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

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THE SEVENTY-FOURTH REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.
For Presentation on Wednesday 27th January, 1982.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

December, 1981

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting will be held at the New South Wales Leagues Club in the Ballroom, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney on Wednesday 27th January, 1982 commencing at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting
2. Correspondence
3. Annual Report & Balance Sheet
4. Election of Office Bearers
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6. Nominees for Examination Board
7. Notice of Motions
8. Committee Reports
9. Election of Life Members
10. General Business

F.W. WALSH
Hon. Secretary

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1981

PATRON

Mr C. Wigzell, B.E.M.

PRESIDENT

Mr D. Macdonald

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Mr D. Braybrook

HON. SECRETARY

Mr F. Walsh

HON. TREASURER

Mr J. Gocher

ASS. SECRETARY

Mr D. Wintin

VICE PRESIDENTS

Messrs. I. McCall(Snr), B. Barry, J. Danzey

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

Mr T. Murphy

DEPUTY DELEGATE

Mr A. Shiner

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr C. Turnell

COMMITTEE

Messrs. N. Clements, J. Colenso, B. Goldsworthy, C. Ward,
J. Harris, C. Gilchrist.

AUDITORS

Messrs. P. Longhurst, C. Gilchrist.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Messrs. M. Stone, B. Apps, L. Matthews, R. Pearce, J. Blomfield,
C. Ward.

HANSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY COMMITTEE

Messrs. D. Macdonald, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, D. Wintin, C. Turnell,
I. McCall, D. Braybrook, C. Gilchrist.

SPONSORS TO THE ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN Sir Peter Abeles-T.N.T.-LIAISON OFFICERS W.Petley, L. Plowes.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Messrs. D. Macdonald, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, D. Wintin, D. Braybrook,
M. Stone.

SEMINAR COMMITTEE

Messrs. D. Macdonald, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, I. McCall, D. Braybrook,
C. Gilchrist, J. Harris.

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

Season 1981 added yet another chapter to the history of the Association and it's activities in various aspects of this great game of Rugby League.

I take this opportunity to extend personal congratulations to all referees, touch judges and players who were selected to the various games throughout the season and may it be a forerunner for further honours during the coming season.

In some ways the season was a mixed one marked by 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 Rugby League, it would be for the betterment of the game for everyone to become more proficient in their knowledge of the laws of the great game of Rugby League.

The main factor players should remember is that the referees don't make the breaches and if they are sent off they are penalising their team by consistently not playing to the rules. It is the duty of the coaches and officials to coach the players to play to the rules of the game or else we might as well tear the rule book up. The authority of the referee and his control must be respected.

It is also expected that all referees be firm and consistent and by doing so the game will flow in the interest of all concerned.

The affairs of the Association were carried out in a most efficient manner, they all worked together in the greatest of harmony and their efforts augers well for the advancement of the Association.

May we take this opportunity of congratulating the personnel who were elected as Life Members of the N.S.W. Rugby League, also members of the N.S.W.R.L. Referees Association who were elected Life Members and to both parties we wish that they continue to show the same interest and be long spared to enjoy the privileges of Life Membership.

To all referees both in the City and Country I extend congratulations for their various achievements during the year. Especially do I think of the Country and District referees and hope that many of them will achieve higher honours in the future and I take this opportunity to remind them these can only be achieved by determined efforts on their own part.

In conclusion, let us look forward to season 1982 with a unified desire for the general advancement of the game of Rugby League.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A successful 1981 season concluded with exciting football through to the Grand Final in all grades. Congratulations to the N.S.W. Rugby League, Club Officials and more especially the players for their high standard of performance throughout the year. There were also some outstanding individual achievements by members of this association in their control of fixtures during the season.

Our sponsorship agreement with T.N.T. has enabled members of the Referees Examination Board, Coaching Panel and senior members of this association to assist in further development of refereeing standards throughout Australia. Many thanks to Bill Petley and Lindsay Plowes of the T.N.T. company for their co-operation and interest in the sponsorship committee.

I had the opportunity during 1981 of being the guest of Referees Associations in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland, N.S.W. Country and Sydney. I congratulate the officials and members in these areas for their efforts in the development of refereeing standards.

Special thanks to the National Coaching Director, Peter Corcoran, for his promotion of Rugby League and interest in the referees associations throughout Australia.

Social activities were arranged by Col Turnell in his inimitable style, with special mention to the upgrading of our ladies' night. These functions were given good support, although some members were conspicuous by their absence.

I would like to thank the members for their attendance at meetings and for the support and courtesy afforded me. My special thanks to the Executive Officers and members of various committees for their efforts on behalf of the association during the season.

I would like to welcome the Referees Associations of Canberra and Illawarra to the affiliated District Associations, and look forward to the participation of their members in the graded ranks.

With a larger competition in 1982 Referees will have greater opportunity for elevation to higher grades, may those appointed be successful in their achievements.

Good Health and Best Wishes to all members in the new season.

Don Macdonald.
President.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 1981

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 1981.

Season 1981 saw the finalisation of the fourteen teams for the 1982 season with Canberra joining Illawarra to take on the might of the Sydney Clubs. With the Competition enlarged now to this size the race for the Premiership kicks off on Friday the 26th February and concludes on Sunday the 26th September 1982 with the Grand Final.

This season's competition was very close once more but the final five became clear with a few matches to go. Parramatta, so often found wanting when the pressure was applied in various finals over the years, took the Premiership Honours by playing some tremendous football in the final series. Our members contributions to the final series again drew little or no criticism from the media.

SPONSORSHIP

Our second term of sponsorship by T.N.T. (Thomas Nationwide Transport) has already completed the first year of its term, with benefits being felt by all facets of the Refereeing Fraternity.

