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



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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

1st November, 1982

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting will be held at the New South Wales Leagues Club in the Ballroom, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney on Wednesday 24th November, 1982

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of Last Annual Meeting
2. Correspondence
3. Annual Report and Balance Sheet
4. Election of Office Bearers
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Advisory Board
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OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1982

PATRON

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

PRESIDENT

Mr. D. Macdonald

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Mr. D. Braybrook

HON. TREASURER

Mr. J. Gocher

HON. SECRETARY

Mr. F. Walsh

ASS. SECRETARY

Mr. D. Wintin

VICE PRESIDENTS

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

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

Mr. T. Murphy

DEPUTY DELEGATE

Mr. A. Shiner

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr. M. Stone

COMMITTEE

Messrs. N. Clements, J. Colenso, G. Cook, J. Harris, C. Gilchrist,  
C. Turnell

AUDITORS - Messrs. P. Longhurst, C. Gilchrist

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Messrs. C. Ward, B. Goldsworthy, L. Matthews, R. Pearce, J. Blomfield,  
J. Colenso

HANSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY COMMITTEE

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

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, M. Stone, P. Longhurst, I. McCall

SEMINAR COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. D. Macdonald, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, G. Annesley, M. Tomsett,  
R. Pierse, R. Garwood, J. Colenso

75TH YEAR CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

Season 1982 was a most historic season as far as the great game of Rugby League was concerned.

With the inclusion of the Illawarra and Canberra District Clubs in the Sydney Competition, a great uplift was given to Rugby League in both these new areas, both clubs acquitted themselves very well, causing a few headaches to the established clubs along the way.

To all Referees we extend congratulations on their appointments during the season, and although sickness prevented my attending as many meetings as in previous seasons, I was able to keep abreast of things that happened in the Association. Special mention must be made of Mr. J. Gocher who became our newest International Referee by controlling the Test Match in Papua-New Guinea.

The affairs of the Association were carried out in the usual efficient manner, for which we must be grateful to the Executive and all Members of the Committee.

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 New Zealand Rugby League Team was of great interest and although beaten in both Tests, most critics were of the opinion that the New Zealand team was unlucky to lose the first test in Brisbane, 11 points to 8.

A special mention must be made of our Sponsor, T.N.T., for their continued support, and we thank them most sincerely for their help, which is felt throughout the whole State of New South Wales.

In conclusion, let us look forward to Season 1983 for the continued cooperation of all concerned for the advancement of the game of Rugby League.

*C.E. Wigzell B.E.M.*  
*Patron*



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the presentation of the 75th Annual Report we should take time to give thought to the pioneers who founded this great association, and to the dedication shown by members who followed and pursued policies which have led to steady growth and strength.

Many of our senior members still have an active interest in the affairs of our association and those of the N.S.W. Rugby Football League; we comment them for their enthusiasm.

X I particularly appeal to the more recently graded referees to support the functions within your association, to actively participate in its running wherever possible, and to continue with respectability as active referees, so that this association can face the future with great confidence.

Special thanks to T.N.T. Management and Liaison Officers, Bill Petley and Lindsay Plowes, for continued interest in matters associated with the Sponsorship Committee, in its endeavours to improve the skills and standard of refereeing throughout New South Wales.

The venue for meetings during 1982 left a lot to be desired; I am hopeful this problem will be overcome in the 1983 season.

My thanks to our members and delegates from affiliated bodies, who regularly attended the meetings and acted courteously on all occasions. To the new members from Canberra and Illawarra, and their district association, I particularly thank you for your interest, and hospitality afforded to members of this association.

X To all referees, congratulations on your various achievements during the season. We sometimes think that our refereeing ability has struck a plateau, and become discouraged, I feel sure with dedication and a more enthusiastic application you will be assured of measurable improvement in 1983.

In conclusion let me thank the executive officers and members of all committees for their efforts during the past season.

*Don Macdonald*  
*President*

## HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 1982

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit for your perusal, enjoyment and I trust subsequent adoption, the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for Season 1982.

### Welcome - Canberra & Illawarra District Referees' Associations

The 75th Anniversary year of Rugby League in N.S.W. saw the Competition enlarged to take in two new teams from the Canberra and Illawarra areas which meant that their Referees' Associations became District Associations, affiliated with the N.S.W.R.F.L. Referees' Association.

The ease with which these two new Associations dove-tailed into the scheme of things astounded some of the local gloom merchants who had presumably forecast all manner of dire consequences that such a move would bring.

I would suggest that the time is now opportune for the older members of these Associations to get behind these new Associations, lending moral and visible support; the change has happened, either you join us and march forward into the future, or you become a part of history, living with your memories of bygone glories. Your contributions to Rugby League in the past can never be estimated for their value, so let's hope any lack of vision is only a passing phase and your support will become evident in the future.

### Sponsorship

This year completed the second year of our second term of sponsorship by the T.N.T. Group of Companies, with the benefits being felt by all facets of the Refereeing Fraternity.

The assistance afforded to the various District Referees' Association, the Country Groups and the C.R.A. is dealt with in great detail by the Sponsorship Committee, and special attention is paid to all worthwhile submissions.



### Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Liaison Officers of the T.N.T. Group, Mr Lindsay Plowes and Mr Bill Petley continue to show great interest in the Association, apply themselves with zeal at the Sponsorship Committee meetings, showing a knowledge of the District Associations and their workings. The Association is grateful to both Lindsay and Bill for their support, interest, and also their friendship. Bill helped me with the updated design for the Cover.

The Association must also thank John Gocher, Jack Danzey, Barry Goldsworthy, Mick Stone, Chris Ward and Jack Harris for their support and cooperation in taking part in the Sutherland Shire Easter Festival, working in conjunction with Mr Peter Saxon, the National Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager for T.N.T., Peter was in charge of the T.N.T. Promotion at the Cronulla Ground and was most lavish in his praise of our members' efforts to assist.

Our thanks go out to the Senior Executive Officers of the T.N.T. Group of Companies for their continued support and goodwill during the past season and we look forward to the same in the coming season.

Individual sponsorship of members by Australian Sporting Sales P/L (Tiger) was enlarged this year to include the Executive and Active Members, Appointment, Advisory and Examination Boards, and the Referees Coaching Panel which is a huge cross-section of the Association. The benefits to those participating are enormous and the savings to the Sponsorship Committee are considerable. I would like to record the Association's thanks to Laurie and Jim for their valuable assistance to our members during 1982, and look forward to a working relationship in 1983.

A few other active members are also sponsored by other popular brands, and our thanks are recorded to them for their assistance to the members concerned.

