and getting pretty exciting.

We will occupy half of one floor, and that will leave us two and half floors to lease out to other businesses and create a steady revenue stream for the organisation in the years ahead.

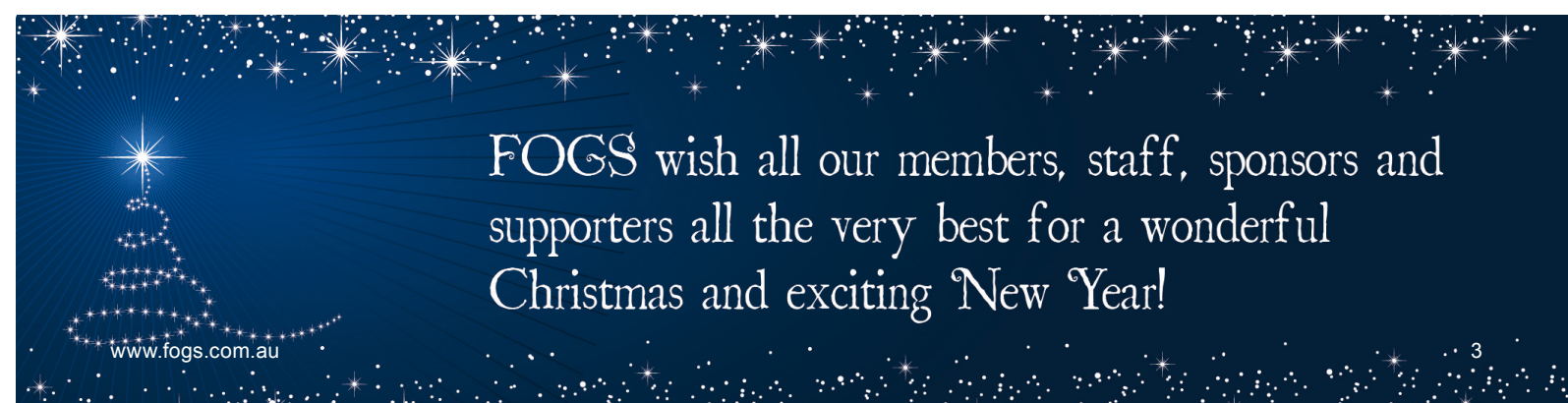
We had to scale a few of our programs back this year after a reduction in our government funding.

We hope it is just a matter of time before we can be fully funded again so we can continue the great work that we have been doing in recent years through the ARTIE Academy and things like the FOGS Indigenous Employment and Careers Expos.

Our programs have been kicking goals, especially in the areas of school attendance. The government can see from the data that the systems and programs that we have created work and deliver results.

We look forward to sharing more success with our members, sponsors and friends in 2017.

GENE MILES
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN



TERRY BUTLER

FOG No.39

Clubs: Souths Townsville, Townies (Mt Isa), Brisbane Brothers, Wynnum-Manly, North Sydney

Queensland: 1 Origin (1983)

Position: Wing, Five-Eighth

Terry Butler

1958 - 2016

FAREWELL TO RUGBY LEAGUE'S MR COOL AND CASUAL

STEVE RICKETTS COMMENTATOR

Billy J Smith described Terry Butler as "the best little finisher in the business" after the north Queensland flyer scored a dashing try for Wynnum-Manly in a televised match at Lang Park in 1983.

It is hard to argue with Smith's assessment of the talented winger's try-scoring ability in a golden period for Brisbane Rugby League (BRL), when Wynnum were the benchmark.

Today, with few exceptions, wingers are 100kg plus. Butler was just 179cm tall and barely 70kg, but had great speed and elusiveness, soft hands, and the instincts lacking in many "programmed" NRL players.

He also was a handy goal kicker. At a time when Queensland dominated State of Origin football, Butler was good enough to earn a Maroon jersey for Game 2 of the 1983 series, at the SCG.

That same year he toured Papua New Guinea with the Arthur Beetson coached Queensland side, and represented Brisbane in the National Panasonic Cup competition.

Terry Butler was just 58 when he passed away on October 4, succumbing to lung cancer, which had been diagnosed 18 months earlier after working for many years in the mining industry in Western Australia.

He began his football with Souths in Townsville, alongside Colin Scott and Gene Miles.

But Butler also played a season with Townies in Mt Isa, and had the honour of representing both cities in the famous Foley Shield competition.

In Brisbane, he played for Brothers in 1978, and showed promise as a quick

thinking five-eighth.

He wanted to remain in the halves when he joined Wynnum in 1981, but the Seagulls had the likes of his former Townsville Souths' teammate Tony Kambouris and Tweed import Brian Walsh ahead of him in the pecking order.

So, at the urging of coach Des Morris, he became a "reluctant" winger.

"Terry hadn't played wing before then," recalls FOGS Executive Chairman Gene Miles. "But I can't remember him making a mistake at Wynnum."

"Terry was a natural footballer, and he was quick. I don't think people appreciated how fast he could run."

Never was that speed more evident than when Butler was called on to chase the ball from the adventurous "kick-on-the-first-tackle" play that was part of the repertoire of Wynnum's Test five eighth Wally Lewis after a scrum win.

Butler always timed his run to perfection, presenting a nightmare scenario for defenders forced to turn and chase.

In a Round 3 BRL match against Redcliffe at Dolphin Oval in 1982, Butler scored a rare first-half hat-trick, to give the Seagulls a 15-3 lead at the break.

They scored only one more try – through halfback Terry Saunders – as they hung on for a 20-11 win.

He grabbed another try-scoring treble in Wynnum's 26-5 win over Valleys in the 1982 preliminary final, and then had the honour of scoring the Seagulls' first try in their historic 17-3 win over Souths in the grand final, played in front of a boisterous crowd of 36,000.

At that stage he was a maintenance electrician at Ithaca TAFE at Ashgrove, the site of the proposed new Broncos' high performance centre.

Butler also played in Wynnum's 42-8 thrashing of Souths in the 1984 grand final, and in the 1985 grand final, when Souths got their revenge with a 10-8 victory.

In 1986, Butler joined Wynnum teammate Brett French at the North Sydney Bears, his last season in top-flight football.

Terry Butler's Funeral Notice urged mourners to wear cool and casual attire "to reflect Terry's cool and casual nature".

He was farewelled by family and friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Townsville on October 13.

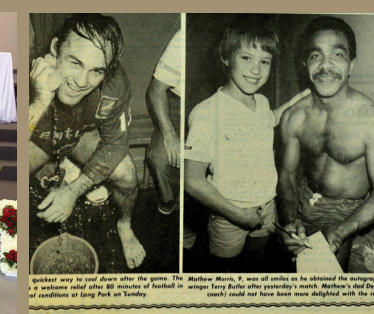
In the congregation were many former Wynnum teammates, among them Gene Miles, Peter Dawes, Terry Saunders, Warren Green, David Green, Brett French, Gary Coyne and Colin Scott, as well as the club's former sponsor, Peter McKenna.

Fellow Indigenous star Colin Scott, Queensland's fullback in Terry's sole Origin appearance, delivered the eulogy, and spoke passionately of a good friend and a talented teammate.

Terry Butler was born in the back of an ambulance in "Outback Queensland", his rush to get into the world negating the need for a hospital delivery.

On the football field he was speed personified. Away from the football he was laid back, with a smile that lit up a room.

Vale Terry Butler. State of Origin Great FOG No. 39.



FROM THE COACH'S DESK

With Queensland Coach Kevin Walters



"I will continue to work hard to make the people of Queensland proud of their team, and continue to build on the great legacy these players will leave for the next generation of Maroons"

Kevin Walters

LOOKING back over my first State of Origin series as Queensland coach, there is certainly a tremendous sense of pride about what the Maroons achieved in 2016.

While it is always nice to win a series against NSW, the way the team responded to new challenges this year under the guidance of our senior players was what impressed me most.

The senior players are the ones that maintain our culture.

To have reached the position in the game that they have doesn't come easy.

You have to make a lot of sacrifices and do a lot of things right. They are the ones that were spelling out to the players what is expected if they want to achieve the honour of playing for Queensland.

We are very fortunate that we have the leadership in the team that we do.

That is why it was necessary at the start of the year to place 12-month bans on those players who broke curfew while involved in the Emerging Origin camp.

It wasn't just my decision, it was a decision made in conjunction with the Queensland Rugby League and the senior members of the playing group.

They were all very supportive of what has been set-up in the Origin system, and very protective of the special environment that they helped to create.

In the end, I think we were left with no other choice but to make the decision that we did – as tough as it was.

I have been in good communication with all of the players banned in the months since.



They are all free of that now, and available for selection again.

But they all now have a greater understanding of what is required and what is expected of them if they want to be a part of our system.

There will be a few of them that get their opportunity at the next level over the years ahead.

The most pleasing thing to come out of the incident was the way the players involved responded to what happened.

They were all very mature in the way they took ownership of their mistakes, and worked hard on proving themselves as players on the field.

Valentine Holmes and Cameron Munster were two guys involved, and went all the way to the grand final.

Valentine was even deservedly picked in the Kangaroos squad for the Four Nations – and my congratulations go to him.

Edrick Lee had a great season and played finals with Canberra.

Ben Hunt, Anthony Milford and Chris Grevsmuhl all played finals with their clubs.