The Sponsorship Committee gave assistance in varying degrees to all District Referees' Associations, the Country groups and the C.R.A. This assistance was well received and needed by the recipients to enable them to function without adding further burdens on their members.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Dennis Braybrook. The winner of the George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy for Season 1981 was Dennis Braybrook. Dennis, who is our popular Deputy Chairman is also on the Sponsorship Committee where he acts as gear steward. This award was well deserved. Congratulations Dennis.

Management Tom Bellew was selected to act as sole manager for the Australian Rugby League Team to play against France. This applied to N.S.W. with a Q'ld manager taking over the team when it moved to Q'LD. Tom carried out his duties with his usual flair with the Australian Team winning comfortably, the French being outclassed.

For the Interstate series N.S.W. v Q'LD, I was fortunate to be selected together with Mr. Les Dellow (President St. Geo. District Club) as State Manager. This season, with the City v. Country Fixture being played away from the S.C.G. for the first time, our duties included management of the City Teams to Canberra.

The selection of myself followed a long line of our members who have been so honoured. To follow members such as Tom Brennan, Jack McGauley, Cliff Brown, John Montgomery and the many others from this Association was a rare privilege that I will remember for a life time. I thank you, the members of this Association for the privilege of acting as your Secretary and representing you at the N.S.W.R.F. League from where I was selected as this season's (1981) co-manager. Just a brief mention of the players whose conduct at all venues left nothing to be desired proving there is nothing wrong with the young men who play our game.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Liaison Officers of the T.N.T. Group of companies, Mr. Bill Petley and Mr. Lindsay Plowes continue to show great interest in the Association and our dealings with the Company. The Association is grateful to both these gentlemen for their support, interest and also their friendship.

Much time is spent by the Sponsorship Committee in dealing with matters put before it and a thorough examination of all facts available to the Committee ensure that all Associations are fairly dealt with. Our thanks go out to Mr. Max Russo, Mr. Ted Prebble and Mr. Ian Shortell for their continued co-operation and help during the past season and we look forward to the same in the coming season.

HONOURS

Life Membership honours were bestowed on Mr. Neil Clement and Mr. Doug Wintin in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Association during their many years of service. The Life Membership Blazer was presented to these members at the re-vamped Life Members night held at Kia-ron Reception rooms. We look forward to the continued support for the Association from both these members which we know will be forthcoming.

Tom Bellew. A lifetime of service to Rugby League going back to 1947 was rewarded when the N.S.W.R.F. League conferred on Tom Life Membership of the League for 1981.

Tom has been a consistent hard worker for both Rugby League and this Association. His work on behalf of the Association often goes unnoticed but is well known to the Executive even though Tom prefers to keep things in a low-key.

Vale

To all those members who suffered bereavements during the Season we offer our sincere sympathy.

During season 1981 we lost one of our esteemed Life Members when Mr. Charles Yorke passed away, to his family we offer our condolences.

Win and Cyril Wigzell lost a brother after a long illness, he lived in Adelaide.

Ray and Lydia O'Donnell lost a brother after a short illness. Len Kelly, former President St. George District Club, passed away after a long illness. Len was well known to all our members and a good supporter of the Association. Our condolences to his family.

Stickles

During the season the following are a few of the members or their wives who reported in as being ill during the year.

Don Macdonald's dad is still in hospital and we extend our good wishes to your dad, Don and hope that he will soon be out of hospital.

Suffering a "stroke" over the festive season prior to the start of last season and just too late for mention in our last Annual Report our popular member Mr. Jack O'Brien gave us some anxious moments prior to his release from hospital. The Canterbury-Bankstown D.R. Association organized a benefit which enabled their home to be converted to a "House with no steps", this allows Jack more freedom of movement. We sincerely hope that he will be soon active at the meetings again.

Mrs. Win Wigzell was an inmate of St. George District Hospital for a few weeks, at one stage it looked like some active referees that were undergoing the Stress Tests at St. George might end up in a ward too.

Dave Bowron had a problem with his health for a couple of weeks, but is now back to his sparkling best.

Geoff Norberry was also in hospital for a short spell but is now fit and well once more.

St. George Hospital had Lyn Pearce as a guest for a while and Mrs. Hazel Harris spent a short term in Baulkham Hills Private Hospital. To both these ladies we wish them continued good health during 1982.

Probably one of the big shocks of the off-season was the sudden illness of Jack Jewell, a man who always looked after himself on the question of fitness. Jack was always up with the best of the members when training at Redfern Oval. Now released from Manly Hospital all members will join me in wishing Jack a full and speedy recovery.

Jack McGauley was on the sick list for a short while but has bounced back again to good health.

Following our visit to St. George's Ladies Night, Esma went to bed feeling pretty ill, I hasten to add it had nothing to do with the function which was an excellent evening. Apart from a visit to the Doctor on the following Tuesday she was not to get out of bed for the following 17 weeks and 3 days, following her admittance to St. Vincent's Hospital.

A week after her admittance to St. Vincent's Hospital whilst undergoing tests she suffered a "stroke", Es had a blood pressure reading of 250 over 150 when put into hospital. Greg Chappell would like scores like that. She is now home again and is improving all the time and hopefully she will soon be able to walk without the aid of the frame.

The will to survive is strong in us all but I saw a new dimension of it with "Tiger" and until you have been to the brink or have known someone who has you don't realize the courage it takes to continue. Your support, your enquiries, your visits and good wishes, your cards, 'phone calls and messages together with your prayers helped more than you will ever know because through all your actions you have willed her to get better and I THANK YOU for that. You have been most generous in your efforts.

