

New South Wales
Rugby Football League
Referees' Association

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH
REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

FOR PRESENTATION
WED. 28th JAN., 1976

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

September, 1975.

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, 1976 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of Last Annual Meeting
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5. Nominees for Appointment Board
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E. COX
Hon. Secretary

OFFICIALS FOR 1975

PATRON

Mr. C. Wigzell

PRESIDENT

Mr. A. Shiner

VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. L. Bruyeres

HON. SECRETARY

Mr. E. Cox

HON. TREASURER

Mr. O. Cohen

ASST. HON. SECRETARY

Mr. L. Buckley

VICE PRESIDENTS

Messrs. D. MacDonald (Snr. V.P.), J. O'Sullivan, B. Barry

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

Messrs. E. Cox, J. Montgomery, ~~A. Scane~~ (Deputy).
~~L. BRUYERS.~~

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr. F. Walsh

COMMITTEE

Messrs. G. Benson, K. Page, J. Farrelly, M. Godfrey,
R. Freeman, J. Jewell

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. F. Walsh, K. Page, C. Hudson, M. Godfrey,
D. Braybrook, G. Maher and R. Dick

AUDITORS

Messrs. R. Dick, C. Hudson

FEES COMMITTEE FOR 1976

Messrs. K. Page, L. Bruyeres, D. Braybrook,
B. Barry (Proxy)

DELEGATE TO THE SYDNEY METROPOLITAN R.L.

Mr. A. Holt

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Messrs. B. Barry, D. Winton, C. Hudson, M. Tomsett,
K. Roberts, B. Cross

HANSEN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE 1975

The Executive and Messrs. F. Walsh, L. Buckley,
B. Barry, S. Carey, D. Braybrook, J. O'Sullivan, C. Brown

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON.

Season 1975 added yet another chapter to the history of the Association and its activities in various aspects of the great game of Rugby League. To all Referees I extend my thanks for their interest and efforts.

Highlights of the Season were the World Cup and also the Amco Cup, to which we extend congratulations to all Referees who were appointed to officiate in these games and also to our visiting Referees from England, France and New Zealand as by their appointments it could be a guide to have uniformity of the Laws of the Game in general, which would be most essential for the game.

In some way the Season was a mixed one, marked by the apathy of some Referees, players and officials in their attitude to the game in general. This does not auger well for the future welfare of the game, as criticism of Referees can help a Referee if it is fair, but on an apathetic attitude by some of our commentators on radio and television and press is not justified and the way is open to the latter for them to improve their knowledge of the game for fair criticism. The way is also opened for all Referees to improve their standard and approach to the game as to the application of the Laws and one can only obtain this standard by the sound knowledge of the Laws of the game and their ability and determination to apply them at all times.

The affairs of the Association were conducted by our officials in a most efficient manner. I do not wish to select any individual for particular mention, as comments in respect of individual would be superfluous. They have worked together in the greatest of harmony and their efforts augers well for the advancement of the Association.

During the year a wonderful honour was bestowed on a member of the N.S.W.R.L. Committee for his ever ready interest and support to the Referees' Association to which we are greatly indebted to Jack Drews, who has been voted an Associate Life Member of the Association to which we all congratulate Jack and may you be long spared to enjoy the honour which you richly deserved.

To every Referee, both in the City and Country, I extend congratulations for their appointments during the year and may I also add personal congratulations to Laurie Bruyeres for his service as an active Referee and may he be able to continue in the interest of the game in general for many years to come.

May I also add to the wonderful work of the Deputy Chairman of the N.S.W.R.L., the late Arnold Stehr, over the years he was in office his love for the game and his approach to all concerned will always be remembered by those who shared his company and our deepest feelings of sympathy we extend to his family - he will always be remembered.

In conclusion, let us look forward to Season 1976 with a unified desire for the general advancement of the game of Rugby League.

C.E. WIGZELL

PATRON

AMERICAN R.F.U.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dear Member,
It is my pleasure to say that I have had the privilege
of being elected to the position of President of the New South Wales Referees' Association for the year 1975 - What a great year for Rugby League and to the Referees' Association in particular.

The introduction of a Referees' Director proved to be very successful and satisfactory to both the New South Wales Rugby League and to your Association. No doubt its implementation and the dedication of the Director, together with the co-operation of members, has assisted to improve the overall standard of refereeing in this State.

The World Cup series - The Amco Cup and Shield, together with several play-offs for semi-finalists, have combined to make this year the biggest and most interesting that I have witnessed since becoming a referee some 35 years ago. The exchange of neutral referees for the World Cup series has created a great deal of interest and should provide good competition for active members should the practice be continued.

During the year we had the pleasure of entertaining overseas referees Francis Esconde (France), John Percival (N.Z.) and Fred Lindop (England); also interstate referee Bernie Bramberg (Queensland) and country referee Tom Gustard. Mr. Bill Fallowfield, Secretary of the International Rugby League, was also a guest. All these people expressed their appreciation for the hospitality extended toward them from your Association, while most have written thanking you for the manner in which they were received and entertained whilst in your company. We certainly enjoyed their company and hope to see them again.

History was created when Keith Page was elected to officiate in the World Cup series in England. Although the trip was marred by illness, Keith certainly proved himself a great ambassador for Rugby League and to this Association in particular. Congratulations Keith.