Dylan Napa had a tough season with the Roosters,

but maintained his own standards to be named in the Prime Minister's XIII match against PNG.

All of those guys turned a negative into a positive, and have now got additional big-match experience that will be invaluable to Queensland down the track.

Personally, coaching Queensland was a great opportunity to work with the elite athletes in our game and our terrific staff and I took a lot of enjoyment out of that.

So much of the credit needs to go to the playing group and the coaching staff.

We obviously had a turnover of staff this year, so there were a lot of guys coming into this environment for the first time.

They all blended in terrifically well with Queensland's senior playing group.

We are very blessed to have that senior core of guys like Smith, Thurston, Scott, Cronk, Boyd and Inglis.

It was my honour to serve Queensland as a coach, just as it was as a player.

I will continue to work hard to make the people of Queensland proud of their team, and continue to build on the great legacy these players will leave for the next generation of Maroons.





**WALTERS SAYS
TRAINING
PROGRAM WILL
HELP FIND SMITH'S
SUCCESSOR**

FINDING THE LEADER

QUEENSLAND are determined to avoid the mistakes of their Origin rivals NSW by putting Maroons players through leadership training to find Cameron Smith's successor.

Maroons coach Kevin Walters says he has plans to take Queensland to "another level", and that includes a revolutionary step to mentor the next generation of Origin leaders.

While Smith will lead the Maroons until 2018, Walters believes the search for a viable replacement must begin now to prevent the leadership vacuum that has derailed the Blues.

NSW's most successful coach Phil Gould made a compelling assessment of the Blues during the 2016 series, blaming their incessant failures on a flawed leadership structure under Laurie Daley.

Walters is keen to avoid a similar problem, mindful the Origin careers of Queensland's senior nucleus of Smith, Johnathan Thurston, Cooper Cronk and Billy Slater will be over within two years.

Smith believes Broncos back-rower Matt Gillett has captaincy potential, but Walters

admits there is no obvious successor to the man who replaced former Maroons skipper Darren Lockyer.

"We'll do leadership training and get to know who is ready to replace Cameron," Walters said.

"Being my first year in charge, I watched the guys during the series and made some decisions around that captaincy stuff.



"I'll be picking the brain of guys like Cameron, Johnathan and Corey Parker ... they are all club captains and have some insight into who can do the job.

"The reality is I will get another year or two out of most of our senior guys. But we need to plan for the future."

Walters sees leadership qualities in fullback Darius Boyd, now 28, and Souths skipper Greg Inglis, who turns 30 this January.

Inglis has proven himself a leader as captain at Souths, and underlined his abilities as a skipper by being named as captain of the Australian Prime Minister's XIII that played PNG in September.

"We are going to do some work around personal development stuff between different players with a view to leadership," Walters said.

"Darius Boyd and Greg Inglis have captaincy potential. Darius has found that happy niche in his life at the Broncos.

"Once we sit down and have some discussion around who we believe can be the next Queensland captain, we'll go from there.

"I really enjoyed my first year in charge of the team.

At first I was a bit nervous about the task, but winning this series has given me a lot of confidence.

"I won't be complacent. I have some ideas that I think can make this great Queensland team even better – I want to take them to another level."

Lockyer, who vacated the Maroons captaincy in 2011 following his retirement, says Queensland must prepare now for Smith's departure.

"It's vital," Lockyer said.

"Talent is one thing, but leadership is so important in that arena.

"Queensland is very fortunate to have someone like Cameron Smith there, but you can't take your eye off the ball and think we'll just appoint someone.

"Cam always had leadership qualities, so it

was an easy transition from me to him. But it's not so clear-cut this time around.

"I know the QRL is very conscious of succession planning. It's important we find the right leader moving forward and it's prudent of Kevvie to do that.

"If there is more Queensland need to do to build a leadership group, they need to do it now.

"We can't take our eye off the ball and just assume someone will step up.

"Phil Gould made a good point that the leadership core of NSW is not in the right hands. I've

always felt if you have a good leader in your spine, it makes sense because they control the game."





As Queensland's superstars close in on the end of their careers, finding an Origin captaincy successor to the great Cameron Smith poses quite the dilemma

IT is the million-dollar Maroon question – who will succeed Cameron Smith as Queensland's next Origin captain?

When Darren Lockyer drew the curtain on his glittering NRL and Origin career in 2011, the captaincy debate was a non-event as the Queensland baton was seamlessly passed to Smith.

But when Smith walks away from the Maroons, most likely at the end of 2018, choosing his Maroons leadership successor will not be so obvious.

Queensland coach Kevin Walters has another two years to run his eye over the frontline contenders to take charge of the most successful unit in Origin history.

Here are the four leading candidates to captain the Maroons in the post-Smith era:

DARIUS BOYD

NONE other than Test great Lockyer believes Boyd is ready to lead the Maroons.

At 29, Boyd has racked up 26 Origin matches for the Maroons and has relished a leadership role at Brisbane since his return to Red Hill last year.

Boyd has limited captaincy experience but Maroons and Broncos teammate Corey Parker says the classy custodian is a key member of Brisbane's leadership group.

"Darius is one of a number of guys who could captain Brisbane and even Queensland," said Parker, the retiring Broncos skipper.

"He's matured a lot in recent years and is certainly well respected among the Origin guys."

GREG INGLIS

ANYONE who has played 30 Origin matches deserves to be in the captaincy frame.

Since his Maroons debut in 2006, Inglis has developed into a hugely respected figure who has relished more responsibility in his senior years.

Inglis turns 30 in January and has flourished as a leader at club side South Sydney.

Inglis would have the support of Maroons hierarchy, but time could be a major impediment to his leadership ambitions.

Inglis would be 32 when Smith hangs up the boots and Queensland may look for a younger option.

MATT GILLETT

THE Broncos back-rower has rarely been mentioned in captaincy discussions, but Smith believes Gillett came of age as a Maroons leader with a superb 2016 Origin series.

"I could name a handful of captains but for me, Matt Gillett needs to be a good candidate for the Queensland job," Smith said.

"It's a hard one, because there's going to be a few of us all going out one after the other.

"Gillo has come on in leaps and bounds over the past two seasons. I can just see that leadership quality in him from the way he is playing at the Broncos and his consistency there.

"He has been fantastic. Some guys play a few years of first grade and they just do what they need to do to stay in the NRL.

"But one day something just clicks in their heads and they go to the next level and Matt Gillett has done that this season.

"We've got a lot of good young leaders coming through in the Queensland team. It's hard to single one guy out right now but Gillo is certainly a guy who could do the job."

DALY CHERRY-EVANS

TWO years ago, it seemed a fait accompli – Cherry-Evans would succeed Smith.

He had it all. Talent. Youth. Looks. Ability.

Clean-cut and well-spoken, Cherry-Evans was in his prime at age 25 and being groomed to be Queensland's next long-term captain.

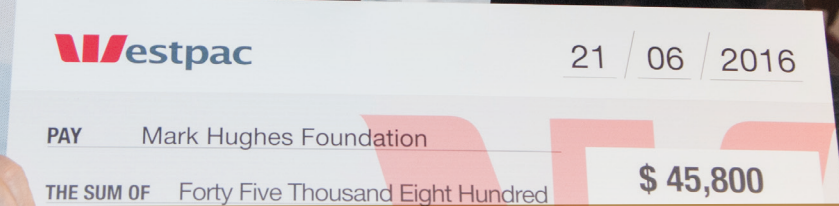
Then something unexpected happened: he was axed from the Maroons squad after a disappointing showing in Queensland's loss at the MCG in Game Two of 2015, and fell from favour in the Queensland public's eye by reneging on a deal to join Gold Coast to stay with Manly.

Cherry-Evans turns 28 in February and while he still has time, rival playmakers Anthony Milford, Ben Hunt, Ashley Taylor and Moses Mbye are younger and applying pressure.





FOGS Chairman, Gene Miles presenting a cheque to the Mark Hughes Foundation.



SIMPLY THE BEST

THE 2016 FOGS CHARITY LUNCH SHOWS WHY RUGBY LEAGUE IS THE GREATEST GAME OF ALL

THE best of Rugby League was once again on display at the 2016 FOGS Annual Charity Lunch.

Held every year at State of Origin time, when the game is at its best on the field, the spirit, generosity and compassion of Queensland Rugby League fans at the FOGS Charity Lunch is a reminder of what the game is truly about.

Fittingly this year, it was two of Queensland's greatest on-field leaders who took charge with their own incredible generosity to lend a helping hand to those who need it the most.

"With Kevin Walters taking over as Maroons coach and bringing in a new era for Queensland, we decided the theme for the lunch would be the 'Decade of Dominance,' FOGS Executive Chairman Gene Miles explains.

"The girls came up with the idea of getting a jersey from the 2006 side and one from the 2015 side, and packaging them up together as a special auction item.

"Both Locky and Cam donated their jerseys for this piece, which raised \$10,000.

"In today's climate, that is a very good result for us. But it was also a

terrific result for the lucky bidder, who picked up the playing strips from the two captains from 2006 and 2015.

"They were the two guys that led us through that incredible decade, and are both Immortals in waiting. So that bidder got themselves a bit of a steal.

"We were very grateful for the money we received and will be forever indebted to those two guys who donated such treasured personal items from their careers to help out the Former Origin Greats."