Seminar

Learning from our first seminar our second seminar, held from the 13th - 15th February 1981, contained much to hold the interest of all attending parties. Dr. Bill Monaghan, Medical Officer of the N.S.W.R.League, conducted a Medical check on all graded referees which showed in the main that our members were basically fit for that point of the season. Dr. Bill suggested that a follow-up Stress Test mid way through the season would benefit both member and the Association. An unauthorised press release did cause some embarrassment to a few members and an apology was dispatched to those members concerned by Urgent Telegram.

A professional approach by members attending contributed to the success of the Seminar.

Those attending could be forgiven for thinking that Christmas had come a little late with each member receiving gear from the Sponsorship Committee for the coming season, but special mention must be made of John Kelly who was able to procure through contacts toilet articles worth in excess of \$1000 which were distributed to members. On behalf of all members, many thanks John.

Stress Tests

As a follow up these Tests were arranged and conducted by Dr. Peter Henke of the St. George District Hospital during mid-season, stretching up to the finals before they were completed. Three members a night were subjected to the various facets of the stress tests and whilst arranging times for both members and Dr. Peter were sometimes a little difficult I would like to commend the members for their attention to their appointments and their dedication to the tests. Dr. Henke has told me that as a group the results were of a very high standard being as good or better than most younger first grade players they had put through similar tests, also a couple of members were equal to the standard of middle distance Olympic Runners.

Visitations

Your Executive Officers, during the season, visited all the Metropolitan District Referees Associations. These Associations continue to be the life blood of this Association. President Don Macdonald and Michael Stone went to Darwin to help the local Association with their two day Seminar and were well received.

Dennis Braybrook was our official representative at the Country Referees Association meeting held in Canberra and the

Canberra Association arranged a function at the conclusion of the City v. Country fixtures at which Dennis together with John Gocher, Rob Garwood, George Benson and Peter Longhurst were entertained.

Reg Dick and Kevin Jeffes were invited to spend a fortnight in Victoria over the Queen's Birthday weekend to speak and lecture to the Referees of Victoria and according to reports, impressed the locals with their knowledge and ability to help them with the Rules.

Members of Australian Soccer Referees Federation (N.S.W. Division), were our guests at a meeting when Peter Rampley was our guest speaker for the evening. Other members who attended dinner and the meeting included Allan McKenzie (President), A. Morrison (Secretary) and Doug Rennie. The evening was a great success and well received by members.

Test Referee (Football not Stress) Kevin Steele from New Zealand arrived on the 2nd July, 1981 to officiate in the Australia v. France Test matches. He was met at the airport by Eric Cox, John Gocher and myself and installed in the Koala Motor Inn, also there to meet him were his mother and brother.

Don Macdonald hosted a dinner at the N.S.W. Leagues Club for Kevin also as part of the group were his Touch Judges for the Test, Brian Gately and Bob Garwood. The Canterbury-B'town D. Referees Association had "Stainless" as a guest at their Ladies Night on the Friday evening after Mike Stone and Mick Ryan had entertained him at lunch on Friday.

After the Test match on the Saturday a small dinner was arranged at the Wentworthville Leagues Club, this function was hosted by Ian McCall and Kevin had his mother and several members of his family present to make this a very pleasant evening.

This season we had a bumper attendance at Souths Juniors to help entertain the country referees who came down for the All Schools Carnival. Steve Carey had organised the day on behalf of the N.S.W. Rugby League and through the help and generosity of Henry Morris, Chairman of the Board of Souths Juniors Club, a most enjoyable evening was had by all. After dinner we went onto the show. Thanks Henry for your support and to Darcy Lawler for looking in on the gathering. Both were introduced to the Country lads during dinner.

The return Interstate fixture was handled by our regular visitor Eddie Ward and he was entertained by some of the members after the meeting on the Wednesday.

Bob Tinsley a life member now living on the Gold Coast paid us a visit on the 22nd April whilst down on holidays and it was good to see Bob once more. When living in Sydney, Bob was rarely known to miss a meeting.

Other visitors to the Association were John Player from Group 18, Jeff O'Hara and Kerry Anderson from Moree down for the Little Athletics meeting at the N.S.W. Carnival.

Doug Wintin went down the coast to attend a meeting of the Illawarra Referees Association and spoke to them on their proposed District status in 1982. Dennis Braybrook, John Gocher and myself attended the Annual Meeting of the Illawarra Association.

Don Macdonald and myself attended the finals of the Victorian Rugby League Competition, enjoying the football and the company of the referees.

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to the Parramatta District Rugby League Club on winning the 1st Grade Competition for the first time; and what a high note for Stan Simpson, President of the Club, to retire on. Stan Simpson has always been a good ambassador for the Rugby League code and was an admired friend of this Association. He will be missed as an administrator.

Congratulations are extended to the Western Suburbs D.R.L. Club on winning the Reserve Grade title and the South Sydney D.R.F.L. Club who annexed the under 23's title. To the teams beaten in the Grand Finals in all grades we say "THANK YOU" for helping to make the day a spectacular success. Parramatta were beaten in both the under 23's and Reserve Grade whilst the team all the critics said could not make the finals, Newtown were beaten in First Grade.

Following the pattern set last season Ian McCall was appointed to officiate on the Touch line in Brisbane on the State of Origin fixture, N.S.W. v. Q'LD. Ian proved a worthy representative of this Association.

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

FIXTURES

REFEREE

TOUCH JUDGES

at Canberra	Sydney v. Country 1	J. Gocher	R. Garwood; R. Collins(Dubbo)
Sydney 11 v. Country 11		B. Grant(Kingscliffe)	G. Benson; P. Longhurst
N.S.W. v. Q'ld in Q'ld		G. Hartley	
N.S.W. v. Q'ld in Syd	E. Ward (Q'ld)	B. Gately; J. Kelly	
N.S.W. v. Q'ld in Q'ld	K. Steele (N.Z.)	I. McCall(NSW); W. Giebel(QLD)	
N.Z. v. France		G. Hartley	
2nd Test (Auckland)			
Australia v. France	K. Steele (N.Z.)	B. Gately; R. Garwood	
1st Test (Sydney)			
Parramatta v. Newtown	G. Hartley	I. McCall; M. Tomsett	
1st Grade Grand Final			
Parramatta v. Western Subs.	J. Gocher	D. Wintlin; B. Wiseman	
Reserve Grade Grand Final			
Parramatta v. South Sydney	J. Danzey	J. Connor; B. Gately	
Under 23s Grand Final			
Sydney v. Country	J. Gocher	L. Matthews; R. Hunt	
Under 18s			
N.S.W. v. Q'ld	G. Hartley	R. Pearce; S. Cox	
Under 18s			
St. George v. Parramatta	G. McCullum(M-W)	S. Ousley(S. Syd); K. Bush(Bal)	
President's Cup Final			
Western Subs v. Sth Sydney	A. Skeed (St.G)	B. Stephens(C.S.); R. Mayell (St. G)	
H. Flegg Cup Final			
Balmain v. Penrith	C. Higson (Bal)	D. Clume (N.S.); D. Turvey(C.B.)	
S.G. Ball Cup Final			
M.B.H. Grand Final	R. McDonnell	G. Kelly; L. Edney	
Garry Owen v. Water Board			
M.B.H. Knock-out G. Final	G. Robertson	B. Apps; H. Griffiths	
Kytherian v. Thurless Castle			

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

From the Grade list of referees for 1980 the following members retired, Messrs. R. Connolly; B. Cross; P. Ellis; W. Grono; D. Heymer; D. Macdonald; K. Holwell; T. Murphy and R. Sinclair we wish them well in their retirement and thank them for their efforts on behalf of the Association.

The following members were added to the Grade list for 1981:- Messrs. J. Colwell; M. Howell; C. Jones; P. McMahon; P. Moon; G. Robertson; M. Ryan; P. Ryan; V. Smith; we wish them well during their stay with us in Grade.

Officials

Tonight your officials retire and some do not intend to seek re-election as indicated by the Social Secretary Col Turnell. On your behalf I would like to record your appreciation of Col and his work as Social Secretary.

Our President Don Macdonald continued the good control he showed in his initial year as President and I thank him for the support that he gave me during a most trying personal period. The Treasurer, John Gocher, conducts the financial affairs of the Association in a most comprehensive manner whilst our Assistant Secretary Doug Wintin doubling as Chairman of the Sponsorship Committee was again untiring in his efforts on behalf of the Association. I thank your officials for their steadying influence on the Association.

Conclusion

Season 1981 is now a memory, better for some not so good for others, but still all a part of life. So we move onto and into season 1982 with expectations and high hopes. The advent of two new teams to swell the competition means at least one more first grade spot is open and this creates more opportunities in the lower grades. Apply yourself and you could be the one to get the nod with early season trial form being very important. May I wish you all the very best of good fortune with your appointments during 1982.

I wish to thank you all for your support to me during 1981 and the privilege of serving as Your Secretary.

F.W. WALSH.

Hon. Secretary

The following members have been recommended by the Committee for Life Membership Honours in 1982. Set out under is a copy of their records of service with the Association.

D, BRAYBROOK - Graded 1970-1981. Total Membership 12 years.

Attendance at meetings:

1970 - 13	(16)	1974 - 13	(14)	1978 - 11	(14)
1971 - 11	(15)	1975 - 14	(16)	1979 - 14	(17)
1972 - 10	(15)	1976 - 14	(16)	1980 - 13	(17)
1973 - 14	(15)	1977 - 14	(16)	1981 - 13	(15)

Vice-President, 1977, 1978, 1979; Deputy Chairman 1980, 1981.
Member of Finance Committee, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979.
Member of Fees Committee, 1976, 1978.
Member of Hansen Memorial trophy Committee, 1976, 1975, 1980.
Sponsorship Committee, 1980, 1981; Seminar Committee 1980.

J. KELLY - Graded 1966-1981. Total Membership 16 years.

Attendance at meetings:

1966 - 12	(15)	1971 - 15	(15)	1976 - 16	(16)
1967 - 16	(16)	1972 - 14	(15)	1977 - 16	(16)
1968 - 17	(17)	1973 - 15	(15)	1978 - 13	(14)
1969 - 16	(16)	1974 - 14	(14)	1979 - 16	(17)
1970 - 14	(16)	1975 - 16	(16)	1980 - 15	(17)
1981 - 15	(15)				

Member of Social Committee, 1972, 1973, 1979.

The following members were nominated:- Messrs. D. Braybrook, L. Buckley, G. Cook, J. Connor, B. Cross, R. Freeman, C. Gilchrist, J. Gocher, W. Grono, G. Hedger, K. Jeffes, J. Jewell, J. Kelly, I. McCall, A. Neville, J. Turner, B. Wiseman.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLL AND ATTENDANCES