Tom Smith, our friendly Tailor from Bankstown made an offer of a shirt of their choice, to each of the participating officials on Grand

### Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Final Day as a gesture to the Association. The offer was made early in the season when arranging for the Life Membership Blazers for D. Braybrook and J. Kelly, and I eagerly accepted on behalf of the members who would be engaged on that day. Many thanks Tom!

### Honours

Life Membership honours were bestowed on Mr Dennis Braybrook and Mr John Kelly in recognition of their many years of service to the Association. Both members have outstanding records of service, and have made great contributions to the affairs of the Association.

The Life Membership Blazers were presented by the President, Mr Don Macdonald, at the Annual Presentation Dinner at Kei-Ron Reception Rooms, and both were in good form with their responses.

### Ian McCall

The winner of the George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy for 1982 was the popular Ian McCall. Ian, a top flight Touch Judge, and a member of both the Committee and the Sponsorship Committee where he acts as gear steward. He was also the recipient of a new award in his local Association (Parramatta) in its inaugural year, and as this award honours his late father, "Darky" McCall, it really capped a top year for him. Congratulations Ian, all these were well deserved.

### Frank Johnson

A long time friend of this Association, Frank is the well respected Coaching Director of the N.S.W.R.F. League and this year received the Order of Australia Medal (O.A.M.) in the June List. At the last meeting of the N.S.W.R.F.L. he was made a Life Member of the Rugby League. Both honours were well deserved and a just reward for a Life Time of Service.

Vale

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Ian and Madelaine McCall on the sad loss of Madelaine's mother.



### Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Older members that have attended North Sydney Referees Smokos over previous years would remember Alf Jones (Jumbo) who helped make these Smokos one of the most memorable and most sought after invitations to come into the Association. Alf had fought a long battle against illness before he passed away during the season; our condolences to his family.

Members were shocked by the deaths of two prominent active referees during the Season - Kevin Steele (N.Z.) who had been in Australia during the 1981 Season to do the State of Origin fixture in Brisbane, and the 1st Test between Australia and France, in Sydney, passed away in New Zealand and a memorial service was held on the 27th May 1982 at Enfield. Kevin came from Enfield in the heart of the Western Suburbs area, and his Mother and other members of his family still live in the district. The Parish Priest of Enfield was assisted at the Mass by Father Tom Carroll, the secretary of the Western Suburbs D.R. Association, and Father Brian Rayner, Treasurer of the St. George D.R. Association. Also assisting was Rev. Brother Andrew Simpson, also of Western Suburbs, and formerly of the Manly-Warringah Association. A large representation from this Association paid their last respects to Kevin.

Les Ballard from Campbelltown passed away suddenly after an illness that had been with him for a very long time. Les was a very well performed member of the C.R.A. and a very popular friend to members of this Association who knew him. To his widow and family we offer our sympathy.

Arthur Neville lost his brother after he had a long and protracted illness. Sincere sympathy is expressed to Shirley and Arthur on their loss.

To Bill Petley we offer our sympathy on the sad loss of his brother early in November.

To all other members who suffered bereavements during the season, we offer our condolences.

### Sickies!

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

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Don Macdonald's dad is still in hospital, and we extend our best wishes to your dad, Don.

Mrs E McGauley spent a short time in Balmain Hospital, whilst April Wigzell was a guest for a few weeks in St George District Hospital. Tom Delauney was an inmate of Canterbury Hospital for a couple of weeks, and is now his old chipper self once more.

Denis Spagarino's wife was confined in hospital awaiting the birth of their daughter; whilst down the South Coast, Giles O'Donnell was not to be outdone, although his wife kept postponing the 'Blessed Event' for a few more days, again a baby girl.

But a few of the active members were also "hors de combat" with Lionel Green having a couple of weeks out with Achilles Tendon trouble.

Martin Weekes also had ankle trouble and John Gocher felt the full weight of Les Boyd when the two collided, in their own version of "When Worlds Collide", at Brookvale Oval. John ended up in Manly District Hospital, and was out of action for a few weeks. Les told him he thought he was one of the "Pommie" forwards and on their performance on the 1st Test they are not quick enough to get out of his way, either, John.

Dennis Braybrook had reoccurring leg problems which hastened his decision to retire as an active referee. Life Member Dick Cummins had a short spell on the sick list at the end of the season.

### Seminar

A seminar will be held over the weekend of the 4th, 5th and 6th of February, 1983, at the Newport Inn, Newport. This will be our third such seminar and will be in keeping with our professional approach to the game. After the good results we had from the second seminar it is to be hoped that the majority of members will be able to attend and take part in the various sections of the seminar. Its success or otherwise depends on your application and dedication.

### Visitations

The twelve Country Referees who came down for the All Schools Carnival were entertained by members of the Association back at Souths Juniors at



### Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

dinner and the Don Lane Show afterwards. Kim Holwell, a former graded referee, who now lives in Lismore came down as a member of the Country Referees.

A good representation of members and wives made the journey on the Coach trip to Newcastle International Sports Centre for the Annual Sydney v. Country Fixtures, which saw introduced to the day's events an under 18's fixture; this will be a permanent fixture on this day now.

From this party Don Macdonald, Ian McCall, John Gocher, Eric Cox and your secretary, attended the meeting of the Country Referees Association on the Saturday morning.

The Newcastle Referees Association are to be complimented on their efforts on the weekend of the Sydney v. Country fixtures, they were very gracious hosts and on behalf of our members, I would like to thank Newcastle for their hospitality and friendship.

Jack Harris went to Darwin to lecture and examine the local candidates and was well received by the members of the Darwin Association.

Kevin Roberts was appointed the Referee to control the 1st State-of-Origin fixture in Brisbane, and Brian Wiseman officiated as a Touch Judge on the same fixture. For the second State-of-Origin fixture on the 8th June, Brian Gately was appointed to go to Brisbane to officiate as a Touch Judge.

John Gocher became our latest Test Referee when he was appointed by the A.R.L. to go to Port Moresby to control the test fixture between New Zealand and Papua-New Guinea. Congratulations John!

Don Wilson (N.Z. Referee) spent five days in Sydney to do the third and deciding State-of-Origin fixture at the S.C.G., being joined by Les Sainsbury (Qld.) for the final two days, both were entertained by the members of this Association during their stay in Sydney.

Fred Lindop (Gt. Britain) was also a visitor to these shores to officiate in the Test series, Australia v. New Zealand; he also officiated in several other fixtures whilst here. Fred brought his

### Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

on to Australia with him as a visitor and the North Sydney Referees Association entertained both these gentlemen and Robert Fasolette, who happens to be the French Director of Referees; there has to be a gag we can make out of that, but I will resist the temptation. The North Sydney Association entertained them at their 60th Anniversary Dinner. Robert was the house guest of John Montgomery and Reg Dick whilst in Sydney.

