

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

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THE SEVENTY - SECOND REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.
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N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

December, 1979.

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting will be held at the New South Wales Leagues Club in the Ballroom, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney on Wednesday, 30th January, 1980 commencing at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting
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Hon. Secretary

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1979

PATRON

Mr. C. Wigzell, B.E.M.

PRESIDENT

Mr. L. Bruyeres

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Mr. D. MacDonald

HON. TREASURER

Mr. J. Gocher

HON. SECRETARY

Mr. F. Walsh

ASS. SECRETARY

Mr. D. Wintin

VICE PRESIDENTS

Messrs. B. Barry (Snr) D. Braybrook & J. Jewell

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

Mr. L. Bruyeres

DEPUTY DELEGATE

Mr. A. Shiner

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr. C. Turnell

COMMITTEE

Messrs. P. Elliss, I. McCall, J. Farrelly, B. Gately, T. Murphy &
M. Tomsett

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. I. McCall, D. Braybrook, B. Barry, P. Elliss & M. Tomsett.

AUDITORS

Messrs. C. Gilchrist & P. Longhurst

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Messrs. N. Clement, B. Bradstock, L. Buckley, G. Braine, L. Matthews,
B. Apps & J. Kelly

HANSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY COMMITTEE

Messrs. L. Bruyeres, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, D. Wintin, C. Turnell, O. Cohen

SPONSORS TO THE ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN Sir Peter Abeles - T.N.T. .. LIAISON OFFICER Mr. W. Petley

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Messrs. L. Bruyeres, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, D. MacDonald, D. Wintin,
T. Murphy

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Messrs. L. Bruyeres, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, K. Page, G. Hedger & J. Harris

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Messrs. L. Bruyeres, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, I. McCall, J. Danzey, C. Turnell,
D. Wintin & T. Murphy

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

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

The administration of the Association was carried out in the most efficient manner for which we give our sincere thanks and congratulations to all our officials.

The season was a great success as to the sociability of the Association and our sincere thanks, appreciation and congratulations go to our Social Secretary and the Social Committee.

It was a sad loss with the passing of two Life Members of the Association, Messrs. A. Spankie and K. Keough, both members gave wonderful service to Rugby League and were held in the highest esteem by all, and to their relatives, we extend our sincere sympathy.

To our sponsor we must again thank them most sincerely for their continued support, which has a far reaching help to this great game of Rugby League, thanks again T.N.T.

A delightful evening was held at the end of the season when the opportunity was taken to present to this year's Life Members, Messrs. M. Tomsett and M. Godfrey and all other Life Members with a Life Members Lapel Badge and I think I can speak for all when I say it was greatly appreciated and congratulations are extended to all the recipients.

The Association was honoured by the visitation of Mr. Mick Naughton from England and he was well entertained and received by various Associations during his stay.

The premiership competitions were keenly contested and our congratulations are extended to the winners of the various grades and also to the Referees who were appointed to control these fixtures.

The visit of the English Rugby League Team was of great interest and although they were unsuccessful in their quest of the Ashes, we congratulate our Australian Team on the great form they showed throughout the Series and to the Referees who were appointed to control the Test matches and interstate fixtures, we extend our congratulations.

While we look back on last year we must also look forward to our coming season in which we can improve on our attitude towards this great game of Rugby League by carrying out our duties whether we are Officials, Referees, or players, it is most important that we work together, it is no good one being against the other, we are all there for the advancement of Rugby League in general, let us hope that common sense and sincerity will prevail.

MESSAGE FROM PATRON (cont)

In conclusion, let us look forward to Season 1980 with unified desire of co-operation by all concerned for the general advancement of the game of Rugby League.

C. E. WIGZELL

PATRON B.E.M.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I write this report I am conscious of the passing of the '70's and the birth of not only a new year but the beginning of a new and exciting decade.

It is a decade that must make us all stop and think very deeply, for the next ten years could and will bring significant changes to the lives of each and every one of us.

Look back over the past ten years and think of the many things that have happened to you personally and then project your thoughts to the future and for the next ten years.

In your personal family life, in your careers and in your sporting affiliations there has been and there will be moments of happiness and despair. This is life and it is inevitable.

Looking back there can be no denying that we have had our moments of problems and that now famous saying "that life was not meant to be easy" must have been uttered when thinking of the position of President.

But I am often reminded of that also eloquent axiom that reads, "the moving finger having writ moves on nor all thy piety or wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

The past is gone and the future must be our immediate concern. Everyone whether active or otherwise has a contribution to make to the Association and as we step into a new era, I am confident that we are all aware of our responsibilities to each other and to our Association.

I wish you all happiness, health and success in the future.

LAURIE BRUYERES,
President.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 1979

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit for your perusal and subsequent adoption, the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for season 1980.

The winds of change continued to sweep through the Association with the decision by Ossie Cohen to "carry his bat" and retire as he indicated in the last Annual Report, this resulted in John Gocher being elected as Treasurer.

I am sure that you would think me remiss if I did not take time to touch briefly on the Os. Cohen story. A story of service to the Association.

Going back to 1939 Annual Meeting the new position of Minute Secretary was created and Os Cohen was elected to the new position, which he held again in 1940. But these were the dark days of War and Os became one of our members in the active Armed Forces which numbered 18 on active service as well as E. Goss who paid the supreme price with his life.

He resigned as an active member in 1943 when he found he was having trouble getting back from New Guinea to fulfil his appointments each week-end, but he still managed to attend 6 meetings in 1945.

Returning from active service in 1946, he was elected as a Vice President in 1948 and 1950 and as an Auditor in 1949 and '50. When Horrie Millington passed away in 1956, he had been Treasurer for 33 years, Os was elected as the new Treasurer.

He held the position over the next 23 years and in that time he never missed a meeting of the Association or the Committee, proving his value to the Association with his keen common sense and ability to bring wisdom to any debate in which he took part.

Ossie's wife Flo has been very ill over the past few seasons and this has seen an increase in the demands of his time at home and Os now feels that he will be unable to attend many meetings this season, I feel that as he has helped so many members over the years, what about some of you taking time to give him a ring or drop him a line - remember he must not be allowed to drop out of our "Family". Don't leave it to the other fellow. A lifetime of service to the Association, his Country and Rugby League, spanning over 40 years cannot be done justice in a few paragraphs, but Os, on behalf of all, may I simply say "thank you".

On the field of play, the competition was again very close and as was the case last season, who was about to play in the finals wouldn't be known until the final whistle, making for another tremendous finale and even the media were able to find very little in our members' performances to criticise, but by their tacit reporting of the fixtures

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

allied themselves to the fact that they had witnessed some of the best Rugby League seen in recent years.

Sponsorship

Now in its third year, our sponsorship by T.N.T. (Thomas National Transport) is being felt in all quarters of the Refereeing Fraternity in N.S.W.

Sir Peter Abeles, Chairman of Directors of T.N.T., was very pleased with the progress of our agreement and indicated a continuance of the sponsorship was desired by the T.N.T. Company.

This season will see further assistance forthcoming to the C.R.A. and District Associations but let me caution all concerned that this sponsorship money has been made available to the N.S.W.R.F.L. Referees Association and is disbursed by them, so the recipients had best make sure that this fact is acknowledged by them.

The T.N.T. group of Companies have gone from strength to strength this year, featuring in increased capital growth and becoming a senior partner in Ansett Transport Industries. Sir Reggie wasn't able to prevent a Sydney based Rupert Murdoch take-over this time without the help of former Victorian Premier Sir Henry Bolte, who put through special legislation to prevent a T.N.T. take-over bid in the early '70's. We offer our congratulations to T.N.T. on their continued growth and extend our thanks to Mr. Bill Petley and his assistant, Mr. Lindsay Plowes, these Liaison Officers have been ever helpful to the Association.

They have been ably supported by Max Russo and Derek Robertson, who have been involved in major positional changes in the T.N.T. staff; this has resulted in their elevation to higher positions and we wish them well. Max is now National General Manager for T.N.T. Systems and Ted Prebble, the National Executive Director for the T.N.T. Systems. Bill Petley helped me to draw up the new cover design. Thanks Bill.

Honours

Max Godfrey and Max Tomsett received Life Membership of the N.S.W.R.F.L. Referees' Assoc. at a function held at the Ryde Bowling Club.

Both these recipients have been tireless workers for the Association over the years and are very worthy of this high honour.

Jack O'Brien. Jack was nominated for Life Membership of the N.S.W.R.F. League, having completed 40 years of service to the Rugby League in N.S.W. This is the highest accolade that the N.S.W. Rugby League can bestow and his record certainly warranted him receiving his Life Membership.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Doug Wintin won the George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy for his work for the Association in his dual capacity as Assistant Secretary and Chairman of the Sponsorship Committee. I have a very high regard for the capacity of Doug to carry out whatever position he holds. Congratulations Doug - well done!

Vale

Unfortunately this season we have to record the passing of two Life Members and three Hon. Members from the ranks of Association Members.

Alex Spankie a former 1st Grade Referee and member of the Appointment Board, passed away after a long illness. Kevin Keough was also a former 1st Grade Referee who died suddenly at home, after a sudden collapse literally in the arms of his wife Pat whom he loved so very much.

Ron Smith, mine host at Dubbo, passed away suddenly whilst Bob Kandelas, after staging a stubborn fight against a serious illness for a period of several years, finally succumbed after another sojourn in hospital.

Probably the greatest tragedy was the sudden demise of Ted (Edmond) Pepper, a Touch Judge on the Grand Final and the Grand Final Replay of the 1st Grade last season (1978). Ted was a well respected member, who narrowly missed being nominated as a Committee Recommendation for Life Membership honours for 1979.

Mrs. Elenor Gately, mother of Brien and Mrs. Christine Benson, mother of George both passed away.

We extend our sympathy to Vince McGuinness on the loss of his wife Phill and also to Nick Moratis on the sudden passing of his wife Maria on Christmas Day, a day that should have been one of family joy instead of sadness.

We wish to record our sincere sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Alan Clarkson on the sad loss of their son Peter who passed away early in the off-season.

To all other members who suffered the sad loss of a loved one during the season we offer our sincere sympathy.

Sickies

These are some of the members or their wives who reported to the "Sick Bay" at some time during the season.

Cyril Wigzell had a long break with illness as did Jack McGauley who had a severe bout of bronchitis.

Mrs. Dianne Reedy had a minor operation and Mrs. R. Kandelas had another bout in hospital.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Active members Ray Connolly and Kevin Roberts both had short spells in hospital. Kevin having a repair job done on his leg that wasn't crook!

Os Cohen took sick at the S.C.G. and had to be escorted home; recently, just before Christmas, Flo, Ossie's wife, had to enter hospital to have a cataract removed from her eye and she has had a rough time of it of late.

To all those mentioned and all those who have been sick, but were not mentioned, we wish you a speedy recovery and good health in 1980.

Flashback

1980, that seems to be the time when all manner of sports critics, political students and know-alls generally take time to look back over the past ten years and eulogise about the events that stood out, so what say I pick out a few that might be of interest.

Going back to 1940, the N.S.W.R.F.L. staged a Pageant to open the season and the March Past was won by the N.S.W.R.F.L. Referees Association with the judges awarding a five guinea prize to the Association. Tom Brennan was elected Manager of the N.S.W. Team to tour Queensland; President was A. Dennis; Secretary was T. Brennan; Treasurer was H. Millington.

Jack O'Brien was graded and refereed the 1st Grade Grand Final, a unique achievement. I had a member say to me this year "What has Jack O'Brien ever done, what are his qualifications to act on the Appointment Board?" That was the start of his career, I don't think the new boy has equalled that.

1950 saw Jim Griffin as President; Tom Brennan as Secretary; Horrie Millington as Treasurer.

The 1st Test Great Britain v Australia (G. Bishop)
3rd " " " v " (T. McMahon)
City II v Country II (H. Gillard)

1960 saw Arthur Davis as President; T. Brennan as Secretary; O. Cohen as Treasurer.

New members graded were Russell Bowman, Cyril Dimon, Col. Hudson, Bruce Jackman and Stan Williams whilst those retiring were Dick Cummins, Jack Kelly, Don Lancashire, D. Nicholson and Geo. Taylor.

On the 27th November, 1960 the 1st Family Picnic was held at Parsley Bay with the Social Secretary not to spend more than £100.

1970 saw Austin Shiner as President; Eric Cox as Secretary; Os Cohen as Treasurer.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Her Majesty's visit to the S.C.G. fixture, Balmain v South Sydney - Referee K. Page and Touch Judges were J. Montgomery and R. Dick. Don Lancashire was the Referee for the three tests, Australia v Great Britain

Annual Picnic transferred indoors to the Old Balmain Leagues Club on account rain and the launch failing to turn up.

The Association bought 300 Assoc. ties. Bank balance - General Fund - \$211.04; Social Fund - \$245.35

New members in 1970 were B. Barnes, K. Gray, D. Braybrook, A. Collin B. Cripps, J. Gocher, B. Goldsworthy, J. O'Keefe, Bill Pearson and Doug Wintin.

Since 1970, these are a few of the personalities who have left us. It must be remembered that this is not a complete list, but that names may conjure up some fond memories.

Harold Matthews; Shirley McGilvray; Jack Drewes; Geo. Bishop; Bill Buckley O.B.E.; Arnold Stehr; Amy Hansen; Geo. Hansen; Bill Kell Bob Brock; Dick McPhillips; Ron Smith; Kevin Keough; Col Ford; member of Steve Carey's Family; Alex Spankie; Bob Kandelas; Ted Pepper.

In 1971 the value of a field goal was reduced to 1 point.

Canterbury-Bankstown R.A. celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

North Sydney celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 1972. Remember the day at Endeavour Field when Wal Kirk, Ron Smith and Clive Edwards set fire to their "Hot Pants" and nearly burnt the room down.

At the Annual Picnic held at Randwick Race Course, Joe Moses operated from a bookies stand belonging to "K. Free", can you imagine Joe being "free" with the odds?

Denis Braybrook swan-dived into the creek at Lane Cove National Park while playing cricket with the "kids". One of the original Packer W.S.C. group.

At a function in the dressing room at the S.C.G. I introduced "Sir" George Benson to Sir Wm. McKell who thought he was meeting a new knight of the realm. The look on his face was wonderful until he realised he was having his leg pulled.

In 1973 Mick Naughton made his first visit to Australia and K. Page controlled the 1st Grade Final.

The Australia v Great Britain Test was refereed by K. Page whilst L. Bruyeres controlled the 1st Grade Grand Final in 1974.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

In 1975 C. Brown was made Director of Referees, and the International Rugby League are to write a common rule book for all nations. K. Page went to Great Britain to referee a World Cup match whilst L. Bruyeres toured New Zealand as a World Cup Referee. Marie Kelly stripped Ross Hensley's money tree back to the bark at the Special Ladies Night.

Os Cohen won the Initial Geo. and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy.

1976 was G. Cook referee the 1st Grade Grand Final and a father and son referee in grade at the same time in the persons of the Ron and Paul Freeman.

E. Cox was co-manager of the Australian Rugby League Team to tour New Zealand, T. Bellow was co-manager of the N.S.W. touring team.

The Grenadier Guards made a special appearance at the Special Ladies Night at Beverley Hills Bowling Club.

"Joe the Bagman" nabbed by the wallopers at Erko Oval at our last Annual Picnic. Rumour has it that Eric went to Nowra for a b.b.q. and found some old timber hanging from an old hanger and burnt down the Base.

1977 saw the Family Picnic held at Waratah Park, the home of Skippy the Bush Kangaroo. Jack Harris, great Navel Officer that he is, won the prize for identifying the "Idi Amin Harem Belly Dancers" at the Special Ladies Night.

T.N.T. sponsorship commenced.

Phill and Dot Elliss made a world trip; C. Brown, co-manager of the Australian World Cup team and J. Montgomery, co-manager of the N.S.W. team to tour Qld.; G. Cook refereed the 1st grade Grand Final and the first ever replay; South Sydney R.A. celebrated their 50th Anniversary; C. Wigzell received the B.E.M.; K. Holman received the Queen's Jubilee Medal; T. Bellow received the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

In 1978 J. Moses received the B.E.M.; E. Cox was appointed as Director of Referees; G. Hartley refereed the 1st grade Grand Final and the replay. Greg was appointed to go to Gt. Britain and France with the Australian Rugby League team; Col. Pearce chosen by radio station 2UE to broadcast the Test Matches from Gt. Britain; Bank Bal. General A/c \$182.89; Social A/c - \$1,058.77.

1979 saw the first ever week-end Seminar conducted by the Association at Newport on the 9th-11th February, 1979.

The movement of fees stands as follows:

1950 ..	total received from NSWRL	-	\$ 3,462.00
1960 ..	" " " "	-	7,590.00
1970 ..	" " " "	-	31,654.45
1979 ..	" " " "	-	43,644.55

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

The following members refereed 1st Grade in 1965: Messrs. Pearce, Holman, Samuelson, Bruyeres, Harris, W. Kelly, E. Cook, Neville, Perry and Lane.

In 1970, Messrs. Bruyeres, Edwards, E. Cook, Farrelly, Harris, Holman, Lancashire, McCarroll, Neville, Page, Samuelson & Humphreys.

In 1975, Messrs. Page, Bruyeres, Hartley, MacDonald, Braybrook, C. Edwards, Roberts, G. Cook, Danzey, Humphreys and McAllister.

I hope that the cameos presented afford you some measure of enjoyment remembering that these are only parts taken from the Annual Reports and do NOT represent the total contained.

Seminar

The Newport Inn was the venue of the Seminar and those fortunate to attend all seemed to agree that the meals and facilities were first-class as was the accommodation.

Much of the work and discussion put into scrums certainly paid off during the season with a marked improvement in the standard of scrums presented in all grades.

The interest shown by the 1st grade coaches and their readiness to join in the debate was reflected in the fact that they were prepared to attend two subsequent meetings as follow-up meetings to analyse the progress. A point of interest seemed to be that the coaches who attended were the ones whose teams were well performed.

A full programme for the week-end was well attended by the active members Advisory and Appointment Board members.

I would like to thank L. Bruyeres, J. Montgomery, the members of the Seminar Committee for their dedication to the task of giving you a Seminar that you would remember.

Visitations

During the season many of the District Referees Association were visited by members of the Executive of this Association.

As part of the reciprocal arrangements for the Interchange of Referees we had a visit from Mr. Mick Naughton from Widnes for a period of approximately a month and at this point it was to our everlasting credit that most District Associations were involved in the entertainment of Mick during his visit. He appreciated the kindness shown to him by the boys of the Central Coast Group Referees during his stay with them for a week.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Eddie Ward was again the Qld. Referee to visit Sydney for the interstate series and we met Eddie and his father at the airport and entertained them at various times during their stay in Sydney.

Our old friends, Mr. Paul Goener, President of the Queensland Referees Association and Mr. Bob Richards, President of the Auckland Referees Association, again made visits to Sydney.

The country referees who made themselves available for the All-Schools Carnival were again entertained by members back at the Souths Junior Leagues Club at dinner and the show. This year the number of country referees was increased from 10 to 12.

Congratulations

We extend our best wishes to Harold Gillard on his election to the position of President of the Royal NSW Bowling Association. Harold was a long term Secretary of the C.R.F.L.R.A. and I am sure that he will bring his usual flair and attention to detail to the position of President.

The newly graded referees for season 1979 were Messrs. John Blomfield (C-S), Michael Grady (St.G.), Kim Holwell (N), Greg Kelly (Parr.), Michael Thompson (C-B) and Martin Weekes (S.S.). Welcome and we wish you all the best during your career in grade.

Later, due to a few retirements, Mr. Dennis Spagarino (W.S.), was graded after refereeing the President's Cup Final.

The following referees obtained the honour of officiating in various representative fixtures:

<u>Fixtures</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Touch Judges</u>
City I v Country I	K. Roberts	G. O'Donnell (Illa) B. Cross
City II v Country II	T. Gustard (Newc.)	J. Kelly; R. Garwood
N.S.W. v Qld. in Qld.	G. Cook	
N.S.W. v Qld. in Sydney	E. Ward (Qld.)	G. Benson; J. Connor
Aust. v Gt. Britain 1st Test	G. Hartley	J. Farrelly; M. Tomsett
Aust. v Gt. Britain 3rd Test	G. Hartley injured replaced by E. Ward (Qld.)	N. Clements; I. McCall
N.S.W. v Gt. Britain	K. Roberts	R. Garwood; H. Reedy
1st Grade Grand Final - Cant-Banks v St. George	G. Hartley	M. Tomsett; J. Farrelly
2nd Grade Grand Final - Cant-Banks v Parramatta	J. Danzey	I. McCall; H. Reedy
3rd Grade Grand Final Parra. v St. George	D. Braybrook	G. Benson; J. Connor

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

The same officials had controlled the Finals a week earlier. The following had controlled the Preliminary Semi-Finals and Major Semi-Finals as referees; Messrs. G. Cook, J. Gocher, C. Ward and B. Goldswort. Touch Judges - Messrs. B. Cross, B. Wiseman, J. Kelly, R. Garwood, N. Clement and J. Turner - these are in addition to those mentioned in the finals and grand finals.

AMCO Cup Final - Cron-Sutherland v Brisbane - Referee G. Hartley, T. Judges J. Farrelly, M. Tomsett

AMCO Shield Final - Holy Cross College v St. Gregory's College - Referee K. Roberts; T. Judges G. Benson; J. Connor.

President's Cup Final - Referee D. Spagarino (WS) - T. Judges L. Willis (St. George); L. Wadley (M-W)

H. Flegg Final - K. Davis (Uni Cup) T. Judges B. Thompson (Parr); J. Colwell (C-B)

S. G. Ball Final - Referee R. Oldfield (M-W); T. Judges J. Flannagan (C B. Carroll (B)

Congratulations to all those listed and our thanks to all the other members who put as much effort and dedication into whatever appointments they received treating them as if they were grand finals.

The following members retired from the graded ranks - Messrs. B. Barry, M. Beacroft, T. Delauney, C. Edwards, R. Freeman, C. Gilchrist G. Gunnee, M. Keeble, R. Murray, G. Norberry, E. Pepper and F. Walsh.

Officials

I would like you to take a few moments to reflect on your officials for 1979 and how they performed on your behalf.

Your President, Mr. Laurie Bruyeres again performed his duties to his usual high standard and on the occasion he was away on annual leave, Mr. Don MacDonald ably filled the position as Chairman. Mr. Austin Shiner deputised for him at the meeting of the N.S.W.R.F.L.

John Gocher had the "hard act to follow" when he took over as Treasurer from Os Cohen, but John introduced a new method of paying the members, making satisfactory arrangements with the N.S.W. Leagues Club for them to cash members' cheques.

We had some pertinent issues on which to adjudge as an Executive and John's standpoint was always one of strength.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Doug Wintin again carried out his duties in his customary capable manner both as Assistant Secretary and Chairman of the Sponsorship Committee. He filled in ably for me whilst I had a week in hospital, during which time I didn't see "eye to eye" with the doctor.

Col Turnell as your Social Secretary maintained a high standard of functions which those attending members voted a huge success. He advanced the idea of a gold medal to be presented to the Life Members at the final function of the year. The recipients were very pleased with their gold medal which over the Christmas holdiay has already doubled in value.

Conclusion

1980 ushers in a new decade and I hope that for the good of the Association all members will start to pull together. Over the last season, on your behalf, our delegates have presented to the N.S.W.R.F.L. on three separate occasions a motion to alter the construction or composition of the Referees Appointment Board.

The members seeing fit to extend the meetings into December and it became hard to gauge the feelings of some members and what their intentions were, but at the final Special Meeting the silent majority stood up, were counted and hopefully laid the strife to rest.

What was said by these members laid the basis for the rejection of further action and the evident desire of members to "get on with the game" was commendable. This was the turbulence in 1979 which like '79 has now become history, so we welcome 1980 like a breath of fresh air, sure in the knowledge that the marvellous recuperative powers of the Association will again prevail and we will all be working to restore this Association to the pinnacle that it has for so long enjoyed.

I would like to thank you for the privilege of acting as your secretary for season 1979 and to thank Laurie, John, Doug and Col for their help and assistance. See you at training!

F. W. WALSH

Hon. Secretary

NOTICE OF MOTION

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned, wish to submit the following "Notice of Motion" to alter the Constitution of the N.S.W.R.F.L. Referees Association for consideration at the Annual Meeting of 1980.

1. That rule 21 sub section (a) be amended to read

"Only Graded Referees of any particular season be permitted to speak and vote on, (i) matters concerning Referees' and Touch Judges' Fees. (ii) election of nominees for Referees Appointment Board. (iii) election of nominees for Referees Advisory Board.

Moved by: J. Gocher

Seconded by: D. Braybrook

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following members have been recommended by the Committee for Life Membership Honours in 1980. Set out under is a copy of their records of service with the Association.

R. HALL - Graded 1941-1944. Hon. Member 1945-1979. Total membership - 39 years.

Attendance at Meetings:

1941	-	4	(14)	1973	-	12	(15)
1942	-	5	(16)	1974	-	12	(14)
1943	-	7	(15)	1975	-	9	(15)
1944-1969		Nil Attendances		1976	-	13	(16)
1970	-	13	(16)	1977	-	14	(16)
1971	-	15	(15)	1978	-	3	(14)
1972	-	12	(15)	1979	-	3	(17)

Member of Referees' Appointment Board - 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974.
Member of Referees' Advisory Board - 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978.

J. HARRIS - Graded 1963-1973. Hon. Member 1974-1979. Total membership 16 years.

Attendance at Meetings:

1963	-	11	(14)	1968	-	13	(17)	1973	-	11	(15)
1964	-	13	(16)	1969	-	12	(16)	1974	-	12	(14)
1965	-	13	(16)	1970	-	9	(16)	1975	-	14	(16)
1966	-	11	(15)	1971	-	5	(15)	1976	-	14	(16)
1967	-	13	(15)	1972	-	11	(15)	1977	-	15	(16)
								1978	-	14	(14)
								1979	-	16	(17)

Member of Referees' Appointment Board - 1973, 1974.
Member of Referees' Advisory Board - 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978.
Member of Investigation Committee 1979. Seminar Committee 1978.

The following members were nominated - Messrs. D. Braybrook, L. Buckley, N. Clement, J. Connor, B. Cross, R. Freeman, C. Gilchrist, J. Gocher, W. Grono, R. Hall, J. Harris, G. Hedger, J. Jewell, J. Kelly, I. McCall, D. McLean and D. Wintin.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLL AND ATTENDANCES

K. ARNOLD		C. HUDSON	(4)
L. BAGGOTT		J. KELLY	(D)
B. BARRY	(11)	W. KELLY	(D)
A. BELLERUM	(D)	W. KEOGH	(2) (D)
J. BATES	(D)	E. KERR	(D)
G. BENSON	(14)	A. KONNECKE	(3)
T. BELLEW	(3)	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)	D. MacDONALD	(16)
R. BRICK	(D)	M. MALONEY	(D)
C. BROWN	(1)	J. MARTIN	
L. BRUYERES	(16)	H. MILLINGTON	(D)
J. BUCHANAN	(D)	J. MONTGOMERY	(6)
E. BUCKLEY	(D)	J. MOSES	(9)
S. CAREY	(16)	J. MURRAY	(D)
J. CLARKE	(D)	W. NEILL	(D)
A. COLLINS		J. O'BRIEN	(7)
O. COHEN	(15)	R. O'DONNELL	(8)
T. COSTELLO	(D)	J. O'SULLIVAN	(11)
B. COWLEY		A. OXFORD	
W. CUKE		K. PAGE	(7)
R. CUMMINS	(4)	E. PAINE	
E. COX	(11)	C. PEARCE	(2)
J. DAVIES		G. PEARCE	(D)
A. J. DAVIS	(1)	H. PIERCE	(7)
L. DEANE	(D)	H. POULTON	(D)
F. DELANEY	(D)	H. ROWLANDS	(D)
A. DENNIS	(D)	L. ROSEN	(2)
W. DEVINE SNR.		L. SAMUELSON	
T. DICKSON	(D)	A. SHIPWAY	(1)
R. DICK	(6)	R. SMYTH	
R. H. DRAKE	(D)	H. SCHUTEMA	(D)
H. J. ELLIOT		C. SCHOMBERG	
P. ELLISS	(11)	A. SHINER	(17)
F. ERICKSON		A. SOANE	(5)
J. FARRELLY	(15)	A. SPANKIE	(D)
J. FARQUHAR	(D)	M. TOMSETT	(13)
A. FARROW	(D)	J. TURNER	(D)
E. FLETCHER		E. TINSLEY	
A. FIFIELD		B. WALES SNR.	(D)
W. FRY	(D)	A. WELSH	(D)
M. GODFREY	(8)	F. W. WALSH	(16)
T. GREW		C. E. WIGZELL	(14)
G. GRIFFIN		L. WILLIAMS	(5)
J. GRIFFIN	(D)	G. WIRTH	(D)
J. HANSEN	(D)	R. J. WARD	(2)
A. HOLT		C. YORKE	

TOTAL = 100

DECEASED = 38

17 Meetings were held in 1979 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 1979 AND ATTENDANCES -

17 MEETINGS HELD

ANNESLEY G.	(17)	HARTLEY G.	(11)
APPS B.	(16)	HEYLBUT W.	(15)
BARNES B.	(7)	HEYMER D.	(4)
BARSLEY D.	(2)	HOLWELL K.	(15)
BENSON G.	(14)	HUMPHRIES R.	(2)
BILTON M.	(11)	HUNT R.	(17)
BLOMFIELD J.	(13)	KELLY G.	(15)
BOLTON B.	(12)	KELLY J.	(16)
BOWRON B.	(12)	LONGHURST P.	(10)
BRADSTOCK B.	(12)	McCALL I.	(16)
BRAINE G.	(7)	MacDONALD D.	(16)
BRAYBROOK D.	(14)	McDONNELL R.	(17)
CISLOWSKI N.	(8)	MATTHEWS L.	(15)
CLEMENT N.	(17)	MURPHY I.	(17)
COLENZO J.	(13)	NASH S.	(3)
CONNOLLY R.	(11)	PEARSE R.	(17)
CONNOR J.	(12)	PIERSE P.	(12)
COOK G.	(11)	REEDY H.	(13)
CROSS B.	(16)	ROBERTS K.	(11)
DANZEY J.	(16)	SHIPTON B.	(17)
DJINN M.	(7)	SINCLAIR R.	(4)
ELLISS P.	(11)	SPAGARINO D.	(10)
FARRELLY J.	(15)	STONE M.	(17)
GARWOOD R.	(13)	THOMPSON M.	(15)
GOCHER J.	(17)	TOMSETT M.	(13)
GOLDSWORTHY B.	(10)	TURNELL C.	(17)
GREEN L.	(4)	TURNER J.	(12)
GATLEY B.	(15)	WARD C.	(14)
GRIFFITH H.	(15)	WEEKES M.	(14)
GRADY M.	(12)	WINTIN D.	(17)
GRONO W.	(17)	WISEMAN B.	(12)
		YARD J.	(17)

TOTAL = 63

LIST OF NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS

17 Meetings were held for 1979 and Attendances were

A. AGGETT		C. GILCHRIST	(13)	N. MORAITIS	
P. ATKINS	(1)	K. GRAY		R. MORRIS	
G. BENNETT		H. GRIFFEN		A. NEVILLE	(3)
M. BEACROFT		A. HALL	(3)	D. NICHOLSON	
J. BISSETT		J. HARRIS	(16)	J. O'CONOR	
P. BOWEN		C. HAYNES	(1)	J. O'KEEFE	
R. BOWMAN		G. HEDGER	(13)	D. PARDY	
J. BRADLEY		C. HENNESSY	(1)	G. NORBERRY	(2)
B. BUCKINGHAM		R. HENSLEY	(14)	J. PARKINSON	
L. BUCKLEY	(2)	K. HOLMAN		N. PATTEN	
R. CAREY		K. JEFFES	(6)	R. PATTERSON	
J. COFFEY		J. JEWELL	(12)	W. PEARSON	(2)
R. COFFEY		B. KANDELAS	(D)	A. PERRY	(2)
A. COLE		B. KENDALL	(2)	R. PIERCE	(2)
E. COOK	(1)	W. KIRK		E. PEPPER	(4)
K. COUCH		M. KEEBLE	(1)	L. RANDLE	
B. CRIPPS		G. KELLAHAN		J. REYNOLDS	
T. DELAUNEY	(11)	A. KNIGHT		N. SAVAGE	
C. DIMON		N. McALISTER		A. SEE	
C. EDWARDS		V. McGUINNESS	(1)	R. SEMMENS	
M. EDWARDS	(1)	A. McGILVRAY	(1)	R. SMITH	(D)
J. EEDY		R. McINTOSH		J. STEWART	
T. EZART	(D)	R. McJANNETT	(2)	W. STEWART	
F. FISHER		D. McLEAN	(6)	J. TICEHURST	
P. FITTON	(1)	L. McREYNOLDS		W. TULLOCH	
P. FREEMAN		K. MANTON	(11)	B. WALES	
R. FREEMAN	(1)	R. MENSER		R. WARNER	
R. GOBITS		J. MITCHELL		W. WHITE	
G. GUNNEE		R. MURRAY	(2)	J. WHYBROW	
				S. WILLIAMS	
				A. WILLIS	
				B. WEBBER	

TOTAL = 91

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

BALMAIN	Referees' Assn.	NEWTOWN	Refer
CANTERBURY/BANKSTOWN	" "	NORTH SYDNEY	"
CRONULLA/SUTHERLAND	" "	PARRAMATTA	"
EASTERN SUBURBS	" "	PENRITH	"
MANLY WARRINGAH	" "	ST. GEORGE	"
METRO. BUSINESS HOUSES	" "	SOUTH SYDNEY	"
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE	" "	UNIVERSITY CUP	"
		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.	" "		

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

1979 ATTENDANCES

17 Meetings held

BALMAIN	D. Dudgeon (15)
CANTERBURY/BANKSTOWN	P. Wallace (17), J. Colwell (1), R. Styles (1)
CRONULLA/SUTHERLAND	K. Manton (11), K. Stewart (1)
C.Y.O.	J. Rogers (1)
C.R.F.L.R.A.	N i l
EASTERN SUBURBS	P. Burg (8), R. Connor (1)
MANLY/WARRINGAH	T. Hickey (6), R. Picard (2)
M.B.H.	J. Bain (10)
NEWTOWN	J. Heaton (15), K. Holwell (1), P. Baker (1)
NORTH SYDNEY	E. Carroll (12), J. Quinn (1)
UNIVERSITY CUP	B. Smith (4), K. Davis (1)
PARRAMATTA	K. Travers (15), M. Mannix (1)
PENRITH	H. Creighton (11), K. French (4)
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	T. Delauney (11)
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE	G. Callinan (10)
ST. GEORGE	K. Gardner (16), G. Brown (6)
SOUTH SYDNEY	S. Maurice (3), M. Weakes (1), J. Reynolds (2), J. Glanville (4)
WESTERN SUBURBS	E. Brennan (14)

DIRECTOR OF REFEREES REMARKS

Gentlemen,

As Director of Referees on behalf of the N.S.W.R.F.L. I would like to thank all members for a very successful season.

The Plums this year went to Gary Cook Interstate Referee, Kevin Roberts, International Match N.S.W. v. Great Britain and Greg Hartley appointed to two Test Matches Great Britain v Australia and unfortunately due to injury, officiating only in one and his final appointment to the year's Grand Final.

It must be agreed that there was a decided improvement in this year's scrums and I commend you all on your efforts.

Season 1980 will once again see the Trials run on similar lines to 1979 where only invitees from the District Associations will run in Grade Trials. An added incentive will see these invitees training with the Grade Referees.

This year we did see some new faces in the higher grades and I particularly congratulate Barry Goldsworthy, Bruce Shipton and Chris Ward on their initial 1st Grade Fixtures.

Finally, thank you for your assistance during the Season and my advice to all is to strive to make the top at all times and don't become complacent.

E. Cox.

Director of Referees N.S.W.R.

DELEGATE'S REPORT

No Delegate's Report for this year.

"ON THE BLINDSIDE"

Rumour has it that well-known district secretary and golf club thrower "Eli" Arnesley will shortly be taking over the manager's position at the recently opened Domain Branch of the Rural Bank.

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Following another successful country lecture tour we hear D. B. is considering further inroads into public life by part time demonstration for Best & Less in their underwear department. He should go well - if you've been to any of his BBQ's he definitely doesn't have any fancy overheads.

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On the Blindsides (cont)

Due to heavy business commitments, Bill Haylbutt will be forced to limit himself to only ten district functions during 1980.

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During this year like any other, a lot of members found out that it doesn't pay to bitch about travelling long distances for appointments. Look at Chris Ward, second last round happened to mention in front of a board member that he's never refereed at the Los Angeles Colosseum. This is the home of the Los Angeles Rams, and Chris did us proud!

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Congratulations to Don MacDonald on still another successful venture. Seemed a pity Victoria won his cup as he doesn't make it to too many receptions in Melbourne.

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Brian Gately, we understand, has gone to the U.K. trying to establish a Police Boys' club branch in Northern Ireland. All the principles are the same, just their activities vary. Javelin catching and petrol bottling are just a couple.

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You've all heard of dirty weekends on the Gold Coast - well, we hear Murphy's been having dirty weeks on the Coal Coast. Obviously pinched the wrong bum and started a riot that made national television.

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Col Turnell has recently acquired a country residence. We are yet to find out what group he will be in, but we understand they are a very likeable, sober bunch of referees.

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Although he manages to forget most things, Long prong never forgets the security side of his famous car. Can't understand why the only thing worth having is the steering wheel lock.

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Compliments to Mick Stone on handling the season so judiciously.

On the Blindsides (cont)

"Goldsworthy hit by cyclone Amy" screamed the headlines and one of Barry's many admirers rang his wife thinking he was having an affair with another woman. Wait 'till he gets home and meets up with cyclone Kerr he'll wonder what hit him!

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Neil Clement was selected as "Sportsman of the Year" at the Catholic Club. Congrats Neil!

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Ever wondered why it takes some members of the Examination Board longer to put candidates through for their Referees' Ticket?

Laurie, Dennis and Jack were in Dubbo recently and they got an invitation to visit the Dubbo Plains Zoo; Dennis, who gets on very well with animals, (he works for the Big Elephant), decided he would like to go but Laurie and Jack having heard what happened to Joy Adamson of "Born Free" fame, weren't real keen. She was massaged to death by a lion. So Laurie says, "Jack, spin this joker out for about an hour and won't have to go". The candidate had to sweat it out for over an hour to get his ticket!

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Doug and Jenny Wintin went to Kiama for their holidays. Jenny tells me Doug loves to stand and watch the Blow-Hole for hours.

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Ron and Lyn Pearce went to Los Angeles during the off-season. I believe Ron got her a start in movies at M.G.M. as a sex symbol.

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Ken and Margaret Gardner are at present getting it all off and soaking it in in the "Hot Springs" at Moree, pity you had to take the kids, Ken!

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HONDRARY TREASURER'S REPORT - 1979

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Association may I submit for your perusal the Financial Accounts for the 1979 season.

As can be seen from the Balance Sheets, each account is in a very healthy position, despite the inevitable cost increases.

The following tabulation is for general information, showing the major items of income and expenditure for the General & Social accounts for the past 6 years.

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
<u>GENERAL ACCOUNT</u>						
<u>INCOME</u>						
				\$		
Subs & Affils	877	696	724	1199	1672	1443
Grants	650	850	1050	1200	1350	1800
Donations	100	100	100	1350	75	-
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>						
Entertainment	318	312	412	894	763	842
Honoraria	506	605	606	1150	1150	1255
Print/Post etc.	410	411	545	583	776	650
<u>SOCIAL ACCOUNT</u>						
<u>INCOME</u>						
Subsidies	1784	2478	2466	2105	3055	3225
Donations	75	120	310	10	1270	2000
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>						
Ladies Night	567	598	700	666	1555	1341
Family Picnic	451	707	804	989	787	729
Convivials	158	404	243	397	262	249
Final Night	-	-	-	1059	692	1215
Bucks Picnic	649	758	765	-	-	-

The change in the method of payment of referees' fees operated satisfactorily and I thank the active members for their co-operation.

The social functions held throughout the year were very successful and credit is due to Col Turnell in this regard.

The social fund is in a very healthy position and this augurs well for our 75th year in 1933.

Honorary Treasurer's Report (cont)

Special thanks are extended to our sponsor, T.N.T., for their support during the year and also to Bill Petley, for his assistance and co-operation.

Our thanks also go to Rothmans of Pall Mall for their donation.

Our gratitude is extended to the N.S.W. Rugby Football League for their generous grants and also for their assistance and co-operation during the year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Laurie Bruyeres, Frank Walsh, Doug Wintin, Col Turnell, Eric Cox and Reg Dick for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year and the Executive looks forward to the members making 1980 a very successful year.

J. M GOCHER

Hon. Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1979

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Credit Balance	\$182.89	Printing & Stationery	\$280.
Active Members Subs.	630.00	Postage	200.
Balance Fees Deductions	656.23	Telephone	169.
Non-Active Members Subs.	69.25	Govt. Insurance	59.
Affiliations	88.00	Floral Tributes	93.
Grants:		Life Members Blazers	165.
NSWRFL (1978)	600.00	Life Members Ladies Gifts	80.
NSWRFL (Pre-season)	1000.00	Presentations	23.
NSWRFL (1979)	800.00	Honoraria	1265.
Bank Interest	11.52	Notices	28.
Bank Int. transf. from Fees A/c	375.00	Legal Fees	80.
		Entertainment:	
		All Schools Carnival	410.
		City/Country	110.
		Tests & State	185.
		Grand Final	100.
		Guest Referees	36.
		S.I.A. Account	600.
		Cash at Bank	524.
	<u>\$4412.89</u>		<u>\$4412.</u>

Financial Statement (cont)

FEES ACCOUNT - 1979

Credit Balance	\$ 50.21	Paid to Referees	\$39,105.08
Received from NSWRL	43,644.55	Insurance Account	126.00
Bank Interest	412.03	Social Levies	3,127.24
		Deductions to Gen. Acc.	1,286.23
		Bank Charges	23.60
		Int. to Gen. Acc.	375.00
		Cash at Bank	63.64
	<u>\$44,106.79</u>		<u>\$44,106.79</u>

SPECIAL FUND - 1979

Credit Balance 1978	\$830.31	Cheque Book	\$ 5.00
Bank Interest	65.09	S.I.A. Account	860.00
		Cash at Bank	30.40
	<u>\$895.40</u>		<u>\$895.40</u>

ASSURANCE FUND - 1979

Credit Balance	\$1,896.31	S.I.A. Account	\$2,100.00
Allocation from Fees		Cash at Bank	51.37
Deductions	126.00		
Bank Interest	129.06		
	<u>\$2,151.37</u>		<u>\$2,151.37</u>

Financial Statement (cont)

SOCIAL FUND - 1979

Credit Balance 1978	\$1058.77	Net Cost Life Membs. Night	\$ 93.39
Social Levies - Active Members	2526.41	Net Cost Ladies Night	1341.10
Active Members Subs.	630.00	Net Cost Final Night	1215.56
Non-Active Membs. Subs.	69.25	Family Picnic	729.42
Donations: T.N.T.	1500.00	Convivials	248.40
Rothmans	500.00	Touch Football - Race Prizes	53.70
Balance Theatre Night	25.00	Stationery etc.	49.70
Bank Interest	21.20		
		S.I.A. Account	2500.00
		Cash at Bank	99.36
	<u>\$6330.63</u>		<u>\$6330.63</u>

This is to certify that we have examined the books of account of the N.S.W. Rugby Football League Referees' Association and in our opinion, they disclose a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association. In addition, we have examined the Schedule of Payments made pursuant to the T.N.T. Sponsorship Agreement and have satisfied ourselves to its content.