K. ARNOLD	R. H. DRAKE	(D)	J. MOSES	(2)
L. BAGGOTT	H. J. ELLIOT		J. MURRAY	(D)
B. BARRY	(9) P. ELLISS	(4)	W. NEILL	(D)
A. BELLERUM	(D) F. ERICKSON		J. O'BRIEN	
J. BATES	(D) J. FARRELLY	(4)	R. O'DONNELL	(11)
G. BENSON	(11) J. FARQUHAR	(D)	J. O'SULLIVAN	(10)
T. BELLEW	(1) A. FARROW	(D)	A. OXFORD	
G. BISHOP	(D) E. FLETCHER		K. PAGE	
J. BLACK	(D) A. FIFIELD		E. PAINE	
G. BOYD	(D) W. FRY	(D)	C. PEARCE	(1)
D. BRATTON	M. GODFREY	(3)	G. PEARCE	(D)
T. BRENNAN	(1) T. GREW		H. PIERCE	(7)
R. BROCK	(D) G. GRIFFIN		H. POULTON	(D)
C. BROWN	(1) J. GRIFFIN	(D)	H. ROWLANDS	(D)
L. BRUYERES	(1) R. M. HALL	(12)	L. ROSEN	(2)
J. BUCHANAN	(D) J. HANSEN	(D)	L. SAMUELSON	
E. BUCKLEY	(D) J. HARRIS	(12)	A. SHIPWAY	
S. CAREY	(14) A. HOLT		R. SMYTH	
J. CLARKE	(D) C. HUDSON	(2)	H. SCHUTEMA	(D)
N. CLEMENT	(15) J. KELLY	(D)	C. SCHOMBERG	(1)
A. COLLINS	W. KELLY	(D)	A. SHINER	(14)
O. COHEN	W. KEOGH	(D)	A. SOANE	(4)
T. COSTELLO	(D) E. KERR	(D)	A. SPANKIE	(D)
B. COWLEY	A. KONNECKE	(1)	M. TOMSETT	(11)
W. CUKE	D. LAWLER		J. TURNER	(D)
R. CUMMINS	(2) P. LEE	(D)	E. TINSLEY	(1)
E. COX	(10) T. LEFFLER		B. WALES SNR.	(D)
J. DAVIES	J. McGAULEY	(1)	A. WELSH	(D)
A. J. DAVIS	T. McMAHON	(D)	F. W. WALSH	(15)
L. DEANE	(D) D. MACDONALD	(14)	C. E. WIGZELL	(1)
F. DELANEY	(D) M. MALONEY	(D)	L. WILLIAMS	(9)
A. DENNIS	(D) J. MARTIN		D. WINTIN	(15)
W. DEVINE SNR.	H. MILLINGTON	(D)	G. WIRTH	(D)
T. DICKSON	(D) J. MONTGOMERY		R. J. WARD	(D)
R. DICK	(15)		C. YORKE	(D)

TOTAL = 104

DECEASED = 41

15 Meetings were held in 1981 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 1981 AND ATTENDANCES -

15 MEETINGS HELD

K. ALLARD	(13)	W. HEYLBUT	(10)
G. ANNESLEY	(15)	M. HOWELL	(11)
B. APPS	(12)	R. HUNT	(14)
B. BARNES	(8)	C. JONES	(14)
G. BENSON	(11)	G. KELLY	(8)
S. BETTS	(11)	J. KELLY	(15)
M. BILTON	(4)	P. LONGHURST	(12)
J. BLOMFIELD	(13)	I. McCALL	(13)
B. BOLTON	(12)	R. McDONNELL	(10)
D. BOWRON	(11)	P. McMAHON	(8)
B. BRADSTOCK	(12)	L. MATTHEWS	(11)
D. BRAYBROOK	(13)	P. MOON	(11)
N. CISLOWSKI	(12)	S. NASH	(8)
N. CLEMENT	(15)	R. PEARCE	(10)
J. COLENZO	(9)	R. PICARD	(15)
J. COLWELL	(13)	P. PIERSE	(11)
J. CONNOR	(11)	H. REEDY	(11)
S. COX	(10)	J. REYNOLDS	(6)
J. DANZEY	(11)	K. ROBERTS	(7)
K. DAVIS	(11)	G. ROBERTSON	(7)
M. DUNN	(5)	M. RYAN	(12)
L. EDNEY	(13)	P. RYAN	(12)
R. GARWOOD	(14)	I. SMITH	(5)
J. GOCHER	(15)	V. SMITH	(10)
B. GOLDSWORTHY	(11)	D. SPAGARINO	(13)
B. GATELY	(14)	M. STONE	(13)
H. GRIFFITH	(8)	M. THOMPSON	(15)
M. GRADY	(12)	M. TOMSETT	(11)
G. HARTLEY	(7)	W. TULLOCH	(3)
G. HEATON	(9)	J. TURNER	(13)
		C. WARD	(12)
		M. WEEKES	(12)
		D. WINTIN	(15)
		B. WISEMAN	(12)
		J. YARD-Permanent apology	
		Country work.	

TOTAL = 65

LIST OF NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS

15 Meetings were held for 1981 and Attendances were:-

A. AGGETT		R. GOBITS	(1)	N. MORAITIS	
P. ATKINS		G. GUNNEE		R. MORRIS	
R. ATKINSON		C. GILCHRIST	(13)	A. NEVILLE	(4)
D. BARSLEY		K. GRAY		D. NICHOLSON	
G. BENNETT		H. GRIFFIN		G. NORBERRY	(1)
M. BEACROFT	(1)	L. GREEN		J. O'CONOR	(D)
J. BISSETT		W. GRONO	(3)	J. O'KEEFE	
P. BOWEN		C. HAYNES		D. PARDY	
R. BOWMAN		G. HEDGER	(3)	J. PARKINSON	
J. BRADLEY		C. HENNESSY		N. PATTEN	
G. BRAINE	(1)	R. HENSLEY	(8)	R. PATTERSON	
B. BUCKINGHAM		D. HEYMER		W. PEARSON	
L. BUCKLEY		R. HUMPHRIES	(1)	A. PERRY	(3)
R. CAREY		K. HOLMAN		R. PIERCE	(1)
J. COFFEY	(1)	K. JEFFES	(15)	L. RANDLE	
R. COFFEY		J. JEWELL	(10)	J. REYNOLDS	
A. COLE		B. KENDALL	(1)	N. SAVAGE	
R. CONNOLLY		W. KIRK		B. SHIPTON	
E. COOK		M. KEEBLE		A. SEE	
G. COOK	(4)	G. KELLAHAN		R. SEMMENS	
K. COUCH		A. KNIGHT		R. SINCLAIR	(1)
B. CRIPPS		N. McALISTER		J. STEWART	
B. CROSS	(10)	V. McGUINNESS	(2)	W. STEWART	
T. DELAUNEY	(2)	A. McGILVRAY	(2)	J. TICEHURST	
C. DIMON		R. McINTOSH		C. TURNELL	(14)
C. EDWARDS		R. McJANNETT	(1)	B. WALES	
M. EDWARDS	(1)	D. McLEAN	(2)	R. WARNER	
J. EEDY		L. McREYNOLDS		W. WHITE	
F. FISHER		K. MANTON		J. WHYBROW	
P. FITTON		R. MENSER		S. WILLIAMS	
P. FREEMAN		J. MITCHELL		A. WILLIS	
R. FREEMAN		T. MURPHY	(13)	B. WEBBER	

TOTAL = 96

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

BALMAIN	Referees' Assn.	NORTH SYDNEY	Referees' Assn.
CANTERBURY/BANKSTOWN	" "	PARRAMATTA	" "
CRONULLA/SUTHERLAND	" "	PENRITH	" "
EASTERN SUBURBS	" "	ST. GEORGE	" "
MANLY WARRINGAH	" "	SOUTH SYDNEY	" "
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE	" "	UNIVERSITY CUP	" "
NEWTOWN	" "	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
1981 ATTENDANCES

15 Meetings held

BALMAIN	D. Dudgeon (14), N. McMahon (1)
CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN	P. Wallace (13), P. Field (14)
CRONULLA - SUTHERLAND	K. Stewart (12), N. Duncan (1)
C.R.F.L.R.A.	NIL
EASTERN SUBURBS	G. Wilson (6), B. Hurrell (2)
MANLY - WARRINGAH	G. McCallum (9), E. Wadley (2)
M. B. H.	J. Bain (3)
NEWTOWN	P. Cooley (7), P. Lucas (8), K. Ford (5)
NORTH SYDNEY	R. Kiddle (14)
UNIVERSITY CUP	V. McDonald (6), M. Robinson (1), B. Smith (1)
PARRAMATTA	K. Travers (13)
PENRITH	H. Creighton (13)
PAPUA - NEW GUINEA	T. Delauney (2)
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE	G. Callinan (14), R. Styles (1)
ST. GEORGE	K. Gardiner (15), G. Brown (2)
SOUTH SYDNEY	A. Keane (5), C. Butler (1)
	M. Shanahan (2), B. Prescott (3)
WESTERN SUBURBS	C. Thew (11)

SPONSORS

T. N. T.	W. Petley (1), L. Plowes (1)
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Plus full attendance at all Sponsorship Committee Meetings.

DIRECTOR OF REFEREES REMARKS

Gentlemen,

Season 1981 refereeing - wise was an excellent one, as we saw the exchange of referees from New Zealand who officiated in the Test, Australia v. France. Further we then saw one of our referees, Greg Hartley, sent to New Guinea for the Test match New Guinea v. France and then onto England for the Tests England v. France.

I sincerely hope you all appreciate the opportunity given to referees by the A.R.L. and the International Board to officiate in other countries. In the very near future I would like personally to see other referees from our Association given similar opportunities to Greg Hartley.

Remember chaps to be the best you must be totally involved and dedicated and at all times accept the advice which is available to all Grade Referees from Senior Members of the Association.

As your Director of Referees for the past four years I have appreciated the co-operation of all Grade Referees and I hope to remain in the position for a further period.

Many thanks to your Executive for their co-operation during Season 1981.

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

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Unfortunately, 1981 season saw a decline in crowds attending the weekly competition fixtures but the attendance at the Final and particularly the Grand Final was more heartening.

Several important decisions which have been made during the past year should assist in the development of the game and contribute to increased attendances. These were:-

- (a) two new clubs, Illawarra and Canberra, will be admitted to the Sydney competition in 1982. From past experience it is inevitable that these clubs will have problems in their initial years. However I am confident that attendance at competition games will be substantially increased in the near future due to the broader base and keener rivalry of the competition.
- (b) the initiative of playing the City v. Country Fixture at Bruce Stadium in Canberra was an extremely successful venture. The 1982 Fixture is to be played at the International Sports Centre, Newcastle. It appears that country interest in the fixture is high and crowd attendances reflect such interest.
- (c) the 13 import rule has been amended so that it operates less stringently in the future.
- (d) the under 23 years competition will revert to an open-age 3rd grade competition in 1982.

The 1981 competition was marred by an unseemly campaign (which was highlighted in the press) by one club coach against one of our leading referees. Due to a legal technicality the Disciplinary Committee was unable to act decisively in this matter. Steps have been taken to overcome this technicality so that satisfactory measures can be taken if a club official or coach brings the game into disrepute.

DELEGATE'S REPORT (cont)

Two of our long-standing members were honoured by the New South Wales Rugby League in 1981 for their years of service to the game:-

- (1) Our Secretary, Mr. Frank Walsh, was appointed Manager of the Sydney and New South Wales representative teams and performed his duties with distinction.
- (2) Mr. Tom Bellew was granted Life Membership of the New South Wales Rugby League. He has been a vice-president of that body for many years and his appointment has been warmly received as a fitting reward for his great efforts for the game.

Members should be aware that, since early in the 1981 season, every game controlled by the New South Wales Rugby League has been recorded on film and such films are available for purchase or viewing. It is important that active referees take full advantage of these facilities to improve their performance and so be in a better position to withstand the close scrutiny to which the modern referee is subject.

The challenge facing the Rugby League in 1981 is to mark the 75th Anniversary of the commencement of our great game in this country by increasing attendances. I am positive that our Association has a significant role to play in meeting this challenge. Two measures to achieve this goal would be:-

- (a) to improve the public image of Rugby League; and
- (b) to provide every opportunity for players to exercise their skills.

It has been a privilege to serve you as your delegate during the 1981 season.

T. A. MURPHY.
Delegate

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT - 1981

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Association may I submit for your perusal the Financial Accounts for the 1981 season.

As can be seen from the balance sheets, the General and Social Funds are in a very healthy position.

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

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>INCOME</u>						
Subs & Affils	724	1199	1672	1443	1895	2177
Grants	1050	1200	1350	1800	1800	2100
Donations	100	1350	75	-	-	-
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>						
Entertainment	412	894	763	842	731	1468
Honoraria	606	1150	1150	1265	1393	1530
Print/Post etc.	545	583	776	650	851	1099
 <u>SOCIAL FUND</u>						
<u>INCOME</u>						
Subsidies	2466	2105	3055	3225	3316	3508
Grants	310	10	1270	2000	2500	3250
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>						
Ladies Night	700	666	1555	1341	1653	3449
Family Picnic	804	989	787	729	714	886
Convivials	243	397	262	249	537	386
Final Night	-	1059	692	1215	1098	1491
Bucks Picnic	765	-	-	-	-	-

Honorary Treasurer's Report (cont)

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

During the year a number of guests were entertained by the Executive and various members. The idea of members being invited was well received as it gave them the opportunity to talk informally with the guests and also to include more members in the activities of the Association.

Special thanks are extended to our sponsor, T.N.T., for their support during the year and also to Bill Petley and Lindsay Plowes for their assistance throughout the year and also the interest they have shown in the Association.

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

The Association's gesture to Jack O'Brien was gratifying and the members should be congratulated for their thoughts in this regard.

With the advent of Illawarra and Canberra entering the competition and the elimination of the pre-season competition, the finances may vary, in the General Fund and the Fees Account, as far as grants and subsidies are concerned. This aspect will be monitored and hopefully it will not considerably affect the accounts.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Don Macdonald, Frank Walsh, Doug Wintin, Col Turnell, Denis Braybrook, Eric Cox and Reg Dick for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year.

J. M. GOCHER
Hon. Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1981
GENERAL FUND 1981

Credit Balance 1980		Printing & Stationery	\$ 607.96
Cash at Bank	\$ 725.31	Postage	140.00
S.I.A. Acct.	1100.00	Telephone	350.90
Subs - Active members	650.00	Govt. Insurance	61.00
- Non-active members	257.75	Floral Tributes	404.50
Balance fees deductions	1188.12	Life Members Blazers	190.00
Affiliations	81.00	Life members ladies	
Grants: NSWRL (Pre season)	1200.00	gifts & flowers	60.00
NSWRL (1981)	900.00	Presentations	24.90
Bank interest transferred		Honoraria	1530.00
from fees account	900.00	Entertainment:	
Bank interest	107.44	All Schools Carnival	462.67
		NSW V QLD	57.00
		Final Series	190.20
		Aust. v France	92.70
		K. Steele & E. Ward	331.60
		Guests	333.75
		S.I.A. Account	1183.45
		Cash at Bank	1088.99
	<u>7109.62</u>		<u>7109.62</u>

SOCIAL FUND 1981

Credit Balance 1980		Net Cost Keiron	\$3449.00
Cash at Bank	\$ 520.92	Net Cost Aero Club	5.00
S.I.A. Account	4000.00	Net Cost Final Night	1491.77
Social Levy-Active Mem.	2600.00	Family Picnic	885.86
Subs. - Active Members	650.00	Convivial	386.55
- Non active Mem.	257.75	Stationery etc.	229.00
Grants - T.N.T.	3000.00	Sth Syd. Function	40.00
- Rothmans	250.00	S.I.A. Account	4710.67
Bank Interest	337.42	Cash at Bank	409.24
	<u>11616.09</u>		<u>11616.09</u>

Financial Statement (cont)

FEES ACCOUNT 1981

Credit Balance 1980	\$ 90.29	Paid to Referees	\$55544.38
Received from NSWRL	57026.50	Insurance Account	384.00
M.B.H.	3990.00	Social Levies	3250.00
Bank Interest	886.95	Deductions to Gen.Acct.	1838.12
		Interest to Gen. Acct.	900.00
		Bank charges	15.00
		Cash at Bank	62.24
	<u>61993.74</u>		<u>61993.74</u>

SPECIAL FUND 1981

Credit Balance 1980		Jack O'Brien Fund	\$ 1054.00
Cash at bank	\$ 41.07	Cash at bank	78.37
S.I.A. Acct	921.95		
Donations by Members	54.00		
Bank Interest	115.35		
	<u>1132.37</u>		<u>1132.37</u>

ASSURANCE FUND

Credit Balance 1980		Claims	\$ 55.60
Cash at bank	\$ 57.46	City Mutual Ins.	1664.00
S.I.A. Account	2354.32	S.I.A. Account	2577.65
Allocations:		Cash at bank	3.56
From fees	384.00		
From Interest	1280.00		
Bank Interest	225.03		
	<u>4300.81</u>		<u>4300.81</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT 1981