Paul Goener was our guest when down from Queensland during the season, whilst Eric Cox, John Gocher and myself were guests of the Brisbane Referees when we attended the first Test Match at Lang Park.

### Traser

Canberra coming into our orbit for the first time supplied us with several things, namely three newly graded referees, new grounds and facilities, anticipation of what to expect when the Sydney based members made the journey to the National Capital, new friendships and TRASER.

Not the one with the bad back, or the "Bottom of the Lake" schemes but Peter, with the bright smile (he's single) and the Mini Bus. Peter is the Treasurer of the Canberra District R. Association. Early in the season when the pre-season trials were on in Canberra, our members had to catch the 8.35 a.m. flight to Canberra and the late game wasn't starting until 6 p.m., which meant they had a full day to fill in, so after discussions with the Canberra Executive, a couple of their boys met the plane with their cars, and showed our members the sights of Canberra. A proposal was put to the sponsorship and a Mini Bus was hired from a local firm, and Peter became our permanent driver for the 13 home fixtures. He was ably assisted by a cast of 1,000's who took it in turn to help Peter entertain our members. Thank you Peter and fellows for your efforts.

### Masseurs

This season the Association enlarged our horizons and engaged the services of several top masseurs to look after the needs of the Referees



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on the weekends as well as having Fred West working at Leichhardt Oval on Wednesday evenings on the K.B. Cup Competition.

The following gentlemen were engaged; Ted Russell, Fred Jackson, Des Highfield, Fred West, Nev. Walker and Alan Smith. Nev. Walker looked after the lads when the games were on at Wollongong Showground, and Alan Smith took charge of the table at Canberra.

Over the season a good rapport was built up between the members and the masseurs and special mention must be made of Fred Jackson who just happened to be on duty when Dennis Braybrook was injured at Henson Park and John Gocher got run over by a runaway "Boyd" at sunny Brookvale. Fred spent considerable time at Manly Hospital after John's accident which wasn't expected but certainly appreciated.

### Congratulations!

To the N.S.W.R.F. League for staging such a memorable lead-up to the Grand Final - it was certainly one of the most impressive on-field displays ever seen on a sporting field in this country. One hundred and twenty professional dancers thrilled the large crowd and the huge T.V. audience estimated at approximately eight million, and the message came through loud and clear - be proud to be Australian. Well done Bob Abbott on your initial year as Promotions Officer for the N.S.W.R. League.

The following Thursday it was Brisbane's turn to stage the most brilliant opening to the XII Commonwealth Games. Anyone who watched the opening on T.V. or at the ground could not have felt anything but intense pride in the Australian theme that ran through the Ceremony.

Both the N.S.W.F. League's Grand Final Presentation and the opening of the Commonwealth Games gave an impetus to a Patriotic Theme, seldom shown by Australians, which has been necessary for a long time.

Congratulations are extended to the Parramatta District Club on winning the 1st Grand Premiership for the second time. Following up their initial success last season with a very comprehensive win over

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Manly-Warringah, their nemesis over the season, Parramatta playing outstanding team football to demolish Eastern Suburbs 33-0 in the Final, and then Manly-Warringah in the Grand Final, 21 points to 8.

Balmain Reserve Grade Team annexed the Reserve Grade Premiership with a strong win over Eastern Suburbs in the Grand Final.

Shrugging off a 7 points to nil deficit, the Parramatta 3rd Grade team went on to defeat the luckless Newtown team 8 points to 7.

Congratulations to all six teams taking part in the Grand Finals for providing excellent football played in the true spirit.

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

<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Touch Judges</u>
Sydney I v. Country I	J.Danzey (NSW)	I.McCall; P.Evans (New)
Sydney II v. Country II	B.Grant (Barradine)	R. Pearce; N.Hockey (Barr. Pt.)
Sydney 18's v. Country 18's	W.Massingham (Coffs Hbr.)	A.Brindle (Cen.Coast); S.Cox (Cen.Coast)
NSW v. Qld. in Brisbane 1/6/82	K.Roberts (NSW)	B.Wiseman
NSW v. Qld. in Brisbane 8/6/82	B.Gomersall (Qld)	B. Gately
NSW v Qld. in Sydney	D.Wilson (NZ)	G.Benson; L.Sainsbury
Australia v. New Zealand	F.Lindop (GB)	R.Hunt; H.Reedy
Papua-New Guinea v. New Zealand, Port Moresby	J.Gocher	
Manly-Warringah v. Newtown K.B. Cup Comp. Final	J.Gocher	G.Benson; M.Tomsett
Pat.Bros Fairfield v. Holy Cross C. Ryde - Commonwealth Bank Cup Final	J.Danzey	H.Reedy; R.Hunt
Manly-Warringah v. Parramatta 1st Grade Grand Final	J.Gocher	M.Tomsett; G.Benson



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<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Touch Judges</u>
Eastern Suburbs v. Balmain Reserve Grade Grand Final	J. Danzey	B. Bradstock; I. McCall
Parramatta v. Newtown 3rd Grade Grand Final	M. Weekes	H. Reedy; R. Hunt
New Zealand Under 15s v. NSW Catholic Schools - 1st Test	K. Roberts	H. Reedy; R. Hunt
New Zealand Under 15s v. NSW Catholic Schools - 3rd Test	J. Gocher	I. McCall; B. Gately
Gt. Britain Colts v. Balmain H. Flegg	J. Danzey	K. Allard; S. Martin
Gt. Britain Colts v. NSW Under 18s	J. Gocher	M. Tomsett; H. Reedy
MBH Grand Final Water Board v. Main Roads	G. Annesley	R. Picard; G. Elias
President's Cup Final Sth. Sydney v. Eastern Suburbs	P. Cooley (New)	M. Taylor (Illa.); A. Black (St. G.)
H. Flegg Cup Final Balmain v. Cronulla-Sutherland	G. Herd (S. Syd.)	J. Ogier (CS); D. Turvey (CB)
S.G. Ball Cup Final Balmain v. Newtown	D. O'Keefe (Parr.)	R. Walker (MW); E. Wadley (MW)

The following members Messrs. M. Stone, C. Ward and K. Roberts controlled Semi-Finals, and Messrs. B. Wiseman, B. Gately, J. Turner, J. Connor, J. Colenso and R. Pearce were appointed as Touch Judges to the Semi-Finals.

From the Grade List of 1981 the following members retired: Messrs. B. Apps, N. Clement, K. Davis, G. Hartley, I. Smith and W. Tulloch. 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 1982: Messrs. N. Bissett, G. Elias, L. Green, C. Higson, M. Holton, B. Keenahan, C. Law, G. McCallum, S. Martin, G. O'Donnell, K. Pickard, A. Skeed, G. West,

### Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

J.White, S.Tyrell, D. O'Keefe, P.Cooley and G.Herd. Of these members Messrs. N.Bissett, C.Law and K. Pickard were the first members graded from the Canberra Association, and Messrs. B.Keenahan, S.Martin and G.O'Donnell were the first graded members from the Illawarra Association. Messrs. P.Cooley, D.O'Keefe, G.Herd and S.Tyrell were graded after the Junior Representative Finals and Mr.L.Green was re-graded.

### District Associations

With the Competition being enlarged we now have 14 District Associations as members of our immediate "Family", and as mentioned earlier in this report, the new Associations have settled into the family really well.

I have mentioned the Canberra connection so now let's swing our attention to the Illawarra Association. After some initial misunderstanding and a little confusion in regard to access to the dressing room, a close relationship developed between members of this Association and the Illawarra Association. Foremost in the concern for our members was Ted Wynn, President of the Illawarra Referees Association who led the hospitality brigade. He was ably assisted by Alan Byrnes, Kevin Riolo, Don Murray and Graeme Tobin who have gone a long way to creating lasting friendships between the two bodies.

But the original twelve District Associations are to be commended on the manner in which they have supported the Illawarra and Canberra Associations. With their members making the effort to attend their functions at Wollongong and Canberra, only a couple of the Sydney Associations were not in attendance, which is only normal with last minute withdrawals due to ordinary living conditions.

Invitations were extended to the new bodies and whilst the return acceptances may not have been as good as we have come to expect, this will improve once the initial shyness is overcome, and the local members realise what good nights they are missing by not sending anyone. Word of mouth is the best advertising in regard to Referees' Social events, and when the little woman finds out what she is missing



### Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

- WHAM fellows! She'll come down on you like a 'Ton of Bricks'.

Thanks to all District Associations for the work put into Rugby League in your areas, it doesn't go un-noticed.

### Officials

I would like to congratulate Don Macdonald on his year as President of the Association, and thank him for his help and assistance. John Gocher again carried out his duties as Treasurer in an admirable manner, whilst Doug Wintin as your Assistant Secretary was again untiring in his efforts on behalf of the Association.

Mick Stone in his initial year as Social Secretary continued the high standard set by previous social secretaries, and he got the season off to a good start with his Chinese Night. This night was a good ice-breaker, helping members to meet and greet the new members and their wives who had joined us for the night. The other functions were well staged and supported by members, and it was a most auspicious start by Mick in his new position. Thanks Mick!

### Conclusion

Tonight your officials retire and most will seek re-election. I would like to thank them on your behalf for their dedication to the various positions they held over the season.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Secretary for Season 1982, and I would like to thank Don, John, Doug and Mick for their help, encouragement and support during the season.

I'm off to training now.

*F.M. Walsh*  
*Secretary*

### COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following members have been recommended by the Committee for Life Membership Honours in 1983. Set out under is a copy of their records of service with the Association.

C. Gilchrist - Graded 1967-1978 Hon.Member 1979-1982  
Total Membership 16 years.

#### Attendance at Meetings:

1967 - 14 (16)	1972 - 10 (15)	1977 - 16 (16)
1968 - 15 (17)	1973 - 14 (15)	1978 - 13 (14)
1969 - 12 (16)	1974 - 14 (14)	1979 - 13 (17)
1970 - 12 (16)	1975 - 11 (16)	1980 - 15 (17)
1971 - 14 (15)	1976 - 14 (16)	1981 - 13 (15)

Member of Committee 1977; Auditor 1978-1982; Advisory Board 1981-82.3

Member of Referees Coaching Division 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982.

Chairman 1980, 1981, 1982

Member of Seminar Committee 1981; Hansen Committee 1980,1981,1982.

J. Gocher - Graded 1970-1982 Total Membership 13 years.  
Investigation Special Committee 1979

#### Attendance at Meetings:

1970 - 16 (16)	1974 - 14 (14)	1978 - 12 (14)
1971 - 13 (15)	1975 - 11 (16)	1979 - 17 (17)
1972 - 12 (15)	1976 - 13 (16)	1980 - 15 (17)
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Member of Committee 1978; Finance Committee 1978,1979,1980,1981,1982.

Auditor 1977,1978. Treasurer 1979,1980,1981,1982.

Seminar Committee 1980,1981,1982. Sponsorship Committee 1979,80,81,82.

Hansen Committee 1979,1980,1981,1982; 75th Annual Committee 1982

The following members were nominated: Messrs. B. Barnes; G. Cook;  
J. Connor; B. Cross; R. Garwood; C. Gilchrist; J. Gocher; W. Grono;  
G. Hedger; K. Jeffes; J. Jewell; I. McCall; A. Neville; J. Turner;  
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Member of Committee 1978; Finance Committee 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982.

Auditor 1977, 1978. Treasurer 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982.

Seminar Committee 1980, 1981, 1982. Sponsorship Committee 1979, 80, 81, 82.

Hansen Committee 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982; 75th Annual Committee 1982

The following members were nominated: Messrs. B. Barnes; G. Cook;  
J. Connor; B. Cross; R. Garwood; C. Gilchrist; J. Gocher; W. Grono;  
G. Hedger; K. Jeffes; J. Jewell; I. McCall; A. Neville; J. Turner;  
C. Turnell; B. Wiseman.