Signed C. P. Gilchrist) Hon.
P. J. Longhurst) Auditors

N.S.W.R.F.L. REFEREES WHO OCCUPY POSITIONS WITH THE N.S.W.R.F.L. 1979

Members of the General Committee:	E. Cox, F. Walsh & L. Bruyeres
Vice-Presidents:	J. McGauley, T. Brennan & T. Bellew
Coaching Class for Referees:	C. Wigzell (Director)
Referees' Appointment Board:	E. Cox (Director of Referees) J. O'Brien, R. O'Donnell
Referees' Advisory Board:	S. Carey, A. Neville, J. O'Sullivan, L. Williams, J. Jewell, H. Pierce, M. Godfrey, R. Dick
Examination Board:	C. Pearce, L. Bruyeres, C. Wigzell, T. Brennan, J. Danzey, D. MacDonald, J. Moses
Referees Coaching Division:	K. Page, T. Farrelly, C. Gilchrist, R. Dick, D. Braybrook, J. O'Sullivan, R. Humphreys, D. MacDonald
Director of N.S.W. Leagues Club Representing N.S.W.R.F.L.:	E. Cox
Members who Officiated in 1st Grade:	B. Bradstock, G. Cook, J. Danzey, J. Gocher, G. Hartley, B. Goldsworthy, D. MacDonald, K. Roberts, B. Shipton, C. Ward

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 1979

1979 provided a good response from members to the social function organized for them. The experienced social committee, Bruce Apps, Bar Bradstock, George Braine, Lyle Buckley, Neil Clement, Tom Delauney, John Kelly and Les Matthews, gave me great support and assistance during the season and all were willing helpers when there was work to be done. Like myself, I am sure they all derive satisfaction from seeing other members and their families enjoying the social functions. Thank you for a job well done.

Greg Hartley and Kevin Roberts gained international appointments and were entertained at conviviais in the "crowded" S.C.G. dressing room. Conviviais were also held when Eddie Ward refereed the Third Test and when the Country Referees visited us in May. A special guest was leading English Referee Mick Naughton, who was entertained by just about every Referees' Association in Sydney. He was looked after so well that there were reports that he might stay here.

1979 FUNCTIONS:

LIFE MEMBERS' PRESENTATION NIGHT:

The Ryde Bowling Club was the venue for the presentation of Life Members' blazers to Max Godfrey and Max Tomsett. Both men have been workers for the Association and both can be proud of their records.

The attendance of 150 members and friends was a big reduction from 1978. This was partly due to the function being scheduled during the school holidays. Now that I'm married to a school teacher, it should happen again. Also, the band wasn't the best I've ever heard. A little more planning and luck will be needed in 1980.

SPECIAL LADIES NIGHT:

A total of 140 members, wives and girlfriends attended Western Suburbs Soccer Club for our Special Ladies Night.

Generally I don't like entertainment at our dinner-dances, but we were pleasantly surprised by Lucky Starr's performance. He got the audience going and topped an enjoyable evening for everyone. The catering and bar service was great and that kept our members happy. Again, we had the pleasure of entertaining members of T.N.T. and their wives.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Hansen Memorial Trophy. This was a very fitting reward for Doug Wintin's services to refereeing during the previous 12 months. Also, small trophies were presented to the 4 previous winners.

Social Secretary's Report (cont)

LIFE MEMBERS' RENUNION CONVIVIAL:

The atmosphere of the Catholic Club added to the enjoyment of the night which was the social highlight of the year.

I compliment the management and staff of the Club for their assistance in making this function run smoothly.

I'm sure all the Life Members were surprised and delighted when they received a badge to honour their life membership. Thanks to Laurie and Frank for a superb job reading the records and presenting the badges.

One of the aims of this function is to attract as many Life Members as possible. A total attendance of 125 included 33 Life Members. This was pleasing because the Social Committee worked hard to improve the quality of this function. I think their efforts were suitably rewarded. Special thanks to Frank Walsh, Cyril Wigzell and Austin Shiner for helping compile the Life Members records.

The Association entertained guests from T.N.T., Sydney Rugby Union Referees, Caltex and all District Referees' Associations.

FAMILY PICNIC:

The new picnic areas at Prospect Reservoir provided great facilities for the kids' picnic. The number of children increased to 78 with about 40 families attending.

Children's, mothers' and novelty races were organized for the morning session. The sunny weather made ideal conditions for either picnic or barbeque lunch - except for Neil Clement who had plenty of trouble lighting the fire.

A ventriloquist was employed and entertained the tiny tots for an hour. Then Santa distributed presents and lollies to all the kids. He also "traded" kisses from the mums for presents. We may have found a permanent Santa!

A great deal of organisation and work by a lot of people ensures that our social functions are a success. I must thank the Executive and the Social Committee for their help during the year. Thanks also to members for their attendance during 1979.

Two donations towards social expenses were received, \$1500 from T.N.T. and \$500 from Rothmans, thanks to both companies. The bulk of this money will be saved for our anniversary dinner to be held in 1983.

Social Secretary's Report (cont)

1980 ACTIVITIES:

PRE-SEASON BARBEQUE:

Jack and Dulcie O'Sullivan have offered the use of their home for family barbeque-pool party on Saturday, 9th February, 1980. The address is 169 Edgar Street, Condell Park and the party will start at 2.00 p.m. Please bring your own food and grog. Some salads and soft drinks will be supplied by the Association.

END OF SEASON TRIP:

An end of season trip to Fiji is planned for members and their friends. The trip will be for 2 weeks commencing Saturday, 4th October. The approximate cost will be \$600 per person. I will prepare a brochure giving more details early next season.

1980 FUNCTION DATES:

Life Members' Presentation Night	7th June
Special Ladies Night	16th August
Life Members' Reunion Convivial	1st October
Family Picnic	19th October

Col. Turnell
Social Secretary

RESULT OF BALLOTS

PATRON:

PRESIDENT:

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:

SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

DELEGATE:

DEPUTY DELEGATE:

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE:

COMMITTEE:

Results of Ballot (cont)

HONORARY AUDITORS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

NOMINEES FOR EXAMINATION BOARD:

NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT BOARD:

GENERAL NOTES:
