

*New South Wales  
Rugby Football League Referees'  
Association*

**The Sixty-Second  
Report and Balance Sheet**

*For presentation Wednesday, 28th January, 1970*



**A. SHINER**  
PRESIDENT

**O. COHEN**  
HON. TREASURER

**E. COX**  
HON. SECRETARY  
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**N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

November, 1969.

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting will be held at the New South Wales League's Club in the Ballroom, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney on Wednesday, 28th January, 1970, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

**BUSINESS**

1. Minutes
2. Correspondence
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5. Nominees for Appointment Board
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10. General Business

E. Cox  
**HON. SECRETARY**

OFFICIALS FOR 1969

PATRON

Mr. C. Wigzell

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. A. Konnecke

HON. SECRETARY

Mr. E. Cox

PRESIDENT

A. Shiner

TREASURER

O. Cohen

ASSISTANT HON. SECRETARY

Mr. J. Stewart

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Messrs. L. Bruyeres (Snr. V.P.), W. Kelly and J. Martin

N.S.W.R.F.L. DELEGATES

Messrs. C. Brown, E. Cox, K. Keough (Deputy)

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr. F. Walsh

COMMITTEE

Messrs. J. Montgomery, C. Schomberg, J. O'Sullivan,  
L. Samuelson, R. Tinsley and D. McDonald

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. L. Bruyeres, J. Montgomery, J. Martin,  
R. Tinsley and A. Aggett

AUDITORS

Messrs. L. Bruyeres and A. Aggett

FEES COMMITTEE

Messrs. L. Bruyeres, J. Bradley, F. Walsh and J. O'Sullivan (Deputy)  
J. Montgomery

DELEGATES TO 2ND DIVISION

Messrs. A. Holt and A. Willis

## A WORD FROM THE PATRON

Season 1969 was a most happy and successful year for the Association and for all connected with the game of Rugby League. The regular attendance at meetings and interest shown by members were major factors in this success.

At the outset of the Season the announcement by Messrs. C. Pearce, L. Bruyeres and J. Bradley of their retirement from the Grade ranks was received with regret. We all know the great contribution to the game of Rugby League in general and to the Association in particular which these men had made over the years and we were fully aware that their departure left gaps which would be difficult to fill. However, their decision presented other members with the opportunity to endeavour to take their places and this provided added incentive.

The Australian Rugby League is to be congratulated on the latest issue of the publication 'Laws of the Game' which must benefit the game in general. To the Board's Representative on the Committee, Mr. J. Drewes, particular thanks are due for the manner in which the new book was produced and presented. I feel, too, that a tribute should also be paid to the members of our own Association who assisted and to the active members of the Association for their efficient and prompt application of the alterations to the rules and the assistance given to various clubs in promulgating the alterations at the start of the Season.

To those members who were appointed to representative fixtures and to those appointed to First Grade fixtures for the first time during the year, and to all referees wherever they may be who received various honours, I extend congratulations.

The affairs of the Association were, during the season, conducted in the usual capable manner we have come to expect from our executive officers and delegates to the N.S.W. Rugby Football League. To them, may I convey on behalf of all members sincere thanks and appreciation.

We look forward with confidence to another successful season for our Association, its affiliated bodies and for all others connected with the game of Rugby League in 1970.

C. E. Wigzell  
PATRON

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### A Year to Remember, 1969

Gentlemen,

Another Milestone passed in the annals of Rugby League and, with its passing, a mixed bag of feelings. Victory and elation for some, defeat and disappointment for others. A new set of champions (congratulations) and a new set of also rans (commiserations).

Perhaps the greatest achievement of 1969 was the landing of two men on the moon; but you go out into the "Tiger" country and some people will even dispute this.

For our own Association, we started off with a depletion of the active ranks due to the resignation of some of our senior members. However, it was very pleasing and reassuring to see the gaps filled so adequately. My sincere congratulations to all who participated in making this possible.

The bulk of these efforts, I feel, are due indirectly to: Firstly, your Executive Committee, namely Eric Cox (Secretary), Jack Stewart (Assistant Secretary), Ossie Cohen (Treasurer) and Frank Walsh (Social Secretary) for the very efficient manner in which they conducted the activities of the Association. Secondly, to you, the Members, for your attendance at meetings and your loyalty and sincerity toward the Association. Thirdly, but by no means least, the wives of all members who not only spent many a lonely evening, but also assist in a number of other ways to keep the Association on a friendly and happy basis.

Sincere congratulations to Cliff Brown for his appointment to the Executive Committee of N.S.W. Rugby League. This is the result of a tremendous amount of team work for the sport as a whole, and reflects the unbiased thoughts of the N.S.W. Referees' Association.

With regret we must accept the resignation from office of your Assistant Secretary, Jack Stewart, to whom we owe a great deal for his untiring devotion to the needs of all members and to the Rugby League work in general.

You have probably gathered that, with such a pleasant report, the Association has had a pretty good year. Keep the ball rolling, fellows, and let's endeavour to make 1970 a bigger and better year than all, for all.

In conclusion, my sincere and personal thanks to all members for making this job as President so very easy and pleasant.

A. W. Shiner  
PRESIDENT

## HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT - SEASON 1969

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit to you your Annual Report and Balance Sheet for Season 1969, for your approval and adoption.

The Season under discussion was what we could call strictly a Club Season because, with the exception of the visiting New Zealand Under 23 Team, our Competition was not interrupted by touring teams.

We saw the retirement of Messrs. Col. Pearce, Jack Bradley and Laurie Bruyeres prior to the commencement of the Premiership Competition, which naturally left our ranks a little thin; but I am pleased to report that the men who took their places gave some very excellent performances and, given further opportunities, will become top line Referees.

This year seems to me to be open season on Referees by some members of the Press, Radio and Television and also Club Officials. I felt their criticisms were often in very bad taste, and, when you know some of these gentlemen like I do, you would realise that only a very small percentage are qualified to pass judgment on a Referee. I feel that you would all agree that, if they raised their standards rather than show their incompetence by roasting Referees, they would become better qualified to criticise.