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLL AND ATTENDANCES

K. ARNOLD		R.H. DRAKE	(D)	J. MOSES	(5)
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	(3)	R. O'DONNELL	(11)
G. BENSON	(12)	J. FARQUHAR	(D)	J. O'SULLIVAN	(16)
T. BELLEW	(1)	A. FARROW	(D)	A. OXFORD	
G. BISHOP	(D)	E. FLETCHER		K. PAGE	(3)
J. BLACK	(D)	A. FIFIELD		E. PAINE	
G. BOYD	(D)	W. FRY	(D)	C. PEARCE	(2)
D. BRATTON		M. GODFREY	(3)	G. PEARCE	(D)
D. BRAYBROOK	(15)	T. GREW		H. PIERCE	
T. BRENNAN	(1)	G. GRIFFIN		H. POULTON	(D)
R. BROCK	(D)	J. GRIFFIN	(D)	H. ROWLANDS	(D)
C. BROWN	(1)	R.M. HALL		L. ROSEN	(2)
L. BRUYERES		J. HANSEN	(D)	L. SAMUELSON	
J. BUCHANAN	(D)	J. HARRIS	(15)	A. SHIPWAY	
E. BUCKLEY	(D)	A. HOLT		R. SMYTH	
S. CAREY	(15)	C. HUDSON	(1)	H. SCHUTEMA	(D)
J. CLARKE	(D)	J. KELLY	(15)	C. SCHOMBERG	
N. CLEMENT	(15)	J. KELLY	(D)	A. SHINER	(14)
A. COLLINS		W. KELLY	(D)	A. SOANE	(6)
O. COHEN		W. KEOGH	(D)	A. SPANKIE	(D)
T. COSTELLO	(D)	E. KERR	(D)	M. TOMSETT	(11)
B. COWLEY		A. KONNECKE	(1)	J. TURNER	(D)
W. CUKE		D. LAWLER		E. TINSLEY	
R. CUMMINS	(4)	P. LEE	(D)	B. WALES SNR.	(D)
E. COX	(15)	T. LEFFLER		A. WELSH	(D)
J. DAVIES		J. McGAULEY	(1)	F.W. WALSH	(16)
A.J. DAVIS		T. McMAHON	(D)	C.E. WIGZELL	(1)
L. DEANE	(D)	D. MACDONALD	(16)	L. WILLIAMS	(16)
F. DELANEY	(D)	M. MALONEY	(D)	D. WINTIN	(16)
A. DENNIS	(D)	J. MARTIN		G. WIRTH	(D)
W. DEVINE SNR.		H. MILLINGTON	(D)	R.J. WARD	(D)
T. DICKSON	(D)	J. MONTGOMERY		C. YORKE	(D)
R. DICK	(12)				

TOTAL = 106

DECEASED = 41

16 Meetings were held in 1982 and against each member is their attendanfe.

## HONORARY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR LIFE

J.R. DREWES SNR. (D)

W. FALLOWFIELD, O.B.E.

H. GILLARD.



NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
GRADED REFEREES FOR SEASON 1982 AND ATTENDANCES -

16 MEETINGS HELD

K. ALLARD	(15)	C. JONES	(14)
G. ANNESLEY	(9)	B. KEENAHAN	(9)
B. BARNES	(8)	G. KELLY	(2)
G. BENSON	(12)	J. KELLY	(15)
S. BETTS	(7)	C. LAW	(2)
M. BILTON	(5)	P. LONGHURST	(10)
N. BISSETT	(6)	I. McCALL	(15)
J. BLOMFIELD	(12)	R. McDONNELL	(5)
B. BOLTON	(11)	G. McCALLUM	(10)
D. BOWRON	(12)	P. McMAHON	(9)
B. BRADSTOCK	(14)	S. MARTIN	(9)
D. BRAYBROOK	(15)	L. MATTHEWS	(14)
N. CISLOWSKI	(8)	P. MOON	(15)
J. COLENSO	(13)	S. NASH	(8)
J. COLWELL	(14)	G. O'DONNELL	(12)
J. CONNOR	(11)	D. O'KEEFE	(8)
P. COOLEY	(9)	R. PEARCE	(9)
S. COX	(1)	R. PICARD	(8)
J. DANZEY	(14)	K. PICKARD	(1)
M. DUNN	(4)	P. PIERSE	(12)
L. EDNEY	(15)	H. REEDY	(12)
G. ELIAS	(9)	J. REYNOLDS	(7)
R. GARWOOD	(13)	K. ROBERTS	(14)
J. GOCHER	(15)	G. ROBERTSON	(5)
B. GOLDSWORTHY	(10)	M. RYAN	(14)
B. GATELY	(12)	P. RYAN	(11)
L. GREEN	(12)	A. SKEED	(10)
H. GRIFFITH	(0)	V. SMITH	(6)
M. GRADY	(12)	D. SPAGARINO	(14)
G. HEATON	(9)	M. STONE	(16)
G. HERD	(5)	M. THOMPSON	(15)
C. HIGSON	(14)	M. TOMSETT	(11)
M. HOLTON	(12)	J. TURNER	(14)
W. HEYLBUT	(8)	S. TYRELL	(4)
M. HOWELL	(12)	C. WARD	(14)
R. HUNT	(12)	M. WEEKES	(13)
		G. WEST	(14)
		C. WHITE	(11)
		D. WINTIN	(16)
		B. WISEMAN	(13)
		J. YARD	(12)

TOTAL = 65

\* Graded 1982

# LIST OF NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS

16 Meetings were held for 1982 and Attendances were:

A. AGGETT		R. GOBITS		N. MORAITIS	
B. APPS	(4)	G. GUNNEE		R. MORRIS	
P. ATKINS		C. GILCHRIST	(16)	A. NEVILLE	(2)
R. ATKINSON		K. GRAY		D. NICHOLSON	
D. BARSLEY		H. GRIFFIN		G. NORBERRY	(1)
G. BENNETT	(1)	W. GRONO	(3)	J. O'CONNOR	(D)
M. BEACROFT		G. HARTLEY	(1)	J. O'KEEFE	
J. BISSETT		C. HAYNES		D. PARDY	
P. BOWEN		G. HEDGER	(4)	J. PARKINSON	
R. BOWMAN		C. HENNESSY		N. PATTEN	
J. BRADLEY		R. HENSLEY	(2)	R. PATTERSON	
G. BRAINE		D. HEYMER		W. PEARSON	
B. BUCKINGHAM		R. HUMPHRIES		A. PERRY	(6)
L. BUCKLEY		K. HOLMAN		R. PIERCE	(1)
R. CAREY		K. JEFFES	(16)	L. RANDLE	
J. COFFEY		J. JEWELL	(8)	J. REYNOLDS	
R. COFFEY		B. KENDALL	(1)	N. SAVAGE	
A. COLE		W. KIRK		B. SHIPTON	
R. CONNOLLY		M. KEEBLE		A. SEE	
E. COOK		G. KELLAHAN		R. SEMMENS	
G. COOK	(8)	A. KNIGHT		R. SINCLAIR	
K. COUCH		N. McALISTER		I. SMITH	(3)
B. CRIPPS		V. McGUINNESS	(2)	J. STEWART	
B. CROSS	(6)	A. McGILVRAY		W. STEWART	
K. DAVIS	(1)	R. McINTOSH		J. TICEHURST	
T. DELAUNEY	(1)	R. McJANNETT	(2)	C. TURNELL	(15)
C. DIMON		D. McLEAN		B. WALES	
C. EDWARDS		L. McREYNOLDS		R. WARNER	
M. EDWARDS		K. MANTON		W. WHITE	
J. EEDY		R. MENSER		J. WHYBROW	
F. FISHER		J. MITCHELL		S. WILLIAMS	
P. FITTON	(1)	T. MURPHY	(16)	A. WILLIS	
P. FREEMAN				B. WEBBER	
R. FREEMAN					

TOTAL = 99

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

BALMAIN	Referees' Assn.	NEWTOWN	Referees' Assn.
CANBERRA	" "	NORTH SYDNEY	" "
CANTERBURY/BANKSTOWN	" "	PARRAMATTA	" "
CRONULLA/SUTHERLAND	" "	PENRITH	" "
EASTERN SUBURBS	" "	ST. GEORGE	" "
ILLAWARRA	" "	SOUTH SYDNEY	" "
MANLY WARRINGAH	" "	UNIVERSITY CUP	" "
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE	" "	WESTERN SUBURBS	" "
N.S.W. COUNTRY R.F.L.	Referees' Assn.	NORTHERN TERRITORY R.F.L.	"
NORFOLK ISLAND R.F.L.	" "	WESTERN AUSTRALIA R.F.L.	"



N.S.W.R.F.L. REFEREES WHO OCCUPY POSITIONS WITH THE N.S.W.R.F.L. 1982

Members of the General Committee: E. Cox, F. Walsh, T. Murphy

Vice-Presidents: J. McGauley, T. Brennan, T. Bellew

Coaching Class for Referees: R. Dick, C. Gilchrist, K. Jeffes,  
J. Farrelly

Referees' Appointment Board: E. Cox (Director of Referees)  
R. O'Donnell  
A. Neville

Referees' Advisory Board: N. Clement, J. O'Sullivan, B. Cross,  
L. Williams, J. Jewell, K. Jeffes,  
R. Dick, C. Gilchrist, P. Elliss

Examination Board: C. Pearce (Chairman)  
J. Danzey (Secretary)  
C. Wigzell, D. Macdonald, J. Moses,  
J. Harris, W. Grono

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, K. Roberts,  
M. Stone, C. Ward, M. Weekes,  
D. Braybrook, G. O'Donnell  
B. Keenahan, S. Nash, B. Barnes.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

1982 ATTENDANCES

16 Meetings Held

BALMAIN	D. Dudgeon (14), N. McMahon (3)
CANBERRA	J. Mahoney (1), P. Fraser (3)
CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN	P. Wallace (2), P. Field (14)
CRONULLA - SUTHERLAND	K. Stewart (1), G. Weeks (10), B. Gilchrist (3)
C.R.F.L.R.A.	K. Riolo (3)
EASTERN SUBURBS	S. Morgan (7), R. Payne (13)
ILLAWARRA	S. Martin (3), M. Taylor (13)
MANLY - WARRINGAH	G. McCallum (1), P. Harradine (13), A. Rizzo (1), J. Levett (1)
NEWTOWN	P. Cooley (6), P. Lucas (8), N. Fennell (1), K. Ford (1)
NORTH SYDNEY	R. Kiddle (15)
UNIVERSITY CUP	V. McDonald (1), G. Reece (3), B. Smith (5)
PARRAMATTA	K. Travers (10), P. Teale (3)
PENRITH	H. Creighton (12), S. Tyrell (4), K. Russell (7)
PAPUA-NEW GUINEA	T. Delauney (2)
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE	G. Callinan (16)
ST. GEORGE	K. Gardiner (14), G. Brown (1)
SOUTH SYDNEY	W. Nelson (3), P. Dalby (6), B. Prescott (4)
WESTERN SUBURBS	C. Thew (13), K. Evans (3)

SPONSORS

T.N.T.

W. Petley (3), L. Plowes (5)

Plus full attendance at all Sponsorship Committee Meetings.



## DIRECTOR OF REFEREES REMARKS 1982

The Season 1982 just completed, in the opinion of the Appointment, Advisory Board and myself, has been a very successful one, particularly from a Refereeing point of view. The application and dedication of all Referees was commendable.

I am hoping Season 1983 brings few retirements so as the talen we now have in the Grade Ranks can be further utilized and Referres that have been with us for the past few years can be given new opportunities to gain higher honours and establish themselves either as Centremen or Top Line Touch Judges.

A particularly pleasing feature this Season was for the N.S.W. Rugby League Committee to elect the Appointment Board and Advisory Board as put forward by the Association at the Annual meeting of the League. It was what all Graded Referees wanted and whether you agree or not these men genuinely acted in your best interests at all times.

The Plums this year went to Jack Danzey City I v. Country I, Kevin Roberts NSW v. Queensland, John Gocher Grand Final Manly v. Parramatta, and John Gocher also became a Test Referee officiating in the New Zealand v. Papua-New Guinea Test. John now joints under my Directorship Gary Cook and Greg Hartley as a Test Referee. Personally I sincerely hope other members of our Association are given the opportunity by the International Board through the Australian Rugby League to officiate in Tests overseas. It would be great to have two or three International Referees within our Ranks.

There is only one disturbing feature from my point of view as Director of Referees and that is some of our most consistent critics on Referees' performances come from within our own ranks and from past knowledge, particularly as your former Secretary, those persons were not very receptive to criticism when they were performing.

As for criticisms from Coaches, particularly one Club who not only offer their criticisms officially but do it publicly through the media, I suggest you have little to worry about because after examination

Director of Referees Remarks (cont)

by the Leagues' Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Tom Bellew, Austin Shiner and Don Macdonald, most of their complaints are unfounded. Referees will always make errors but Referees error rate is minimal when compared with Player errors.

Season 1983 I believe will be a great season, particularly if the proposed Rule changes come to fruition and, having discussed future training methods with your Executive, the proposed Seminar at Newport and the greater use of Video and lastly the possibility of our own personal Private Meeting Rooms can only improve our standards.

Finally, thank you all for your efforts during the Season, and a personal thanks to T.N.T. for their continued support, as it makes my job easier.

*E. Cox*

*Director of Referees*

*N.S.W. Rugby Football League*



#### DELEGATE'S REPORT

1982, the 75th year of the code in New South Wales, saw a number of innovations by the League which appear to have met with general public approval.

The introduction of two new teams to the First Grade competition has resulted in increased crowds attending fixtures during the season. The performance of the teams in their competition games has more than justified the decision of the League to geographically broaden the base of the competition. Indeed the average crowd at home fixtures for Illawarra and Canberra was greater than that of many Sydney based teams. This local support seems certain to increase as the teams achieve greater success. Members of this Association are now regularly travelling to these centres to officiate at games.

For the first time ever, the competition was sponsored - by Winfield. The injection of the funds provided by the sponsorship has enabled grants to be made to the clubs and allowed some funds to be used for the promotion of the game.