Every year, charities are designated to receive proceeds of the FOGS

Charity Lunch at the following year's event.

This year, money raised from the 2015 event was distributed to three worthy causes.

The Prince Charles Hospital received \$10,000 to assist with lung cancer trials. The money was accepted by Dr Brett Hughes, who was the oncologist of our dear, late friend John Crane.

White Ribbon Australia received \$30,000 to help their fight against violence against women, with the money accepted by their ambassador,



Petero Civoniceva.

Finally, \$45,800 was donated to the Mark Hughes Foundation.

The MHF was established in 2013 to promote research into brain cancer and to support patients and their families fighting the terrible disease after Mark Hughes, the former Newcastle and NSW Origin player, was diagnosed with brain cancer.

"We got involved with the Mark Hughes Foundation for brain cancer after Johnathan Thurston donated his headgear as an auction item to raise money," Gene explains. "To cut a long story short, they put it on eBay and got duffed.

"The bidding got up to \$22,900 or thereabouts and we wanted to help out by saying 'whatever you make off eBay, we will match it'.

"The eBay bid was shonky, so they were left with nothing. Mark was shattered and he didn't want to ring up and tell me that.

"But we took a line out of Tosser Turner's book and told Mark 'whatever you have been promised, we will deliver'. So we delivered the entire \$45,800."

Among the people who knew about the FOGS' incredible gesture was

former Blues great and Rugby League Immortal Andrew Johns – who not only attended the FOGS Charity Lunch in support of Hughes, but offered to be a guest speaker in front of a room of patriotic Queenslanders.

"Joey did a sensational job on the day," Gene said.

"When (MC) Gary Belcher introduced him, there were naturally a few boos in the crowd because it was Origin time and he is a New South Welshman.

"But by the end of his talk, you could have heard a pin drop. He had the crowd hanging off his every word.

"It was a great example of what lies within the DNA of the game. Rugby League has been so good to a lot of us, and this is just a small way for us to give back.

"All types of cancer are horrible things, and touch so many lives. For us here at FOGS we lost John Crane late last year, so it is personal for us.

"At the end of the day, what we were trying to do was help find a cure for this dreadful disease that takes so many lives.

"The pleasing thing is that people



don't mind digging deep because they can see what worthy causes they are supporting and how their money can make a difference, and they know every single cent of the money we raise goes on to help these wonderful charities."

The Former Origin Greats would like to thank Stadiums Queensland, AEG Ogden and our sponsors XXXX, Yalumba, Coca-Cola Amatil, Krispy Kreme and Pizza Capers for their support in making such a wonderful event possible.

Thanks also to the many organizations and people that so generously donated prizes for our fund-raising raffles and auction prizes.

We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks, Queenslanders!



FOGS Chairman, Gene Miles presenting a cheque to White Ribbon Ambassador, Petero Civoniceva.

ROOKIES RISE TO THE CHALLENGE



JUSTIN O'Neill thought he knew everything there was to know about being an NRL player.

Then he entered Camp Maroon.

Having won two premierships and tallied 93 top-grade games in six seasons by the age of 25, O'Neill's apprenticeship as a professional Rugby League player seemed complete.

But being handed his maiden

Queensland State of Origin jumper in 2016 gave O'Neill a rare insight into what it takes to succeed in the code's toughest arena.

It was an insight shared by winger Corey Oates and backrower Gavin Cooper, who also made their Origin debuts for Queensland this year.

O'Neill had feared his Origin dream had passed him by.

Three years earlier, he was named 18th man, placed on standby for injured winger Darius Boyd. O'Neill lived in hope.

Sure enough, Boyd made a miraculous recovery and took his place on Queensland's left wing as O'Neill rued the near miss that could have signalled his last hope of wearing Maroon.



But Justin Hodges' retirement, coupled with a freak leg injury to his Maroons successor-in-waiting Will Chambers, saw O'Neill catapulted into the right-centre slot by new Queensland coach Kevin Walters.

The Cowboys speedster repaid the faith, producing a flawless display in Queensland's 6-4 win in Game One on his way to a series win in his maiden campaign.

O'Neill finished the club season in outstanding form. In the NRL finals, he helped sink the Broncos in an extra-time epic with two superb solo tries.

It was evidence of his greater maturity in big games and O'Neill attributes it to his six-week experience as an Origin player.

"Playing Origin you can pick up a few things being in camp with the high calibre of players," he said.

"Playing alongside someone like Cooper Cronk has helped a lot for my game and being part of a team that forms so well, they switch on at training.

"The way Queensland conduct themselves in and around training is so professional.

"There's a lot of little things I took out of camp that have made me a better player. The challenge to step up and commit to playing well in a high-pressure game like State of Origin was an invaluable experience."

During Origin camp, O'Neill was blown away to have the brilliant Greg Inglis as his roommate.

Axed to park football at former club Melbourne just two years ago, O'Neill cherished his Maroons debut because, unlike Inglis, his rise as an Origin star was never pre-ordained.

"I honestly couldn't have planned it if I tried," he says.

"I went through some tough times and I certainly didn't

expect to see myself at the stage in my career where I would be getting a spot in the Queensland side.

"I put a lot of that down to the Cowboys and how much they helped me.

"It was a great experience overall. The Queensland blokes are all so talented yet so humble, so I'd definitely like to be a part of it again.

"I know Will Chambers will be available again next year but hopefully I can earn a spot in the team again."

Maroons coach Kevin Walters said he was not only pleased with the way O'Neill, Oates and Cooper had handled their first Origin series, but with the way they lifted their performances at club level after the series was over.

"Speaking from experience, you get a lot of confidence from playing at Origin level. Just being around such quality players, seeing how they prepare, and feeling like you belong among them," Walters said.

"So when those players go back to club level, they just have that added confidence about them which improves their game again.

"All of the guys that stepped up this year have done their apprenticeship through the Emerging Origin system – Justin and Gavin have had a few years there now and Oatesy has played in the under-20s.

"It was great to see them get an opportunity and make a real fist of it.

"For Justin, having to step into the shoes of Justin Hodges was always going to be a big ask. But he handled it so well and so maturely.

"That is the enjoyment of Origin from a coaching point of view – seeing players like them earn an opportunity and really take their chance."





FAREWELL TO COREY

BRONCOS WORKHORSE PARKER HAS NO REGRETS ABOUT CALLING IT A DAY

COREY Parker dreamed of playing one game for the Brisbane Broncos.

After 347 in his beloved maroon and yellow jumper, Parker is entitled to be satisfied, having lived out his footballing dream for 15 years.

Parker's record-breaking journey will go down in Broncos folklore.

He went from the nine-year-old who lobbied at Brisbane airport to celebrate the Broncos' maiden premiership in 1992 to the goal-kicking workhorse who finished as the most-capped forward in the club's history.

Parker was on the way to breaking Darren Lockyer's all-time premiership record of 355 games when he dropped a bombshell in June, announcing his retirement just two days

before State of Origin II.

Broncos coach Wayne Bennett had offered Parker another 12 months at the club. But the aches and pains told the veteran lock it was time to go, even if Brisbane's crushing extra-time finals loss to the Cowboys was not the fairytale finale Parker envisaged.

After 379 top-level games, including 19 Origin matches, 13 Tests and a premiership ring in 2006, the Logan product had to settle for a guard of honour in Townsville.

"I didn't expect that from the Cowboys guys. I'm not an emotional bloke but it was a really touching gesture and I'll always remember that ending," said Parker, who made his NRL debut as an 18-year-old prop in 2001.

"A premiership (farewell) would have been nice, but I can't complain.

I've been blessed in my career. "For me, I wanted to finish on my terms and what I felt was at the top of my game. I didn't want to compromise my own standards by playing a year too long.

"If I was to play on, I thought: 'Am I just doing it to break Locky's record?'

"If that was the case, then you are doing it for the wrong reasons. That's how I looked at it. A year is a hell of a long time in footy.

"If it was just the 80 minutes, you could probably play another few years. But there's so much more that goes into it in the modern game."

The light-bulb moment for Parker came not on the football field, but in his backyard at home.

"The trigger for me was after a game we played on a Friday night," Parker recalls.

"I was sitting at home on a Saturday and the two boys were kicking around the footy in the backyard and I was having a beer.

"The boys asked me to kick the footy with them and I was looking for every excuse why I didn't have to kick the footy. I was sore and tired, my body was feeling the pinch and I thought that's not fair on the kids.

"I am excited about the future. It is a little bit daunting, but this day was always going to come. As a rookie, you think it will last forever, but your career really does go by in a flash."

In an age where most NRL players slowly decay in their 30s, Parker did the opposite.

Remarkably, his form got better.

On the outer for six years at Origin level, he reclaimed the Maroon jumper in 2011 and became a vital member of Mal Meninga's Queensland juggernaut.

A key to his renaissance was Parker's willingness to evolve.

He became the master of second-phase play, his relentless work ethic complemented by clever offloads that made him a potent forward weapon.

"Corey won three Paul Morgan Medals at the Broncos, including his last at age 33. It's a remarkable effort," Bennett said.

"You don't notice him half the time because he's so good, so consistent.

"From the day I saw him, I knew he would make it.

