

*New South Wales
Rugby Football League Referees'
Association*

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

For presentation Wednesday, 30th January, 1974

A. SHINER
PRESIDENT

O. COHEN
HON. TREASURER

E. COX
HON. SECRETARY
PHONE 77-3546



October, 1973.

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, 30th January, 1974 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

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E. COX
Hon. Secretary

OFFICIALS FOR 1973

PATRON

Mr. C. Wiggzell

VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. L. Bruyeres

VICE PRESIDENTS

Messrs. D. McDonald (Snr. V.P.), J. Montgomery, J. O'Sullivan

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

Messrs. C. Brown, E. Cox, J. Montgomery (Deputy)

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr. F. Walsh

COMMITTEE

Messrs. G. Benson, K. Page, B. Barry, R. Dick,
R. McLannett, J. Farrelly

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. K. Page, J. Montgomery, C. Hudson,
B. Barry, F. Walsh

AUDITORS

Messrs. R. Dick, C. Hudson

FEES COMMITTEE

Messrs. F. Walsh, J. O'Sullivan, K. Page

DELEGATES TO 2ND DIVISION

Messrs. A. Willis, J. Montgomery (Deputy)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Messrs. P. Ellis, C. Hudson, N. Clements, G. Maher,
M. Tomsett, J. Kelly, G. Braine, R. Smith,
M. Edwards, D. Winton, I. McCall,
J. Danzey, D. McLean.

It is my privilege and pleasure to write this forward to the Association's Annual Report for the 1973 season.

I must firstly extend my congratulations to the Officials of the Association for their continued efficient management of the Association's affairs. A review of the season's activities provides ample proof that each one is motivated solely by an interest in the advancement of the Association and its members.

There was unfortunately one discordant note during the season. I refer to the New South Wales Rugby Football League's decision to alter the method of notification to referees of their weekly appointments, and the subsequent dispute between the Association and the League. Apart from the fact that it should have been obvious from the outset that the decision was not in the best interests of all concerned and ignored the effect on the individual referee there was no prior consultation with the Association. We all appreciate the need for co-operation with the League in the interests of the game, but co-operation is a two-party affair and requires goodwill on both sides. That goodwill cannot be maintained if decisions which affect the private lives of individuals are taken without any prior notice or consultation.

Indeed, it is a well known fact that people will co-operate more readily in carrying out decisions if they at least have some say, no matter how small, in arriving at them. I hope that common sense will prevail and that before the commencement of the 1974 season some arrangements, satisfactory to all, will be devised to apply in the future.

The social activities of the Association, were, thanks to the efforts of the Committee and in particular the Social Secretary, as usual, conducted in a most competent manner. I feel, however, that more interest should be shown by individual members since it would ensure the success of all functions. The annual picnic at Randwick Race Course was indeed a success and I cannot let the occasion pass without saying how grateful we should be to the officials of the A.J.C. for allowing the use of such fine amenities.

Reviewing activities on the field during the course of the year I regret to have to conclude that not all referees maintained the standard expected of them. I must therefore emphasise as I have done in the past the need for those who have attained grade status to show by their example and in particular their consistency and dedication to the game the approach which younger referees must adopt if they are to succeed. Any other attitude can do little to further the progress of those who must eventually take their place. The introduction of a coaching scheme is to be commended but coaching and discussion on duties of referees are to no avail if those to whom the discussions and coaching are directed cannot look to those occupying prominent positions as referees, for a practical demonstration of what is put to them as the ideal during the course of coaching.

It was indeed an honour to have present at a meeting during the season, English referee Mick Naughton, who impressed all by his obvious sincerity and cheerful

personality. The exchange of visits between referees of the countries of the Rugby League world is, as I have advocated for many years, most desirable. Such visits, however, will be of little value if they are used as Mich Naughton's, was by sections of the media, as a vehicle for criticism of our members. I do not suggest for one moment that this was the intention of those who first conceived the idea of the visit, but unfortunately there are some who seize every opportunity to bring Australian referees into disrepute.

We hear repeated references to "differences in interpretation" between referees but in my view the differences relate not to lack of uniformity in interpretation of the laws but rather to lack of uniformity in their enforcement. Most of the laws of the game, particularly those relating to the scrum and the play-the-ball, which are the main areas of contention, are specific in terms and do not require interpretation. It is, therefore, simply a matter of whether they are enforced or not. Some people take the view that referees should ignore the laws in the interests of continuity of play. The laws of the game, on the other hand, provide that it is the duty of the referee to enforce such laws. If, then, there are some, the enforcement of which affects continuity, it is the duty of those administering the game to alter them. In these days of highly paid players and coaches I would suggest, with respect, that it is the duty of those persons to provide a spectacle for the paying public by ensuring that they co-operate with the referee in adhering to the rules as laid down.

In concluding, may I express the wish that season 1974 will be a most progressive one for Rugby League in N.S.W. and in particular for all members of our Association.

C.E. WIGZELL
Patron

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

"It's Time" again to analyse the year's activities and the pleasure of presenting my report.

Perhaps one of the most interesting and controversial years in the history of the association.

The co-operation, support and sensible attitude shown by members during our differences with the N.S.W. Rugby League leaves little to be desired. This is also amplified by the well attended fortnightly meetings which, in turn, promotes confidence in your executive.

During the season we saw a change in administration of the N.S.W. Rugby with the untimely passing of Mr. Bill Buckley and the appointment of Mr. Kevin Humphries in his stead. Condolences and sympathy were extended to Mrs. Buckley and family, and your association was well represented when Bill was laid to rest.

The sudden passing of our esteemed member Bill Kelly was a great shock. Bill will be missed greatly by us all for his unswerving loyalty and unselfishness on and off the field. To Bill's family we again express our deepest sympathy. To other members who have suffered sad bereavement we extend the same deepest sympathy.

The invitation by the N.S.W. Rugby League to Mr. Mick Naughton of England to referee one of our club games was a very huge success. Perhaps it could pave the way for an exchange of international referees in the near future. Mick Naughton proved himself a very popular man on and off the field and those who had the pleasure of his company will remember his stories for years to come. Another highlight of the season was the selection of 26 players to tour England in search of the ashes. May we congratulate all of them and wish them every success in their endeavour.

Let me also extend congratulations to all active members for a job well done and especially to those selected for the major club and interstate games. It gives me great pleasure to thank you for your continued support for which I am justly proud.

A.W. SHINER
President

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit for your approval and adoption the 1973 Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

This year we saw some great football played by all clubs and in particular the games that I witnessed were refereed well in all grades, both First and Second Division.

The saddest note this year was the passing of the late W.G. Buckley, O.B.E., President of the Australian Rugby League and N.S.W. Rugby Football League. Bill certainly left his mark on the game and he will be greatly missed particularly by the many friends he had amongst referees. He was a man who was always in the corner of the referees.

I wonder are we that step closer to having a referee travel overseas. The visit by Mick Naughton, referee from Great Britain, I hope has opened the way. Irrespective of our so called critics I saw Mick perform and whilst I agree he is a good referee I consider we have his equal and better. I do feel after the discussions we had with Mick that interchange of referees and ideas is the only way we are going to get uniformity and consistency.

Mr. Kevin Humphries, the new President of the A.R.L., will shortly be visiting Great Britain and France and I believe he is going to do everything in his power to get an exchange of referees.

Mention of Kevin Humphries brings me to a very important matter. We must congratulate him on his election as A.R.L. and N.S.W.R.F.L. Chairman. Kevin is a young man with plenty of drive, so Rugby League must go ahead. I know the referees respect Kevin and after our recent stormy episode with the League I feel we have won his respect. This was an unfortunate incident but it was definitely an intrusion on all referees private lives and personal affairs.

The Grand Final plum once again went to Keith Page, so to Keith we say congratulations but keep on your toes as we have some good referees breathing down your neck. I must congratulate that much maligned body, the Referees Appointment Board, they certainly brought Keith back at the right time. Talking about this Board I feel they did a great job right through the semis - finals and grand finals of 1st and 2nd Division with their appointments.

Commenting this year we saw the formation of the Referees Division of the N.S.W.R.F.L. Coaching Panel. These chaps are being well schooled in the arts of coaching referees and lecturing and I have no doubt all referees in N.S.W. and other places will benefit from their knowledge and lectures commencing possibly mid 1974. The division consists of Messrs. Reg Dick, Laurie Bruyeres, Don McDonald, John Montgomery, Keith Page, Jack O'Sullivan and Dick Humphreys. Once again your executive and members visited kindred associations and were always well received.

To my co-executive Officers, Austin Shiner, Os Cohen, Cliff Brown, Frank Walsh and Lisle Buckley thanks for your support. To all members a big thanks for your support and criticism, it makes my job easy and keeps me on my toes. I would like to wish you all a great 1974 season and remember 1974 is the year of the 'POMS' visit so there will be competition for the Test Berths. Finally, my old perennial thanks for the privilege of allowing me to be your Secretary.

E. COX
Hon. Secretary

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

B. BARRY - graded 1958 to 1973: Total years Membership 16 years.

Attendance at Meetings:

1958 - 5 (15)	1968 - 10 (14)	1968 - 16 (17)
1959 - 11 (16)	1964 - 9 (16)	1969 - 15 (16)
1960 - 15 (15)	1965 - 13 (16)	1970 - 14 (16)
1961 - 13 (16)	1966 - 11 (15)	1971 - 14 (15)
1962 - 13 (16)	1967 - 14 (16)	1972 - 12 (15)
		1973 - 14 (15)

Member of Social Committee 1965 to 1972.

Member of Committee and Finance 1973.

J. O'SULLIVAN - graded 1961 to 1973. Total years Membership 13 years.

Attendance at Meetings:

1961 - 9 (16)	1965 - 12 (16)	1969 - 16 (16)
1962 - 14 (16)	1966 - 14 (15)	1970 - 16 (16)
1963 - 13 (14)	1967 - 15 (16)	1971 - 15 (15)
1964 - 14 (16)	1968 - 16 (17)	1972 - 13 (15)
		1973 - 15 (15)

Member of Committee 1969 to 1972.

Member of Social Committee 1967 to 1968.

Member of Finance Committee 1970 & 1972.

Member of Fees Committee 1972, 1973.

Vice President 1973.

The above mentioned gentlemen are your Committee's recommendation for Life Membership.

E. COX

Hon. Secretary

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLL

W. KELLY (D)	K. ARNOLD
K. KEOGH	L. BAGGOTT
E. KERR	A. BELLERUM (D)
A. KONNECKE	J. BATES (D)
D. LAWLER	T. BELLEW
P. LEE	G. BISHOP (D)
T. LEFFLER	J. BLACK (D)
J. MCGAULEY	G. BOYD (D)
T. MCMAHON (D)	D. BRATTON
M. MALONEY (D)	T. BRENNAN
J. MARTIN	R. BROCK
H. MILLINGTON (D)	C. BROWN
J. MONTGOMERY	L. BRUYERES
J. MOSES	J. BUCHANAN (D)
J. MURRAY (D)	E. BUCKLEY (D)
W. NEILL (D)	S. CAREY
J. O'BRIEN	J. CLARKE (D)
R. O'DONNELL	A. COLLINS
A. OXFORD	O. COHEN
E. PAINE	T. COSTELLO (D)
C. PEARCE	B. COMLEY
G. PEARCE (D)	W. CUKE
H. PIERCE	R. CUMMINS
H. POULTON (D)	E. COX
H. ROWLANDS (D)	J. DAVIES
L. ROSEN	A.J. DAVIS
L. SAMUELSON	T. DEANE (D)
A. SHIPWAY	F. DELANEY (D)
R. SMYTH	A. DENNIS (D)
H. SCHUTTEMA (D)	W. DEVINE SNR.
C. SCHOMBERG	T. DICKESON (D)
A. SHINER	R.H. DRAKE (D)
A. SOANE	H.J. ELLIOTT
A. SPANKIE	F. ERICKSON
J. TURNER (D)	J. FARQUHAR (D)
E. TINSLEY	A. FARROW (D)
B. WALES SNR. (D)	E. FLETCHER
A. WELSH (D)	A. FLIFIELD
F.W. WALSH	W. FRY (D)
C.E. WIGZELL	T. GREW
L. WILLIAMS	G. GRIFFIN
G. WIRTH (D)	J. GRIFFIN (D)
R.J. WARD	J. HANSEN (D)
C. YORKE	A. HOLT
	J. KELLY

TOTAL = 89
DECEASED = 33

LIST OF NON ACTIVE MEMBERS SEASON 1973

J. O'CONOR	J. HALL	A. AGGETT
J. O'SULLIVAN	J. HARRIS	L. ALLEN
D. PARDEY	C. HAYES	R. BOWMAN
J. PARKINSON	C. HUDSON	J. BRADLEY
K. PARKINSON	B. JACKMAN	N. BRADY
A. PERRY	J. JEWELL	B. BUCKINGHAM
R. PATTERSON	A. KNIGHT	L. BUCKLEY
L. RANDLE	G. LANE	R. CAREY
N. SAVAGE	P. MCCARROLL	J. COFFEY
J. STEWART	V. MCGUINNESS	A. COLE
W. STEWART	R. MCINTOSH	B. CRIPPS
G. TAYLOR	R. MCJANNETT	K. CROUCH
J. TICEHURST	L. MCKEYNOLDS	C. DIMON
L. TURNER	K. MANTON	K. DONOVAN
B. WALES	R. MENSER	J. EDDY
W. WHITE	N. MORAITIS	T. EZART
J. WHYBROW	R. MORRIS	P. FITTON
S. WILLIAMS	A. NEVILLE	H. GRIFFITHS
A. WILLIS	D. NICHOLSON	J. GRIFFITHS

TOTAL = 57

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

BALMAIN	Referees' Assn.	NEWTOWN	Referees' Assn.
CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN	"	NORTH SYDNEY	"
CRONULLA SUTHERLAND	"	PARAMATTA	"
C.Y.O.	"	PENRITH	"
EASTERN SUBURBS	"	ST. GEORGE	"
MANLY WARRINGAH	"	SOUTH SYDNEY	"
METROP. BUSINESS HOUSES	"	UNIVERSITY CUP	"
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICES	"	WESTERN SUBURBS	"

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

TOTAL = 21

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
GRADED REFEREES - 1973

R. KANDELAS	Game	B. BARNES	Referee
G. KELLAHAN		B. BARRY	
J. KELLY		M. BEACROFT	
B. KENDALL *		G. BENNETT	
W. KIRK		G. BENSON	
R. LAWLESS		J. BISSETT	
N. MCALISTER *		P. BOWEN	
I. MCALL		G. BRAINE	
J. MCCOLL		D. BRAYBROOK	
D. MACDONALD *		L. BRUYERES	
B. McDONNELL		N. CLEMENT	
A. MCGILLVRA		A. COLLINS	
D. McLEAN		J. CONNOR	
G. MAHER		E. COOK	
J. MITCHELL *		G. COOK	
G. NORBERRY *		W. CRAWFORD	
J. O'KEEFE		B. CROSS	
K. PAGE		T. DELAUNY	
W. PEARSON		R. DICK	
E. PEPPER		C. EDWARDS	
R. S. PIERCE		M. EDWARDS	
P. PIERSE		P. ELLISS	
J. REYNOLDS *		J. FARRELLY	
K. ROBERTS		R. FREEMAN	
R. SMITH		C. GILCHRIST	
M. TOMSETT		J. GOCHER	
C. TURNELL *		M. GODFREY	
J. TURNER		B. GOLDSWORTHY	
F. WALSH		K. GRAY	
R. WARNER		W. GRONO	
B. WEBBER		G. GUNNEE	
D. WINTON		G. HARTLEY	
B. WISEMAN		G. HEDGER	
R. SEMMENS		C. HENNESSY	
J. DANZEY		K. HOLMAN	
A. SEE		R. HUMPHREYS	
N. PATTEN * (GRADED AFTER PRESIDENT CUP FINAL) *		K. JEFFES	
TOTAL = 74			
1st Semi Final	St. George v Newtown	K. Page	B. Barry
2nd Semi Final	Newtown v St. George	K. Page	M. Tomsett
3rd Semi Final	Newtown v Canterbury	K. Page	E. Pepper

IMPORTANT
FIXTURES FOR SEASON 1973

Event	Game	Referee	Touch Judges
<u>INTERSTATE</u>	Queensland V N.S.W.	T. Gustard (C.R.L.R.A.)	E. Pepper J. Turner
	City 1sts V Country	K. Holman	R. Warner K. Riolo (C.R.L.)
	City 2nds V Country	T. Gustard (C.R.L.R.A.)	E. Pepper J. Turner
	PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION FIRST DIVISION		
<u>PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS</u> 1sts	Cronulla V St. George	K. Page	G. Kellahan B. Barry
	Newtown V Canterbury- Bankstown	K. Page	R. Dick G. Maher
2nds	Newtown V St. George	L. Bruyeres	J. Turner R. Warner
2nds	Canterbury-Bankstown V Easts	L. Bruyeres	E. Pepper M. Tomsett
UNDER 23's	Canterbury-Bankstown V Balmain	K. Holman	R. Freeman G. Hedger
UNDER 23's	South Sydney V Penrith	K. Holman	F. Walsh M. Godfrey
1st Semi Final	Cronulla V Manly	K. Page	G. Maher G. Kellahan
1st Semi Final	St. George V Newtown	K. Page	B. Barry R. Dick
2nd Semi Final	Manly V St. George	L. Bruyeres	M. Tomsett J. Turner
2nd Semi Final	Newtown V Canterbury- Bankstown	L. Bruyeres	E. Pepper R. Warner

Event	Game	Referee	Touch Judges
UNDER 23's Semi Final	Newtown V Canterbury-Bankstown	K. Holman	F. Walsh R. Freeman
UNDER 23's Semi Final	Balmain V Penrith	K. Holman	M. Godfrey G. Hedger
1st Final	Newtown V Cronulla	K. Page	R. Dick G. Kellahan
2nd Final	St. George V Newtown	L. Bruyeres	B. Barry M. Tomsett
UNDER 23's Final	Canterbury V Balmain	K. Holman	R. Warner G. Maher
1st Grand Final	Manly V Cronulla	K. Page	R. Dick G. Kellahan
2nd Grand Final	Manly V St. George	L. Bruyeres	M. Tomsett B. Barry
UNDER 23's Grand Final	Newtown V Balmain	K. Holman	R. Warner G. Maher
PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION SECOND DIVISION			
Preliminary Semi Final	Wentworthville V Asquith	D. McDonald	R. Smith N. Clements
1sts	Uni. of N.S.W. V Liverpool	D. McDonald	J. Kelly W. Kirk
2nds	Wentworthville V Asquith	G. Hartley	M. Beacroft C. Hennessy
2nds	St. Marys V Liverpool	G. Hartley	M. Edwards B. Kandelas
1st Semi Final	Asquith V Liverpool	D. McDonald	R. Smith N. Clements
1st Semi Final	Ryde-Eastwood V Wentworthville	D. McDonald	E. Pepper F. Walsh

Event	Game	Referees	Touch Judges
2nd Semi Final	Asquith V St. Marys	G. Hartley	W. Kirk J. Kelly
2nd Semi Final	Ryde-Eastwood V Wentworthville	G. Hartley	M. Godfrey R. Freeman
FINAL 1st Grade	Wentworthville V Liverpool	D. McDonald	E. Pepper F. Walsh
FINAL 2nd Grade	Wentworthville V St. Marys	B. Cross	M. Godfrey R. Freeman
GRAND FINAL 1st Grade	Wentworthville V Ryde-Eastwood	D. McDonald	F. Walsh E. Pepper
GRAND FINAL 2nd Grade	Wentworthville V Ryde-Eastwood	J. Danzey	M. Godfrey R. Freeman

Stand-by Referees for these various matches were J. Danzey, B. Cross and G. Hartley.

President Cup - Jersey Flegg - S.G. Ball Finals were conducted by Referees Messrs. N. Patten, R. Coffey and T. Murphy. Our congratulations to all these chaps and their touch judges.

Referees who officiated in First Grade Fixtures during 1973 Season were as follows: Messrs. B. Barnes, L. Bruyeres, G. Cook, B. Cross, C. Edwards, G. Hartley, K. Holman, R. Humphreys, D. McDonald, K. Page and J. Danzey.

E. COX
Hon. Secretary

Gentlemen,

The season just concluded was an extremely difficult one for our Association and, for one of the very few times in our history, confrontation with the N.S.W. R.F.L. was a main issue. The death of Mr. Bill Buckley, a marvellous man for Rugby League, was for the Referees the loss of one who had a great respect for this body and his passing so greatly felt in all countries where League is played, will also be felt by the Referees generally and more particularly those who constitute this N.S.W. Referees Association.

The visit of our overseas Referee enabled us to meet a very fine gentleman in Mr. Mick Naughton. I saw him referee both in Queensland and in N.S.W. and my opinion has not altered from my first impression - a matter of some games in our midst would mean he would be subject to the very same criticisms our own members receive - it would appear this impression is now shared by others after 2 more games in England. Our top Referees certainly lost nothing in comparison. The Special Committee of the Rugby League after deliberations and firm decisions made from meetings over a period of a year, immediately attacked each other over contractual arrangements made with players in 1974 and caused a Committee to be found to adjudicate on the charges - this possibly more than any other action shows the problems League generally is facing and unless a genuine effort is manifested by all concerned to work towards the success of our game, the future fraught with other obvious problems will be even more difficult.

The season finished on a wonderfully satisfying note as far as I was concerned, in that all Referees maintained their respective positions during the long 6 weeks of the Semi's, Finals and Grand Finals - games in this period in both divisions although tough and difficult to handle, presented no problems to our officials and generally satisfied even the most scathing of critics.

I sincerely hope that if as suggested, Rugby League, a wonderful game has problems to solve in 1974, the least of these will be with the quality of the men who control the games, Referees and Touch Judges - and this surely depends on each member: his preparation, dedication, knowledge, application and 100% effort in making sure his contribution in each fixture satisfies even the most demanding types.

Best wishes for next season.

CLIFF BROWN
Delegate

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I again place before the Association the Annual Balance Sheet for 1973. All accounts are in credit and though expenditure increased in some items, they are non recurrent for some time but overall the financial position is satisfactory.

The demand on the Assurance Fund was heavier than usual there being eight claims, but the carry forward should be sufficient not to cause any concern for the coming season.

Our thanks is extended for donations to the Association by the New South Wales Rugby Football League, W.D. & H.O. Wills, Rothmans of Pall Mall and all other donors for their support.

The inflationary trend continues to force prices up on everything except Association ties which still remain at the same price. The Social Secretary has mentioned to me that they are stock piled in his wardrobe and he could do with some extra space.

The University Cup Referees' Association affiliated with us this year which brings the total metropolitan affiliations to sixteen. Best wishes to our new affiliate and welcome aboard.

I extend my thanks to the President, Secretary and Social Secretary for their co-operation and the support of all members during 1973.

F. O. COHEN

Hon. Treasurer

N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL REFEREES' ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1973

GENERAL ACCOUNT		Receipts	
Expenditure		Credit Balance 1972	
Printing & Stationery	352.72	Grade Members Subs.	296.00
Postage	12.69	Balance Fees Deduct	360.21
Telephone	150.57	Non Active Members Subs.	47.25
Blazers I.M.	107.00	Affiliations	90.00
Floral Tributes	25.55	Donations - Trial Matches	450.00
Entertainment	208.12	Donation N.S.W.R.F.L.	200.00
Association Badges	174.56	Donation W.D. & H.O. Wills	100.00
H. Griffen Testimonial	18.00	Association Ties	18.00
Honorariums	530.00	Association Badges	9.50
	1579.21	Bank Interest	10.43
Cash at Bank	206.10		
	<u>\$1785.31</u>		<u>\$1785.31</u>
SPECIAL FUND		Credit Balance 1972	
Grant Balmain Refs. Legal	50.00	Transfer from Fees A/C	657.69
Fees		(Interest)	130.00
W. Kelly Testimonial		Refund Legal Fees Balmain	20.00
(Advance)	500.00	Refs,	17.63
	<u>550.00</u>	Bank Interest	
Cash at Bank	275.32		<u>\$825.32</u>
	<u>\$825.32</u>		
ASSURANCE FUND		Credit Balance 1972	
Claims by Members	323.25	Grade Member Subs.	148.00
Cash at Bank	921.34	Bank Interest	32.86
	<u>\$1244.59</u>		<u>\$1244.59</u>

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N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1973

(continued)

FEES ACCOUNT		SOCIAL FUND	
Receipts		Expenditure	
Credit Balance 1972	40.81	Paid to Referees	38587.30
Received from N.S.W.R.F.L.	38587.30	Bank Int. to Special Fund	130.00
Bank Interest	132.70	Stamp Duty	6.00
		Bank Charges	6.60
		38729.90	
		Cash at Bank	30.91
			\$38760.81
Credit Balance 1972	62.26	Annual Picnic	612.87
Social Levy	1460.00	Family Picnic	603.47
Grade Members Subs.	296.00	Cocktail Dinner Dance	642.01
Hon. Members Subs.	47.25	Life Members Pres. Night	440.25
Life Members Pres. Night	326.00	Convivial	182.25
Dinner Dance	55.00	Postage	12.00
Annual Picnic	112.00	Golf Trophy	8.85
Donations			
Rothmans of Fall	40.00		
N.S.W.R.F.L. Mall	20.00		
N.S.W. Leagues	10.00		
Club	30.00		
J. Drewes	20.00		
L. Smith	10.00		
J. Moses	5.00		
H. Griffen	135.00		
Bank Interest	18.24		
		Cash at Bank	10.05
			2501.70
			\$2511.75

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 C. HUDSON
Signed R. DICK

Honorary Auditors

F.O. COHEN
Hon. Treasurer

ATTENDANCES
MEETINGS HELD - TOTAL = 15
Members Who Attended Meetings Are Listed Only

LIFE MEMBERS

R. O'DONNELL (4)	E. COX (15)	K. ARNOLD (15)	B. COMLEY (1)
C. PEARCE (2)	A. HOLT (14)	T. BELLEW (3)	O. COHEN (15)
H. PIERCE (1)	W. KELLY (4)	T. BRENNAN (2)	S. CAREY (15)
L. SAMUELSON (4)	K. KEOGH (2)	R. BROCK (1)	L. BRUYERES (13)
C. SCHOMBERG (1)	A. KONNECKE (2)	C. BROWN (15)	C. BROWN (15)
A. SHINER (15)	J. MCGAULEY (4)	R. BROCK (1)	R. BROCK (1)
A. SOANE (8)	J. MONTGOMERY (14)	L. BRUYERES (13)	S. CAREY (15)
G. TAYLOR (1)	J. MOSES (9)	O. COHEN (15)	B. COMLEY (1)
F. WALSH (15)	J. O'BRIEN (4)		
C. WIGZELL (15)			

ACTIVE MEMBERS

R. McDONNELL (14)	R. FREEMAN (14)	B. BARNES (9)	B. BARNES (9)
A. MCGILVRAY (9)	C. GILCHRIST (14)	B. BARRY (14)	M. BEACROFT (6)
D. MCLEAN (15)	J. GOCHER (13)	G. BENNETT - L/A	G. BENSON (7)
G. MAHER (15)	M. GODFREY (14)	J. BISSETT (8)	P. BOWEN (14)
J. MITCHELL (15)	B. GOLDSWORTHY (10)	G. BRAINE (10)	D. BRAYBROOK (14)
G. NORBERRY (10)	K. GRAY (5)	G. BRUYERES (13)	N. CLEMENT (15)
J. O'KEEFE (4)	W. GRONO (14)	A. COLLINS (4)	J. CONNOR (13)
K. PAGE (15)	G. GUNNEE (15)	E. COOK (6)	G. COOK (15)
W. PEARSON (6)	G. HARTLEY (11)	W. CRAWFORD (6)	B. CROSS (14)
E. PEPPER (11)	G. HEDGER (4)	J. DANZEY (14)	T. DELAUNY (11)
R.S. PIERCE (7)	C. HENNESSY (10)	R. DICK (15)	C. EDWARDS (13)
P. PIERSE (15)	K. HOLMAN (15)	M. EDWARDS (8)	P. ELLISS (14)
J. REYNOLDS (13)	R. HUMPHREYS (14)	R. FARRELLY (15)	J. FARRELLY (15)
K. ROBERTS (6)	K. JEFFES (5)		
A. SHE (12)	R. KANDELAS (13)		
R. SEMMINS (12)	G. KEILAHAN (8)		
R. SMITH (11)	J. KELLY (15)		
M. TOMSETT (14)	B. KENDALL (9)		
C. TURNELL (15)	W. KIRK (5)		
J. TURNER (8)	R. LAWLESS (1)		
F. WALSH (15)	N. MCALISTER (8)		
R. WARNER (15)	I. MCCALL (14)		
B. WEBBER (12)	J. MCCOLL (4)		
D. WINTIN (15)	D. McDONALD (15)		
B. WISEMEN (12)			

N. PATTEN 6 out of 7 - 1st Meeting 27/6

HONORARY MEMBERS

L. BUCKLEY (15)	J. JEWELL (9)	J. O'SULLIVAN (15)
J. COFFEY (1)	V. MCGUINNNESS (1)	D. PARDY (2)
R. HALL (12)	R. MCGANNETT (7)	A. PERRY (1)
J. HARRIS (11)	A. NEVILLE (6)	N. SAVAGE (1)
C. HUDSON (13)	J. O'CONOR (1)	J. STEWART (2)
		A. WILLIS (7)

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

1973

Meetings held = 15

D. Dudgeon (15)	K. Allen (6)
N. Duncan (14)	B. Bradstock (7)
C. Turnell (1)	
R. Chambers (15)	J. Colenso (4)
R. Garwood (15)	G. Cawood (5)
R. Gobbits (8)	
N. Patten (6)	C. Vickers (6)
L. Parker (3)	
F. Lennis (12)	J. Bain (2)
T. Murphy (11)	B. Harris (2)
J. Porteous (14)	F. Payne (3)
M. Mannix (13)	M. Williamson (2)
H. Creighton (12)	B. Kendall (1)
B. Prescott (15)	W. Nelson (15)
K. Gardiner (15)	
R. Powell (13)	
A. Byrnes (5)	W. Morton (5)
L. Callinman (14)	
N. Cislowski (10)	N. McMahon (3)
F. Perkins (9)	

BALMAIN:

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN:

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND:

C.Y.O.:

EASTERN SUBURBS:

MANLY-WARRINGAH:

METROPOLITAN BUSINESS HOUSES:

NEWTOWN:

NORTH SYDNEY:

PARRAMATTA:

PENRITH:

SOUTH SYDNEY:

ST. GEORGE:

WESTERN SUBURBS:

COUNTRY R.F.L. REFEREES ASSOC.:

N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE:

UNIVERSITY CUP R.A.:

NORFOLK ISLAND:

Manly won the 1st and 2nd Grade Premierships. - Balmain won the under 23's - Wentworthville won the 1st Grade of the 2nd Division and Ryde-Eastwood the 2nd Grade.

The coveted Club Championship Pennants for 1st Division - Newtown (always the Blue Bags) and Ryde-Eastwood the 2nd Division.

Charlie Gibson, Co-Manager of this year's Kangaroos, seems to be always critical of our Referees. Suspect after what I have heard from the tour so far Charlie will think all our fellows are great. No different to any other Manager returning from England.

Our case for compensation is still in the hands of the Minister for Labour and Industry. Hope to have good news for you all in 1974. The "Honorable Tom Bellow R.A." is ever on the ball looking after our legal angles along with our Honorary Solicitor John Portard.

Esme Walsh, our Social Secretary's wife and our favourite caterer, was selected to represent this country in Singapore playing Ten Pin Bowling. Well done, Esme.

This year we welcomed to our ranks Messrs. B. Kendall, N. McAlister, D. McDonnell, J. Mitchell, G. Norberry, C. Turnell, J. Reynolds and A. Patten.

The run down on our 1973 retired members is as follows:-
ALAN AGGETT. Managing Director of a local Chemical firm. Travels extensively throughout the world. According to his wife, visits home periodically.

A. COLE. Enjoying retirement and reckons he is selling plenty of stationery to his Rugby League friends.

J. HARRIS. Very active on the 1st Division Appointments Board, coaching referees in Penrith area. Thinking of buying a guide dog for his son when he goes out training at night. Still President of Penrith Referees.

F. MCCARROLL. After Parramatta's performance last year he should take up playing again. They need a bloke like Phil with the right spirit. Coaching Parramatta's under 23's and raising fat cattle down the South Coast.

N. MORAITIS. Still the King of the Markets in town. If you ever meet Nick at the Markets, then make sure you can't come away empty handed.

R. MORRIS. Still coaching but not heard much of, Rowley assisting with Junior Referees in Eastern Suburbs. Still kicks the little white ball out of the rough.

J. O'SULLIVAN. Conducting a weight watchers class (poor Dulcie). Active on the 2nd Division Appt. Board and Referees Coaching Division of N.S.W.R.F.L. Proud owner of a new Premier. Has for sale one beach hat and pair of under-pants.

D. PARDEY, Best pill dispenser in the business. Last seen conducting a Chemist shop on the ramp at Central Station. Has a good cure for hangovers.

R. PATTERSON, The housewives' friend. Trying to keep the price of beef and lamb within the reach of referees wives. Still managing his own Butcher Shop. Rumours have it that he is now in the upper income bracket.

Our Patron's wife, Mrs. Winn Wigzell, has not enjoyed the best of health and recently underwent a foot operation. Let's hope Winn that you enjoy better health now the operation is over.

The best beach hat suppliers in the business - Neil and Margaret Clements. Gee, Marg, all us beach boys "luvs you".

SPECIAL NEWS OF INTEREST

Mr. Greg Pearce, son of our Grade Referee Ritchie Pearce, is now touring England as a member of the 1973 Kangaroo Team. This is a first because Greg is the first son of a Grade Referee to tour as a Kangaroo. It is of interest to note that Ritchie is the grandson of a former Kangaroo, the late Arthur Folwell. Congratulations are extended to all in the Pearce Family.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION

At Kyeemagh Bowling Club saw a presentation made to our new Life Members, Laurie Bruyeres and Les Samuelson and also a suitable gift to both their charming ladies.

Both these chaps have done well in the Association both on and off the field and it is great to have them in the ranks of the Life Members.

VALE:

To all Members who suffered sad losses we once again offer our deepest sympathies. A special thought for Mrs. Doris Buckley in the loss of her great pal. Our special sympathies to Bob Gamwood, delegate for C.Y.O., who lost his young sister in tragic circumstances. Our thoughts are with you all.

Just as I was concluding this report, at approximately 3.15 p.m. I was informed of the untimely death of our Life Member and great pal, BILL KELLY. I can only say the world would be a better place if there were a lot more Bill Kellys. To Marie and family our deepest sympathies.

APPRECIATIONS

Many thanks to Mr. Kevin Humphreys and the League for their assistance. To that great gang of chaps Jack Hampstead, Brian Kelly, the late Bill Kelly and John Buttel for assisting with our convivial requirements.

Thanks to W.D. & H.O. Wills and Rothmans of Australia for their continued support.

To Alan Wilson and John Connor. Thanks to the Directors and Staff of the N.S.W. Leagues Club.

Thanks to Jack Drewes and Les Smith for their generous support.

Our thanks to Ken Stephens, Charles Bannerman, Keith Gittos, Joan Thomas and her girls for their support from the League Office.

To the Doctors and kind staff at Lewisham Sportsman Clinic.

I hope I haven't missed anyone, so I could be excused by saying thanks to any person who assisted us during the season.

E. COX

Hon. Secretary

REG DICK RETIRES 1973

Just have a look below chaps at Reg's record. This chap couldn't make a 1st Grade as a Centreman but he did not give up. He set his goal to be a top line touch judge and brother his record is great.

GRADED 1962

G R A N D F I N A L S

1964 Reserve Grade

1965 "

1966 Third Grade

1967 Reserve Grade

1968 "

1969 First Grade

1970 "

1971 Reserve Grade

1972 "

1973 First Grade

TEST MATCHES

1966 Australia V Great Britain
1970 Australia V Great Britain

STATE MATCH

1967 N.S.W. V Queensland

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

1966 First Sunday game at S.C.G.
1970 Presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Prince Phillip and Princess Anne at S.C.G.
1973 Touch Judge in Newtown V St. George game at S.C.G. - Final score 1 to Nil - game also screened for colour TV showing.
1973. Officiated with Mick Naughton visiting International Referee from Great Britain.

There were other incidents where Reg was present - The "Belmore Walk Off", "Ian Walsh Arm Guard Incident" and the Cumberland Oval debate (assault on Keith Page).

Apart from the incidents Reg has a great record as a Touch Judge and is dedicated to this great game. A message from Reg - If you can't make it in the centre then be one of the great touch judges like George Taylor, Bert Cawley, Jack Kelly, John Montgomery, John Martin and there are many others, but above all support your centreman at all times.

E. COX
Hon. Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE:

C. Brown and E. Cox

MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE:

C. Brown

SECRETARY OF 2ND DIVISION:

E. Cox

VICE PRESIDENTS:

J. McGauley and T. Brennan

COACHING CLASS FOR REFEREES:

C. Wiggzell (Director)

MEMBERS OF 2ND DIVISION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

A. Holt, A. Willis, E. Cox, J. Montgomery
(Deputy)

COACHING PANEL:

K. Holman

1ST DIVISION APPOINTMENT BOARD:

J. McGauley, R. O'Donnell, J. O'Brien,
A. Neville, L. Samuelson, J. Harris and
S. Carey

2ND DIVISION APPOINTMENT BOARD:

W. Kelly (Resigned), B. Hall, J. Jewell,
J. O'Sullivan, K. Arnold and J. Coffey

EXAMINATION BOARD:

C. Pearce, L. Bruyeres, C. Wiggzell, T. Beller,
T. Brennan, C. Schomberg and J. Moses.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

"Medical Authorities warn that Social Secretary's Reports are a health hazard". So in that vein we review the activities of the past season which I hope you will be foolish enough to endorse.

What will you remember most about season 1973? The drama of the decision not to referee any fixture on the weekend of the 16th-17th June.

Ted Goodwin's letter back home to Mum which she passed onto the Press. I wrote one to my Mum saying that it's just as well we run so many convivals at the S.C.G. otherwise I'd never get there.

The Great TV Sports Coverages, the Mundine V Griffiths fight. Emile Griffiths not Joey.

Princess Anne falling off her horse - twice. Did this "mark" her a fallen woman? Melbourne Cup.

Bobby Riggs playing Margaret Court and Billy Jean King. What a racquet. Princess Anne's wedding.

The Davis Cup Zone finals from Melbourne with Australia playing the Czechs. Davis Cup final against the U.S.A. when the rich kids beat the poor kids.

The Cricket with N.S.W. getting some of her old zest back.

R.L. Tests from Great Britain when all our members sniggered in disbelief as Thompson sent Lockwood off and Bobby Fulton got the Oscar for overacting. How many times have we seen that on the instant replay around the various suburban grounds?

Kung Foo Tittles at the S.C.G. So after that line up of sporting events, let's have a look at some of the Association's:-

GOLF DAY.

Whilst this day isn't put on by this Association so many referees take part that I thought I should include a par. An excellent day was staged by the wealthy Cronulla-Sutherland R.A. down behind the St. George League's Club with Manly-Warringah R.A. winning the Teams Trophy from Canterbury-Bankstown with South Sydney third.

Rowley Morris won the individual trophy from Wal Crawford after the count back. All Associations shared in the other trophies being evenly distributed.

CONVIVALS.

During the season a number of convivals were held at various venues and in the main were very enjoyable. The number held after the meetings was not as many as in previous seasons because for a period of time the meetings became protracted and overheated making it impossible to run any function.

The final convivial saw a presentation made to Messrs. K. Page, G. Kellahan and B. Barry, who officiated on the 1st Grade Grand Final, by our friends from W.D. & H.O. WILLS.

On the day of the Annual City V Country clash a convivial was held in the dressing room at the S.C.G. and in the absence of our President, Mr. A. Shiner, who was ill, the Deputy Chairman Mr. L. Bruyeres welcomed our visitors from all the Country Referees Groups.

We renamed the dressing room Bethlehem for the 2nd coming was upon us and another convivial was held on the 14th July, when St. George played Cronulla-Sutherland under the control of Mick Naughton, the referee from Great Britain, transported here by the Q.R.L. to referee the interstate series in Brisbane.

This was well attended by our members who made Mick feel at home. This fixture drew the biggest crowd of the season and during the height of the activities when the bar was the busiest it had been for weeks, the phone rang and an irate steward finally got round to answering it with a curt "Yeah". From the other end comes a voice sweet and decidedly British "Have you seen my Mick running around on the S.C.G.", to which he replied "Look lady I didn't even know you'd lost it, I've been inside all day washing bloody glasses, try the lost and found department". Albert the steward had his top hat and tails on for the occasion.

The day of the All Schools Carnival saw the following referees in attendance, R. Paton (Merewether), A. Villa (Dapto), J. Chapman (Taree), J. George (Glencoe), R. Morgan (A.C.T.), A. Young (Murrumbidgee), P. Quinn (Lithgow), B. Bullock (Nth. Albury), F. Leonard (Scone), J. Dowling (Lismore) and after the conclusion of the matches at the S.C.G., we took the lads into town to the N.S.W. Leagues Club to learn we could only be accommodated on the ground floor with our meals coming from the Hot Self Service Bar and the less said about that lot the better.

Anyway here I am with 20 referees coming along for another sumptuous repast expecting to be wined and dined and all I had was two warm semi-stiff sausages from the Hot S.S. Bar, I thought I had better put that in or you might think I was skitting again.

Remembering a thought conveyed to me by Steve Carey about Souths Juniors, I had one of my sudden flashes of genius and decided to ring Darcy Lawler at the Souths Juniors Club and see if he could do anything to help us. Darcy was out for awhile so I spoke to his secretary and after listening to my tale of woe she arranged passage into the Club for us, accommodation in a packed dining room, then into the Auditorium to see the floor show. During the meal Darcy came back and was introduced to all the members both from the Country and a few of the new faces from the grade ranks, after he left he sent back word by way of the Dining Room Managers that a good slice of the account was on the house. This evening turned out to be an excellent event and one that the lads from the country should remember for a long time to come, especially the Lobster Mornay.

On the day of the 1st Grade Grand Final, a convivial was held in the Dressing Room at the S.C.G. and this was well attended by both Referees and R.L. identities, our thanks to the N.S.W.R.L. for their donation of "staminade" to the festivities. This day was one of sadness in part as Reg Dick announced his

retirement from the active list; he will be missed as he was a good competitor and an asset to Rugby League in general.

As promised last year, Mr. Bob Jones, Secretary of the Parramatta District R.L. Club, arranged for us to have the Starlight Room at the Parramatta Leagues Club and as we walked into the room we looked at a movie being shown in the main Auditorium and there in glorious living colour and on the big screen (it had to be big to get it all in) was the "Hero" taking a shower with a friend of the opposite sex. You could tell that he had his hands full and this is a trend that could very well catch on, anyhow enough of these foolish thoughts and back to the convivial, this arrangement worked out to be quite a good idea. A good number of members and their wives attended to make it a fitting finale to the 2nd Division and also to season 1973, which had been a most turbulent year.

The "Coughmans" awards were presented by the Deputy Chairman, Mr. L. Bruyeres, to the referees and touch judges, who officiated on the 1st and 2nd Grade Grand Finals of the 2nd Division.

MARGARET'S DIARY FOR AUGUST 10TH - FRIDAY.

Dear Diary,

After a week of horsing around in Canberra it was very pleasing to relax at the N.S.W.L.C. Bowling Club, Kyemagh at the 5th Annual Cocktail Dinner Dance arranged by my favourite Social Secretary, Frank. (Thank you Marg). Altogether there were 107 people in attendance at this wonderful night with the orchestra keeping things at concert pitch all evening, but the highlight of the evenings festivities was the introduction of all the starters in the N.C.A. Stakes at Wentworth Park to be held the following night.

Each of the 12 Cabinet Ministers did a lap of honour and then donning the referees badge of honour, an eye patch, they all lined up for the start of the big event. Then each was loaded with balloons with the final one, an extra long one, whacked up between their legs, off they took towards the General Holmes Drive with Keith Holman well in the lead. It resulted in a dead heat and like my Gough all these starters have great futures or big things in front of them.

The Cabinet Ministers were Messrs. B. Barnes, L. Bruyeres, K. Holman, K. Page, D. McDonald, C. Edwards, J. Farrelly, G. Cook and J. Danzey, the other three members Messrs. B. Cross, G. Hartley and R. Humphries had all picked up a bait coming out of the starting boxes at Wentworth Park and couldn't take part. My Gough called them W.C.'s, all members of Walsh's Cabinet. My Gough says some very funny things when he has a load of "saki" on board, like when we were in Japan he kept saying to me, "Margie I wish that Mr. Tanaka (Japanese R.M.) would stand up when I stand up and not just sit there". I was able to point out to him that he was standing up.

Thanks Margaret for this paragraph, nice to hear from you.

The Annual Bucks Picnic was held at Royal Randwick Racecourse and from the times recorded in the races it was easy to see the early part of the off season had been spent in earnest training, chasing the fillies.

A big "thank you" to the girls who fed the multitude with the loaves and fishes, our chefs Mesdames Colleen Cox, Margaret Farrelly and Esme Walsh certainly help to contain the costs of this day as outside catering would be just too much to bear. Our fourth chef, Dulcie O'Sullivan, was on loan to the Opera House, where she reports that another member of ours had a big hand in the opening ceremony. It was none other than Tom DeLauney, who played the part of Benezon and Tom together with Mrs. Windsor took a major part in the festivities. You might recall seeing Benezon sitting on top of the Opera House saying those famous words "I am the spirit of Benezon" as his spear dangled over the edge. He moves into the next Norman Ross Commercial replacing John Cootes.

On the racing side of the picnic, Joe Moses again offered a price about the outcome of war with the Arabs, quoting the Syrians at 10 to 1, the Jordanians were at 50 to 1 and name your own price for the boys from Egypt, all prices applied only if you weren't looking at them, being much lower if it was face to face combat. Joe reckons that if Moses had turned right after he brought the childred out of Egypt, the Israelites would own all the oil and the Arabs the sand.

The race results, with the stable boys claiming an allowance:-

District Association Delegates - Adelaide Cup.

1st G. Callihan (P.S.), 2nd T. Murphy (New), 3rd B. Prescott (S.S.)

N.S.W. Graded Referees - Sydney Cup.

1st G. Gunnee 2nd C. Turnell 3rd G. Cook

Open Championships - Melbourne Cup.

1st G. Gunnee 2nd C. Turnell 3rd K. Bridger

Life Members - The Epsom.

1st K. Keough 2nd C. Wiggzell

Honorary Members - The Shorts.

1st J. Jewell 2nd P. Fitton 3rd J. O'Sullivan

Referees Association Handicap - The Metropolitan.

1st D. McDonald 2nd N. McAlister 3rd R. McDonnell

N.S.W.R.F.L. Referees Association - Relay for Colts and Geldings.

1st St. George 2nd Newtown 3rd Penrith

Visitors Championship.

1st T. Nelson 2nd K. Bridger 3rd P. Gold

Visitors Handicap.

1st P. Gold 2nd K. Bridger

Also presented were the Father of the Year Award - to Pat Bowen - and the Citation Award - to John Connor - who fell a--- over head saluting Ron Smith.

FAMILY PICNIC.

Disc ding our "Hot Pants" (referees gear), we took ourselves to Lane Cove National Park for the family picnic on Sunday the 28th October, 1973.

Overcast weather and early morning showers helped to keep the numbers down this year but despite the weather the attendance generally was satisfactory.

Races were again conducted for the boys, girls, mums and "lovers" with the mums competing for tickets to see "Jesus Christ Superstar", you all know the story, its about a Social Secretary who had his large Social Committee but had trouble getting them all to attend all the various functions that he arranged, i.e. Marriage Feast at Cana (Life Members Presentation Night), Sermon on the Mount (Lecture from the Coaching Panel), Last Supper (Final Convivial) so I entreat you all my brethren do not crucify me but attend all the social events that are arranged for thee and join my Apostles (Social Committee) in ensuring their success. Amen.

Each child received a present and every mum got something to put in her Christmas stocking. The increased cost of toys has made up my mind to bring the age back to 12 years limit instead of 14 years. Copious supplies of ice cream, soft drinks and lollies were distributed during the day.

CONCLUSION.

On behalf of the Association may I offer our thanks to Bill Kelly.

These familiar words have appeared in every Annual Report since Bill became a member of this Association, but now they appear for the last time, because Bill is no longer with us. In the fortnight between our Bucks Picnic and the Family Picnic, Bill passed away. I personally will miss him as a friend as I am sure you will also, but I make no secret of the fact that I feel that I have lost my right arm in regard to the help that was always forthcoming, for the various events that we ran.

He would help at convivals at the N.S.W.L.C. at the S.C.G. at the Ladies Nights, which he loved going to, in fact he helped any place, any time, where it was needed.

Yet this is the man, a meeting of a few short years back voted off the Social Committee. At the conclusion of that meeting Bill came to me and said "I'll still be there when you want help or transport cock. And "Cocko" knew it and used his help because he was dependable.

Now it soon will be your turn to help because the Association has seen fit to start a fund for Marie, the widow of the late Bill Kelly. So we want your support at the various functions that we intend to run during the first half of the season 1974.

So avail yourself of the opportunity to say "thank you" to Bill by your help. Our thanks to Darcy Lawler and staff for their quick support, also to Steve Carey, Cyril Wigzell and the other members who helped entertain our Country Cousins.

Brian Kelly for his choice of steaks for the picnic. Bill Kelly and Jack Hampstead for the supply of transport and pick up of goods. John Connor and Rothmans of Pall Mall for donations of cigarettes to our functions.

W.D. & H.O. Wills for donations of cigarettes to our functions.

N.S.W. Rugby League, the N.S.W. Leagues Club, Jack Drewes, Les Smith, Joe Moses and Rothmans of Pall Mall for cash donations.

My 12 Apostles (Social Committee) for their help and support. Messrs. M. Tomsett, G. Braine, N. Clement, M. Edwards, J. Kelly, D. McLean, I. McCall, C. Hudson, D. Winton, R. Smith, G. Maher, P. Ellis and J. Danzey, now before some smart Alec gets up and says that I have 13 names in my list of Apostles don't forget that Thomas was graded to replace Judas making 13.

To President Austin, Secretary Eric, Assistant Secretary Lyle and Treasurer Ossie for their help and encouragement. We hope Austin enjoys better health during 1974.

Unfortunately I will miss the Annual Meeting this year, as I will be in Christchurch (N.Z.) for the Commonwealth Games. I have been selected in the swimming squad and in all humility, I must admit having had some success in the Breast Stroke events. I close now and as I head for the pool for training, I hope Esme has found the water wings, but as President Nixon says this report is just so much "water under the gate". I am off to training now, see you at the pre-season fixtures.

F.W. WALSH

Social Secretary

RESULT OF BALLOTS

PATRON:

PRESIDENT:

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:

SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

DELEGATE:

DEPUTY DELEGATE:

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

DELEGATES TO 2ND DIVISION:

COMMITTEE:

HONORARY AUDITORS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

NOMINEES FOR EXAMINATION BOARD:

NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT BOARD:

GENERAL NOTES:

