

New South Wales
Rugby Football League
Referees' Association

THE SEVENTIETH
REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

For Presentation on Wednesday, 1st February, 1978

A. SHINER
President

O. COHEN
Hon. Treasurer

E. COX
Hon. Secretary
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OCTOBER, 1977

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting will be held at the New South Wales Leagues Club in the Ballroom, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney on Wednesday, 1st February, 1978 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting
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E. COX

Hon. Secretary

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OFFICIALS FOR 1977

PATRON

Mr. C. Wiggzell, B.E.M.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Mr. D. McDonald

Mr. E. Cox

HON. SECRETARY

ASST. SECRETARY

Mr. D. Wintlin

PRESIDENT

Mr. A. Shiner

HON. TREASURER

Mr. O. Cohen

Messrs. B. Barry, J. Jewell and D. Braybrook

DELEGATE TO N.S.W.R.F.L.

Mr. J. Montgomery

DEPUTY DELEGATE

Mr. L. Bruyeres

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr. F. Walsh

COMMITTEE

Messrs. J. Farrelley, G. Benson, C. Turnell,
P. Ellis, E. Pepper and C. Gilchrist

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. J. O'Sullivan, M. Tomsett, F. Walsh, T. Murphy,
J. Farrelley, D. Braybrook and B. Barry

AUDITORS

Messrs. C. Hudson and J. Gocher

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Messrs. M. Tomsett, N. Clements, B. Gately,
I. McCall, L. Buckley and T. Murphy

HANSEN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Executive plus Messrs. T. Murphy, D. Wintlin, F. Walsh,
G. Benson, L. Bruyeres, J. Farrelley and B. Barry

SPONSORS TO THE ASSOCIATION

T.N.T. - Headed by Sir Peter Abels

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Executive plus Messrs. D. Wintlin, T. Bellw,
D. McDonald, T. Murphy and J. Montgomery

FEEES COMMITTEE 1978

Messrs. F. Walsh, D. Braybrook, B. Barry and
J. Farrelley (Deputy)

1. The first part of the report is a summary of the work done during the year.

2. The second part is a detailed account of the experiments carried out.

3. The third part is a discussion of the results obtained.

4. The fourth part is a conclusion of the work.

5. The fifth part is a list of references.

6. The sixth part is a list of symbols and abbreviations.

7. The seventh part is a list of figures.

8. The eighth part is a list of tables.

9. The ninth part is a list of appendices.

10. The tenth part is a list of footnotes.

11. The eleventh part is a list of references.

12. The twelfth part is a list of symbols and abbreviations.

13. The thirteenth part is a list of figures.

14. The fourteenth part is a list of tables.

15. The fifteenth part is a list of appendices.

16. The sixteenth part is a list of footnotes.

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19. The nineteenth part is a list of figures.

20. The twentieth part is a list of tables.

21. The twenty-first part is a list of appendices.

22. The twenty-second part is a list of footnotes.

23. The twenty-third part is a list of references.

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27. The twenty-seventh part is a list of appendices.

28. The twenty-eighth part is a list of footnotes.

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31. The thirty-first part is a list of figures.

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

It is with great pleasure that I add a few remarks to the Annual Report of Season 1977.

Officials.

The season was a great success as to the sociability of the Association to which our sincere thanks and appreciation and congratulations to our Social Secretary, and one must also thank his good wife Esma, and the Social Committee.

The Association consists of members being graded from District Association as to their ability shown in pre-season matches to which they received various appointments during their first year, and by these appointments they have the opportunity to watch referees who have been graded and should have the ability to show the principle of refereeing and this opportunity should be the endeavour by all concerned to carry out what is expected of them which will bring credit not only to themselves but to the District Association and the Association they are members of.

When a referee is graded it should be his endeavour to put into operation what he was graded on as the opportunity is there for anyone who is prepared to apply the rules, have control and demand respect.

It was a sad loss in the passing of Jack Drewes, a man who had all the avenues of Rugby League, his main concern, whether it be the League or the Referees Association, and he will always be remembered by all who enjoyed his company at all times and our deepest feeling of sympathy we extend to his wife and son.

It was a very busy year for our officials as the Association was honoured by having a sponsor to help the Association in many ways which could have very far-reaching help not only to referees but to Rugby League in general, thank you T.N.T.

I wish to add my sincere thanks and appreciation to the officials and members of the Association for their sincere support for me to receive the delightful honour which was bestowed upon me by His Excellency, The Governor, to which I extend to all Associations and Groups wherever Rugby League is played. In conclusion let us look forward to Season 1978 with a unified desire of co-operation by all concerned for the general advancement of the game of Rugby League.

C.E. WIGZELL, B.E.M.

Patron

Gentlemen:

There is no doubt that sponsorship from T.N.T. is one of the greatest achievements of the N.S.W. Rugby League Referees Association. The generous support from T.N.T. will enable us to equip ourselves with appropriate equipment and facilities to assist in the all-round improvement and performance of all referees.

Although our standards are very high at this juncture there will always be room for improvement and I am sure that with T.N.T.'s backing and support we will be able to improve. Our very sincere thanks are extended to T.N.T.

Thanks also to Rothman's and W.D.&H.O. Wills for their generous donations which also assist in support of the improvement to our association.

While discussing support let me add our thanks to the New South Wales Rugby League for their continued interest and support throughout the year of which we look forward to in the years ahead. During the year we had the pleasure of entertaining French referee, Marcel Callo, and also English referee, Billy Thompson, who officiated in the World Cup series and also a club game or two. The welcome extended to these two gentlemen assisted in making their stay in Sydney a great pleasure. My thanks to all members and others who helped to make their visit worthwhile.

Congratulations to Cliff Brown who was co-manager of the team to New Zealand and also to John Montgomery who was elected co-manager to Queensland. Last, but by no means least, to our patron, Cyril Wiggall on being awarded the British Empire Medal. An honour well deserved.

In conclusion, I must thank all members for their utmost loyalty and support throughout the year, and in particular, your Executive Committee and Sponsorship Committee who made my job so much easier to perform.

A.W. SHINER

President

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I submit for your approval and adoption the 1977 Annual Report and Balance Sheet. Season 1977 has been a memorable one from the point of view of great honours bestowed on members of our great Association. Firstly, the awarding of the British Empire Medal to our Patron, Cyril Wiggzell, M.B.E., and Queens Jubilee Medal to Honorary Member, Keith Holman and the awarding of the Queens Jubilee Medal to that stalwart and Life Member, Tom Bellow. Tom's award was for forty years' service to the Crown. Further, this year saw Cliff Brown appointed Co-Manager of the World Cup Team and John Montgomery, State Manager. Not bad when you consider that this Association has supplied to the League the last two Overseas Managers, Cliff Brown and Yours Truly and the last two State Managers, Tom Bellow and John Montgomery. A record the Association can be proud of to achieve such honours.

After many discussions back and forth between the League and ourselves it was finally agreed that the Association could accept sponsorship. This led to us coming to terms with Thomas National Transport (T.N.T.). We are most grateful to this wonderful company who are so ably led by Sir Peter Abels.

My thanks must go out to the Sponsorship Committee and also to T.N.T. men, Max Russo, Derek Robertson and Bill Petley who were so patient whilst the deal was being cemented.

This sponsorship by T.N.T. will have far-reaching effects on the Association and affiliated bodies. The equipment and gear being supplied to us by this great company is beyond our wildest dreams and we can only say very humbly a big thank you T.N.T.

As I said this has been a great season particularly when at the Rothmans Medal Night this company, Rothmans, made a magnificent donation of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) to Association Funds in recognition of our services in selecting the Rothmans Medal Winner.

Whilst we were not fortunate enough to have a Centre Referee appointed for the World Cup Series we witnessed and were able to compare our performances against Great Britain Referee Billy Thompson who controlled the final. Whilst Bill received many accolades from the media I still consider our Association can offer up the equal and in my opinion the best referees in the world.

Gary Cook once again had a good year and received the plum for the season and controlled the Grand Final. Congratulations to the winners of the Grand Final - a truly great effort.

Season 1978 the A.R.L. is sending a Kangaroo Team to Great Britain to tour so let's hope the rumour is true and a Referee is chosen to tour. Let's hope the choice is a Sydney Referee. Naturally we must refer to Gary's Plum as the Replay Grand Final because he controlled both and this will be the last time that this will happen as I believe the League will cease all games at the completion of time and not go into extra time. History was made - a replay after extra time - fond memories for Gary and his Touch Judges, Brian Barry and Max Tomsett.

We have had many visits this year from Referees near and far and it is pleasing always to receive the Queensland visitors led by Paul, their President and Don Rodgers.

Our Final Meeting was a great night and I am sure Frank will have something to say in his report.

Many thanks to all members for your support and particularly to my Co-Executive Officers - Austin, Os, Monty, Frank and Doug for their wonderful assistance.

As I have said previously this has been a memorable year in the History of the Association and to all our generous donors I can only say thank you on your behalf.

Finally I say once again it has been a privilege and pleasure to be your Secretary.

E. COX

Hon. Secretary

NOTICES OF MOTION

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COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following members have been recommended for Life Membership of the Association by your Executive and Committee. Set out are their records below:-

P. ELLISS - Graded 1965-1977. Total years Membership - 13 years.

Attendance at Meetings:

1965	-	13	(16)	1972	-	12	(15)
1966	-	13	(15)	1973	-	14	(15)
1967	-	14	(16)	1974	-	14	(14)
1968	-	16	(17)	1975	-	14	(16)
1969	-	16	(16)	1976	-	15	(16)
1970	-	16	(16)	1977	-	8	(16)
1971	-	15	(15)				

Member of Social Committee - 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976
 Member of Finance Committee - 1976
 Member of Committee - 1977

K. PAGE - Graded 1965-1976. Total years Membership - 13 years.

Attendance at Meetings:

1965	-	12	(16)	1972	-	12	(15)
1966	-	14	(15)	1973	-	15	(15)
1967	-	16	(16)	1974	-	14	(14)
1968	-	17	(17)	1975	-	16	(16)
1969	-	16	(16)	1976	-	15	(16)
1970	-	16	(16)	1977	-	8	(16)
1971	-	14	(15)				

Member of Finance Committee - 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976
 Member of Committee - 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976
 Member of Fees Committee - 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976
 Member of Referees' Coaching Division - 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLL AND ATTENDANCES

K.	ARNOLD		C.	HUDSON (10)
E.	BAGGOTT		J.	KELLY (D)
B.	BARRY (16)		W.	KELLY (D)
A.	BELLERUM (D)		W.	KEOGH (7)
J.	BATES (D)		E.	KERR (D)
G.	BENSON (16)		A.	KONNECKE (3)
T.	BELLEV (10)		D.	LAWLER
G.	BISHOP (D)		P.	LEE
J.	BLACK (D)		T.	LEFFLER (1)
G.	BOYD (D)		J.	MCGAULEY (3)
D.	BRAITON		T.	McMAHON (D)
T.	BRENNAN (6)		D.	MacDONALD
R.	BROCK (D)		M.	MALONEY (D)
C.	BROWN (15)		J.	MARTIN
L.	BRUYERES (10)		H.	MILLINGTON (D)
J.	BUCHANAN (D)		J.	MONTGOMERY (16)
E.	BUCKLEY (D)		J.	MOSES (12)
S.	CAREY (15)		J.	MURRAY (D)
J.	CLARKE (D)		W.	NEILL (D)
A.	COLLINS		J.	O'BRIEN (6)
O.	COHEN (16)		R.	O'DONNELL (8)
T.	COSTELLO (D)		J.	O'SULLIVAN (10)
B.	COWLEY (2)		A.	OXFORD
W.	CUKE (1)		E.	PAINE
R.	CUMMINS (4)		C.	PEARCE (2)
E.	COX (16)		G.	PEARCE (D)
J.	DAVIES		H.	PIERCE (8)
A.J.	DAVIS (1)		H.	POULTON (D)
L.	DEANE (D)		H.	ROWLANDS (D)
F.	DELANEY (D)		L.	ROSEN (3)
A.	DENNIS (D)		L.	SAMUELSON
W.	DEVINE SNR.		A.	SHIPWAY (1)
T.	DICKESON (D)		R.	SMYTH
R.	DICK (16)		H.	SCHUTEMA (D)
R.H.	DRAKE (D)		C.	SCHOMBERG
H.J.	ELLIOTT		A.	SHINER (14)
F.	ERICKSON		A.	SOANE (7)
J.	FARBRELEY (16)		A.	SPANCKIE
J.	FARQUHAR (D)		J.	TURNER (D)
A.	FARROW (D)		E.	TINSLEY
E.	FLETCHER (2)		B.	WALES SNR. (D)
A.	FIFIELD		A.	WEISH (D)
W.	FRY (D)		F.W.	WALSH (15)
T.	GREW		C.E.	WIGZELL (16)
G.	GRIFFIN		L.	WILLIAMS (3)
J.	GRIFFIN (D)		G.	WIRTH (D)
J.	HANSEN (D)		R.J.	WARD (14)
A.	HOLT (6)		C.	YORKE

TOTAL = 96

DECEASED = 36

16 Meetings were held in 1977 and against each Member is their attendance.

HONORARY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR LIFE

J.R. Drewes SNr. (D), W. Fallowfield, O.B.E. and H. Gillard

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
GRADED REFEREES FOR SEASON 1977 AND ATTENDANCES -
16 MEETINGS HELD

G. ANNESLEY *	(10)	H. GRIFFITHS	(12)
B. APPS	(15)	W. GRONO	(16)
R. ATKINSON	(4)	G. GUNNER -	(12)
B. BARRY	(16)	G. HARTLEY	(12)
M. BEACROFT -	(12)	D. HAYMER	(10)
G. BENSON	(16)	C. HAYNES	(12)
B. BOLTON	(15)	R. HENSLEY	(16)
D. BOWRON	(13)	W. HEYLBUT *	(12)
B. BRADSTOCK	(15)	R. HUMPHREYS	(14)
G. BRAINE	(16)	M. KEEBLE	(14)
D. BRAYBROOK	(14)	J. KELLY	(16)
N. CISMOWSKI	(12)	D. MACDONALD	(16)
N. CLEMENT	(16)	L. MATTHEWS	(16)
J. CONNOR	(15)	T. MURPHY	(16)
J. COLENSO	(12)	I. MCCALL	(16)
G. COOK	(14)	R. MCDONNELL	(14)
B. CROSS	(16)	S. NASH *	(14)
J. DANZEY	(16)	G. NORBERRY	(16)
T. DELAUNEY	(16)	E. PEPPER	(16)
M. DUNN	(13)	P. PIERSE	(12)
C. EDWARDS	(12)	H. REEDY	(14)
P. ELLISS	(8)	J. REYNOLDS	(16)
J. FARRELLEY	(16)	K. ROBERTS	(10)
R. FREEMAN	(16)	M. TOMSETT	(16)
R. GARWOOD	(14)	W. TULLOCH *	(10)
B. GATELY	(16)	C. TURNELL *	(13)
C. GILCHRIST	(16)	J. TURNER	(16)
J. GOCHER	(16)	F. WALSH -	(15)
B. GOLDSWORTHY * <i>Revised</i>	(12)	D. WINTIN	(16)
L. GREEN	(13)	B. WISEMAN	(16)

TOTAL = 60

LIST OF NON ACTIVE MEMBERS 1977

16 Meetings were held for 1977 and Attendances

A. AGGETT	H. GRIFFIN	D. NICHOLSON
B. BARNES	J. GRIFFITHS	J. O'CONOR
G. BENNETT (2)	A. HALL (14)	J. O'KEEFE
J. BISSSETT	J. HARRIS (15)	K. PAGE (8)
P. BOWEN	G. HEDGER (2)	D. PARDY
R. BOWMAN	C. HENNESSY	J. PARKINSON
J. BRADLEY	K. HOLMAN	N. PATTEN (3)
B. BUCKINGHAM	K. JEFFES	R. PATTERSON
L. BUCKLEY (6)	J. JEWELL (14)	W. PEARSON (7)
R. CAREY	B. KANDELAS	R. PIERCE
J. COFFEY	B. KENDALL (2)	L. RANDLE
R. COFFEY	W. KIRK (2)	A. PERRY (2)
A. COLE	G. KELLAHAN	N. SAVAGE
E. COOK	A. KNIGHT	A. SEE
K. COUCH	P. LONGHURST (7)	R. SEMMENS
W. CRAWFORD	N. MCALISTER (1)	W. SINCLAIR (2)
B. CRIPPS	V. MCGUINNESS (2)	R. SMITH
C. DIMON	A. MCGILVERAY (2)	J. STEWART
M. EDWARDS	R. MCINTOSH	W. STEWART
J. EDDY	R. MCJANNETT (3)	J. LICEHURST
T. EZART (D)	D. MCLEAN (9)	L. TURNER
F. FISHER (10)	L. MCREYNOLDS	B. WALES
P. FITTON (8)	K. MANTON	R. WARNER
P. FREEMAN (6)	R. MENSER	W. WHITE (1)
R. GOBITS (2)	J. MITCHELL	J. WHYBROW (2)
M. GODFREY (13)	N. MORAITIS	S. WILLIAMS (2)
P. GOLD	R. MORRIS	A. WILLIS
K. GRAY (2)	A. NEVILLE (8)	B. WEBBER (1)

TOTAL = 84

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

BALMAIN	Referees Assn.	NEWTOWN	Referees Assn.
CANTERBURY/BANKSTOWN	"	NORTH SYDNEY	"
CRONULLA/SUTHERLAND	"	PARRAMATTA	"
C.Y.O.	"	PENRITH	"
EASTERN SUBURBS	"	ST. GEORGE	"
MANLY WARRINGAH	"	SOUTH SYDNEY	"
NETRO. BUSINESS HOUSES	"	UNIVERSITY CUP	"
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE	"	WESTERN SUBURBS	"
N.S.W. COUNTRY R.F.L.	Referees Assn.		
NORTHERN TERRITORY R.F.L.	"		
PAPUA NEW GUINEA R.F.L.	"		
WESTERN AUSTRALIA R.F.L.	"		

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION DELEGATES 1977

ATTENDANCES

BALMAIN:	D. Dudgeon (15), B. Maher (2)
CANTERBURY/BANKSTOWN:	R. Styles (14), C. Cole (2)
CROWULLA/SUTHERLAND:	N. Duncan (16), J. Blomfield (2)
C.Y.O.:	G. Nethery (14), J. Rogers (4), J. Collins (1)
C.R.F.L.R.A.:	K. Riolo (7)
EASTERN SUBURBS:	G. Wilson (10)
MANLY/WARRINGAH:	R. Connolly (15)
M.B.H.:	J. Bain (8), F. Dennis (4)
NEWTOWN:	K. Holwell (14), G. Heaton (2)
NORTH SYDNEY:	E. Carroll (14)
UNIVERSITY CUP REFEREES:	K. Davis (6), I. Pederson (2), S. Tennant (4)
PARRAMATTA:	C. Ward (8), M. Mannix (8)
PENRITH:	K. French (10), H. Creighton (5)
PAPUA NEW GUINEA:	J. Harris (15)
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE:	G. Callinan (15)
ST. GEORGE:	K. Gardiner (16)
SOUTH SYDNEY:	B. Prescott (14), M. Bilton (6)
WESTERN SUBURBS:	R. Powell (14), B. Shipton (7)