At the commencement of the season Mr Eric Cox was appointed Director of Referees for a three year term. At the same meeting of the League the full-time position of Promotions Director was created. Former Vice-President, Mr Bob Abbott, was appointed to that post. It is hoped that he can utilise the latest marketing and advertising techniques to promote greater popularity for the game. The full-time position certainly provides Mr Abbott with far greater scope than he had previously enjoyed.

Your Delegates were again concerned that a number of prominent officials of clubs criticized referees during the season in the press over their performances on the field. We have sought to remind the League and its officials that they have a responsibility to the code to voice those comments through the proper channels and not in the press. The President of the League has on occasions indicated his own concern that such comments damage the image of the code.

I have been privileged to serve as your Delegate during the 1982 season.

*T.A. Murphy*



HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT - 1982

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Association may I submit for your perusal the Financial Accounts for the 1982 Season.

As can be seen from the Balance Sheets, the General and Social Accounts remain in a healthy position.

It should be noted that at the time of printing, the Grant from the N.S.W. Rugby Football League had not been determined, so this will add to the General Account.

With the introduction of Canberra and Illawarra, the extra deductions from fees and interest gained increased considerably.

Our gratitude is extended to the Canberra Referees' Association for their time involved in entertaining the Members appointed to Canberra.

The social functions held during the year were very successful and credit is due to Mick Stone in this regard, particularly in his first year as Social Secretary.

Once again a number of guests were entertained by the Executive and various Members which gave more Members the opportunity to be involved 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 Lindsay Plowes and Bill Petley for their assistance and also the interest they have shown in the Association.

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

*J.M. Gocher*

*Hon. Treasurer*



GENERAL FUND 1982

Credit Balance 1981		Printing & Stationery	\$ 769.35
Cash at Bank	\$1088.99	Postage	188.25
S.I.A. Account	1183.45	Telephone	809.08
Subs: Active Members	740.00	Donation - Newtown R.A.	100.00
Non-Active Members	185.75	Life Members Blazers	230.00
Balance Fee Deductions	2148.92	Presentations	43.00
Affiliations	72.00	Honoraria	1684.00
Prepayments	7.00	Entertainment:	
Bank Interest Transferred		Final Series etc.	661.30
From Fees Account	1400.00	Guests	430.30
Bank Interest	156.40	Bank Charges	12.10
		S.I.A. Account	1322.88
		Cash at Bank	732.25
	<u>\$6982.51</u>		<u>\$6982.51</u>

SOCIAL FUND 1982

Credit Balance 1981		Net Cost - Kei-Ron	\$4077.50
Cash at Bank	\$ 409.24	Net Cost - Final Night	1410.95
S.I.A. Account	4719.67	Family Picnic	778.80
Social Levy -		Convivials	674.36
Active Members	3040.00	Life Members - Ladies Gifts	80.00
Subs:		Country Refs - Carnival	506.00
Active Members	760.00	Bank Charges	14.00
Non-Active Members	185.75	S.I.A. Account	5848.21
Grant - T.N.T.	4000.00	Cash at Bank	420.37
Surplus - Chinese Night	62.00		
Bank Interest	<u>633.53</u>		
	<u>\$13810.19</u>		<u>\$13810.19</u>

FEES ACCOUNT 1982

Credit Balance 1981	\$ 62.24	Paid to Referees	\$80517.5
Received from -		City Mututal Insurance	365.0
N.S.W.R.F.L.	82149.50	Social Levies	3800.0
M.B.H.	5422.00	Deductions to General	
Bank Interest	1443.71	Account	2888.9
		Interest to Gen.Acc.	1400.0
		Bank Charges	61.5
		Cash at Bank	44.4
	<u>\$89077.45</u>		<u>\$89077.4</u>

SPECIAL FUND 1982

Credit Balance 1981	\$ 78.37	Cash at Bank	\$ 94.02
Bank Interest	15.65		
	<u>\$ 94.02</u>		<u>\$ 94.02</u>

ASSURANCE FUND 1982

Credit Balance 1981			
Cash at Bank	\$ 3.56	S.I.A. Account	\$2881.48
S.I.A. Account	2577.65	Cash at Bank	3.66
Bank Interest	303.93		
	<u>\$2885.14</u>		<u>\$2885.14</u>



### PICNIC 1982

Cost to Association	\$ 778.80	Children's Presents	\$ 338.80
		Ice Cream	154.00
		Ladies Gifts, Refreshments etc.	286.00
	<u>\$ 778.80</u>		<u>\$ 778.80</u>

### LADIES NIGHT (KEI-RON) 1982

Paying Guests	\$1142.50	Catering	\$5200.00
Cost to Association	<u>4057.50</u>		
	<u>\$5200.00</u>		<u>\$5200.00</u>

### FINAL NIGHT 1982

Paying Guests	\$ 130.00	Catering	\$ 902.50
Cost to Association	1410.95	Refreshments	634.96
		Miscellaneous	3.49
	<u>\$1540.95</u>		<u>\$1540.95</u>

### AUDITOR'S REPORT 1982

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. Auditors  
P.J. Longhurst)

## SOCIAL REPORT 1982

The first year in any position entails a certain amount of trauma. Placing my own stamp on the social calendar began early on with that certain ingredient that became apparent throughout the Chinese night - panic. A Chinese night without a chef could have proved difficult.

The Social Committee was a tower of strength with their individual talents which proved so essential for an effective management of the team - Chris Ward for his ham; Les Matthews for his chickens; John Blomfield for his jokes; Barry Goldsworthy for his sobriety; Ron Pearce for his experience and John Colenso for his reliability. To the other member who assisted at the Cricket Ground after the interstate game, test match and Grand Final, please accept my thanks.

Meeting conviviais proved a little difficult due to lack of facilities being available at the Leagues Club - however we seemed to muddle through no matter what, and in any event, I enjoyed myself.

### Chinese Night

A large attendance greeted the first social function of the year, a self supporting Chinese banquet at Strathfield. Everyone was there - except the chef!

When he did finally turn up and the food flowed freely, the major issue of the night turned out to be the unveiling of the 1982 vintage of the Croydon Valley Red. Winemaker Dennis Spagarino advised that the wine was best drunk with the teeth firmly clenched to prevent the ingestion of seeds and skins, not to mention toe nails. Doug Wintin suggested that it should be marketed commercially as the "Saviour" brand (9 out of 10 people who drink it for the first time exclaim "Je-e-esus Chri-i-ist!").

### Annual Presentation Dinner

After Col Turnell's innovative move last year we returned to Kei-Ron with an increased majority. 195 members and ladies attended this function which maintained the high standard of the previous year.

John Kelly and Denis Braybrook were honoured with life membership of the Association. Both John and Denis spoke of the friendships



## Social Report (cont)

that they have made in the organisation and paid tribute to the inevitable sacrifices which the families of such dedicated men must endure. President Don Macdonald made a small presentation to Colleen and Therese in grateful recognition of the contribution made by them in their husbands' careers.

Ian McCall was the stunned recipient of the George and Ami Hansen Memorial Award for services to the Association during the previous twelve months. Such was his shock that he looked positively pale as he accepted the trophy for 1982. However, he pulled himself together and his acceptance speech was up to his usual high standard, even allowing for the lateness of the evening. Several hours later, however, he was not nearly so eloquently expressive.

## Life Members Reunion Convivial

Nostalgia was the name of the game at the Catholic Club when the Association's senior citizens (service, not years) gathered to reminisce about years gone by. The twenty-six life members present were welcomed by John Gocher who introduced them individually to the rest of the membership. Cliff Brown responded on behalf of the life members.

The President then presented Keith Page with his life members badge, an event that had previously been overlooked.

It is a fact of life that when you give me a microphone or a pen, things are bound to happen. You need a sense of humour to be a referee and to those fellows who were in receipt of the Social Secretary's special awards on that night, if I offended you, bad luck! For the record, the awards went to Doug (The Centurion) Wintin, Peter (Berlei) Longhurst, John (Long John) Blomfield, Martin (Nude nut) Weekes and Kevin (Quincy) Jeffes.

On a more sombre note, the continuing decline in patronage of this function will probably lead to a different format in years to come.

## Family Picnic

After a winter almost entirely bereft of rain, imagine the disappointment when I woke to that dark and wet Sunday morning. It must

### Social Report (cont)

have had a dampening effect on some people because the eventual roll-up at Warragamba Dam was somewhat down on previous years.

Anyway, the day proceeded and there were plenty of drinks, ice creams and sweets for everyone. The resident starter of kids' races, Jack Danzey, really excelled himself this year with some inspired handicapping which saw thrilling results in several heats. Not one disqualification (Commonwealth Games - eat your heart out).

Santa arrived with gifts for the kids and mums - Mother Braybrook was the only one to miss out. It's always wonderful to see the manner in which old St Nick is received by the children and to listen to their awe-inspired comments. For instance, one concerned child was obviously worried about Santa's health as she said that he was looking so much older this year. She should have seen him without the make-up!

It was difficult stepping into the big shoes left by Col Turnell. Col helped and advised me throughout the year and for his much needed assistance go my sincere thanks. To Don, John, Doug and particularly Frank, I extend my gratitude for your counselling and assistance.

In conclusion it would be remiss of me not to thank my wife Judy whose assistance and patience made this year all that much easier.

*M.J. Stone*

*Social Secretary*



### "ON THE BLINDSIDE"

There were more falls during 1982 Season, than in the Irish Grand National. Apart from those that appeared in Tuesday's S.M.H. there were lots of others. Goldsworthy went down at Lidcombe, Gocher at Brookvale, Tomsett just managed to get one in on the big day and Kevin Roberts shouted and everyone in the Mandarin Club fell over. But perhaps the highlight of the year was Weekes' casting a plate at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Surprised one of the stand-by blokes didn't rush onto the field and throw his shoe into the crowd.

They tell me that Mick Stone got so press-shy towards the end of the season, that to avoid reporters after the final game at Canberra, he very smartly put on a mask as the plane landed at Mascot.

Was it a case of "they're fighting among themselves" when Jeffsie threw a glass of wine over Gilchrist at the final night? It was a bit different to what he threw at a number of referees during the season - Fair go Kevin, Tiger singlets, Tiger dinner suits, Tiger underpants, Tiger sox etc., aren't all that easy to get replaced.

"Omega" Walsh slipped off to the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane presumably to oversee the 38 protests entered by the swimmers. Officially, his timing was out and missed seeing Jack Gibson by only one thousandth of a second!

Still he met a few celebrities there firstly our Aussie weightlifters Spagarino and Cislowski clean jerking Croydon Valley Reds and 'Iron Bar' Bradstock who picked up a few gold, thanks to the practice he had lifting them in the referees' room throughout the season. Then there was Wintin representing in the featherweights division, Peter Pierce and Mick Thompson who went for the shuttle-cock and Phil Ellis who fell over the bar at 2.30 - yet another record.

I feel sorry for John Blomfield and Peter Longhurst who spent ten patient days in the Grand Stand only to find out on the Saturday that the Games were in Brisbane, and not at Rushcutters Bay!

"On The Blindside" (cont)

Barry Keenaghan went north to lead the English cheer squad, they were all there, Sammy Davis Junior, Harry Belafonte, Sidney Poitier and wasn't it emotional. All those flag wavers, it was like a touch judge's convention. Lucky there were no incidents in the back-play, a thousand athletes would have been trampled to death in the rush to the middle.

Former First Grade referee Denis "Who", recently returned from Fiji (you know, the SCG of the Pacific) reports that his underpants weren't there either.

You all know Barry Wiseman (W.G.T.J.), well he established another first during the year. In order to keep his attendances up at meetings, he arrived at the Leagues Club on the night of the Tooth's Cup Final and consequently has a 17 out of a possible 16 to his credit.

The sun-tanned Santa at the Family Picnic looked like he had started to train already, he had also perfected the 'Miss Piggy' hair roll, the way he kept flicking his Silver Locks back was pretty to watch.

No Randy Breath Tests at the Mando Club - thanks to our Resident Manager.

As any Leprechaun will tell you as he puts down his glass of Bailey's Irish Cream, the worst thing that can happen to an Irishman is to lose his Crock-Pot of Gold. John O'Blomfield did just that on the day of the Grand Final at the S.C.G. when his Crock-Pot of Golden Irish Stew went missing. Some say that it was someone who actually ate a little too much of the stew and pinched the pot to send it over to the CSIRO for analysis! They think they now have the answer to the Bogle and Chandler mystery. Did the Crock-Pot turn up? And where? Stay tuned if your stomach remembers Grand Final Day!



### Overseas Junkets

Several of our members have made various trips overseas and these include Chris and Pam Ward who recently paid a visit to the U.S.A. taking in Las Vegas, Disneyland and all the other sights the tourists take in. Ray and Lydia O'Donnell took off just after the Grand Final for a trip to the U.K., the Continent and Norther Ireland; Ray has been invited to lecture the I.R.A. on land clearance.

The "Coroner" Quincey Jeffes is making a tour of China and will probably come back an expert on Commune Living.

RESULTS OF BALLOTS

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PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER: \_\_\_\_\_

VICE-PRESIDENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

DELEGATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY DELEGATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

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RESULTS OF BALLOT (cont)

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