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. 1981

Members of the General Committee:	E. Cox, F. Walsh and T. Murphy
Vice-Presidents:	J. McGauley, T. Brennan and T. Bellew
Coaching Class for Referees:	C. Wigzell (Director) J. Callinan (Deputy Director)
Referees' Appointment Board:	E. Cox (Director of Referees) J. O'Brien, R. O'Donnell, A. Neville (in lieu of J. O'Brien through illness)
Referees' Advisory Board:	A. Neville, J. O'Sullivan, B. Cross, L. Williams, J. Jewell, H. Pierce, R. Dick, C. Gilchrist, P. Elliss.
Examination Board:	C. Pearce (Chairman), J. Danzey (Secretary), C. Wigzell, T. Brennan, D. Macdonald, J. Moses, J. Harris
Referees' Coaching Division:	C. Gilchrist (Chairman), R. Dick, G. Bennett, G. Annesley, N. Cislowski
Director of N.S.W. Leagues Club Representing N.S.W.R.F.L.	E. Cox
Members who Officiated in 1st Grade:	B. Bradstock, J. Danzey, J. Gocher, B. Goldsworthy, G. Hartley, P. Pierce, K. Roberts, M. Stone, C. Ward, M. Weekes, D. Braybrook

SOCIAL REPORT - 1981

A few changes were again implemented during the 1981 Social year. The major one being the amalgamation of the Life Members Presentation Night and the Special Ladies Night. The resultant Annual Presentation Dinner held at Kei-Ron was the highlight of the year and must rate as one of the most successful functions held by this Association. I hope we have set a precedent for future functions of this type.

I must thank the Social Committee, Bruce Apps, John Blomfield, Les Matthews, Ron Pearce, Mike Stone and Chris Ward for their contributions to this years social functions. Their help has been of great benefit to me.

Three convivials were held after meetings. The most memorable was after a poorly attended meeting when we were left with a dozen members drinking and telling jokes well after 11p.m.

Convivials were also held after matches in which visiting referees Eddie Ward from Queensland and Kevin Steele from New Zealand were officiating. The final convivial was held at the S.C.G. after the Grand Final.

AERO CLUB DINNER DANCE

Our first function of 1981 was a self supporting dinner dance at the Royal Aero Club, Bankstown. The atmosphere of this club and the excellent food ensures that we always have an enjoyable night. The attendance was disappointing with non-active members almost outnumbering active members. Still I know the 50 people who did go enjoyed themselves.

Social Report (cont)

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER

The dream of several members came to life with the combination of the Life Members Presentation Night and the Ladies Night. The promotion of the Annual Presentation Dinner as our major social function and an upgrading of the venue provided much more interest among the members.

Several reception lounges were looked at in an attempt to find a suitable venue and Kei-Ron had all the qualities we were searching for. The extended time for pre-dinner drinks, circular tables and fine decor, good music and compere and excellent food and table service provided the ideal venue for our major social function. The co-operation I received from the management and staff was superb.

The attendance of 190 people was very pleasing indeed. This included almost all of the active referees. The ground-work in venue selection and promotion of the night attracted the best crowd we have had at a recent function.

The presentations of Life Members Blazers to Neil Clement and Doug Wintin was expertly handled by Don Macdonald. I have been personally associated, on several committees, with both these men and again congratulate them on earning this honour. In their replies Neil and Doug both spoke of the friendship between referees and how this continued over many years. I believe this is one aspect where all members can contribute to the Association - by attending meetings, functions and conviviais and developing friendships within the referees' association.

Denis Braybrook was a popular winner of the George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy for services to the Association during 1980-1981. Denis claimed to be "almost speechless" when his name was read out but replied in his usual high standard.

Social Report 1981 (cont)

I must again thank all the members, especially the Life Members we don't see so often, for supporting our Annual Presentation Dinner and making it the success it was.

LIFE MEMBERS REUNION CONVIVIAL

The Catholic Club was again the venue for this end of season function. A good smorgasbord and plenty of beer made for much reminiscing about football matches and referees' exploits over the past 30 years or so. 25 Life Members attended this year's function and it was especially pleasing to see John Martin travel with George Griffin from the Central Coast to be present. John received his Life Members badge and wore it proudly all night.

The really disappointing feature of the evening was the attendance of less than half the active referees of the association. When Denis Braybrook paid tribute to and introduced the Life Members he described them as the men who had "dug the well". The current active members are the ones who are now "drinking from the well" and should remember the work done by the Life members in gaining benefits the active members are now enjoying. I believe it is EVERY active referees' duty to attend this function and show his appreciation to the work of all Life Members.

FAMILY PICNIC

After 2 weeks of solid rain we were fortunate to get a beautiful spring day for the Picnic. Despite the petrol strike the attendance was very pleasing.

Over 80 children attended and Jack Danzey did a great job organising age and orange races for the kids and the adults. The pleasant surroundings of the Prospect grounds was the ideal setting for a picnic or barbecue lunch. After lunch the ladies entertained the crowd with a golf exhibition.

Social Report 1981 (cont)

Then Santa Claus arrived and distributed his bag of goodies to all the kids. I would like to thank all those members who went to the picnic and especially those who helped handing out ice creams and drinks which made the day enjoyable for everyone.

In conclusion I must say that I was particularly happy with the progress of social events in 1981. My thanks to Don, Frank, John and Doug for their help and guidance during the year. Also, may I add my congratulations to them on the job they are doing for the association.

Also, I would like to thank all the members for the flowers and the wishes expressed after the birth of our baby Brooke.

Over the past 2 years, as a non-active member, I have found it more difficult to maintain the close contact, with all members, necessary to be a good Social Secretary. Also, in my 4 years as your Social Secretary I feel I have introduced sufficient changes to improve the social functions.

Therefore, I have decided not to stand for the position of Social Secretary in 1982, and wish to thank everyone who has helped me during the past 4 years.

I will still attend meetings and games to maintain my interest in refereeing, and if nominated I will stand for a position on the Committee or the Social Committee.

C. TURNELL.
Social Secretary