16 Meetings were held for 1977

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

In retrospect Season 1977 must surely be one of the most historical in the Association's history.

Firstly, the visits of the international referees Billy Thompson (England), Marcel Callo (France) and Bill Fallowfield, Secretary of the International Board of Control.

Secondly, the untimely loss of the late Jack Drewes who was always one of this Association's closest friends and allies in particular as a member of the N.S.W. Rugby League Committee. Jack was one of two people honoured by this association as honorary member for life and will be sadly missed.

Thirdly, the announcement of the Association's sponsorship with Thomas National Transport (T.N.T.).

Then finally the draw between St. George and Parramatta in the 1st Grade Grand Final necessitating the first ever grand final replay surely a year to remember.

A meeting will be held before the end of December between the N.S.W. Rugby League, R.S.A.A. Junior and Schools Committee, etc., to discuss the ever increasing programme of football games facing school footballers and methods to alleviate the position. I believe most members of this Association are aware of school footballers involvement in their own school competition, University Shield, Amco Shield and District Knock Out Competitions. A number of the players are in junior league competitions that also involves them in President Cup, Jersey Flegg and S.G. Ball Competition.

The International Board of Control has decided that in future they will revert to individual tours by visiting countries and the International Championship Series be suspended for the time being. Assurance has been given that the international interchange of referees will continue.

A word of warning - there are a number of referees who believe that all our worries regarding decreasing numbers in the junior referees ranks will be over following the acceptance of sponsorship with T.N.T. However it will require, beside the proposed publicity and training aids (a sponsorship benefit), every junior and grade referee to assist their own association to achieve the positive results that should be available.

It is indeed a tribute to our individual referees and the Association that our games were conducted with so little to cause dissension during Season 1977.

I wish all Referees an excellent season in 1978 and thank you for the privilege of representing you as delegate.

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Delegate's Report Continued

Finally the executive, committee and members thank you for your co-operation during the season and, in particular, to my co-delegate and secretary Eric Cox - what a wonderful job he has done for this Association this year.

J. MONTGOMERY

Delegate

DIRECTOR OF REFEREES REMARKS

SEASON 1977

Gentlemen,

May I personally congratulate the Association on arranging a sponsorship with a business partner so well accepted by the public, T.N.T., that the initials displayed on the jumpers caused only favourable comment from our patrons and media.

May the Referees fully enjoy the benefits to be derived from this arrangement, and our friends at Thomas National Transport be rewarded by constant and favourable exposure, further enhancing their business standing.

End of Season means reflection - and 1977 spells out a clear message to referees both at District and Grade Level. Many men this year achieved the right for appointment to higher fixtures, only to see the opportunity they had so painstakingly fought for disappear from their grasp by performances which failed to measure up to the requirements of the day and the potential they had shown in previous games.

Referees can justifiably argue that performances should be a fair and equitable yardstick to success, just as the Director of Referees assisted by his Board reports, and often confirmed by his own observation, can also point to "lack lustre" performances, both of application and control, that can only mean the referee has failed in his mission to maintain at least his position, let alone take steps towards further success.

Your most important time could be NOW, preparing for 1978. The early games and pre-season trials will be most important to every referee, be fair to yourself making sure your condition is not found wanting when you are on trial. May you thoroughly enjoy your rest, returning next year refreshed and eager to give of your best, so that as an Association we may once again render to the N.S.W.R.F.L. a contribution that will be satisfying and rewarding.

C.D. BROWN

Director of Referees N.S.W.R.F.L.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to commend to you for your approval the Annual Balance Sheet for 1977.

This has been the greatest year ever with regard to finance (fees excepted) in the history of the Association, both income and expenditure have been exceptional, fortunately income was greater this year as was also the demands on the expense side but after a tight year the end result being a credit balance in all accounts.

On behalf of the Association may I say thank you to the Rugby League for their continued support - it is very much appreciated.

We are grateful to Rothmans of Pall Mall for their substantial donation to the Association. I personally can assure them that without their generous support there would have been great difficulty in meeting our commitments. Our thanks is extended to W.D.&H.O. Wills for their increased donation this year - their continued assistance has been a great prop to the Association over our long association.