The same hearty sentiments can be accorded Laurie Bruyeres who officiated in New Zealand. It is reported that Laurie has retired from the active ranks. We do congratulate you Laurie on retiring on a very high note, having refereed the final and grand final, together with your New Zealand appointment. We do hope you continue to attend our meetings so that we may enjoy your company for many years to come.

It is with sad regret that we learn of the passing of Mr. Arnold Stehr, Deputy Chairman of New South Wales Rugby League and Chairman of the New South Wales League's Club. Arnold was always a great supporter of the Referees' Association and we will miss his support and company. To Arnold's family, relatives and friends we express our very deepest sympathy.

In closing may I thank all the Committee and Members for their loyalty and support and assistance in making 1975 another good year for the Association.

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A.W. SHINER

President

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT, SEASON 1975 NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen, I submit this Annual Report and Balance Sheet for your approval and adoption, the 1975 Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

This year, or Season, was possibly the most important year in the history of the Association since its official inception in 1908. We saw come to fruition one of the things your Executive and Members have fought for for years, that is the interchange of Referees from all countries when an International Series is played.

XOO Frances Esconde of France, John Percival of New Zealand and Fred Lindop of Great Britain all visited and refereed in Australia whilst Fred Lindop travelled on and refereed in New Zealand.

We also saw two of our Referees appointed to World Cup Matches. Keith Page officiated in Great Britain and Laurie Bruyeres officiated in New Zealand. Don Lancashire of Queensland also officiated in a World Cup Match in Brisbane, Queensland.

With this interchange of Referees and the promise by the International Rugby League Board to write a common Rule Book we can only hope to achieve one thing, i.e. Uniformity in Refereeing, interchange of ideas and a great relationship with Overseas Referees.

On behalf of the Association we can only say congratulations to those Referees named and also to the Referees acting as Touch Judges, who assisted them greatly in controlling their games.

This year we saw the N.S.W.R.F.L. create a position in the League, the Director of Referees and an Advisory Board. Mr. Cliff Brown, one of our Life Members was subsequently elected. We saw the introduction of Official Training nights which flowed onto District Associations, Lectures by the Director at each meeting of the Association, Personality Speakers at our meetings and all in all it was generally agreed that the new innovations improved our standard of refereeing. Maybe some of the ideas of the Director and his Board need some modification, so let's wait and see what is introduced in 1976.

Congratulations to Laurie Bruyeres in once again being appointed to 1975 Grand Final. Laurie has now retired from the Active side of Refereeing and we all join in saying congratulations on a wonderful career, both as a First Grade Referee and now an International Referee.

I cannot let this pass but one of our Referees, Gary Cook, was well in the running for top matches at the end of the season until stricken with Mumps. Hard luck Gary from all the members and let's hope you retain your form for next Season 1976.

Thanks to all members for your very loyal support, also many thanks to my co-executive officers, Austin, Os, Monty, Frank and Lyle for your valued assistance.

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HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT cont'd

To the President of the N.S.W.R.F.L. and his Committee, we say thanks for their support.

A vote of thanks is also extended to our generous donors and supporters during the year.

To yourself and all my throughout team who did so much to carry out your work. Finally I must say it has been my pleasure once again and a privilege to serve you as your Secretary. I would like to thank you again and to express my deepest thanks to you for your continued support to our Association and to the Royal Australian Legion.

To yourself and the Executive will be favourably disposed to accept the services of Hon. Secretary

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At the Annual General Meeting held on the 2nd November 1974, the Hon. Secretary recommended the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP be accepted.

RESOLVED that the Hon. Secretary be given power to make such arrangements as may be necessary to facilitate the payment of the fee.

R. DICK - Graded 1962-1973. Honorary Member 1974-1975. Total years Membership

14 years.

Attendance at Meetings: The following table shows attendance at meetings held during the year:

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Visitors	13 (16)	14 (14)	16 (16)	13 (16)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	11 (15)	15 (15)	14 (14)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	13 (16)
Members	13 (16)	14 (14)	16 (16)	13 (16)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	11 (15)	15 (15)	14 (14)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	13 (16)
Guests	13 (16)	14 (14)	16 (16)	13 (16)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	11 (15)	15 (15)	14 (14)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	13 (16)
Others	13 (16)	14 (14)	16 (16)	13 (16)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	11 (15)	15 (15)	14 (14)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	13 (16)

Member of Social Committee - 1967, 1968, 1969. Member of Committee 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974. Auditor - 1973, 1974, 1975. Referees' Coaching Division - 1973, 1974, 1975. Member of Finance Committee - 1975. Member of Referees' Advisory Board - 1975. Member of Coaching Classes - 1975.

D. MacDONALD - Graded 1963-1975. Total years membership 13 years. Now in his

years been based and has received a lot of help from the members.

Attendance at Meetings: The following table shows attendance at meetings held during the year:

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Visitors	9 (14)	14 (16)	10 (16)	13 (15)	15 (15)	14 (16)	15 (15)	16 (16)	15 (15)	14 (14)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)
Members	14 (16)	15 (15)	16 (16)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	16 (16)	15 (15)	14 (14)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	18 (18)
Guests	14 (16)	15 (15)	16 (16)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	16 (16)	15 (15)	14 (14)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	18 (18)
Others	14 (16)	15 (15)	16 (16)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	16 (16)	15 (15)	14 (14)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	18 (18)

Member of Social Committee - 1967, 1968, 1969. Member of Committee 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975. Referees' Coaching Division - 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975. Member of Coaching Classes - 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975.

The Committee has pleasure in recommending Messrs. Reg. Dick and Don. Macdonald for Life Membership of the Association.

E. COX
Hon. Secretary

BUSALIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLLO 1974

K.	ARNOLD (1)	J.	KELLY
L.	BAGGOTT	W.	KELLY (D)
B.	BARRY (15)	K.	KEOGH (1)
A.	BELLERUM (D)	E.	KERR
J.	BATES (D)	A.	KONNECKE (1)
T.	BELLEV (2)	D.	LAWLER
G.	BISHOP (D)	P.	LEE
J.	BLACK (D)	T.	LEFFLER
G.	BOYD (D)	J.	McGAULEY (1)
D.	BRATTON	T.	McMAHON (D)
T.	BRENNAN (1)	M.	MALONEY (D)
R.	BROCK (D)	J.	MARTIN
C.	BROWN (16)	H.	MILLINGTON (D)
L.	BRUYERES (14)	J.	MONTGOMERY (13)
J.	BUCHANAN (D)	J.	MOSES (4)
E.	BUCKLEY (D)	J.	MURRAY (D)
S.	CAREY (16)	W.	NEILL (D)
J.	CLARKE (D)	J.	O'BRIEN (2)
A.	COLLINS	R.	O'DONNELL (2)
O.	COHEN (16)	J.	O'SULLIVAN (14)
T.	COSTELLO (D)	A.	OXFORD
B.	COWLEY (1)	E.	PAINE
W.	CUKE	C.	PEARCE (2)
R.	CUMMINS (1)	G.	PEARCE (D)
E.	COX (16)	H.	PIERCE (3)
J.	DAVIES	H.	POULTON (D)
A.	DAVIES	H.	ROWLANDS (D)
L.	DEANE (D)	L.	ROSEN (2)
F.	DELANEY (D)	L.	SAMUELSON (1)
A.	DENNIS (D)	A.	SHIPWAY
W.	DEVINE SNR.	R.	SMYTH
T.	DICKESON (D)	H.	SCHUTEMA (D)
R.H.	DRAKE (D)	C.	SCHOMBERG (1)
H.J.	ELLIOTT	A.	SHINER (16)
F.	ERICKSON	A.	SOANE (7)
J.	FARQUHAR (D)	A.	SPANKIE
A.	FARROW (D)	J.	TURNER (D)
E.	FLETCHER (1)	E.	TINSLEY (2)
A.	FIFIELD	B.	WALES SNR. (D)
W.	FRY (D)	A.	WELSH (D)
T.	GREW	F.W.	WALSH (15)
G.	GRIFFIN	C.E.	WIGZELL (15)
J.	GRiffin (D)	L.	WILLIAMS (3)
J.	HANSEN (D)	G.	WIRTH (D)
A.	HOLT (13)	R.J.	WARD (3)
C.	HUDSON (5)	C.	YORKE

TOTAL = 92

DECEASED = 34

16 Meetings were held in 1975 and against each Member is their attendance.

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

GRADED REFEREES FOR SEASON 1975

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LIST OF NON ACTIVE MEMBERS 1975

16 Meetings were held for 1976.

A. AGGETT	H. GRIFFEN	D. NICHOLSON
B. BARNES	J. GRIFFITHS	J. O'CONOR (2)
G. BENNETT (1)	A. HALL (9)	J. O'KEEFE
J. BISSETT	J. HARRIS (14)	J. PARKINSON
P. BOWEN	C. HAYES	K. PARKINSON
R. BOWMAN (2) ⁽¹⁾ Boone J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ Hoeman	B. JACKMAN	W. PEARSON (5)
J. BRADLEY	J. JEFFES	R. PATTERSON
B. BUCKINGHAM (modt M. (6) ⁽¹⁾ Jeffes)	J. JEWELL (10)	L. RANDLE
L. BUCKLEY (16)	J. KANDELAS	P. PIERSE
R. CAREY (1) ⁽¹⁾ Boone J. (6) ⁽¹⁾ Jeffes	G. KELLAHAN (1)	A. PERRY (2)
J. COFFEY (2) ⁽¹⁾ Swallow J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ Knights	J. KNIGHT	N. SAVAGE (1)
A. COLE (1) ⁽¹⁾ Swallow J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ Knights	P. McCARROLL	R. SEMMENS
W. CRAWFORD (6) ⁽¹⁾ Knights J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ McCull	J. MCCOLL	R. SMITH (1)
K. COUCH	U. McGUINNESS (1)	J. STEWART (1)
C. DIMON ⁽¹⁾ Knights J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ McCull	R. MCINTOSH	W. STEWART
R. DICK (13)	R. McJANNETT (1)	J. TICEHURST
K. DONOVAN ⁽¹⁾ Knights J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ McCull	R. McREYNOLDS (2)	L. TURNER
M. EDWARDS	K. MANTON (1)	B. WALES
J. EEDY ⁽¹⁾ Knights J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ McCull	R. MENSER	W. WHITE
T. EZART (1)	J. MITCHELL	J. WHYBROW
P. FITTON ⁽¹⁾ Knights J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ McCull	R. MORAITIS (1)	S. WILLIAMS
K. GRAY ⁽¹⁾ Knights J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ McCull	R. MORRIS (1)	A. WILLIS (1)
	(8) ⁽¹⁾ Knights J. NEVILLE (10)	J. H. A. M.

(#) members 18, (15) non members TOTAL = 70

(6) members 8, (5) non members 5

AFFILIATIONS WITH THE N.S.W.R.F.L. REFEREES' ASSOCIATION
affiliations 13, (6) ⁽¹⁾ ~~Knights~~ J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ ~~McCull~~

BALMAIN	Referees' Assn.	NEWTOWN	Referees' Assn.
CANTERBURY/BANKSTOWN	(4) ⁽¹⁾ Knights J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ McCull	NORTH SYDNEY	"
CRONULLA/SUTHERLAND	" "	PARRAMATTA	"
C.Y.O.	(4) ⁽¹⁾ Knights J. (7) ⁽¹⁾ McCull	PENRITH	"
EASTERN SUBURBS	" "	ST. GEORGE	"
MANLY/WARRINGAH	" "	SOUTH SYDNEY	"
METROP. BUSINESS HOUSES	"	UNIVERSITY CUP	"
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICES	" "	WESTERN SUBURBS	"

N.S.W. COUNTRY R.F.L.	Referees' Assn.
NORFOLK ISLAND R.F.L.	" "
NORTHERN TERRITORY R.F.L.	" "
PAPUA NEW GUINEA R.F.L.	" "
WESTERN AUSTRALIA R.F.L.	" "

TOTAL = 21

DELEGATE'S REPORT

The 1975 Season will be remembered as a most successful year for the Australian Rugby League culminating with Australia winning the International Series. We also made our exit to you as the most popular has manifested

The New South Wales Rugby League particularly had a memorable year with the signing of a 4-year contract with Channels 2 and 7 for TVW rights on Saturday and Sunday competition matches respectively. (view on the same has been set; those subsequent exit being listed to know how exit to be off yet had been mentioned. This past year saw the second consecutive year of home and away matches. Yet attendances during the 1975 Season were up by 250,595 during the Premiership rounds and by 250,522 over the complete premiership competition. This undoubtedly reflects the fact that home and away matches are here to stay. I agree exit

exit on your account of notwithstanding exit to frost prove of political eggs between. We also saw the introduction of a new method of appointments for grade referees with the selection of Mr. Cliff Brown as Director of Refereeing and congratulations on a job well done Cliff. We housed exit to view galahome exit above

best team in the world, which was seen to have been selected to It also should be noted that the strong stands the New South Wales Rugby League to table against Coaches and Officials making statements to the press against them certain referees. We consider this strong evidence as being good enough exit in the

field exit to view of the many changes in the refereeing world last season was the introduction of full interchanging of Referees for the International Series. During the season Mr. Keith Page went to England, Mr. Laurie Bruynies to New Zealand and we were very honoured with visits from Mr. John Rencival (New Zealand), Fred Lindop to us (England) and Francis Escoire (France). We also exchanged exits in secret

exit on the date, because exit to know exit to know exit to know exit to The next International Series will be held in New Zealand and Australia in May 1976. The format will change slightly in that each team will play each other once. On completion of the round the two leading teams will play the final. The series will be played under the six tackle rule.

Junior representative matches next year will be played in two zones: Zone 1 - right out of the first bus in inner city areas and a few at suburban original 3 top

Zone 1 - Newtown, North Sydney, Balmain, Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney and Manly Warringah.

Still to allow sufficient room and time for each of every exit point exit to Zone 2 - Penrith, Parramatta, Western Suburbs, Canterbury, Bankstown, St. George and Cronulla Sutherland.

The competition will be played in Zones for 5 rounds on Saturdays, commencing on 1st May, 1976. Semi-Finals will be played on 5th June and the Final on or 12th June, 1976.

The format for the Semi-Finals are - winner of Zone 1 plays 2nd team in Zone 2 and winner of Zone 2 plays 2nd team in Zone 1. The winners of the Semi-Finals to meet in the Final.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Committee and in particular Eric Cox, my Co-Delegate, for his co-operation during the season and to the Members for giving me the opportunity to be your Delegate during the season.

DIRECTOR OF REFEREES

The new system of appointments seemed to work fairly smoothly, thanks to some wonderful help from the Advisory Members and mainly to the intense interest, enthusiasm and dedication of so many of the graded Members.

Our new grading scheme has virtually been carried out well and many Referees this year were given the opportunity to display the talents they each possess and some not so well known to the football public when Season 1975 commenced, had by the end of the Second Round of football given the impression they would continue to improve and could possibly in the future, be numbered amongst our Top Officials.

The message for the coming Season should be very clear to all Referees, more or dedicated application in every facet of his preparation is necessary so that the standards set in 1975 are constantly improved during 1976. Towards the concluding weeks of the Season we seemed to be involved in a number of decisions over many of the crucial games and here again, we all must heed the criticisms, justly given, but lacking the vindictiveness of the previous members of the media, that the situations allowed to develop to detriment, are in the future recognised as problem spots and receive our considered, yet sensible and mature action to satisfy the majority of the true football followers of football who now expect to be treated with respect.

More work than even before went into an effort to make the District Referees aware of our interest in their Welfare. Many members were given the opportunity to referee in the District Representative games and this coupled with recordings of their efforts in the trial games at the start of the season, also the two visits by Board Members to see them in their local areas, as well as organised meetings at Phillip Street should be at good preparation for the requirements they will need to make a favourable impression when trying to obtain grade one honours.

Might I once again remind intending aspirants for Grade, be fit to do the job, don't imagine training is not a necessary requirement and then find to your horror that you have let yourself down, instead you will work hard and succeed.

The talks during the year by leading personalities from different walks of life were a pleasant relief from the tedium of normal routine and I hope this session continues next year.

May you all have a pleasant rest during the Summer and be refreshed and eager to grapple with the tasks each will face next year.

I am sure many of you will be reading Cliff Brown's report on the activities of the Association and the services it can offer to you. I would like to thank Cliff for his excellent work in this regard and hope to receive his full report at the Annual General Meeting.

With best regards to all my colleagues in the Co-Delegation and the members of the Executive Committee, I hope to see you all at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours sincerely,
Peter J. Williams

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1975 N.S.W.A.

SVP. - SECRETARY JAMES MCKEE

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I again place before the Association the Annual Balance Sheet for 1975. All accounts are in credit at a satisfactory level despite rising costs.

There were several visiting Referees during the season including those from overseas whose needs and entertainment were taken care of by the Association and its members, the costs involved were absorbed without difficulty.

There were several calls on the Special Fund during the year, the response of the Association and Members was admirable, although this caused a drain on the finances, we were able to build it up to a satisfactory final balance.

The sad demise of our late life member Bob Brock came as a shock to all and when a benefit fund was proposed the support given resulted in a substantial sum being forwarded to the sponsors of the appeal South Sydney Referees' Association to be included in the amount raised by them.

It is now history the damage and loss that cyclone "Tracy" caused at Darwin, the Association discussed the support of the relief fund, but decided to help our affiliate, the Northern Territory Referees' Association; we were informed that their members lost their referees gear along with other possessions. We were assured that the amount forwarded was sufficient to outfit all members plus a surplus to assist in re-establishment. In the sad circumstances we feel proud we were able to help our own.

The Association also supported the Ken Allen Benefit Fund. Ken was originally from Sydney before moving to Perth where he did a terrific job in the promotion of Rugby League, in addition to his help to referees over there before his unfortunate accident. Many of our members have enjoyed his hospitality when visiting there. We extend our best wishes to him and his family.

Our thanks is extended for donations to the Association by W.D. & H.O. WILLS and Rothmans of Pall Mall, also for the grant by the N.S.W. Rugby Football League - the increase was very much appreciated. Also thanks to all other donors to the Association.

I wish to express my thanks to the President, Secretary and Social Secretary for their co-operation and the support of all members during 1975.

F.O. COHEN

Hon. Treasurer

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1975

<u>GENERAL ACCOUNT</u>		
Balances brought forward from last year		
Credit Balance 1974	398.63	
Grade Member's Subs. less losses	288.00	
Balance Fees Deducted to date	258.00	
Non-Active Member's Subscriptions	60.00	
Affiliations	90.00	
Grants & Trial Match fees etc gain	450.00	
Grant to N.S.W.R.F.L. Ass. and Darwin	400.00	
Donation W.D.S.G.C.H. to W.W.F. to start	100.00	
Association Ties & Badges	24.00	
Referee's Badges etc as above	5680.00	
Bank Interest due and outstanding	124.16	
Allocation from Fees paid by Branches	124.16	
etc , however no balance "posted" end up total \$2761.66		\$2761.66
two qtrs of bank interest must be left to cover the balance of the bank account		
total balance in bank as at 31st December 1974	911.57	
<u>Bob Brock Benefit Fund</u>		
Donations - Members	164.00	
Bowlathon	272.00	436.00
Darwin Referees' Ass.		
- Donations - Members	186.00	
Allocation from Fees paid by Branches	124.16	
Deduct.	200.00	
Bank Interest from my bank account		
Fees Account W.C.E end yr	360.00	
Bank Interest of credit re A	67.03	
Interest from my bank account		1157.82
Interest gained over period to 31st Dec		2.78
W.H.C.C. O.S.	\$2160.60	
as above		\$2160.60

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1975

(Continued)

Forwards, receipts and expenditure for the year ended 31st December 1975
and for the financial year from 1st January 1975 to 31st December 1975.

ASSURANCE FUND

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Credit Balance 1974 1024.46	Claims by Members 26.55
Grade Member's Subs. 144.00	Cash at Bank 26.38
Bank Interest 84.47	I.B.D. 1200.00
\$1252.93	\$1252.93

FEES ACCOUNT

Credit Balance 1974 41249.60	Paid to Referees 41249.60
Received from N.S.W.R.F.L. 41249.60	Bank Interest transferred to Special Funds of a total 360.00
Bank Interest 115.47	Stamp Duty 8.00
	Bank Charges 10.50
	41628.10
	Cash at Bank 26.68
\$41654.78	\$41654.78

SOCIAL FUND

Credit Balance 1974 67.17	Annual Picnic 906.21
Social Levy 2130.00	Family Picnic 707.05
Grade Member's Subs. 288.00	Ladies Night 717.73
Non-Active Member's Subs. 60.50	Life Member's Night 311.44
L.M. Presentation Night 315.00	Convivials 404.09
Annual Picnic 148.00	Postage 44.50
Ladies Night 119.00	3091.02
<u>Donations</u>	
Rothmans of Pall Mall 40.00	
J. Prewes 60.00	
L. Smith 20.00	
Bank Interest 12.91	
\$3260.58	
	Cash at Bank 169.56
	\$3260.58

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 affairs of the Association.

F.O. Cohen - Hon. Treasurer Signed C. Hudson
 Hon. Auditors
 Signed R. Dick

W.E. TADDEA 1975 REPORT LIFE MEMBERSHIP

PRO THERESA JATOMAKI

At Beverly Hills Bowling Club we saw the only recipient, Col Hudson, awarded Life Membership in recognition of his good work for the Association. Col's good wife was also presented with a suitable gift.

	Recipient
£2.62	Recipient of GEORGE AND AMY HANSEN
£2.62	Mrs J.S. HANSEN
00.00	MEMORIAL TROPHY

The year 1975 saw the award for the first time of this trophy. This trophy was originally awarded by George Hansen, former Treasurer of South Sydney J.R.L.F. Club, in honour of his late wife Amy. Prior to awarding the trophy to a recipient George Hansen also passed away and the Association accordingly named the trophy in honour of both George and Amy.

The trophy can only be won once by a recipient and the worthy winner was Mr Os Cohen. He has a magnificent record for his contributions to our Association, Eastern Suburbs Referees and Rugby League in general. He still is a great class worker for us and we are justly proud to see Os Cohen receive the Award. Congratulations and well done Os, you have certainly set a high standard.

	VALE
£1.75	Arnold Stehr

To all Members who suffered sad losses, we once again offer our deepest sympathies. It is true to say at all times our thoughts were with you. At the time of writing this report, we were all informed of the untimely passing of Arnold Stehr. Truly a sad loss to this great game.

CLUBS & ADVISOR

£2.00	President
£2.50	N.S.W.R.F.L. REFEREES WHO OCCUPY POSITIONS
£2.50	WITH THE N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE - 1975
£4.00	Referee Members

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE: C. Brown, J. Montgomery and E. Cox

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

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

DIRECTOR OF REFEREEING: C. Brown assisted by the following members in an advisory capacity. Messrs. R. J. O'Donnell, S. Carey, L. Samuelson, J. Ross, O'Sullivan, J. O'Brien, A. Neville, J. Harris, J. Jewell, A. Soane, R. Hall, E. Tinsley, R. Dick and H. Pearce.

EXAMINATION BOARD: C. Pearce, L. Bruyeres, G. Wigzell,

T. Brennan, C. Schomberg, J. Danzey and J. Moses.

REFEREES COACHING DIVISION: R. Dick, K. Page, D. McDonald & R. Humphreys,

J. Farrell and T. Gustard (C.R.L.R.A.).

CONT - THINGS TO REMEMBER

Two very important occasions this year were when the members saw fit to make M Associate Members for Life of the Association, Mr. Bill Fallowfield O.B.E. of Great Britain for his services to Rugby League. Bill is now living in retirement in U.K. although he is still Honorary Secretary of the International R.L. Rugby League Board.

I would like to say how much pleasure it is to know how I new Mr. Jack Drewes Snr., deservedly gained this honour for his services to the game, but in particular his many courtesies, support, encouragement and financial support given to our Association - Many thanks Jack Drewes.

Also, please see below our International Referees soft drink and I really enjoyed The magnificent Pewter Mugs prepared by Franky Walsh and presented to all our visiting Referees by President Austin. I believe that we might consider getting a similar gift for our Referees. Our colourful meeting this year when we had six (6) International Referees present at the one meeting - truly an honour for the Association.

Another matter with breeding, could be to put a bubble of air in your mugs on the One to remember is the unfair statements by some of our Club Coaches, statements made in poor taste and it's about time the League took a lead from other codes and gagged them completely or tossed them out of the game. Some of these chaps are not entitled to the great company of the best in Rugby League and one that is those "Men in White". Don't let them worry you chaps.

The great support our active Referees receive from their Mothers, Wives and Sweethearts turning them out the best attired in Rugby League, both on and off the field.

Ladies, I sincerely hope you will take up the offer of our great Make 1976 Season the commencement of your big years and strive for the status that is now available to you all - to be an International Referee. If you have any questions ask me or my wife, Maria, I am sure we can help you. Remember Oges "Loowidgee" Walsh and Maria "Soft Shoe" Walsh our great entertainers at our Ladies Night at Beverly Hills Bowling Club.

Remember we now have a Director of the N.S.W. Leagues Club put there by you, the members, and if he can be of any help when you are entertaining friends or family or business associates, he would only be too pleased to be of any assistance. We are always looking for members and he would be only too pleased to sponsor your wives, families, friends and business associates as members with

Look at the men who refereed First Grade this year, Messrs. K. Page, L. Bruyeres, G. Hartley, D. McDonald, D. Braybrook, C. Edwards, K. Roberts, G. Cook, J. Danzey, R. Humphreys and N. McCallister. There are a lot of young men among these chaps with tons of talent with other men of almost equal talent just waiting to take their place. A nice healthy situation for our proud Association.

Now that the new season is well under way, I would like to advise our members, a final reminder to keep your money in your bank account and not to invest it in the stock market. E. COX, M.A.R.L. Ltd as Secretary

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - 1975

My President & Gentlemen, and ladies & gentlemen of this Association I hope you will all be well and happy during the year 1975. It is with pleasure I submit a report on the social activities of the N.S.W. R.F.L. Referees' Association for Season 1975.

When I was elected as "Caretaker" Social Secretary in 1956 I didn't think I would last too long, so it is with a feeling of pride that I present my 20th Annual Report.

At the time I was elected the Association conducted two events per season, the Annual Picnic and the Annual Ball, so in the 20 years the Ball became the Life Member's Night we have added Convivials, (at meetings, the S.C.G., S. Sports Ground, Cumberland Oval) Family Picnic, Theatre Parties and the Special Ladies Night.

But we also seem to have added a breed of dummies, members who attend meetings, sit there, listen to debates on motions, say nothing, vote to hold social events then don't attend and if all the excuses given to me over the 20 years for not attending functions were printed on Sorrent toilet paper it would have enough to paper the north face of the Great Wall of China. But now on with the reports of various events held during the season.

CONVIVIALS, a social night where members get to know each other better and help each other. During the season a number of convivials were held and these helped newer members to get to know the Senior Members, also the second convivial raised money to assist our fellow Referees in Darwin who had lost their possessions as a result of the devastation caused by Cyclone Tracy at Christmas 1974. The third one raised money to assist the widow and family of the late Bob Brock and together with a Strike-A-Then organised at St Leonards Bowl an amount of \$436 was passed onto Mrs. Brock on behalf of this Association.

At the final convivial Ted Fletcher a Life Member came along after an absence of a few years and he really enjoyed himself so much that he came to the Bucks Picnic and renewed old acquaintances and made new friends by meeting the new Members, it's a pity that a few more Life Members who haven't been to a meeting for awhile didn't bother to take the time to come along and renew friendships and make new ones.

At convivials arranged to coincide with the visit of International Referees here for the World Cup Series, we had visits from Francis Escande (France) Fred Lindop (Great Britain) and W. (Bill) Fallowfield, Secretary of the International Board of Control and Charlie Rehillson, former Great Britain player. Together with the Secretary, Eric, we arranged parties of different members to join in the entertainment of these visitors at various functions at Leagues Clubs, such as the N.S.W.L.C., Balmain, Manly Warringah and Canterbury Bankstown.

Life Member's Presentation Night

This is the first of our major functions for the season and the occasion when we pay our respects to the new Life Member for 1975. Col Hudson was selected as the Life Member for 1975 and as is the case when only one member is made a Life Member, the night does not receive the full support from all the District Associations.

The idea when I put this night on the Mothers' Day weekend was that members had a ready made opportunity to take their wives out and enjoy themselves. But I transgress a little which is unusual for me. The President, Mr. A. Shiner made the presentation to Mr. Col Hudson, who suitably responded as did Mrs. June Hudson upon receipt of a gift which will help her to remember the night Col got his Life Membership Blazer. Col and June have always supported the functions and outings put on by this Association. Col has been a good back-stop on the Social Committee, doing anything and everything that was requested of him. My personal thanks for his help over the years and congratulations on being made the Life Member for 1975.

Special Ladies Night

Always a popular night with those that attend, but over the last 2 years the numbers have increased by 50%, remarkable but a tribute to our ladies. Starting with Cocktails at 7.00 p.m., followed by dinner, dancing, presentation of the Debs (newly graded Referees for 1975) and novelties, it was a night when everyone enjoyed themselves.

"Name That Tune" was presented by "Tony the Barber" and he was assisted by the beautiful "Maria" who "Keeps ona dancing". The winner was Marie Kelly who virtually stripped Ross Hensley's Money Tree back to the bark, but a lot of fun for all who took part in it, or just watched.

A Theatre Party was run in conjunction with the festivities, but the highlight of the night was the awarding of the "George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy" to Os Cohen. What a popular choice it turned out to be and no one could have been more thrilled than Ossie. It has been a pleasure working in close harmony with Os over our term of office and I congratulate him on winning this Award in its initial year.

Annual Picnic (Bucks)

Seeking an assurance from the Treasurer that he would not withhold supply we went ahead with the Annual Picnic on Sunday, 12th October, at Royal Randwick Racecourse. The Booking Office made two mistakes, they booked us into the Flat and then in November billed us another \$50.00 for the ground. This has been settled with the production of the receipt and their error explained. On our arrival at the ground we found all the area closed up, but after hunting around we found the groundsman who opened up for us, then the assistant groundsman arrived and said he was all ready for us on the Flat.

Those of you who know the area, know the Flat is the section where Mal Fraser goes to deliver his famous oration "Friends, Romans and Country Party, I came to bury Kemlani and his eight bags full". It is also where the other famous clown, Danny Kaye, appeared.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT Cont'd

After discovering a keg of beer was flat the day was off to what passes as a typical normal start to the day's activities as any Social Secretary will tell you.

The day itself was an excellent Picnic with all members and visitors joining in the fun of the events, but it was left to Sir George Benson to "streak" to a glorious victory in one race only to trip after passing the finishing line and he pole vaulted into the ladies enclosures and that really smarts to get caught in the ladies enclosures, but one lady was heard to say "Much ado about nothing, gee". An excellent lunch was served and our thanks go to the "Corps de Chefs", that's French for short order cooks from Harry's Café de Wheels. Our Chefs were Mesdames Colleen Cox, Margaret Farrelly, Esma Walsh and in the absence of Dulcie O'Sullivan, who was in N.Z. with her "tiki" (John), we had Margaret Clements, known at Harry's Café de Wheels as "Big Red". Thanks girls. The results of the various events were as follows:-

N.S.W. Relay - St. George D.R.A. Hon. Member's Handicap was won by Lyle Buckley. (2) W. Pearson. Referees' Association Handicap - (1) P. Gold, (2) D. McDonald, (3) R. Coffey.

District Association Delegates - (1) B. Gately (M.W.), (2) M. Thompson (C.B., (3) L. Willis (St.G.)

Graded Referees' Championship - (1) G. Gunnee, (2) D. Winstin, (3) C. Turnell

Open Championship - (1) G. Gunnee, (2) D. Winstin, (3) G. Benson

Life Members - (1) Os Cohen and Joe Moses won \$2.50 which was 50c more than last year.

Family Picnic

After a week of near torrential rain with no break until the Saturday, it looked a repetition of last year's Family Picnic when we were washed out and all ended up back at the Old Leagues Club at Balmain. This year however, after hasty phone calls to St.Mary's, St.Andrew's, The Grand Master and the Synagogue, it cleared on the Saturday to give us a really fine day on Sunday, 26th October, enabling us to hold the Family Picnic at Lane Cove National Park.

Although well supported the numbers were again down on previous years, but those attending made it one of the best Picnics that we have staged with all members of the Family joining in the various activities, races, games etc. Each child received a present as did each mum, also on hand were sweets, soft drinks and ice cream which were distributed until supplies were exhausted. A sign of the times, after the first round of soft drinks were passed out three or four of the bigger kids were seen running the length of the ground throwing or kicking their cans of drink on the ground just to watch the explosion when they pulled the ring pull. It was nothing to the explosion they got from me and no-one pulled my ring pull, when I barred them from having anymore cans to

explosive power. I must say I did not expect to be thrown out of the park, but you never know.

waste I forgot to ask their names but one joker answered to "Box Head" when I called him. That's a first for the kids, I have never had to bar any of the Dads for wasting beer, the sheer delight and ecstasy with which they gaze at each glass is a thrill to behold and makes everything worthwhile.

Thanks

I would like to record our thanks to the N.S.W.R.F.L. and the N.S.W. Leagues Club and the Committee and Members of the Beverly Hills Bowling Club in particular.

"Honest Jim" Fennell, the Social Director, for his help in staging the Life Member's Night and the Special Ladies Night together with the Meals on Wheels staff from the kitchen.

I would like to thank Frank McGuinness for the donation of a Trophy for the Annual Picnic. Also a vote of thanks to Darcy Lawler of the S. Sydney Juniors Club for the help we received in entertaining the Country Referees. One of the country lads said the last time he saw an udder like that sheila in the ballet was on an old jersey that used to give four gallons each time she was milked mornin' and arvo. Don't forget we paid full fare this year Darc, how about knocking a bit off the bill this year mate.

Will you join me in thanking the Opera House Trust for loaning us the services of the "golden oldie", Mr. Les Smith, as compere for our functions at Beverly Hills. "Compere" is French for someone who stuffs up a good night, but nevertheless thanks Les also for the Trophy for the Buck's Picnic.

Conclusion

This season I have been disappointed with the attendances at both the Life Member's Night, The Buck's Picnic and to a lesser degree the Family Picnic. I think that it is up to the members to have second thoughts about the social side of the Association, whether it's necessary to even conduct any social events and so save yourself the \$30.00 levy plus the honorarium I receive each year. Or maybe you think that after 20 years in the position the magic is no longer there, if so then it's up to you to put someone into the position, whom you will support. But either way it's up to the Association and that's you the members to extract the digit and get behind the new Social Secretary for 1976 or else cancel the position and all the events.

It is intended to hold the 1st Annual N.S.W.R.F.L. Referees' Association's Ten Pin Bowling Championships to be held at St. Leonards Bowling Centre, date to be fixed. The cost is \$4.00 per bowler, this includes bowling fees, hire of shoes, use of a house ball (or one of mine) and a Smorgasbord Dinner in the Mezzanine followed by dancing and presentation of trophies. Teams of 4 players from all Associations are invited to attend.

Watch how you open this Annual Report, it may explode, but if you got this far it's probably okay to read the rest. I have to go training, kind regards,

F.W. WALSH
As appointed "Caretaker"
Social Secretary

RESULT OF BALLOTS

PATRON: BRUNELLA YAROMYAN

PRESIDENT: CARMELO GOMBERG

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:

SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

VICE-PRESIDENTS: LEON KAROL JAHOR

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

DELEGATE: NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT

DEPUTY DELEGATE:

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

DELEGATES TO 2ND DIVISION: NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE: REGIMENT

RESULT OF BALLOTS (Continued)

HONORARY AUDITORS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

NOMINEES FOR EXAMINATION BOARD:

NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT BOARD:

GENERAL NOTES:

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