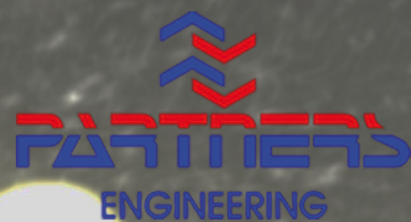
"I'm pleased that Corey evolved into a captain. He deserved the job this season and he can look back on a wonderful career."





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ULTIMATE WARRIOR

IT was only fitting that, in the year Cameron Smith became State of Origin's greatest servant, the Maroons hooker should be bestowed the Wally Lewis Medal.

The Queensland juggernaut powered on in 2016, with the Maroons clinching their 10th Origin series crown in 11 years. Not even the departure of record-breaking coach Mal Meninga, who passed the baton to Kevin Walters, could stop Queensland subjecting NSW to another year of misery. At the epicentre of the triumph was Smith, the brilliant Maroons skipper who duly clinched official man-of-the-series honours.

Since the inception of the Wally Lewis Medal in 2004, no man has dominated the award like Smith. This was his fourth Lewis medal in nine years.

To put his greatness into context, four of Queensland's finest players – Darren Lockyer, Greg Inglis, Billy Slater and Johnathan Thurston – have won the gong just once each.

It was, in every sense, a tribute series for Smith, who made history in Game One when he notched his 37th game to surpass Lockyer as the most-capped player in Origin's 36-year history.

Next season, fitness permitting, Smith will

break new ground, becoming the first man to play 40 Origin games – a feat once considered impossible.

"I'm just so proud of the team of guys we have and the culture we have built. My success is a result of the players around me," Smith said.

"I was lucky enough to win the medal and break the record this year, but I'm not resting on my laurels. It's important we keep succeeding. "When I finish up and look back on holding the record and winning a medal named after a player (Lewis) I idolised, it will be something special in my career for sure."

Lockyer added: "When I retired, I knew Cam would be the guy to blow my record out of the park. I have never seen a guy so calm at Origin level."

Queensland was a footballing state in crisis when Smith, at the tender age of 20, was handed his Maroons debut in 2003 to help overturn NSW's Origin dominance. Now he presides over the most successful team in Origin history, having been a key figure in Queensland's resurgence to win 10 series in the past 11 years.

He may be well into his 30s – Smith is 34 next season – but age is not wearying the wily fox.

He is rugby league's closest thing to a microchip, a footballing mainframe of know how who forensically picks apart his opposition with his dummy-half intellect. In the first two games of this year's Origin series, Smith topped the tackle count, making 51 and 43 tackles to lead Queensland's charge. Having skippered the Maroons to a 6-4 victory in the series opener, Smith delivered with the Origin shield up for grabs.

Before 52,293 fans at Suncorp in Game Two, Smith terrorised the Blues with his guile around the rucks as Queensland clinched the series with a 26-16 triumph. After that match, coach Walters made a stunning appraisal, labelling Smith Queensland's greatest captain.

"I have played with some great captains but this guy (Smith) is something else," "Cameron has put the icing on the cake with that performance. Queensland have had some great leaders, but none have been better than Cameron Smith."

ARTIE ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

JACOB SOLDIERS ON TOWARDS REACHING HIS DREAMS

JACOB Johnson could be a poster boy for Queensland's State of Origin spirit.

The last time Queenslander Magazine caught up with Jacob, he was a member of the ARTIE Academy at Marsden State High School, and preparing himself for what life was about to bring out in the real world.

Looking for some direction about his future career choices, Jacob attended a week-long camp at the Australian Defence Force's Gallipoli Barracks at Enoggera through the FOGS.

The visit turned into a life-changing moment for Jacob, he told ARTIE Academy Education Coordinator, Hamish McLoughlin when he recently returned to Marsden State High School for a visit – taking a small break from his new life in the Australian Army Infantry, based in Darwin.

"While I was in year 11, the coordinators at ARTIE arranged for me to go on an Indigenous Experience Camp for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander High school students," Jacob said.

"The camp had been arranged to celebrate the NAIDOC week, and the theme that year was celebrating Black Diggers.

"I hadn't really thought about what I wanted to do after I finished high school, so a friend and I decided to go on the camp as just something to do during the school holidays.

"On the camp we went to the different ADF bases around Brisbane. They showed us around.

"It was on this camp that I thought about my future.

"I hadn't ever really considered the Defence Force, but it was while I was on camp that the army seemed like a real option for me for the future."

Jacob said he had embraced life working in the armed forces, and the tough combination of working in the army and living in the oppressive heat of Australia's top end.

"I finished up with school in 2015, and went to basic training in Kapooka in NSW and then onto Singleton, NSW for core specific training," he said.

"I was then posted to Darwin, where I live on the barracks.

"I've been in Darwin for six months. Darwin is really hot and can make going to work really tough.

"But I enjoy the challenge. It keeps me busy, fit, and I hang out with mates.

"I have received some really great support from my superiors, mates that I have made and friends and family back home.

"It is always good knowing that during tough times I can draw on their support."

Jacob's advice to fellow ARTIE Academy students working towards forging their own paths after school could come straight out of a Maroons coaching manual.

"You have to be tough, motivated and think of the end goal," Jacob said. "There is always light at the end of the tunnel.

"Things may seem challenging at times. I tell myself that when we are carrying 50kg packs, things could be worse and I could be carrying two packs.

"It's also important to make the most of the opportunities that are presented to you.

"The Indigenous ADF camp I went on with ARTIE was my opportunity, and it has total changed the trajectory of my life."

SHANIA AND TAHLIA SHARE UNBREAKABLE BOND

NOT since Ursula Andress and Halle Berry have two young ladies been so happy to identify themselves as Bond girls.

But this story is not about spies with a licence to kill, it is about the success of the ARTIE Academy and its licence to change the lives of young Queenslanders.

Shania Eddy and Tahlia Cohen are both Bond University Indigenous Scholarship recipients thanks to the guidance and support of the ARTIE Academy, and both are now on their way to bright futures.

Tahlia graduated from Marsden State High School in 2014, and is now studying law. Her ambition is to work in either family or criminal law.

Shania graduated from Morayfield State High School in 2015, and is now studying psychology as part of her goal of becoming a social worker.

The girls talk with giddy excitement about life at Bond University and say that being a uni student has changed their whole outlook towards study and academic performance.

"I would say to high school students that want to go to uni that you just have to," Tahlia says. "It's a must.

"Uni sets you up for life. Going to uni presents you with challenges that you face, and through that you mature and become well prepared for your career."

Shania says the move to the Gold Coast to attend Bond was a massive culture shock after growing up in Caboolture.

"Here, I drive five minutes and I am at a completely new beach.

It is amazing," Shania says. "The social life is great, especially living on campus. I highly recommend living on campus to anyone."

While they are loving student life now, it was not always the case during their high school years. And both girls credit the ARTIE Academy and the FOGS' hard-working staff for turning their lives around.

"Dan (Rogers, former ARTIE Academy Education Coordinator) was the one who came to me and told me that I could apply for a scholarship," Shania says.

"I hadn't heard of Bond University at all.

"I went and spoke to my Nanna about it, and she was like 'what's the harm? You have nothing to lose. It's just applying, see how you go'.

Tahlia says the ARTIE Academy transformed her as a person, and her direction in life.

"I was always a shy kid in the back of the room," she says. "I had nothing in Year 8. I wouldn't even open my mouth unless I really had to.

"Through ARTIE, I was able to set personal goals - that is what it was for me in the beginning, personal goals.

"Through all these experiences with ARTIE, I became a really confident leader.

ACCELERATE CHALLENGE PUTS RESULTS INTO THE FAST LANE

THE new ARTIE Academy Accelerate Challenge is using the power of choice to help students reach their full potential in attendance and behaviour at school.

The ARTIE Academy Accelerate Challenge has been created to focus on students with an attendance rate of 65-89 per cent, who have been chosen in consultation with school staff based on previous attendance results and their potential to achieve 90 per cent attendance or more in the Checkpoint and Semester Challenges.

The students not only get to choose their own attendance goals, but are also able to choose their own reward if they are successful in meeting their new attendance targets.

"We identify students that are not reaching their full potential in our standard challenges," ARTIE Academy Program Manager Jess Toye explains.

"ARTIE coordinators work closely with the selected students one-on-one throughout the term to make sure they were reaching full potential in terms of attendance and behaviour goals.

"If they met their targets, they were able to choose their own reward such as ARTIE merchandise, Sizzler vouchers or Dreamworld tickets, and that is something the students really embraced.

"Because they were selecting their own rewards, it made them work a little bit harder because they were aiming for something they specifically wanted."

Despite the ARTIE Academy Accelerate Challenge being in the early stages, there were already promising results being presented by the students involved.

"The ARTIE Academy Accelerate Challenge gives us a more targeted approach to helping the students who were falling beneath the 90 per cent attendance benchmark," Jess says.

"But among the real success stories so far was one student who went from 50 per cent to 90 per cent in physical attendance, which was a massive achievement."



Left: Hamish McLoughlin, Shania Eddy, Tahlia Cohen, Hayley Moloney



CQ STUDENTS BOWLED OVER BY ARTIE FUN DAY

WHEN the reward for reaching your goals is a day of ten-pin bowling, laser tag and dodgem cars at the ARTIE Academy Fun Day, it is no wonder the ARTIE Academy is proving so popular with students, and so successful with the results it delivers.

On October 20, ARTIE Academy students from Central Queensland—including Rockhampton and North Rockhampton State High Schools – who achieved 90 per cent physical attendance as part of the ARTIE Academy program were able to do that.

A group of around 180 students who achieved the benchmarks for attendance and behaviour in the Term 3 Checkpoint Challenge were invited to the ARTIE Academy's Central Queensland Fun Day to celebrate their success.

"It was a terrific day, and really popular with all of the students," said ARTIE Academy Program Manager Jess Toye, who attended the day.

"We went to Sizzler in Rockhampton

for a terrific lunch, and then it was off to the Rocky Bowl and Leisure Center for an afternoon of fun.

"There was bowling, laser tag, dodgem cars and amusement games.

"It was a great reward for those students who achieved those attendance benchmarks."

To make the day even more special, the students were able to share the Fun Day with Queensland State of Origin winger Corey Oates and Brisbane Broncos centre Jack Reed, who were the special guests for the day.

Jess said the presence of the two NRL stars added enormously to the excitement of the ARTIE Academy students.

"Corey and Jack attended on the day, and were just great with the kids as you would expect," she said.

"They interacted with the students all day, got on rides with them, played laser tag and bowling, and just generally had fun."

Central Queensland ARTIE Academy Education Co-ordinator, Hamish McLoughlin said the Central Queensland Fun Day was the perfect advertisement for ARTIE Academy students working hard to reach their academic goals.

"The students had a fantastic time, and now they will go back to school and tell the other students how great it was," he said.

"And that might be enough for the students that just missed out, or whose attendance or behaviour wasn't up to scratch, to work a bit harder on the performance and set some new goals for next year.

"Their teachers were really proud of them all for what they achieved, and they were so happy to see them have so much fun on the day.

Eligible ARTIE Academy students in the greater Brisbane region will get to let their hair down when the ARTIE Fun Day happens at the end of November at WhiteWater World on the Gold Coast.

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CRONULLA FINALLY HAS LAST LAUGH

THE jokes are buried forever. The porch light is off, and Harold Holt can finally come home.

Rugby League's longest premiership drought is now officially over after the Cronulla Sharks finally broke through for their first grand final win in October, downing the Melbourne Storm 14-12 in another gripping NRL season finale.

Legendary coach Jack Gibson once quipped that waiting for Cronulla to win a premiership was like leaving a porch light on for former Prime Minister Harold Holt.

Sharks fans had waited since 1967 for a Cronulla captain to lift the premiership trophy, and emotions were hard to contain for their long-suffering faithful as Paul Gallen hoisted the Provan Summons Trophy to the sky at a packed ANZ Stadium.

As much as history would dictate that Cronulla's win was a Rugby League fairytale, it was truly more a story of redemption, with a number of players and the club itself using the premiership to heal a number of scars.

Valentine Holmes started the season mired in controversy after being banned from Queensland selection after breaking curfew during Emerging Origin camp.

He now has a premiership ring, an Australian jumper and a compelling case for an Origin debut in 2017 after a stellar season on the wing.

His fellow Queenslanders Ben Barba also emerged from some dark times after personal problems and his high-profile departure from the Broncos, winning the premiership the Storm had denied him while playing for the Bulldogs in the 2012 grand final.

Andrew Fifita buried a season of scandal with a performance that must have had him within touching distance of the Clive Churchill Medal for best player on the ground.

The man that pipped him for the post, backrower Luke Lewis, was exceptional in his second grand final – 10 years and one successful battle with cancer after his first.

Michael Ennis, possibly the most vilified player in the game because of his on-field antics and love of getting under the skin of opponents, walked into retirement after 273 first grade games as a premiership winner.

And then there is Gallen – as polarizing a figure as anyone in the game.

Ten times in 11 years as NSW captain he has had to watch as his Queensland counterpart has lifted the State of Origin shield in front of him, and his joy at being the man to lead Cronulla's watershed moment was obvious.

But of all the tales of fighting back from adversity, surely none can top the resilience of the club itself. Over the past 10 years, the Sharks have won wooden spoons, been threatened with relocation and financial collapse and endured a seemingly endless line of off-field scandals

headlined by Todd Carney's "bubbler" episode.

Then there was the performance-enhancing drugs scandal of 2013, which nearly sank the club completely.

Relating to controversial sports scientist Stephen Dank and the use of peptides, the scandal tore at the heart of the Sharks and resulted in four staff being sacked, coach Shane Flanagan being stood down for 12 months and nine players involved in the critical 2011 season receiving suspensions.

The club was also fined \$1 million, with \$400,000 of that

suspended.

As the club slumped to finish dead last under interim coaches and administration in 2014, a breakthrough premiership never seemed so far away.

But just two years on, Cronulla have been crowned the kings of the NRL.

It was some sort of comeback, one that could only have been bettered had Harold Holt emerged from the surf to turn off the porch light himself.





FAMILIAR FEELING FOR NEW LOOK MAROONS

THE more things changed for Queensland in 2016, the more things stayed the same.

The Maroons headed into this year's State of Origin series after the biggest shake-up in the Queensland system for a decade, with Mal Meninga walking away from the job to become Australia's Test coach.

After nine series wins in 10 years, filling Meninga's sizeable shoes was going to be a challenge for any coach.

But rather than be daunted by the task in front of him, Kevin Walters was excited by the prospect of taking his beloved Maroons to another level, and immediately set to work.

Walters somehow managed to ensure the Maroon juggernaut rolled on seamlessly for yet another series win in 2016 despite a sizeable overhaul of Queensland's off-field staff and an influx of new players.

There was also the well-documented banning of players involved in breaking Emerging Origin camp curfew, which put the pressure on months before the Origin series even started.

Yet by Game 3, Walters and his Maroons were actually in with a chance of delivering Queensland's first Origin clean-sweep since 2010 – coming within 78 seconds of a series whitewash.

But a try to Michael Jennings, some contentious calls from the Bunker and a ridiculous 12-3 penalty count in NSW's favour saw the Blues dodge the indignity of a whitewash with an 18-14 win.

But within minutes of the game ending, the fuse for next year's series was well and truly set alight with the Maroons furious at the "extremely disrespectful" Blues, who they accused of turning their back on Queensland skipper Cameron Smith as he made his victory speech and lifted the Origin shield.

NSW captain Paul Gallen said he didn't notice all his players had their backs to Smith while the Maroons skipper was talking – but Smith and Walters certainly noticed, and

they were livid in the post-match press conference.

It was a sour end to the series, but one that again highlighted the depth of feeling between the two sides that has not abated since Arthur Beetson trotted out onto Lang Park in 1980.

The Maroons started the series with a narrow 6-4 win at ANZ Stadium in Sydney, before Dane Gagai's tremendous hat-trick of tries helped Queensland to a dominant 26-16 win at a packed Suncorp Stadium to tie up the series.

Queensland's succession planning continued, with Walters handing Corey Oates, Justin O'Neil and Gavin Cooper their Origin debuts in 2016.

The jostling for positions in 2017 will be no less intense, even after the retirement of workhorse Corey Parker.

There might be a new coach in charge, but with the shield back in Queensland and a host of young stars ready to make their mark, not much has changed for the mighty Maroons.



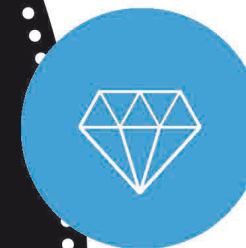
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DALLY M WINNERS A TALE OF TWO HALVES

THE grand master of Queensland State of Origin halfbacks and the likely heir to his throne were among the big winners at this year's Dally M Awards for the NRL's player of the year.

Cooper Cronk, the epitome of professionalism whether he is playing for Melbourne, Queensland or Australia, won his second Dally M Medal after tying with North Queensland lock Jason Taumalolo for the game's greatest prize.

It was the second time in three years that there had been a tie for the Dally M, after Johnathan Thurston and Jarryd Hayne finished on equal points in 2014.

Cronk was among a number of Queenslanders honoured on the evening, with his long-time captain Cameron Smith winning awards for Representative Player of the Year and Hooker of the Year.

Broncos backrower Matt Gillett won the Second Rower of the Year award after an excellent season for Brisbane and Queensland.

But it was the Rookie of the Year that would have pleased Maroons fans the most, with Titans young gun Ashley Taylor a deserved winner of the award after an

inspired first season in the NRL for Gold Coast.

When Wayne Bennett reluctantly granted Taylor a release from the Broncos to join the Titans, he did it because he believed the young gun needed to play NRL sooner rather than later.

Bennett never doubted Taylor was NRL quality but the emerging playmaker was never going to be a first grade regular at a Broncos scrumbase dominated by Anthony Milford and Ben Hunt.

The Broncos' loss has been the Titans' gain, with the 21-year-old Junior Kangaroos halfback answering an SOS after first-choice halfback Kane Elgey snapped his ACL in pre-season.

Taylor didn't just hold his own in the NRL this season, he excelled. Not only did he fill the Elgey void, but the Indigenous playmaker steered the once strife-torn Titans to their first finals appearance in six years and is now in the box seat to inherit the Queensland No.7 from Cronk in the coming years.

"I was really happy with my year. I had some injuries and I had to battle on, but I never expected to have the success that I did," said Taylor, who had post-season

groin surgery.

"It was a massive achievement (winning the Rookie of the Year Award) and great to add to my trophy cabinet.

"The boys at the Titans helped me get the award ... I couldn't have done it without them."

The former touch football star underlined his talent as much as his toughness, overcoming several leg injuries to play 22 games in Gold Coast's run to the playoffs.

The highlight came in Round 13, when Taylor nailed an extra-time field goal to clinch a thrilling 29-28 defeat of 2014 premiers South Sydney.

By season's end, he was rewarded with a two-year contract extension, keeping him at the Titans until the end of 2018.

Taylor admits his initial two months in the NRL were daunting, but he quickly learned the art of juggling percentage plays with moments of individual brilliance.

"I wanted to slowly find my feet at the club," Taylor said.

"I didn't want to come out all guns blazing and start making silly errors.

"I'd rather listen to the coach's game plans and give the team the right shape. If I see an opportunity, I try and take it within the team's structures.

"At this stage, I'm only young, so I am going to make

mistakes. But I'm working hard on my last-play options and 'King' (coach Neil Henry) is letting me be myself and play to my strengths."

It is some measure of Taylor's ability that Queensland coach Kevin Walters invited him to train with the Maroons' senior team before Origin I.

The Toowoomba product was unable to attend due to injury, but Walters' stance is a sign Taylor is firmly on Queensland's Origin radar for when the likes of Cronk and the rest of the old firm decide to call it a day.

"That (playing State of Origin) is always a massive goal for myself," he said.

"That's ranked up there with the highest honours in my mind.

"The Queensland jersey is a massive achievement and hopefully I make it one day."

Maroons great Darren Lockyer has no doubt the Titans schemer has the potential to play Origin.

"A lot of people were surprised by Taylor's progress this year but I wasn't," Lockyer said.

"Whenever I watched Ash in the under-20s at the Broncos, if the game was in the balance, he would invariably deliver the right play at the right time.

"In clutch moments, he's not afraid to command the ball. To me, that's the sign of a confident and elite playmaker."



NORTHERN PRIDE



The born-again Titans have made Queensland's domination of league complete

THE resurrection of the Gold Coast Titans this season has taken Rugby League in Queensland to historic new heights, says former Maroons skipper Gorden Tallis.

The rise of the Titans meant that for the first time, all three Queensland-based NRL clubs made the finals in the same year, and Tallis believes it shows the game's powerbase has well and truly shifted north of the Tweed.

"It is fantastic for the code in general, but especially in Queensland," Tallis said.

"To have the Origin team achieve what it has over the past decade built around that once-in-a-lifetime core of players, and now for all three Queensland clubs to have made the finals in the same year, it really is incredible.

"It was such a big thing for the game up here, but I think it was also a real feel-good story in NSW as well, as strange as it seems.

"I think everyone in the game loves a good fairytale story, and the Titans certainly delivered that this year by performing so well as incredible underdogs.

"And I think everyone in the game likes seeing North Queensland do well, because they paid their dues as a footy club for 20 years before

winning a grand final and are a great team with a good bunch of blokes.

"The Cowboys' rivalry with the Broncos has taken the game to a new level. After the extra-time win by the Cowboys in the semi-final, the headline in The Daily Telegraph newspaper in Sydney the next day just said: "Thank you".

"It was saying that after all the negative stuff, controversies, stuff about the bunker and what have you, it was the type of game that reminded us all just how good the game can be. You can't get a much bigger wrap than that.

"The Cowboys-Broncos games are now so anticipated because every time they play, it is an absolute classic."

The Titans were undoubtedly the surprise packets of the season, finishing in eighth spot to qualify for the finals for the first time since 2010 after plenty of judges had them pegged to finish at the bottom of the ladder.

There was good reason for the pessimism.

After the club emerged from its seemingly inevitable financial collapse after players were caught up in a cocaine scandal, the hits just kept on coming.

Sponsors and crowds abandoned the Titans. Daly Cherry-Evans backflipped on his Gold Coast deal, senior players Nate Myles, Dave Taylor and James Roberts all departed and, in one last killer blow for their 2016 season, gun halfback Kane Elgey destroyed his knee at pre-season training.

Instead of raising the white flag, the Titans – under coach Neil Henry, the former Maroons assistant coach – put up their fists and got ready to fight for credibility.

Riding on the back of an excellent rookie year from Ash Taylor, the Titans rebuilt their reputation as a team that played good footy and would not give up for 80 minutes.

Along the way, they picked up some class recruits in Nathan Peats and Konrad Hurrell before the big one – Jarryd Hayne – landed about a month before the end of the season on a two-year deal.

"They have been making some good steps forward for a while now, especially off the field," Tallis said.

"Everybody involved in the club now understands how important it is to the game and the people of the Gold Coast to have a successful club at the Titans.

"Everyone talks about importance of having a strong front office at a

footy club, and it's not a throw-away line. It is so important, because it filters down to everything you do.

"For the Gold Coast to have the front office they now have, with Graham Annesley and all his experience backed by a terrific board led by the fantastic Rebecca Frizelle, all the ingredients are there.

"But everyone needs a marquee player, and that is what Hayne and Hurrell bring to the place. You need the cult figures as much as the superstars.

"When I was growing up, Wally Lewis was the best player ever, no question. But when you mentioned the name 'Smokin' Joe' Kilroy, everybody immediately knew who you were talking about.

"Everyone knew Sam Backo, Campbell 'Zulu' Dews. They were personality players – the ones people love to watch.

"Those are the players the Titans have now, and having those players makes it so much easier to connect

with fans and build that relationship with supporters.

Tallis said the Titans' fightback and underdog mentality would see them embraced by all Queenslanders, like how the Cowboys become everyone's "second team".

"People always ask me why I'm involved with the Titans. It's simple: I'm a Queensland, and they are a Queensland team. I just want Queensland to do well in everything," he said.

"I played with Brisbane, I was on the board at the Cowboys. Now I am doing what I can to help the Gold Coast become strong as well.

"The Titans don't get the love that they should, and we need to change that.

"We now have Hayne, Hurrell, Nathan Peats, Chris McQueen, Ash Taylor and the rest of them making up a team that is attractive to young kids, and they will want to come and watch."



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STARS OF THE FUTURE DELIVER IN LOCAL LEAGUE

QUEENSLAND rugby league fans were much happier when Jason Demetriou was coaching on this side of the border.

Demetriou enjoyed a tremendous run of success as a coach in Queensland, firstly with the Northern Pride, who he took to the 2014 Intrust Super Cup premiership and the inaugural NRL State Championship the same year with a win over Penrith.

Earlier in 2014, Demetriou had coached the Queensland Residents to a 24-16 win over NSW Residents.

On the back of that success, in 2015 Demetriou joined Paul Green's staff at the Cowboys as assistant coach, helping North Queensland to their fairytale grand final win over the Broncos.

In 2016, Demetriou was on the move again, this time to the Dragons where he became assistant coach to Paul McGregor and head coach of their feeder club, the Illawarra Cutters.

He won the NSW Cup premiership, was named that competition's coach of the year, and then mastermind the 54-12 annihilation of Queensland Cup

champions Burleigh in the State Championship final.

It was a sad postscript to a sensational season from Burleigh, who broke through a remarkable 12-year drought of finals football to defeat Redcliffe 26-16 in the Queensland ISC grand final.

After an off-season clean-out, the Bears did tremendously well to perform as well as they did, responding to a sterling coaching performance from Jim Lenihan.

Playmaker Cameron Cullen was the star for the Bears, pulling the strings for the underdogs' victory, scoring the match-sealing try 10 minutes from fulltime and taking home the Duncan Hall Medal as man of the match.

Cullen poked his nose into the NRL this season with a couple of appearances with the Gold Coast Titans.

But with the Titans now flushed for halves after the emergence of Ash Taylor

alongside Kane Elgey and Tyrone Roberts, Cullen elected to head for greener pastures and will join Manly in 2017.

He will now jostle with the Sea Eagles' Melbourne recruit Blake Green for the No.6 jersey alongside Daly Cherry-Evans at Brookvale next year.

Redcliffe were brave, but left to lament a couple of defensive lapses late in the piece that proved costly.

Still, the Dolphins have done tremendously well under their coach, former Queensland Origin winger Adam Mogg.

In the FOGS Colts Challenge, Wynnum Manly ran away with the premiership in style, crushing Easts 34-12 in the grand final.

The Seagulls roared out to a 24-0 lead in the first half, and while the Tigers did manage to claw their way back to 24-12, Wynnum had another gear and cruised home on the back of a man of the match display from halfback Aaron Booth, who scored two late tries to put the result beyond doubt.

NEW ROOS ON A MISSION

AUSTRALIA'S new-look Kangaroos proved they are ready for the long-haul to the World Cup with their 26-6 win over New Zealand in the Perth Test.

In a perfect lead-up to the Four Nations campaign, the Kangaroos looked a class above the disappointing Kiwis, justifying the faith of Test selectors who decided the time was right to plan for the future with Mal Meninga's squad.

Test regulars Corey Parker and Paul Gallen were two high-profile omissions, while Penrith's Trent Merrin earned a recall, and Valentine Holmes, Shannon Boyd and Tyson Frizelle were handed Test debuts.

Australian selector Darren Lockyer said while it was a difficult decision to usher in a new era for the Kangaroos, the new players had justified the faith

with their performances in Perth.

"There is no doubt it was a tough decision to leave (Parker and Gallen) out," Lockyer said.

"But the feeling among the selectors was that the time was right to bring in some new blood, not just for this series but obviously looking ahead to next year's World Cup.

"It was certainly pleasing to see the guys who were given an opportunity take their chance by playing so well.

"It was a good victory for Australia, and a great platform for Mal and the guys to work from during the Four Nations."

While the new faces gave Australia an edge in youth and enthusiasm, Lockyer said it would still be the Kangaroos' old guard that would be the key to success in the Four Nations

and the World Cup.

"We are very fortunate that we have a spine with the ability and capabilities of Cameron Smith, Johnathan Thurston, Cooper Cronk and Darius Boyd. That is always going to give you an advantage having a group like that together," he said.

"Going into the Four Nations, we are facing an England team that will be a whole new proposition under the coaching of Wayne Bennett, and a New Zealand team that is ranked No.1 in the world. Scotland are there as well, who are probably the unknown quantity of the tournament.

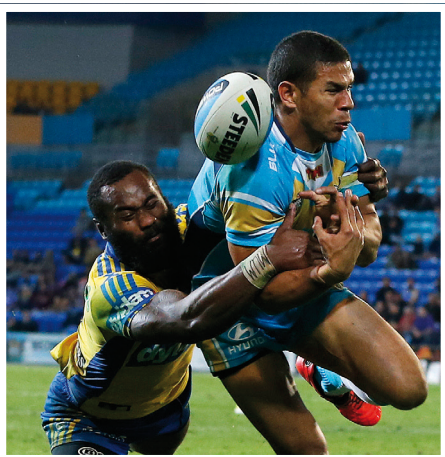
"We are confident that the guys who are playing now can do a job for us. But this squad was selected with one eye on the future, and I think the future looks good."



SUMMER SHOVIN'

THE OFF-SEASON HAS BECOME THE SILLY SEASON FOR NRL PLAYER TRANSFERS

RUGBY League no longer stops for summer, with the never-ending merry-go-round of player transfers ensuring the game continues to dominate headlines at a time when cricket previously dominated back-page news.



The 2016 pre-season was easily the most hectic seen, with players and clubs negotiating last-minute transfers in an engaging game of chess that redefined the Rugby League landscape.

The Gold Coast Titans found themselves at the centre of the transfer cyclone last year.

It began when James Roberts discovered his signature had been forged on a contract by a Titans staffer, making his deal null and void.

Roberts used his window of



opportunity to quit the Gold Coast and move to Brisbane, sparking a chain reaction that saw Dale Copley – considered the heir to Justin Hodges' No.4 Broncos jersey – cut from the club to end up at the Sydney Roosters.

Roberts' departure created salary cap space that would see the Titans add Nathan Peats, Konrad Hurrell and – the big one – Jarryd Hayne to their roster during the 2016 season.

Within weeks of this season finishing, the Titans roster was again shifting like a Burleigh Heads sandbank with David Mead (Broncos), Greg Bird (Catalans), Nene Macdonald (Dragons), Josh Hoffman (Parramatta), Luke Douglas (St Helens) and the retiring Nathan Friend all on their way out the door.

England Test centre Dan Sarginson will join the Titans from Wigan, and at the time of going to press was expected to be joined by Melbourne's Kiwi Test backrower Kevin Proctor.

Brisbane, by comparison, were looking relatively quiet in roster changes, aside from the retirement of senior players Corey Parker and Jack Reed.

But Wayne Bennett's decision to throw a lifeline to former Kiwi captain Benji Marshall with a one-season deal made the rest of the league sit up and take notice.

Where Marshall fits into Brisbane's talent-laden roster remains to be seen.

Mead heads up the M1 to join Brisbane, acting as a direct swap for young prop Jarrod Wallace, who is leaving the Broncos and heading to the Titans.



North Queensland will lose James Tamou (Penrith) and Rory Kostjasyn (Newcastle) from their 2015 premiership team for next year, with the Cowboys yet to make any major acquisitions for 2017 outside of young Melbourne five-eighth Ben Hampton.

Across the league, the Warriors are probably the most intriguing of the new-look line-ups, with New Zealand's Test coach-and-captain combination of Stephen Kearney and Kieran Foran joining the club.

Manly have had a massive clean-out, with Melbourne's Blake Green and former Test winger Akuila Uate (Knights) the only regular first-graders heading to Brookvale.

The Storm have added highly rated youngster Josh Addo-Carr (Wests Tigers) to add depth to their grand final squad.

NSW hooker Robbie Farah headlines South Sydney's new buys after an acrimonious split from the Tigers, who have brought former Gold Coast giant back from the NRL wilderness.

The Roosters have shopped heavily after their ordinary season, bringing in Luke Keary and Paul Carter from Souths and fullback Michael Gordon from the Eels.

But as last season showed, these changes will be just the beginning of the player meat market heading into the 2017 season.

WHO'S GOING WHERE

KEY CHANGES AS OF NOVEMBER 1

BRISBANE BRONCOS	
IN:	DAVID MEAD (TITANS)
IN:	BENJI MARSHALL (DRAGONS)
IN:	MITCHELL DODDS (WARRINGTON)
IN:	TAUTAU MOGA (COWBOYS)
OUT:	COREY PARKER (RETIRED)
OUT:	JACK REED (RETIRED)
OUT:	JARROD WALLACE (TITANS)
OUT:	GREG EDEN (CASTLEFORD)

CANBERRA RAIDERS	
IN:	JORDAN TURNER (ST HELENS)
OUT:	SISA WAQA (RUGBY UNION)
OUT:	ZAC WOOLFORD (BULLDOGS)
OUT:	SAM WILLIAMS (WAKEFIELD)
OUT:	PAUL VAUGHAN (DRAGONS)
OUT:	BRENKO LEE (BULLDOGS)

CANTERBURY BULLDOGS	
IN:	ZAC WOOLFORD (RAIDERS)
IN:	JOSH CLEELAND (SHARKS)
IN:	RHYSE MARTIN (TOWNSVILLE)
IN:	RICHIE KENNAR (STORM)
IN:	BRENKO LEE (RAIDERS)
OUT:	PAT O'HANLON (RETIRED)
OUT:	SAM PERRETT (RETIRED)
OUT:	CURTIS RONA (RUGBY UNION)
OUT:	TIM BROWNE (PANTHERS)

CRONULLA SHARKS	
IN:	MANAIA CHERRINGTON (WESTS TIGERS)
OUT:	DAVID FIFTH (RELEASED)
OUT:	MITCH BROWN (LEIGH)
OUT:	JOSH CLEELAND (BULLDOGS)
OUT:	MICHAEL ENNIS (RETIRED)

MANLY SEA EAGLES	
IN:	FRANK WINTERSTEIN (RUGBY UNION)
IN:	SHAUN LANE (WARRIORS)
IN:	BLAKE GREEN (STORM)
IN:	CAMERON CULLEN (TITANS)
IN:	AKUILA UATE (KNIGHTS)
OUT:	JAMIE LYON (RETIRED)
OUT:	TIM MOLTZEN (RETIRED)
OUT:	JAMIE BUHRER (KNIGHTS)
OUT:	TOM SYMONDS (HUDDERSFIELD)
OUT:	SIOSIA VAVE (EELS)
OUT:	LIAM KNIGHT (ROOSTERS)
OUT:	NATHAN GREEN (RELEASED)
OUT:	BLAKE LEARY (RELEASED)
OUT:	ISAAC JOHN (RELEASED)
OUT:	JAYDEN HODGES (RELEASED)
OUT:	JOSH STARLING (RELEASED)

GOLD COAST TITANS	
IN:	DAN SARGINSON (WIGAN)
IN:	JARROD WALLACE (BRONCOS)
OUT:	NATHAN FRIEND (RETIRED)
OUT:	GREG BIRD (CATALANS)
OUT:	DAVID HALA (RELEASED)
OUT:	NENE MACDONALD (DRAGONS)
OUT:	DAVID MEAD (BRONCOS)
OUT:	CAMERON CULLEN (SEA EAGLES)
OUT:	LUKE DOUGLAS (ST HELENS)
OUT:	JOSH HOFFMAN (EELS)
OUT:	LACHLAN BURR (BRADFORD)

MELBOURNE STORM	
IN:	JOSH ADDO-CARR (WESTS TIGERS)
IN:	BRANDON SMITH (COWBOYS)
IN:	JAHROME HUGHES (COWBOYS)
IN:	VINCENT LEULUAI (ROOSTERS)
IN:	RYLEY JACKS (SUNSHINE COAST)
OUT:	MARIKA KOROIBETE (RUGBY UNION)
OUT:	JOSH KERR (DRAGONS)
OUT:	RYAN MORGAN (ST HELENS)
OUT:	BLAKE GREEN (SEA EAGLES)
OUT:	BEN HAMPTON (COWBOYS)
OUT:	RICHIE KENNAR (BULLDOGS)
OUT:	MATT WHITE (RELEASED)

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	
IN:	JAMIE BUHRER (SEA EAGLES)
IN:	RORY KOSTJASYN (COWBOYS)
OUT:	JEREMY SMITH (RETIRED)
OUT:	JAMES MCMANUS (RETIRED)
OUT:	KADE SNOWDEN (RETIRED)
OUT:	ROBBIE ROCHOW (RABBITOHS)
OUT:	AKUILA UATE (SEA EAGLES)

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS	
IN:	BEN HAMPTON (STORM)
OUT:	BRANDON SMITH (STORM)
OUT:	JAHROME HUGHES (STORM)
OUT:	JAMES TAMOU (PANTHERS)
OUT:	RORY KOSTJASYN (KNIGHTS)
OUT:	TAUTAU MOGA (BRONCOS)

PARRAMATTA EELS	
IN:	JAMAL FOGERTY (BURLEIGH BEARS)
IN:	SIOSIA VAVE (SEA EAGLES)
IN:	NATHAN BROWN (RABBITOHS)
IN:	GEORGE JENNINGS (PANTHERS)
IN:	JOSH HOFFMAN (TITANS)
IN:	WILL SMITH (PENRITH)
OUT:	MICHAEL GORDON (ROOSTERS)
OUT:	ATHONY WATMOUGH (RETIRED)
OUT:	KIERAN FORAN (WARRIORS)

PENRITH PANTHERS	
IN:	MITCH REIN (DRAGONS)
IN:	JAMES TAMOU (COWBOYS)
IN:	TIM BROWNE (BULLDOGS)
IN:	MICHAEL OLDFIELD (RABBITOHS)
IN:	DARREN NICHOLLS (REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS)
OUT:	BEN GARCIA (CATALANS)
OUT:	GEORGE JENNINGS (EELS)
OUT:	ZAK HARDAKER (LEEDS)

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	
IN:	ROBBIE FARAH (WESTS TIGERS)
IN:	ROBBIE ROCHOW (KNIGHTS)
OUT:	JOE BURGESS (WIGAN)
OUT:	LUKE KEARY (ROOSTERS)
OUT:	PAUL CARTER (ROOSTERS)
OUT:	KIRISOME AUV'A (RELEASED)
OUT:	CAMERON MCINNES (DRAGONS)
OUT:	NATHAN BROWN (EELS)
OUT:	MICHAEL OLDFIELD (PANTHERS)

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS	
IN:	PAUL VAUGHAN (RAIDERS)
IN:	JOSH KERR (STORM)
IN:	NENE MACDONALD (TITANS)
IN:	CAMERON MCINNES (RABBITOHS)
OUT:	MIKE COOPER (WARRINGTON)
OUT:	SEBASTINE IKAHIHIFO (HUDDERSFIELD)
OUT:	BEN CREAGH (RETIRED)
OUT:	DYLAN FARRELL (RETIRED)
OUT:	MITCH REIN (RELEASED)
OUT:	BENJI MARSHALL (RELEASED)

SYDNEY ROOSTERS	
IN:	MICHAEL GORDON (EELS)
IN:	LUKE KEARY (RABBITOHS)
IN:	PAUL CARTER (RABBITOHS)
IN:	LIAM KNIGHT (SEA EAGLES)
OUT:	VINCENT LEULUAI (STORM)
OUT:	SAM MOA (CATALANS)

NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS	
IN:	KIERAN FORAN (EELS)
OUT:	THOMAS LEULUAI (WIGAN)
OUT:	SHAUN LANE (SEA EAGLES)

WESTS TIGERS	
IN:	JAMAL IDRIS (FREE AGENT)
OUT:	ROBBIE FARAH (RABBITOHS)
OUT:	JOSH ADDO-CARR (STORM)
OUT:	JACK BUCHANAN (WIDNES)
OUT:	MANAIA CHERRINGTON (SHARKS)
OUT:	DENE HALATAU (RETIRED)

LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

Josh is walking the path to becoming an NRL coach with a valuable tale to tell

JOSH Hannay reckons he is perfectly cut out for NRL coaching.

By his own admission, he spent too many years in his prime wasting the natural footballing talent he was given.

Now he is determined to help the next generation of NRL stars learn the lessons he wished he had heeded.

“My playing career has held me in good stead because the message I give to players today is not to make the same mistakes I did,” Hannay says.

“A lot of guys do look back with a wiser head and wish they did things differently to get more out of themselves.

“I am certainly one of those guys. I didn’t dedicate myself to the game as much as I needed to. To be brutally honest, in hindsight, I wish I dedicated myself to the preparation side of things.”

“I was very proud of the career I was able to have but I could have had a greater career if I dedicated myself to the preparation side of things.

“I was a laidback character and didn’t have the greatest of training ethics.

“Any trainer or coach I had will tell you the same. I relied a lot on natural ability and didn’t put the work in I should have.”

Coaching has lit the fire within Hannay. Now 37, the former Cowboys and Queensland Origin centre has come full circle, recently returning to Townsville to join Paul Green’s coaching staff for North Queensland’s 2017 NRL campaign.

Like Green, Hannay served his apprenticeship in the Intrust Super Cup, underlining his potential by bringing credibility to battlers Souths Logan.

Hannay, who played 150 first-grade games for the Cowboys between 1998-2006.

“They are a great club and a club that’s close to my heart from my time playing there.



“They are doing a lot of things right under ‘Greeny’ and are successful on and off the field. It was a no-brainer when Greeny called me to come up there.

“My time at Souths Logan was great for me to dip my toe in the water. Hopefully I can be an NRL head coach one day but I’ll see where the journey takes me.”

For all his hard-marking, Hannay still enjoyed a fine NRL career. He amassed 882 points at the Cowboys and became

Queensland’s 139th Origin player when handed his debut in the final game of the 2003 series.

Hannay and Cameron Smith were debutants in the famous 36-6 victory.

The rugged centre played just one more Origin game but it was an epic – the Maroons’ miracle 16-14 win in the 2006 decider which kick-started Mal Meninga’s record coaching reign.

“I couldn’t have asked for two better experiences at Origin level,” says

Hannay, who has two sons, Sebastian (7) and Griffin (eight months), with wife Michelle.

“In my first game, it was the dead rubber of 2003 and we produced what was then a record-equalling winning margin for a Queensland team.

“It was Gorden Tallis’ last game. I remember with 10 minutes to go we were up by plenty so I was able to stop and savour the moment of playing at Suncorp in front of a huge crowd. The occasion was incredible.

“Then I played in game three of 2006 in Melbourne, it was one of the most crucial games in our history.

“We were 10 minutes away from losing a fourth straight series and to turn that around and win that series, it changed everything.

“Queensland went on to win nine series in a row... I’m glad I played a part in helping Big Mal rewrite the history books.”

JOSH HANNAY

FOG No.139

Clubs: North Queensland, Cronulla, Celtic Crusaders

Queensland: 2 Origin (2003, 2006)

Position: Centre



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CULTURE CLUBS CONTINUE TO CLIMB



with Trevor Gillmeister



EVERY team in the NRL is so close these days, coaches and their assistants spend hours trying to squeeze out an extra two per cent of performance to build a successful season.

Talent plays a big part, of course. It's just a fact of life that if you don't have the cattle, you're not really going to be able to compete with the top teams that do.

And, as simple as it sounds, you need good old-fashioned luck with injuries to give you the best chance of winning.

If you have your best 17 players on the field most weeks, then you are a better chance of playing your best football.

Cronulla showed that this year. They kept their best team on the field when it mattered most, and went all the way to the premiership.

Alfie Langer said to me recently that in the Broncos teams of 1992 and 1993, there was a group of 10 of us that never missed a game.

That sort of thing makes a big difference.

The Broncos of that era had talent, they had luck with injuries and the other key ingredient was a great culture.

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This year showed me that a lot of clubs have learned the lesson about the difference culture can make.

Teams like Canberra, the Gold Coast and Penrith rediscovered the art of winning on the field by first rebuilding their culture, approach and attitude off the field.

Jack Gibson may have been wrong about Harold Holt getting home before Cronulla won a premiership.

But Big Jack was spot on when he said the most important thing for a successful footy team is having the right people in the front office.

The leadership and direction of the club is what dictates its standards and

expectations.

The message needs to be made quickly and clearly that if you're not onboard with it, you will be replaced by someone who is.

A couple of years ago, Canberra looked like a club going nowhere.

They were struggling to attract players, and even struggling to retain the ones they already had.

They were battling on the football field, crowds were down and the vibe was bad.

So they rebuilt their culture, and look where they are now.

The Raiders made the finals, have a stack of young and talented players, and are playing the type of footy good judges say will be the template for league's new era.

Most importantly, after all that, their fans have bought in – and are now emotionally invested and proud to support their club.

Once the Raiders got their culture right, everything else fell into place behind it.

It is not a new theory by any means. But history has shown getting your off-field culture right is just as important as anything you will do on the field in the chase for success.



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| 2. COLIN SCOTT | 49. GRANT RIX | 96. CRAIG GREENHILL | 143. SCOTT PRINCE |
| 3. KERRY BOUSTEAD | 50. ALLAN LANGER | 97. OWEN CUNNINGHAM | 144. BEN ROSS |
| 4. MAL MENINGA | 51. TREVOR GILLMEISTER | 98. CRAIG SMITH | 145. WILLIE TONGA |
| 5. CHRIS CLOSE | 52. MARTIN BELLA | 99. JAMIE GODDARD | 146. COREY PARKER |
| 6. BRAD BACKER | 53. GARY SMITH | 100. NEIL TIERNEY | 147. TY WILLIAMS |
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