The big event of the year was the decision by Thomas Nationwide Transport to sponsor the Referees' Association. We are proud to be associated with a company of international repute. The terms agreed upon are most satisfactory. This has been a terrific boost to the members and the Association in general - we look forward to a long and gratifying association with T.N.T.

Our inaugural Final Nite was a huge success so much so that it could become an annual affair, the overall cost was \$1,060 which I was hard pressed to finance (Life was not meant to be easy). I would suggest that in the event of this evening being held again that the method of funding same be looked at.

I wish to express my thanks to the Office Bearers and Members of the Association for their support and co-operation during 1977.

F.O. COHEN

Hon. Treasurer

N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1977

GENERAL ACCOUNT		SPECIAL FUND	
Receipts		Expenditure	
Credit Balance 1976	59.43	Printing and Stationery	251.25
Grade Members Subs.	600.00	Postage and Stamp Duty	90.55
Balance Fees deduct	446.19	Telephone	241.48
Non-Active Members Subs.	65.00	Floral Tributes	43.00
Affiliations	88.00	Blazers L.M.	167.50
Grants & Donations		Referees Badges	437.25
N.S.W.R.F.L. (A/c. 1976)	600.00	Association Badges	315.96
N.S.W.R.F.L. (A/c. 1977)	600.00	Presentations	213.99
N.S.W.R.F.L. Trial Matches	600.00	Golf Trophy	11.00
Rothmans of Pall Mall	1000.00	Final Nite (part cost)	684.18
W.D.&H.O. Wills (Aust.)	150.00	Entertainment	278.31
T.N.T. Final Nite	200.00	Country Referees	474.25
Collected Final Nite	211.00	World Cup Referees	141.73
Collected World Cup Dinner	110.00	Grand Finals	1150.00
Association Badges	5.25	Honorariums	4500.45
Referees Badges	600.00	Repay loan to Insurance	200.00
Bank Interest	6.58	Account	641.00
		Cash at Bank	\$5341.45
			=====
Credit Balance - 1976	1003.87	Mick Holmes Appeal -	
Mick Holmes Appeal -		Dist. Assns. &	
Dist. Assns. & Assn. Members	220.00	Members	220.00
Allocation from Fees Deduct	100.00	Association Grant	100.00
Transfer Bank Int. from		Ray White Fund	200.00
Fees Acct.	250.00	Stamp Duty	3.00
Bank Interest	76.12	Cash at Bank	523.00
			126.99
			1000.00
			=====
			\$1649.99

N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1977 (Continued)

INSURANCE FUND		Receipts	
Expenditure		Credit Balance - 1976 1235.71 Allocation from Fees deduct 120.00 Bank Interest 89.99 <u>1445.70</u> Repay of loan from General Account 200.00 <u>\$1645.70</u> =====	
Cash at Bank		S.I.A.	
1400.00			
\$1645.70			
=====			
FEEES ACCOUNT		Credit Balance - 1976	
Paid to Referees		24.66	
Bank Charges		32023.20	
Stamp Duty		314.80	
Bank Int. trans. to		32044.24	
Spec. Fund		5.00	
Cash at Bank		<u>32044.24</u>	
68.42			
\$32362.66			
=====			
SOCIAL FUND		Credit Balance - 1976	
Life Members Night		509.75	
Family Picnic		1800.00	
Ladies Night		240.00	
Convivial		65.00	
Final Nite		10.00	
Printing, phone &		7.75	
postage			
30.04			
<u>2617.81</u>			
14.69			
\$2632.50			
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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.

Signed C. HUDSON
Hon. Auditors

Signed J. GOCHER
Hon. Auditors

F.O. COHEN - Hon. Treasurer

As in the past our Life Membership Presentation was held at Beverly Hills Bowling Club where we saw two of our popular men receive a just reward. To John Farrelley and George Benson we say congratulations and we are confident and know you both will continue your good work. John was backed up by his lovely lady Margaret, and although George's mother was unable to be present we know the support she has given 'Sir George'. A suitable presentation was made to the ladies.

GEORGE AND AMY HANSEN MEMORIAL AWARD

This very exclusive trophy can only be won once by the recipient in his career and this year saw our most popular Social Secretary, Frank Walsh, receive this wonderful Trophy.

Frank has been a great stalwart of the Association both as a First Grade Referee and a Touch Judge but I feel he has one particular feature and that is his regard and assistance to his fellowman.

His career as Social Secretary probably will never be surpassed and to Frank we can only say you were a true winner and worthy recipient.

VALE

To all members who suffered sad losses, we once again offer our deepest sympathies. There is never any doubt that our thoughts are always with our fellow referees in our hour of need.

I must extend to Steve Carey and Family our sincere thoughts as Steve and Family have suffered some tragic loss in the last few years.

We were all deeply shocked to learn of the passing of Jack Drewes Sr., one of our Honorary Associate Life Members. Jack's death was untimely and we have lost a great friend. To his wife, Glenn and young Jack we extend our sympathies.

Members of General Committee:

C. Brown, J. Montgomery and E. Cox

Vice-Presidents:

J. McGauley, T. Brennan and T. Bellow

Coaching Class for Referees:

C. Wiggzell (Director)

Director of Refereeing:

C. Brown assisted by Messrs. R. O'Donnell,

S. Carey, J. O'Sullivan, J. O'Brien,

A. Neville, J. Harris, L. Williams,

J. Jewell, A. Soane, R. Hall, H. Pierce

and M. Godfrey

Examination Board:

C. Pearce, L. Bruyeres, C. Wiggzell,

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

D. Macdonald

Referees Coaching Division:

R. Dick, K. Page, D. Macdonald,

R. Humphreys, J. Farrelly and J. O'Sullivan

Director of N.S.W. Leagues Club

E. Cox

Representing N.S.W.R.F.L.:

Our new gear this year proved successful and many nice remarks were passed as to how outstanding our chaps looked. Hope the manufacturers upgrade the

quality of some of the garments.

I am sure we will all reap the benefit from the films and lecturing material

that is now being prepared. This was all made possible by our sponsors,

T.N.T. If Associations want help in future, e.g. showing of films, etc.,

then we can quickly come to their aid.

Nice to see Harold Gillard, former Country Referees Secretary, elected

Honorary Associate Life Member of our Association, in recognition of his

services to refereeing.

Kevin Riolo of the Illawarra Area has taken his place and is going great

guns.

Our men who controlled first grade fixtures were as follows:-

B. Bradstock, D. Braybrook, G. Cook, J. Danzey, J. Gocher, G. Hartley,

R. Humphreys, D. Macdonald, K. Roberts, D. Wintin and G. Braine. A great

effort chaps and we look forward to seeing you go round next year and pos-

sibly some of the newer members may join you as top men.

This year has seen very few assaults on referees so it would now appear

that by us taking drastic action against the culprits it has at last started

to pay off.

Souths referees celebrated their 50th Year at Double Bay with a magnificent

dinner and we congratulate them on their achievement.

A special thank you to the League Doctor, Bill Monaghan, who has been of

great assistance to us all over the years. We certainly took him by surprise

at our final Nite when his services were suitably recognised.

There is no truth in the rumour that 'Smokey' O'Donnell is trying to take over

as a strictly S.C.G. Touch Judge permanently.

Saw Jack O'Brien jogging in a T.N.T. track suit, up at the Entrance in the

bottom 'Pub'. Must be contemplating breaking his retirement or maybe the

'Old Beer' has taken over. Watch him Phil.

FILE MEMBERS MICH

E. COX

Hon. Secretary

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure and a certain sense of achievement that I present for your consideration and hopefully subsequent adoption the Annual Social Report for

season 1977.

Season 1977 was one that saw some dramatic changes in the Association both on the presentation or image side of the Association and socially. The T.N.T. sponsorship has been of immense benefit in lifting the image of the Association and I can't remember the N.S.W.R.F.L. Referees ever making a decision that was so universally accepted, well, not since I was dropped from the centre. On the social side the action came thick and fast with the dropping of the Bucks Picnic, visits of international referees for the World Cup fixtures although we were spared a visit from the New Zealand referee. Billy Thompson, the Black Prince (he took that title from Tom Delauney) made a big impression on all and sundry and was in great demand to referees in all parts of the eastern seaboard.

Billy thought he had the key to the Mint and he looked liked taking out citizenship papers at one part and it was the first time that referees from N.S.W. had taken such a back seat to other whistle blowers - the Australian member being Don Lancashire (the Elastoplast Kid) our expatriate member from Queensland. It is up to our members to now again push their way to the fore and once more establish this body as the Premier Referees' Association so as Shakespeare says, "extract El Didget".

CONVIVIALS

During the season four convivals were held and these always help the new members to get to know the established grade members at the start of their grade careers. With the use of cans of "canned sunshine" we were reasonably happy with the results and we didn't have the usual few beefs about the keg and the need to do a "Blow Job" on the lines. We took the opportunity to entertain the World Cup referees and attending dignitaries during the season at the convivals at meetings held at the N.S.W. Leagues Club or at the S.C.G. at the conclusion of the City v. Country Fixtures and the World Cup fixtures.

LIFE MEMBERS NIGHT

Life Membership Honours were bestowed on Mr. John Farrelly and "Sir" George Benson by the President, Mr. Austin Shiner at the Beverly Hills Bowling Club on Saturday, 30th April, 1977.

There were 165 people in attendance, not one of our largest crowds, but still, those who did support this event really enjoyed the evening and the other goodies on offer.

LADIES NIGHT

Beverly Hills Bowling Club was again the venue when we staged the Ladies Cocktail Dinner Dance. We started with cocktails at 7.00 p.m. followed by dinner and there were 130 people in attendance and this event, which is now one of the most popular, was enjoyed by all those who attended.

A special feature was the appearance of Idi Amin and the Harlem Belly Dancers featuring Bill Grono and members of the "De Danse Company of Le Referees".

Jack Harris took the prize for nominating the members by their bellies. I always knew Jack would have made a great Navel Officer.

FINAL CONVIVIAL OR SPECIAL LIFE MEMBERS NIGHT

This year began with a report coming back from the final Committee Meeting of 1976 recommending winding up the Annual (Bucks) Picnic of the Association.

The Bucks Picnic had been a feature of the N.S.W.R.F.L. Referees' Social Calendar since "Dally M" first laced up his bionic jock strap and to re-move or replace it was considered the "impossible dream".

However, over the last few years this function has been dragging like a Hernia on the Bank Balance with increasing costs mounting each year and a falling number of members making the effort to attend, so after a number of exciting meetings it was decided to enlarge the usual final convivial with special emphasis being placed on making an appeal to all the Life Members to join with us on this evening. So on Wednesday, 28th September, we took over the fourth floor of the N.S.W. Leagues Club starting at 6.00 p.m. with a B-B-Q steak dinner and a large gathering of 145 members, visitors, delegates and guests were present to enjoy the evenings festivities. Among those present were executive officers of our sponsoring firm, T.N.T.

FAMILY PICNIC

Proving that we can move with the times, this year we discarded our long standing date with Lane Cove National Park and moved our Family Picnic out to Waratah Park, home of "Skippy" the bush kangaroo. A different type of picnic with bush walks, train rides, trampolines, pony rides, films at the Kangaroo Headquarters plus novelty events put on by us. Members took the time to B-B-Q lunch for mum and the kids and an excellent job they did. I intend recommending them to cook for "Bonnie Prince Charlie" next time he is in Alice Springs. John Farrell, our Italian Chef was in charge of the kitchen and one lady was heard to say he had more hair than Bernard King and another said he's hornier than Richard Burton too and she said it as if she knew what she was talking about. I found out that some members don't read the notices sent out and some families

Family Picnic Continued

arrived bringing their lunches with them but the gem of all was Phill (World Traveller) Ellis, whose wife Dot had spent considerable time procuring special fillings for the "Buttercup Sandwiches", which at last report Phill was seen to be stuffing (the sandwiches, that is) into "Skippy's" pouch and Dot saying "nexta time we getta to Venice I getta you a job as a street walker". Better take your snorkel with you Phill, no worries if you do. The Social Committee voted this an outstanding success, the picnic that is, not Phill in Venice.

CONCLUSION

This has been a season to remember, who would ever forget the amount of work put up by a lot of members in regard to sponsorship and what a deal we ended up getting but did you know that right up to November Eric (Big End) Cox had been busy trying to get up another extra sponsor namely Liverpool Speedway where the midget cars race but old "Big End" crashed going up con-rod straight and did his ribs in and so lost another likely sponsor.

So Liverpool Speedway join Manly Freezers as being the companies that almost sponsored the referees.

Doug Wintin has a teaching position open at De La Salle College, Cronulla for next year as one of Doug's mates is a guest at the Bay - anyone interested, give him a ring.

I would like to thank the members of the Social Committee for their help and encouragement during the season and all members for their support of the various functions.

Two dates to remember for Season 1978.

Life Members Night - Saturday, 20th May, 1978.

Special Ladies Night - Saturday, 19th August, 1978.

Well I am off to training now and remember also that we will be putting up some trophies for running events on the day of the Touch Football to be conducted by the Manly Warringah Referees' Association early in the new year.

I need a gardener for my farm at Griffith. The only experience needed is to be able to water the "grass" and carry suitcases of money to the bank - sounds like Austin on pay day.

Kind regards,

F.W. WALSH

Hon. Social Secretary

Minister for the Riverina

RESULT OF BALLOTS:

PATRON:

PRESIDENT: PACE SHIWER BAVERAS

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: M'DONALD

SECRETARY: COX

TREASURER: COHEN

VICE PRESIDENTS: JENELL GRAYBROOK BARAY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: WINTON

DELEGATE: MOTT

DEPUTY DELEGATE: BAVERAS

SOCIAL SECRETARY: WASH

DELEGATES TO 2ND DIVISION:

COMMITTEE:

HONORARY AUDITORS:

PATRON:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:

SECRETARY:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

VICE PRESIDENTS:

NOMINEES FOR EXAMINATION BOARD:

DELEGATE:

ADVISORY BOARD:

NOMINEES FOR ADVISORY BOARD:

DELEGATES TO THE DIVISION:

GENERAL NOTES:

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COMMITTEE: