



The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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MINISTER HONOURS STATE LEAGUES TOP REFEREES

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, found himself in familiar company at the NSW State League Football Referees awards with the event, staged at the prestigious Club Marconi, acknowledging the major contribution made by referees to the sport of Football.

“I’m honoured to have been invited to attend the NSW State League Football Referees awards and I applaud their commitment and dedication to Football and acknowledge the vital role they play within the community,” Mr Annesley said.

“Having been a referee I can personally attest to the highs and lows that come with being the person in the middle of a sporting event with the whistle.

“Every fan has an opinion, which may or may not agree with yours, but at the end of the day referees do a fantastic job in ensuring players and supporters get the opportunity to enjoy themselves and their sport,” Mr Annesley added.

With a membership of 140 elite referees and other match officials, the NSW State League Football Referees (NSWSLFR) is the premier refereeing body.

The NSWSLFR provides quality refereeing services for the state’s elite, professional and semi-professional football competitions.

“It was also my great pleasure to present Alex Glasgow from Wollongong with the Referee of the Year Award.

“This special honour acknowledges Alex’s outstanding abilities as a referee but also the dedication he has shown to his sport, capping a banner year for Alex as he also refereed the 2011 NSW Premier League Grand Final.

“I congratulate all of the recipients of NSW State League Football Referees awards and wish referees of all sports a successful 2012,” Mr Annesley said.

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