During the Season an Australian Team toured New Zealand and retained the Ashes and, naturally, we must congratulate the Managers, Messrs. Eddie Burns and Lynch and Coach, Harry Bath, and also the Captain, John Sattler on a very fine performance.

Once again it was pleasing to receive visitors from overseas to our meetings. Every year we seem to receive a visit from a Referee from Christchurch, N.Z., and this only builds up good relations. I had the pleasure of meeting Ron Gelder, a former English International Referee, during the season. Ron, I believe, will be visiting us in Season 1970, so I will endeavour to have him in our company.

Members of the Executive and also members of the Association visited many affiliated associations and country centres during Season 1969 and, naturally, this is building up good relations within the Refereeing ranks.

I take this opportunity to thank Mr. W.G. Buckley, O.B.E., President of the N.S.W. Rugby Football League, and members of the General Committee for their assistance and co-operation during the season.

To Mr. Ken. Stephen and his Staff we also owe our thanks for looking after our many requests during the year.

Thanks, also, to Mr. Arthur Robinson and Directors of the League's Club and Trust Members of the S.C.G. for the many privileges extended to us during the season.

The co-operation I received from your President, Austin Shiner; Treasurer, Ossie Cohen; Assistant Secretary, Jack Stewart; Co-Delegate, Clifton Brown; Social Secretary, Frank "Fearless" Walsh, and members of each Sub-Committee made my job easy. These men are tremendous workers in your interests and to them I say, "Thank you" on your behalf.

Finally, Gentlemen, I know I am going to repeat myself, but many thanks for your wonderful co-operation, and again I say it is a privilege and a pleasure to serve you as your Secretary.

E. Cox

HON. SECRETARY

## COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following is the Committee's recommendation for Life Membership, Messrs. Kevin Keough and Eric Cox. For the information of all members their records are submitted for your perusal below.

K. KEOUGH Graded in 1956:- Active Graded Referee from 1956 to 1965 inclusive. Honorary Member 1966 to 1969. Total years membership 14 years.

### Attendance at Meetings

1956	13	(15)	1961	16	(16)	1966	14	(15)
1957	15	(16)	1962	16	(16)	1967	15	(16)
1958	15	(15)	1963	14	(14)	1968	10	(17)
1959	16	(16)	1964	14	(16)	1969	13	(16)
1960	15	(15)	1965	15	(16)			

Member of Committee 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1966.  
 Member of Rules Committee 1958 and 1959.  
 Member of Social Committee 1965.  
 Member of Coaching Classes 1965 to 1969.  
 Deputy Delegate to N.S.W.R.F.L. 1967 and 1969.

E. COX Graded in 1958:- Active Graded Referee 1958 to 1962. Honorary Member 1963 to 1969. Total years membership 12 years.

### Attendance at Meetings

1958	12	(15)	1962	15	(16)	1966	14	(15)
1959	12	(16)	1963	14	(14)	1967	16	(16)
1960	13	(15)	1964	16	(16)	1968	17	(12)
1961	10	(16)	1965	16	(16)	1969	16	(16)

Member of Fees Committee 1961.  
 Assistant Secretary 1962.  
 Secretary 1963 to 1969 inclusive.

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J. KELLY  
W. KELLY  
E. KERR  
A. KONNECKE  
D. LAWLER  
P. LEE  
T. LEFFLER  
J. McGAULEY  
T. McMAHON (D)  
M. MALONEY (D)  
J. MARTIN  
H. MILLINGTON (D)  
J. MOSES  
J. MURRAY (D)  
W. NEILL (D)  
J. O'BRIEN  
R. O'DONNELL  
A. OXFORD  
E. PAINE  
C. PEARCE  
G. PEARCE (D)  
H. PIERCE  
H. POULTON (D)  
H. ROWLANDS (D)  
L. ROSEN  
A. SHIPWAY  
R. SMYTH  
H. SCHUTEMA (D)  
A. SHINER  
A. SPANKIE  
J. TURNER  
E. TINSLEY  
B. WALES, SNR. (D)  
A. WELSH (D)  
F.W. WALSH  
C.E. WIGZELL  
L. WILLIAMS  
G. WIRTH (D)  
R.J. WARD  
C. YORKE

DECEASED = 29

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# LIST OF HONORARY MEMBERS SEASON 1969

J. ALEXANDER	T. EZART	J. PARKINSON
L. ALLEN	P. FITTON	K. PARKINSON
K. ARNOLD	H. GRIFFEN	A. PERRY
J. BOWEN	R. HALL	L. RANDLE
R. BOWMAN	C. HAYES	N. SAVAGE
J. BRADLEY	J. JACOBSON	C. SCHOMBERG
N. BRADY	J. JEWELL	A. SOANE
B. BUCKINGHAM	K. KEOUGH	W. STEWART
R. CAREY	A. KNIGHT	G. TAYLOR
J. COFFEY	D. LANCASHIRE	L. TURNER
K. COUCH	G. LANE	B. WALES
E. COX	D. McCAFFREY	W. WHITE
B. CRIPPS	V. McGUINNESS	S. WILLIAMS
W. DEVINE	R. McINTOSH	J. WHYBROW
C. DIMON	K. MANTON	A. WILLIS
K. DONOVAN	D. NICHOLSON	
J. EEDY	J. O'CONNOR	

TOTAL = 49

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## AFFILIATIONS WITH THE N.S.W.R.F.L. REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

	Referees' Assn.		Referees' Assn.
BALMAIN	" "	NEWTOWN	" "
CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN	" "	NORTH SYDNEY	" "
CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND	" "	PARRAMATTA	" "
C.Y.O.	" "	PENRITH	" "
EASTERN SUBURBS	" "	ST. GEORGE	" "
MANLY-WARRINGAH	" "	SOUTH SYDNEY	" "
METROP. BUSINESS HOUSES	" "	WESTERN SUBURBS	" "

COUNTRY R.F.L.	Referees' Assn.
PORT MORESBY R.F.L.	" "
LAE R.F.L.	" "
NORTHERN TERRITORY R.F.L.	" "
WESTERN AUSTRALIA R.F.L.	" "

TOTAL = 19

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# LIST OF GRADED REFEREES SEASON 1969

A. AGGETT  
 B. BARRY  
 G. BENNETT \*  
 G. BENSON  
 P. BOWEN  
 L. BUCKLEY  
 N. CLEMENTS  
 A. COLE  
 J. CONNOR  
 E. COOK  
 G. COOK \*  
 W. CRAWFORD  
 B. CROSS  
 R. DICK  
 C. EDWARDS  
 M. EDWARDS  
 P. ELLISS  
 J. FARRELLY  
 R. FREEMAN  
 C. GILCHRIST  
 M. GODFREY  
 J. GRIFFITHS  
 W. GRONO  
 J. HARRIS  
 G. HEDGER  
 C. HENNESSEY \*  
 K. HOLMAN  
 C. HUDSON  
 R. HUMPHREYS  
 B. JACKMAN  
 K. JEFFES  
 G. KELLAHAN  
 J. KELLY

W. KIRK  
 C. LANGTON  
 R. LAWLESS  
 I. McCALL  
 P. McCARROLL  
 J. McCOLL  
 D. McDONALD  
 A. McGILVRAY  
 R. McJANNETT  
 D. McLEAN  
 L. McREYNOLDS  
 G. MAHER  
 J. MARTIN  
 R. MENSER  
 J. MONTGOMERY  
 N. MORAITIS  
 R. MORRIS  
 A. NEVILLE  
 J. O'SULLIVAN  
 K. PAGE  
 D. PARDEY \*  
 R. PATTERSON  
 E. PEPPER  
 L. SAMUELSON  
 R. SMITH  
 J. STEWART  
 J. TICEHURST \*  
 E. TINSLEY  
 M. TOMSETT  
 J. TURNER  
 R. WARNER  
 F. WALSH  
 B. WISEMAN

TOTAL = 66

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# FIXTURES FOR SEASON 1969

EVENT	GAME	REFEREE	TOUCH JUDGES
<u>PRE-SEASON SEMI-FINAL</u>	Western Suburbs V Penrith	A. Neville	R. Dick G. Benson
	South Sydney V Manly-Warringah	L. Samuelson	J. Martin E. Tinsley
<u>PRE-SEASON FINAL</u>	South Sydney V Western Suburbs	L. Samuelson	J. Martin E. Tinsley
	Queensland V N.S.W. at Sydney	K. Page	G. Kellahan J. Kelly
	Queensland V N.S.W. at N'castle	H. Albert (Q'land.)	J. Hancock(N'castle) D. Murphy "
<u>REFEREES FOR RETURN GAMES IN QUEENSLAND</u>		E. Cook (N.S.W.) D. Lancashire (Q'land.)	
	City-1 V Country-1	A. Neville	G. Barley (Country) M. Tomsett
	City-2 V Country-2	N. McAllister (Country)	G. Maher C. Gilchrist
<u>PRESIDENT'S CUP FINAL</u>	South Sydney V St. George	D. Winton (C.S.)	R. Spithill (M.B.H.) B. Webber (W.S.)
<u>JERSEY FLEGG FINAL</u>	South Sydney V Canterbury-Bankstown	D. Braybrook (S.S.)	P. Hennessy (St.G.) J. Hardie (N.)
<u>S. G. BALL FINAL</u>	South Sydney V Penrith	J. O'Keefe(N.S.)	G. Hartley (E.S.) J. Hannon (M.W.)
<u>PREMIERSHIP SEMIS, FINALS and GRAND FINALS</u> <u>1st Division</u> <u>1st Semi-Final -</u> <u>1st Grade:</u>	St. George V Manly	K. Page	E. Tinsley J. Martin
	Balmain V Cronulla	E. Cook	G. Hedger G. Kellahan
	Balmain V Canterbury-Bankstown	A. Neville	M. Tomsett G. Benson
<u>2nd Grade:</u>			
<u>3rd Grade:</u>			

EVENT	GAME	REFEREE	TOUCH JUDGES
<u>2nd Semi-Final -</u> <u>1st Grade:</u>	South Sydney V Balmain	K. Page	R. Dick J. Montgomery
<u>2nd Grade:</u>	South Sydney V Manly	E. Cook	R. Fruman J. O'Sullivan
<u>3rd Grade:</u>	South Sydney V Cronulla-Sutherland	D. McDonald	F. Walsh J. Kelly
<u>FINAL</u> <u>1st Grade:</u>	Balmain V Manly	K. Page	R. Dick J. Montgomery
<u>2nd Grade:</u>	Balmain V South Sydney	K. Holman	J. Martin G. Hedger
<u>3rd Grade:</u>	Cronulla V Canterbury- Bankstown	R. Humphreys	F. Walsh G. Kellahan
<u>GRAND FINAL</u> <u>1st Grade:</u>	Balmain V South Sydney	K. Page	R. Dick J. Montgomery
<u>2nd Grade:</u>	Balmain V Manly	K. Holman	J. Martin G. Hedger
<u>3rd Grade:</u>	South Sydney V Canterbury- Bankstown	R. Humphreys	F. Walsh G. Kellahan
<u>PREMIERSHIP SEMIS,</u> <u>FINALS AND GRAND FINALS</u> <u>2nd Division</u> <u>1st Semi-Final -</u> <u>1st Grade:</u>	Sydney University V Ryde-Eastwood	R. Lawless	M. Edwards A. Cole
<u>2nd Grade:</u>	Arncliffe Scots V Northern Districts	L. Buckley	R. Patterson R. McJannett
<u>2nd Semi-Final -</u> <u>1st Grade:</u>	Wentworthville V Blacktown	L. Samuelson	R. Lawless A. Cole
<u>2nd Grade:</u>	Wentworthville V Sydney University	J. Harris	M. Edwards L. McReynolds

EVENT	GAME	REFEREE	TOUCH JUDGES
<u>FINAL</u> <u>1st Grade:</u>	Sydney University V Blacktown	L. Samuelson	R. Lawless A. Cole
<u>2nd Grade:</u>	Sydney University V Northern Districts	J. Harris	M. Edwards L. McReynolds
<u>GRAND FINAL</u> <u>1st Grade:</u>	Wentworthville V Sydney University	L. Samuelson	R. Lawless A. Cole
<u>2nd Grade:</u>	Wentworthville V Northern Districts	J. Harris	R. Patterson M. Edwards
COMBINED 2nd DIVISION V	NEW ZEALAND Representative Team	K. Page	J. Martin J. Montgomery

Our congratulations are extended to all Referees, whether as Centremen or Touch Judges for the part they played in the Club Matches.

To those fortunate enough to gain Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals, congratulations on a job well done.

I quote the Manager of the New Zealand University Team -  
"You not only have the best Referees but you also have  
the very best as Referees officiating as touch judges."  
A very nice compliment from a visiting Manager during Season 1969.

Congratulations, also, are extended to the following Referees who officiated in First Grade as Centremen:

K. Page  
L. Samuelson  
R. Humphreys  
E. Cook  
P. McCarroll

K. Holman  
A. Neville  
D. MacDonald  
J. Stewart  
J. Farrelly.

Our thanks, also, is extended to Mr. Joe McGauley and all Members of the Referees' Appointment Board for a job well done.

Whilst we may not always agree with their appointments, I feel they have a most unenviable task.

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## DELEGATE'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

The Football Season of 1969 closed on a particularly high note on Grand Final day, September 20th.

This was somewhat of an anti-climax as the last five rounds were unattractive on paper, and did nothing to improve the falling attendances experienced throughout the year.

Television, the non-appearance of an overseas team and the retention of the four tackle rule were arguments forwarded for this decline, but we must remember that more than two million people attended our Games for the second successive season.

Referees were under fire from one source or another and this appears to be the lot of all referees in future years.

A disappointing feature is the continual barrage of criticism from some League Officials with statements being issued which do nothing but reflect on the integrity of our members.

The loss of top officials is always regretted in many aspects, but retirements afford opportunities to others and the Competition Games were controlled in a most satisfactory manner. The success of men refereeing the important Semis, Finals and Grand Finals for the first time proves once again the strength and depth of this and affiliated Associations.

May 1970 prove a wonderful year for Rugby League with this Association as always playing its part.

Clifton D. Brown

DELEGATE

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT - 1969

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I place before the Association the Annual Balance Sheet for 1969. All Accounts are in a healthy position; each shows a greater credit balance than at the commencement of the year.

The General Fund showed a big improvement, there being no international fixtures and the change of venue for the Queensland fixture resulted in reduction of entertainment expenses.

I wish to place on record the gratitude of the Association for the wonderful response by all concerned with the Bernie Johnson Fund. A substantial amount was raised to assist the family of our late member.

The Assurance Fund is holding its own. Claims were slightly less, thus consolidating the position.

The Social Fund, it is pleasing to note, emerged from the red due to the introduction of a new system of revenue, which allows for expansion on the Social front.

We thank the N.S.W. Rugby Football League for the grant made to us. It is much appreciated in these days of increasing costs of administration.

I extend my thanks to President, Secretary and Social Secretary, also to the members in charge of the Picnic Novelty and to all members for their co-operation and support on the financial side during 1969.

F. O. Cohen  
HON. TREASURER

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A thank you to Gary Maher for assisting on the night of the Audit.



# N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1969

GENERAL ACCOUNT			
Receipts		Expenditure	
By -		To -	
Credit Balance 1968	231.11	Printing & Stationery	170.45
Active Members' Subs.	100.50	Postage & Telephone	122.77
Honorary Members' Subs.	38.25	Blazers L.M.	78.80
Affiliations	78.00	Donation - Golf Trophy	9.33
Balance of Fees Deduction	193.07	Convivials	88.46
Donations - Trial Matches	450.00	J. Moses Testimonial	30.00
Donation N.S.W.R.F.L.	200.00	Presentation - E. Walsh	40.40
Referees' Badges	460.00	Grant Newtown Refs. Assn.	40.00
Association Badges	10.75	Referees' Badges	385.20
Bank Interest	3.31	Entertainment	129.38
		Wreaths	72.60
	1,764.99	Honorariums	335.00
			1,502.39
Repayment Loan Social A/c.	160.00	Cash at Bank	422.60
	<u>\$1,924.99</u>		<u>\$1,924.99</u>

  

SPECIAL FUND			
Credit Balance 1968	51.34	Bernie Johnson Fund	2,242.00
Bernie Johnson Fund:-		Alan Willson Fund	20.00
N.S.W.R.F.L.	250.00	William Burgin Fund	50.00
N.S.W. League's Club	250.00		
Refs. Assn. Members	780.00		2,312.00
Affiliated Assns.	390.30	Cash at Bank	242.93
Football Clubs	210.00		
League's Clubs	275.00		
Associates	25.00		
Raffles	61.00		
	2,241.30		
Raffle W. Burgin Fund	18.20		
Transfer from General A/c.	200.00		
Picnic Novelty	27.00		
Bank Interest	17.09		
	<u>\$2,554.93</u>		<u>\$2,554.93</u>

  

ASSURANCE FUND			
Credit Balance 1968	644.85	Claims by Members	50.35
Grade Members' Subs.	134.00	Cash at Bank	739.76
Bank Interest	11.26		
	<u>\$790.11</u>		<u>\$790.11</u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1969 (CONTINUED)

FEES ACCOUNT			
Credit Balance 1968	0.22	Paid to Referees	25,821.00
Received from N.S.W.R.F.L.	25,821.00	Cash at Bank	0.22
	<u>\$25,821.22</u>		<u>\$25,821.22</u>
SOCIAL FUND			
Credit Balance 1968	155.55	Discharge 1968 Liability	149.00
Hon. Members' Subs.	38.25	Family Picnic	506.80
Active Members' Subs.	100.50	Annual Picnic	692.26
Annual Picnic	155.90	Novelty Fund	2,625.91
Novelty Fund	3,792.00	Convivial	141.42
Convivial	74.10	Loan Repayment	160.00
Donations:-		Bank Balance	69.44
N.S.W. League's Club	10.50		
N.S.W.R.F.L.	5.00		
Jack Drewes	10.00		
Bank Interest	3.03		
	<u>\$4,344.83</u>		<u>\$4,344.83</u>
BANK RECONCILIATION			
Balance as per Pass Sheets		146.45	
Less Unpresented Cheque		<u>77.01</u>	
Balance as above		<u>\$69.44</u>	

This is to certify that we have examined the Accounts of the N.S.W. Rugby Football League Referees' Association and, in our opinion, they disclose a true state of the affairs of the Association.

Signed: A. AGGETT

Signed: L. BRUYERES

Honorary Auditors

F. O. Cohen  
HON. TREASURER

# **ATTENDANCES** **MEETINGS HELD - TOTAL = 16**

**Members Who Attended Meetings Are Listed Only**

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

T. Bellew (5),  
G. Brown (15),  
A. Davis (4),  
J. Moses (11),  
C. Pearce (8),  
A. Shiner (16),  
L. Williams (6),  
A. Konnecke (12),  
W. Kelly (16),

G. Bishop (10),  
S. Carey (16),  
A. Holt (14),  
J. O'Brien (14),  
R. Cummins (5),  
F. Walsh (15),  
R. Brock (10),  
J. Martin (15),  
B. Cowley (10),

T. Brennan (8),  
O. Cohen (16),  
J. McGauley (6),  
R. O'Donnell (14),  
H. Pierce (6),  
C. Wigzell (15),  
R. Tinsley (15),  
L. Rosen (5),  
R. Ward (3).

## **ACTIVE MEMBERS**

A. Aggett (7), \*  
G. Benson (16),  
N. Clements (14),  
E. Cook (7),  
B. Cross (16),  
M. Edwards (13),  
R. Freeman (13),  
J. Griffiths (15),  
G. Hedger (4),  
C. Hudson (15),  
K. Jeffes (12),  
W. Kirk (9),  
I. McCall (14),  
D. McDonald (16),  
D. McLean (16),  
J. Martin (15),  
N. Moraitis (11),  
J. O'Sullivan (16),  
R. Patterson (12),  
R. Smith (16),  
E. Tinsley (15),  
F. Walsh (15),

B. Barry (15),  
P. Bowen (15),  
A. Cole (9),  
G. Cook (14),  
R. Dick (16),  
P. Elliss (16),  
C. Gilchrist (12),  
W. Grono (16),  
C. Hennessy (11),  
R. Humphries (15),  
G. Kellahan (12),  
C. Langton (7),  
P. McCarroll (12),  
A. McGilvray (14),  
L. McReynolds (9),  
R. Menser (11),  
R. Morris (12),  
K. Page (16),  
E. Pepper (14),  
J. Stewart (15),  
M. Tomsett (15),  
R. Warner (12),

G. Bennett (10),  
L. Buckley (16),  
J. Connor (14),  
W. Crawford (10),  
C. Edwards (14),  
J. Farrelly (16),  
M. Godfrey (14),  
J. Harris (12),  
K. Holman (14),  
B. Jackman (10),  
J. Kelly (16),  
R. Lawless (7),  
J. McColl (15),  
R. McJannett (14),  
G. Maher (16),  
J. Montgomery (14),  
A. Neville (13),  
D. Pardey (14),  
L. Samuelson (13),  
J. Ticehurst (12),  
J. Turner (12),  
B. Wiseman (11)

## **HONORARY MEMBERS**

K. Arnold (16),  
K. Keough (13),  
W. White (3),  
A. Soane (8),  
K. Parkinson (5),  
L. Bruyeres (13),

E. Cox (16),  
J. O'Connor (8),  
J. Whybrow (3),  
K. Manton (16),  
V. McGuinness (4),  
W. Devine (4),

J. Coffey (8),  
A. Willis (14),  
L. Turner (2),  
P. Fitton (14),  
A. Perry (1),  
C. Schomberg (12).

\* Perm. Apology

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## DISTRICT ASSOC. DELEGATES

BALMAIN: W. Brennan (14), D. Dudgeon (14)

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN: J. Leeds (16), T. Delauney (3)

C.Y.O.: G. Cawood (15), R. Garwood (15)

EASTERN SUBURBS: R. McGowan (8), G. Hartley (2), K. Gray (1)

MANLY-WARRINGAH: N. Patten (12), K. Johnston (4)

NORTH SYDNEY: J. O'Keefe (1), J. Porteous (3), D. McDevitt (5)

METROPOLITAN BUSINESS HOUSES: R. Spithill (5), F. Lennis (2)

NEWTOWN: R. Pierce (5), R. Wales (11)

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND: K. Manton (16), E. Russell (7), N. Lord (1)

PARRAMATTA: P. Dunn (12)

PENRITH: R. Haywood (11), J. Turner (1)

SOUTH SYDNEY: D. Braybrook (12), G. Cook (2), R. Lambert (6)

ST. GEORGE: W. Rogers (11), J. Gocher (8), S. Williams (1)

WESTERN SUBURBS: N. Cislowski (11), A. Hill (9)

COUNTRY R.F.L. REFEREES' ASSN: A. Byrnes (7), B. Kent (3)

Meetings of the various Sub-Committees were held regularly during the year and were fully attended.

## RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS OF INTEREST

\* "The Year of the Tiger" Balmain D.R.L.F. Club Premiers 1969 - Richmond Australian Rules Team commonly known as the Tigers also Premiers in Victoria. Norman "Latchem" Robinson, known as "King of the Tigers," very successful Greyhound Owner - owns dog called "Come on Pancho" - successful winner during 1969. All in all a very successful year by the men from Tiger Country.

\* South Sydney once again successful in Club Championship, Third Grade Premiers and winners of President Cup, Jersey Flegg and S.G. Ball Series. A good team their First Grade but lacked a little in team spirit. Will be a force in season 1970.

\* Manly-Warringah D.R.L.F. Club. Premiers in Second Grade - played in Final of First Grade. This team needs an injection of the "Arthurson" spirit and killer instinct and then I predict they will win that coveted premiership.

\* Wentworthville D.R.L.F. Club once again winners of Club Championship, Premiers in First and Second Grade of Second Division. A mighty effort by a wonderful Club.

Sydney University Amateur Rugby League Club runners-up in the First Grade of Second Division Competition. I believe their efforts have created a lot of Rugby League interest in Metropolitan Universities.

\* Proposed formation of University Amateur Rugby League Competition in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong. Naturally, we hope to see the formation of a Referees' Association within the Universities which will further add to our strength.

\* Award of M.B.E. by Her Majesty the Queen to Mr. Arthur Frigelle, popular Director of the New South Wales League's Club.

\* This season we were proud to welcome to our Grade ranks Messrs. Gary Bennett, Gary Cook, Claude Hennessey, Doug. Pardey, Joe Ticehurst and Ray Warner.

A brief run down on our recently retired members:

Colin Pearce - Now an Associate Director of W.H. Jones & Co. I.X.L. Jams. Enjoying his retirement as a Radio Commentator, T.V. Critic; also writing League articles for the daily press.

Jack Bradley - Overseas Representative for his Firm mainly in Asia, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Philippines and New Zealand. Could be handy as our Duty Free Agent obtaining our transistors, etc.

Laurie Bruyeres - Company Secretary of Sonnerdales, Richardson, David Brown Ltd. Along with Col. Pearce is still an active member of the Referees' Examination Board. Refereeing in the Journalists' Competition.

Bill Devine, Jnr. - Activities restricted due to family illnesses, but I do believe Bill is back in harness on the Cricket Field.

Colin Schomberg - Actively associated with the Examination Board and coaching future referees in the Manly District. Just the fellow to see for your 'Tilt-a-Door.' Could be now called the "Bob Dyer" of Referees, as he is the proud owner of a cruiser. Interested in taking Les. Smith on a fishing trip - let's hope he uses Les. for bait and then a lot more referees would get home safely from the S.C.G.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF N.S.W.R.F.L. R.A. 1969

During the season at Beverly Hills Bowling Club we entertained and feted our two new Life Members, Bill Kelly and Bert Cowley and their good ladies. This was a wonderful night and Bill and Bert certainly appreciated the roll-up by all their friends to witness the presentation of their Life Membership Blazers.

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VALE

Our saddest year for a long time where we saw the loss of our mate and active Referee, the late Bernie Johnson, as the result of an accident. As a tribute to Bernie I can only say he was known as "Good Bloke." To all members who suffered losses, we offer deepest sympathies.

APPRECIATIONS

To Arthur Robinson and N.S.W. League's Club Staff for many courtesies.

Jack Hampsted, Brian Kelly, John Buttel, Nick Moraitas for supply transport, steak and greens for our functions.

To John Connor, Rothmans, Alan Wilson, W.D. & H.O. Wills, Ray Stehr and Keith Holman of John Cawsey (the Black and White Experts) for supplying all the smokes and drinks we appreciate so much when we are relaxing.

To Canterbury-Bankstown D.R.F.L. Referees' Association for the loan of Porta-Gas Barbeque equipment at our Picnic.

To Dr. Bill Monaghan and the Staff at Lewisham Sportsman's Clinic for looking after injured referees.

Our thanks also to Mr. Jack Drewes for his co-operation and generous donations to the Association.

To Les. Smith acting as our Compere at our Life Members' Night.

Also to Beverly Hills Bowling Club for allowing us to conduct functions at their Club.

Finally, I make special mention of our Social Secretary's good wife, Esme. Over the past fifteen years Esme and Frank have catered for all our requirements at picnics, social functions and convivals. Esme especially must be thanked for her work in the background.

I feel all members were very proud and thrilled to see Esme's reaction when the members saw fit to present her with a canteen of cutlery at the men's picnic in recognition of her efforts along with Frank over the past fifteen years. Thanks, Esme.

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N.S.W. R.F.L. REFEREES WHO OCCUPY POSITIONS  
WITH THE N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

EXAMINATION BOARD: Messrs. C. Pearce, L. Bruyeres, C. Wigzell,  
T. Bellew, T. Brennan, C. Schomberg and J. Moses.

APPOINTMENT BOARD - 1ST DIVISION: Messrs. J. McGauley, R. O'Donnell,  
J. O'Brien, J. Coffey, L. Williams, W. Kelly and S. Carey.

APPOINTMENT BOARD - 2ND DIVISION: G. Bishop, J. O'Connor and R. Brock.

COACHING PANEL: C. Pearce and K. Holman.

COACHING CLASS FOR REFEREES: C. Wigzell (Director).

SECRETARY OF 2ND DIVISION: E. Cox.

MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE: C. Brown.

MEMBER OF 2ND DIVISION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Messrs. A. Holt,  
A. Willis and E. Cox.

VICE-PRESIDENTS: T. Brennan and J. McGauley.

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LET'S PAY A TRIBUTE

Season 1969, at the commencement, saw Col. "Sandy" Pearce retire after a brilliant career extending over a period of twentythree years.

The story often told by Col. as to how and why he became a Referee is not known to many of our younger referees.

Col. elected to become a Referee because, as a keen follower of Rugby League, he felt his Team, Newtown, was not being given a fair go by referees. He quickly realised after commencing his career, that referees were beyond reproach and Newtown was being refereed in the same manner as all other teams.

During his career he refereed many test matches, interstate fixtures, international fixtures, city versus country, State Cup Final and First Grade Grand Finals. He refereed every international country to visit Australia.

In his final year as a Referee, the Australian Rugby League saw fit to send Col. overseas to New Zealand to referee a World Cup Match. This was the first time any referee of this Association had been sent from Australia to control an international fixture. According to Mr. W. Fallowfield, O.B.E., Col. was one of the best Referees he had seen during his career as Secretary of the English Rugby League.

Col. refereed well over five hundred 1st grade fixtures. This alone is a wonderful record. As all of our top referees have been individualists, I feel Col's main attribute was that he is a perfectionist. Congratulations, Col., on a wonderful career - and enjoy your retirement.

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## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - 1969

Mr. President & Gentlemen,

For your perusal and, I trust, your subsequent approval and adoption, I have great pleasure in submitting another Social Secretary's Saga following in the tradition of 'Blue Hills' and 'Peyton Place.'

Following on the vast activities of last season with our Jubilee Celebrations and World Cup festivities, this season seemed anti-climatic (another phrase from the World of Sport) with just Convivials, Ladies' Night and Picnics. Oh! yes, the 200 Club and "Christo's" wrap-up at La Perouse and the League's Club.

May I, at this point, express the heartfelt gratitude and thanks that I felt when the President, Mr. Austin Shiner, made a presentation to my wife for the help and service that she has given to me and, so through me, to the Association. The presentation took the form of a beautiful coffee table canteen of cutlery, complete with Referee's Badge and inscription plaque. It's an eye catching piece of furniture and I thank the Association very much for its kind thought.

Whilst the President, together with the Secretary, Mr. Eric Cox, and the Treasurer, Mr. Os. Cohen, most certainly knew about the purchase, it would probably be the only time that I have never got wind of what was going on within the Association. I don't know if many more members were involved, but it was a very well kept secret which added all the more to the giving. Again, my thanks to all concerned.

### Convivials

During the season a number of Convivials were held and these resulted in members getting to know each other a little better (I was going to say intimately, but some of the ladies read this).

At one Convivial through the efforts of our own Cecil B. De Mille and Mack Sennett, who go under the aliases of John Montgomery and Jack Stewart, we staged a very topical film night featuring the Moon Flight Men and Apollo. When the lights came on, I don't know if the lads thought it was "Exodus" and shot thru, or, after watching the moon with its craters and rocks, got the urge to get out of there and grease the car or - something. The 'stayers' vote that's the quickest that the 'players' have ever cleared the room. My thanks to the Manly and Canterbury boys who stayed and helped lower the plimsoll line on the 2nd eighteen. The night also created one other record - it is the first time on record that we have sent beer back.

On the day of the All Schools' Carnival, the lads who came down from the country areas were entertained back at the N.S.W. League's Club by a group of members of this Association under the tender hands of Steve Carey and Ted Pepper. My thanks "fellas." The lads from the country all expressed their gratitude to the Association for the manner in which they were entertained.

#### Annual Picnic:

The Annual Picnic was held at Rodd Island this year and was again well supported, making this the second year in a row that the attendance has been over the 130 mark. Of the active members we had approximately 64% in attendance as against 36% of visitors, so if members wish to cancel the Bucks' Picnic other reasons will have to be advanced. All that is needed is for members to stand up and say, "We no longer need the Bucks' Picnic, it has outlived its usefulness." Then turn around and think to which function you will invite the Representatives from the District Associations, Rugby League, etc.

Our 'Corps de Chefs' were joined by Mrs. Farrelly this year and our thanks go to her and the other ladies, Mesdames Cox, Martin, O'Sullivan and Walsh for their efforts on the day. The ladies and the manner in which we cater for this event certainly contain the expenses more than if outside caterers were employed.

The results of the events contested were:-

N.S.W.R.F.L.R.A. Relay: (1) North Sydney

District Assn. Delegates: (1) R. Hayward (Pen.)  
(2) G. Hartley (Easts)  
(3) J. McDavitt (Norths)

N.S.W.R.F.L. (Graded Referees) 100 yds. Championship:

(1) G. Cook (2) C. Hudson (3) D. McDonald

Life Members' Novelty: (1) C. Wigzell (2) J. Martin (3) O. Cohen

Visitors' Championship (100 yds.):

(1) J. O'Keefe (2) D. Chadwick  
(3) T. McGuinness

Referees' Assoc. Handicap (100 yds.):

(1) J. Griffith (2) D. McDonald  
(3) J. Farrelly

N.S.W.R.F.L.R.A. Open Championship (100 yds.):

(1) J. O'Keefe (2) R. Hayward  
(3) B. Barry

Honorary Members' Handicap (100 yds.):

(1) P. Fitton (2) R. Bowman

Visitors' Handicap (100 yds.):

(1) L. Green (2) R. Coffee

Veterans' Handicap (75 yds.):

(1) A. Konnecke

Open Relay:

Team 'F' - Messrs. T. McGuinness,  
R. Hayward, B. Davoren,  
R. Humphries

Best Result of the Day: Joe Moses won enough to finance John  
Harrigan's purchase of 'Chequers' Nightclub.  
Don't the bookies stick together?

When the launch arrived at Rodd Island, the Golden Fleece Chorus greeted Les. Smith with the strains (and they were strained) of - "We all love you, Leslie, your service is the best" complete with signs depicting the smiling Leslie's establishment of Car Care. Although the chorus did well, the Golden Fleece jingle contest was won by the Manager's Mother-in-Law.

#### Family Picnic

Two weeks later, on Sunday, 26th October the Family Picnic was held at Lane Cove National Park. 156 children brought along 73 mums and dads to again exceed last year's roll-up. It was unfortunate to see so many of our older members missing from the scene through other commitments.

Presents were again distributed by the President, Mr. A. Shiner, and each lady received a gift as a memento of the day.

During the day sweets, ice cream and soft drinks were dispensed to all and - at a most appropriate time, as a lull started to develop after the morning races had been completed - "Jasbo" the Clown appeared. I hope the Press doesn't get wind of the fact that here we had one of our top Referees acting the part of the Clown. It was all good fun - with his water pistols, he cooled a few kids. It went over very well and it was worth a dollar to see the look on Ray Lawless' face as he tried to guess who it was in the suit. Our thanks to "Jasbo."

The weather was very warm in the morning, with the pool being a favourite instead of the Races and we did experience difficulty in getting all the starters to the barrier. However, it was again a day well enjoyed by all in attendance.

#### Life Membership Presentation Night

Beverly Hills Bowling Club was again the venue for our Presentation Night when Life Membership of the Association was bestowed on Mr. Bert Cowley and Mr. Bill Kelly by the President, Mr. Austin Shiner.

Under the baton of Mr. Les Smith, the Beverly Hills' sympathy orchestra carried on the festivities and made this one of the most enjoyable nights we have had at the Club.

This year we decided, instead of a few hastily consumed ales at the Cricket Ground, we would invite the boys from the country who were down for the Country V City Fixtures to this Presentation Night, but only Mr. & Mrs. Noel McAlister were able to get along. Perhaps more will be in attendance this year; if not, we will probably resort back to the Convivial at the S.C.G.

### Conclusion

This year the Association, because of its expanding social activities and spiralling costs, conducted a 200 Club to raise the amount needed to run the social aspect of the Association. A lot of members came forward and took extra tickets. Quite a few went to great lengths to help the Association get rid of the 200 necessary to ensure success and the rest sat back content that they had fulfilled their obligations to the Association. This is a vexatious question of finance and if we want the functions then we have to pay for them. If we want a function where the costs are cut to the bone, then we have a second rate affair and attendances will decline and we shall lose face; but if we wish to travel first class, then it is going to cost us \$20 per active member, i.e., \$1,320. Whether we run the same scheme as this year or make it a straight out social levy is up to the members; but I wish to point out that this year was very unfair to the valiant few who went to great lengths to help, they being up for many dollars more than they should have been.

I wish to thank my Social Committee who worked very hard on your behalf, Messrs. B. Barry, G. Benson, R. Dick, J. Farrelly and P. Elliss at the Convivials and various social events held during the Season.

Our thanks to Mr. Bruce Jackman and Mr. John Connor for their donations of Cigarettes to the Association. Also Mr. Keith Holman for his donation of spirits for the Official Table.

During my term of office as Social Secretary, I have enjoyed working in the interests of members and the Association, but I now feel that possibly the Association has reached the stage where a change of Social Secretary could be in the best interests of the Association. I have always maintained that nobody is indispensable and if there are members sitting out there who are prepared to devote their time and energy to the position, then I urge you to stand for Office.

My personal thanks to Mr. A. Shiner, Mr. E. Cox and Mr. O. Cohen for their help and assistance and, if I may be permitted, I would like to thank Mr. Jack Stewart for being such pleasant company (he uses Palmolive Gold), as, too, was Mr. Alec Soane before him. You just cannot sit beside chaps like these, meeting after meeting, without feeling some strong bond of friendship. I will miss Jack from the position, but I certainly wish him all the best.

This is possibly the longest conclusion section ever, but I wish to thank members for their assistance and support throughout Season 1969. What will 1970 and the next decade bring - a finish to the Opera House? A R.L. ground of our own? Cyril, Patron of the Japanese R.L.R.A.? Ossie still with 22 cents in the Fees Account? Eric still supplying front ends for H.M.A.S. "Melbourne" or the N.S.W. Referees' Association conducting a service to members only whereby we cater for our children's weddings?

The first five were in fun only, but the last one I am serious about as I feel this is the largest single item most members would be 'up for' in their married life. Give it some thought and see if you can help devise a scheme whereby we can help each other.

I close now to go training for the start of the Pre Season Competition of 1970.

F. W. Walsh  
HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY

# RESULT OF BALLOTS

PATRON:

C. WIGZELL

PRESIDENT:

A. SHINER

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:

A. KONNECKE

KONNECKE ✓  
MARTIN X  
MARTIN

SECRETARY:

E. COX

TREASURER:

O. COHEN

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

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W. KELLY

J. MARTIN

K. ARNOLD

S. AMULSON

N. STEWART

S. SCHOMBERG

S. STEWART

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

L. BREWERS

R. D. MCHAM

L. BUCKLEY

DELEGATE:

C. BROWN

DEPUTY DELEGATE:

K. KEOGH

TINSLEY

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

F. WALSH

DELEGATES TO 2ND DIVISION:

A. HOLT

A. WILLIS

COMMITTEE:

J. MONTGOMERY

C. SCHOMBERG

J. O'SULLIVAN

S. AMULSON

R. TINSLEY

D. McDONALD

K. KELLY

PAGE

O. DENNIS

FREEMAN

HUNTER

S. HARRIS

HARRIS

BENNY

RODNEY

3.30 PENRITH

RESULT OF BALLOTS (CONTINUED)

HONORARY AUDITORS: L. BRUYERS, ~~A. AGGETT~~ MAHER ~~MURPHY~~

FINANCE COMMITTEE: L. BRUYERS, J. MONTGOMERY, ~~M. MURPHY~~ R. FINNEY ~~A. AGGETT~~  
MAHER, O'SULLIVAN WALSH ~~MAHER~~ HEDSON, ~~MAHER~~ PAGE TUNERS  
~~MAHER~~ KERRA KELLY

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: B. BARRY, G. BENSON, J. FARRELLY, R. DICK, P. ELLIS  
~~MAHER~~ ~~MAHER~~ W. KELLY ~~MAHER~~ ~~MAHER~~  
~~MAHER~~

NOMINEES FOR EXAMINATION BOARD:  
C. DIERCE

NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT BOARD:  
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GENERAL NOTES:  
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