

**NEW SOUTH WALES
RUGBY LEAGUE
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION**

**EIGHTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear Sir,

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Ballroom of the New South Wales Leagues Club, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney on Wednesday, 18th November, 1987 commencing at 7.30 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend. The Order of Business shall be:

1. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
2. Correspondence
3. Secretary's Annual Report
4. Financial Statement and Auditor's Report
5. Election of Office Bearers
6. Other Elections
7. Notice of Motion
8. Committee Recommendations
9. Life Membership Recommendations
10. General Business

Yours faithfully,

F. W. WALSH
Secretary

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NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

OFFICE BEARERS - SEASON 1987

PATRON: Mr. J. Moses, B.E.M.

PRESIDENT: Mr. I. McCall

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. J. Gocher

SECRETARY: Mr. F. Walsh

TREASURER: Mr. G. Lee

ASST. SECRETARY: Mr. B. Wiseman

DELEGATE TO N.S.W.R.L.: Mr. D. Wintin

DEPUTY DELEGATE TO N.S.W.R.L.: Mr. J. Gocher

SOCIAL SECRETARY: Mr. L. Matthews

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE CO-ORDINATOR: Mr. C. Ward

JUDICIARY NOMINEE: Mr. T. Murphy

COMMITTEE:

Messrs. I. McCall, F. Walsh, G. Lee, J. Gocher, P. Longhurst, M. Stone, L. Matthews, C. Ward and D. Wintin

AUDITORS: Messrs. J. Gocher and P. Longhurst

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Messrs. P. Ryan and J. Colenso

HANSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY COMMITTEE:

Messrs. I. McCall, F. Walsh, G. Lee, P. Ryan, J. Gocher, L. Matthews, D. Wintin, B. Wiseman and G. Cook

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Messrs. I. McCall, F. Walsh, G. Lee, M. Ryan, M. Stone and C. Ward

TNT LIAISON OFFICERS: Messrs. W. Petley and L. Plowes

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

Our Members have carried out their duties with great distinction despite having to cope with late rule changes.

With the illness of my wife, Joy, during the season, I was not able to get to as many games as I normally do during the season, but games that I witnessed saw our members perform well.

Fitness still continues to improve amongst our members and as it is a critical facet of the referee's make-up, it is pleasing to note the very high standard that you have reached. The general appearance of our referees is very high and is a credit to their dedication.

To all referees we extend congratulations on their appointments and the manner in which they carried them out and hope that we will be able to retain their services for next season, which shapes up as a very exciting year.

A special mention and 'Thank You' to our sponsor, TNT, for their continued support which is felt throughout the whole State of N.S.W.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and during Season 1988 and let us look forward to the continued co-operation of all concerned for the advancement of the game.

I am proud to have been your Patron for Season 1987 and I wish you and your families health and prosperity for the coming years and I conclude with "Keep up the Good Work".

J. A. MOSES, B.E.M.

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Undoubtedly the salient feature of the 1987 season was the on-field performances of our active members. One only has to reflect upon the many vital decisions, in high pressure situations that were made correctly by our referees and touch judges to realise they are more than equal to the task demanded by the Rugby League.

Whilst many members are to be congratulated on the honours bestowed upon them during the year, the achievements of Michael Stone are worthy of special acknowledgment. His appointments to Internationals in England, France and New Guinea, State of Origin fixtures in Brisbane and Los Angeles and the Panasonic and Winfield Cups Grand Finals were a tribute to his ability, dedication and perseverance.

The season marked the tenth successive year of the Association's sponsorship with TNT. A special tribute is due to Bill Petley and Lindsay Plowes for their personal commitment to the activities of the Association throughout this period.

The N.S.W. Rugby League continued its support and assistance throughout the year. The Association is most appreciative of the contribution made by the President Ken Arthurson, the General Manager John Quayle and the Referee's Co-ordinator Denis Braybrook.

Our social events were well conducted and patronized. Les Matthews and his Social Committee are to be congratulated on their endeavours which enhance the friendship and harmony that has developed over many years.

To my fellow Executive Committee members, Frank Walsh and Gary Lee and the other Office Bearers of the Association I extend my personal thanks for the co-operation and support given throughout the season. Their efforts, coupled with the manner by which each member supported the Association and its activities, have made me proud that I have again had the honour of serving as your President.

IAN MCCALL

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

With this being the 80th Annual Report, another milestone in the Association's history has been reached. So it is with pleasure that I submit for your perusal and, I trust, its subsequent adoption, the Annual Report and Treasurer's Financial Statement for Season 1987.

This year the report has been updated to include a list of members that have won the George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy and a decision was reached at Committee level to announce the Committee's Recommendation for Life Membership Honours at the Annual Meeting. We hope that these changes meet with your approval.

Season 1988 is programmed to provide greater exposure of the game with a stronger competition involving whole new areas where the players and the public are flexing their muscles in preparation to taking on the long established teams of the Sydney Competition. The teams from Brisbane, Gold Coast and Newcastle were included to make the competition up to 16 Teams and the N.S.W.R.L. has taken steps to ensure that these teams will be competitive in their initial years.

This season saw a consolidation of the position of Referees Co-ordinator held by Denis Braybrook, although the "Honeymoon" period of the previous season was well and truly over with many coaches being fined for intemperate statements. Denis in most instances was able to ward off these intrusions and continue to implement the initiatives commenced in 1986.

SPONSORSHIP

This season saw the completion of the 10th year of Sponsorship of the Association by the TNT Group of Companies.

Our thanks to TNT for their continuing support and interest in the Association.

Continued re-structuring of the various arms of the Company has seen many moves in personnel at Executive level but, fortunately for the Association, Lindsay Plowes is still looking after TNT's interests in the Association.

This year the Committee's Recommendation that Lindsay Plowes and Bill Petley be made Honorary Associate Members for Life was endorsed and a suitable presentation was made to both these gentlemen at the Presentation Dinner in August.

Both these gentlemen have very regular attendances at meetings, they hardly ever miss one and have shown an interest in the Association, its members and the events conducted by the Association. The Honour conferred is our way of saying "Thank you, Bill and Lindsay, for all your support over the years". Bill has been with us since the inception of the Sponsorship and proves the old adage is true that 'Still waters run deep'. He has always been a quiet man who enjoys the company of other men, he gets on well with all and is modest in the extreme – but look where his name is now listed and you will see that the modest man has a war record par excellence.

HONOURS

Life Membership honours were bestowed on Arthur Neville and Brian Wiseman in recognition of their many years of service to the Association. Both members have outstanding records of service with Arthur having 25 years and Brian 19 years with the Association. The Life Membership Blazers were presented to both Arthur and Brian at the Presentation Dinner at the Greyhound Club.

This season saw the start of the re-presentation of Life Membership Blazers to members who have continued to serve the Association and I was the person to receive the honour this season. In 1966, following a motion at the Annual Meeting, seven members were so honoured, they included Messrs. George Bishop, Os. Cohen, Arthur Davis, Joe Moses, Jack O'Brien, Austin Shiner and Cyril Wiggzell. In 1967 we made re-presentations to Jack McGauley and Tom Brennan to mark our 60th Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. I thank the Association for this honour.

Ray O'Donnell was selected as a manager for the Interstate State of Origin Series which this year included a fixture being played in Los Angeles as part of the A.R.L. promotion of the Game. Congratulations Ray on this well deserved honour.

This year's winner of the George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy was Les Williams for his work and dedication to the Association over the past 12 months. Les, unfortunately, was in Hospital at the time. The Trophy was accepted on his behalf by Eric Cox.

Three of our members were made Life Members of the N.S.W. Leagues' Club for their contribution to the welfare and goodwill of Club members. The members were Joe Moses, Tom Bellew and Terry Leftler – we congratulate these members and wish them well for the future.

Eric Cox was invited to go to New Zealand to lecture a group of Referees at Auckland. These referees had been gathered from all over New Zealand and this was an attempt to lift the standard of their referees. It is understood that Eric was very well received and that the referees learnt quite a lot from the lectures.

Mick Stone was appointed to the First Grade Final and was presented with the N.S.W.R.L. Referees' Association Commemorative Trophy by the Prime Minister, Mr. R. J. Hawke.

Mick Stone and Greg McCallum were included on the International Panel of Referees for 1987.

VALE

The Association lost one of its great stalwarts when **Jack O'Brien** passed away after a very long illness, following a "Stroke" in 1980. Jack was first graded in 1940 and as well as refereeing City v Country that year, he also controlled the 1st Grade Final. The 1st Grade Panel in 1940 season included George Bishop and Tom McMahon who controlled the N.S.W. v Qld. Fixtures, Bill Devine who refereed Combined Sydney v Far North and Phil Lee, Jack McGauley and Alex Spankie. Upon retiring Jack gave great service to the Association on the Appointment Board. To his wife, Phyllis, and Family, we offer our sincere condolences and this was expressed by the large turnout of members who attended the service for Jack. His easy manner of speaking to people whilst a member of the Appointment Board meant members were able to discuss their game in a rational way. Jack will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know him.

Bill Devine, a long-serving Life Member also passed away this season, again after a long illness. Bill was a well performed referee and had served as Social Secretary for a period of 14 years. He also served on the Appointment Board. To his wife and family our sincere sympathy.

Two former members of the Grade ranks, **Eric Lindsay** and **Bob Valler** also passed away. Both had drifted away from this Association but had kept their interest in their District Associations, Balmain and South Sydney respectively. Bob coached many candidates for their Ticket and took a lively interest in helping young referees. Our sympathy to the families of both these members.

Les Samuelson's wife, **Doreen**, passed away during the season and this was a tragic loss to Les and their family. Doreen was a lady with a tremendous personality, loved dancing and had strong connections with the Ladies' Bowling Movement. Doreen also conducted classes to teach children swimming. A packed church paid our last respects to a very fine lady.

Ken Gardner, long-serving Secretary of the St. George Division Referees' Association, lost his father during the season, also Ken Allard's father passed away after a long illness. To both these gentlemen, our sincere sympathy.

Bob Shephard, Western Suburbs, and a graded referee from 1948-1953 passed away in November, 1986. He was always a very pleasant person to those who knew him, he always enjoyed the Annual Bucks Picnic which he attended every year until we ceased holding them. Bob was a great mate of Harry Pierce.

During the season the longest serving "active" member of the refereeing fraternity, **Alf Anthony** celebrated his 100th birthday. Alf, a member of the St. George District Referees Association, met with an accident at the Hospital where he lived when he got up in the middle of the night to answer a call of nature. This resulted in his sad demise a couple of months after his birthday.

To all other members who suffered the loss of a dear one, we offer our deep condolences.

Bill Fallowfield, O.B.E., former Secretary of the International Board of Control and for years a dominant figure in International Rugby League, passed away early in the season.

SICKIES

The following are a few of our members or their ladies who have been ill during season 1987.

Jack Jewell had a hip replacement performed late in 1986, and is now fully recovered and taking a very active part in things again.

Debbie Filmer presented Peter with a baby girl, Katie, near Mother's Day and both are very well. Congratulations to Debbie and Peter.

Peter Fitton had a stint in hospital as did Les Williams. Les backed up and had a second visit to hospital in August but he is now fully recovered and we hope that neither Peter or Les have any further need to go there again.

At various times during the season Jan Gilchrist, Jo Shiner and Kerry Goldsworthy had a stay in Hospital and we hope that you are over your troubles now, girls.

Joy Moses, wife of the Patron, Joe, had a long bout of sickness but is now home again and we hope that her problems are behind her. Rose Petley had some minor surgery, if there is such a thing, performed recently and is now well again. Michael Thompson had his wife and mother both ill at the same time during the season whilst Therese Braybrook had a long bout of treatment for a "frozen" shoulder. Our best wishes to all these girls.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

The Meetings that are held on a regular basis each season between the Presidents & Secretaries of all District Associations and the Executive of this Association continue to prove of benefit to all parties involved. Frank and open discussion of matters raised at this forum shows that these matters can be resolved in a quick and harmonious fashion.

One segment that needed the attention of your Executive was to see that the history and tradition of the Western Suburbs Referees Association (Ashfield) did not die with the move to the Campbelltown area of the Western Suburbs R.L. Club. We took the necessary steps to start negotiations between the two Western Suburbs Referees Associations, and the two bodies hammered out arrangements suitable to both parties. The final conclusion to this matter was a credit to both the Ashfield and Campbelltown groups to forge one Association which will now carry on the tradition and history.

On the week-end, 30th October - 1st November, the second Seminar for promising District Referees considered to have Grade potential was held at the N.S.W. Academy of Sports, Narrabeen. There were referees from Brisbane, Newcastle, Victoria and New Zealand in attendance and they matched the local content with enthusiasm and dedication - they will return to their areas much better for what they have learnt at the Seminar.

The TNT Sponsorship Committee under Co-ordinator, Chris Ward, contributed funds, time and effort to ensure that the Seminar was indeed a huge success.

A further initiative commenced this year was to have all the coaches from the District Associations come together three times during the season to form a common basis for the coaching of prospective candidates for their Ticket.

Follow-up coaching of the candidate, in the District, once he has obtained his Ticket was advanced as a method of keeping his interest going so that he would blend into the control of fixtures with a higher degree of efficiency than previous.

VISITATIONS

Ten of the twelve country referees who came down for the All Schools Carnival were entertained by members back at the Penrith Leagues Club at Dinner.

With the City v Country Fixtures being played at the Parramatta Stadium, we entertained the members of the C.R.A. back at the Parramatta Leagues Club at Dinner and the Show afterwards. This followed a small convivial at the Stadium at the conclusion of the fixtures.

Wayne Urquhart (New Zealand) was in town to attend a business Seminar. We took him to Dinner at Balmain Leagues Club following a day at Leichhardt Oval. The North Sydney District Referees Association permitted him to do one of their fixtures on the Sunday and took him to dinner that night. North Sydney have always extended hospitality to visiting referees over many years and I thank them on your behalf.

The Official Party down for the 2nd State of Origin included Barry Gomersall (Referee), David Goener (Touch Judge), Don Lancashire (Referees Director, Qld.), Bill Kessell and Les Sainsbury. Bill and Les attended our meeting on the Wednesday night.

Chris Parson (Tamworth) and Kevin Rayment (Group 3) joined us at our meetings when on a visit to Sydney.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Joe Moses on reaching 90 years of age this year. It was a well kept secret, but we found out about it, Joe. Best wishes.

Congratulations are extended to the Manly-Warringah Club on winning the 1st Grade Premiership; also the Penrith Club on taking out the Reserve Grade title and the St. George Under 23s for winning the final title in that Grade. All teams competing on the day played the game in a tremendous manner and a good spirit.

Congratulations to all those appointed to Representative games during the season; also those taking part in the Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals - you were a great credit to the Association.

Ron McLannett, recently retired from the N.S.W. Police Force, was afforded a Testimonial Dinner by the Department to mark the occasion of this Association was represented by the President, Ian McCall, and his good wife Madeline. Congratulations Ron and we are sure Marie will have a few chores for you to do around the house.

Jack Turner was a member of the Regular Australian Army and saw service in Vietnam. He had leave of absence whilst on active service and did two tours of duty in Vietnam. Jack was seen marching proudly with his mates in the belated Welcome Home March staged in Sydney recently. Congratulations and thanks to Jack and all his mates on their efforts.

We would like to congratulate the following new members on being Graded for Season 1987: K. Allard (re-graded), P. Battin, T. Kelly, A. Sercombe, P. Stuart and G. Weekes, whilst the following members retired from the active ranks of the referees: Messrs. M. Cassidy, R. Hunt and P. Miller. We wish them well and hope we don't lose contact with them.

Congratulations are extended to Mick Stone on being appointed to control Test Matches in Great Britain and France during our off season, then mid-season he was off to New Guinea to control the World Cup fixture between that country and New Zealand. He also went to Brisbane to take charge of the 1st State of Origin Fixture, which was a great game to watch. But, probably the biggest thrill of all would have been his selection to go to Los Angeles (U.S.A.) to control the fourth War of the States to help promote the game on behalf of the A.R.L. Also a pioneer selection was John Colenso to go over to act as a Touch Judge on that Fixture in L.A. Our congratulations go to John also.

I would like to thank Mr. Ken Arthurson, Mr. John Quayle and the Staff of the N.S.W.R.L. Ltd. for the assistance and courtesies extended during season 1987.

Our thanks to Mr. John O'Connell, the Board of Directors, the Staff and Mr. Paul Yu for the manner in which they looked after us in 1987.

This year marks the end of Ken Stephens' work as an official of the N.S.W.R.L. Ken has had a long association with Rugby League and has always been held in the highest regard by our members and officials. It has been a pleasure to work with him over the years and we wish him well in his retirement.

Tom Bellew, a Life Member who reflects great credit on this Association, finished his Term as President of the N.S.W.R.L. Tom took over control of the N.S.W.R.L. when things were in a sad state and with his expertise he soon had the ship of state pointed in the right direction. We congratulate him on a job well done, Tom can walk away very satisfied with how he handled the job.

Congratulations to Peter Sterling on winning every major award for his football skills, he is indeed an outstanding player, and also congrats to the Canberra R.L. Club for making their way to the Grand Final – a great effort from a Great Team.

OFFICIALS

I would like to thank on your behalf my fellow Executive Officers, President, Ian McCall, and Treasurer, Gary Lee, for their labours on your behalf. To Doug Wintin, Brian Wiseman, Les Matthews, Chris Ward, Mick Ryan and all members of the various Committees. I say Thank You. All these members have worked long and hard and carried out their duties in a manner that left nothing to be desired.

To-night your officials retire and most will offer themselves for re-election and I wish the incoming officials good luck. I would ask members voting to give deep thought to the various candidates standing for positions as you need people prepared to work for the Association.

CONCLUSION

I would commend to you the Bi-Centennial Celebrations and hope that you participate where possible, show pride in this State and in our Country. The display at the Grand Final was an excellent presentation and the N.S.W. Rugby League are to be congratulated on the theme which tugged at a few heart strings.

Rugby League in 1988 opens up a whole new vista with the build up of teams in the Competition and promises a most exciting season. I hope that you want to be part of this great event.

Thank you for affording me the privilege of serving as your Secretary for Season 1987 and may I borrow and paraphrase a few lines from a Bi-Centennial song about our State and say "Thank you for making this Great Game – Great!"

See you at Training.

F. W. WALSH
Hon. Secretary

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOURS

The following members were nominated for Life Membership of the Association and the Committee's Recommendation will be announced at the Annual Meeting and a copy of their records distributed.

In order they are: Messrs. J. Colenso, G. Cook, B. Cross, R. Garwood, B. Gately, J. Jewell and K. Roberts.

The Committee also has a recommendation on the Re-presentation of Life Membership.

GEORGE & AMY HANSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY

1975	F. O. Cohen
1976	C. E. Wigzell
1977	F. W. Walsh
1978	A. Shiner
1979	D. Wintin
1980	J. Gocher
1981	D. Braybrook
1982	I. McCall
1983	C. Gilchrist
1984	P. Longhurst
1985	B. Wiseman
1986	L. Matthews
1987	L. G. Williams

GRADED REFEREES ATTENDANCES 8 MEETINGS HELD

K. Allard	6	G. Lee	8
G. Annesley	8	I. McCall	8
B. Barnes	7	G. McCallum	7
P. Battin	5	L. Matthews	8
S. Betts	7	G. O'Donnell	6
J. Blomfield	4	D. O'Keefe	5
B. Bolton	7	I. Parnaby	7
G. Boyd	6	R. Pearce	3
P. Bungate	7	R. Picard	7
N. Cislowski	6	M. Presland	7
J. Colenso	6	K. Roberts	6
P. Cooley	7	M. Ryan	6
P. Filmer	6	P. Ryan	7
M. Dunn	8	K. Russell	8
B. Gilchrist	6	A. Sercombe	5
B. Gately	8	V. Smith	6
K. Gegg	1	D. Spagarino	7
P. Harradine	8	P. Stuart	—
W. Harrigan	7	M. Stone	5
L. Harrigan	8	M. Thompson	6
M. Hewitt	7	C. Ward	7
M. Howell	5	G. West	8
C. Jones	7	G. Weekes	6
A. Kelly	6	M. Weekes	7
R. Kiddle	8	C. White	5
		B. Wiseman	7

TOTAL — 51

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT REFEREES WERE USED AS TOUCH JUDGES ON GRADE FIXTURES, i.e. UNDER 23's

B. Walker (A.W.)	A. Thompson (Can.)	R. Styles (C.B.)
W. Glynn (Bal.)	B. Ruttle (C.B.)	R. Lewis (Bal.)
A. Butler (Pen.)	B. Bonnie (Ill.)	J. Neal (N.S.)

HONORARY MEMBERS ATTENDANCES 8 MEETINGS HELD

A. Aggett		R. Gobits		A. McKean	
K. Allard		B. Goldworthy		A. McGilvray	
B. Apps		M. Grady		V. McGuinness	1
P. Atkins		K. Gray		R. McIntosh	
D. Barsley		L. Green		R. McLannett	2
M. Beacroft		H. Griffin		D. McLean	
G. Bennett		W. Grono		D. McMahon	
M. Bilton		G. Gunnee		L. McReynolds	
N. Bissett		G. Haines	2	S. Nash	—
P. Bowen		C. Haynes		D. Nicholson	D
D. Bowron	1	G. Heaton		M. O'Neill	1
R. Bowman		G. Hedger		W. Pearson	
B. Bradstock	D	G. Herd		A. Perry	5
B. Buckingham		R. Hensley		P. Pierse	
L. Buckley		K. Holman		K. Pickard	
R. Carey		M. Holton		L. Randle	
M. Cassidy	2	K. Howell		H. Reedy	
J. Coffey		R. Humphries		J. Reynolds	
A. Cole		R. Hunt		G. Robertson	
J. Colwell		K. Jeffes	3	N. Savage	
E. Cook		J. Jewell	8	A. See	
G. Cook	2	M. Keeble	3	B. Shipton	
B. Cripps		B. Keenahan		R. Sinclair	
B. Cross		G. Kellahan		I. Smith	
K. Crouch		G. Kelly	1	J. Snare	
J. Danzey		B. Kendall		W. Stewart	
K. Davis		A. Knight		R. Styles	7
T. Delauney		C. Law		M. Taylor	7
C. Dimon		P. Lucas	5	J. Ticehurst	
L. Edney		K. Manton		J. Turner	1
M. Edwards	1	S. Martin		S. Tyrrell	
F. Fisher		R. Menser		B. Wales	
P. Fitton		P. Miller	1	R. Warner	
P. Freeman		P. Moon		J. Whybrow	
R. Freeman		R. Morris		S. Williams	
R. Garwood	7	R. McDonnell		A. Willis	

TOTAL — 110

REFEREES' ASSOCIATIONS AFFILIATED WITH N.S.W.R.L. REFEREES' ASSOCIATION AND DELEGATES ATTENDANCES 8 MEETINGS HELD

Balmain	W. Glynn	5	D. West	2
Canberra	N. Bissett			
Canterbury- Bankstown	M. Caffarelli	2	G. McCalister	3
Cronulla- Sutherland	S. Portsmouth	4	G. Azzopardi	1
Eastern Suburbs	P. Kalina	4	C. Tracey	3
Illawarra	M. Taylor	7		
Manly- Warringah	A. Scanlon	5		
Western Suburbs- Campbelltown	C. Loudon	5		
North Sydney	S. Clark	5		
Parramatta			K. Jeffes	4
Penrith	M. Bunnage	5	H. Creighton	5
St. George	K. Gardner	8		
South Sydney	M. Watts	5	G. Organ	2
Western Suburbs- Ashfield	M. Keir	6	K. Ford	1
N.S.W. Country	K. Riolo			
Public Service	G. Callinan	6	D. Turvey	
University Cup	G. Reece	5	M. Anderson	2
Northern Territory	D. Wintin	7		
Victoria	M. Stone	5		
South Australia	L. Willis	4		
T.N.T.	L. Plowes	5	W. Petley	5

N.S.W. RUGBY LEAGUE POSITIONS HELD BY N.S.W.R.L. REFEREES' ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

A.R.L. Board:
Mr. T. Bellew, O.A.M.

Vice-Presidents:
Messrs. E. Cox and R. O'Donnell

General Committee:
Messrs. F. Walsh and D. Wintin

Referees' Advisory Board:
Messrs. E. Cox, A. Neville, R. O'Donnell, N. Bissett, R. Garwood, J. Connor
P. Ellis, J. Jewell, K. Jeffes, M. Tomsett, L. Williams and D. Wintin

Referees Coaching Co-ordinator:
Mr. D. Braybrook

Judiciary Nominee:
Mr. T. Murphy

Coach and Development Policy Committee Nominee:
Mr. D. Wintin

Examination Board:
Messrs. C. Pearce (Chairman), J. Harris (Secretary),
J. Farrelly, R. Dick, C. Gilchrist, D. Macdonald and C. Schomberg

Coaching Council:
Mr. K. Holman

Coaching Panel — Referees' Division:
Messrs. R. Dick, J. Farrelly, C. Gilchrist, G. McCallum, M. Taylor

Director of N.S.W. League Club:
Mr. E. Cox

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

REFEREES CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I review what I consider has been an outstanding season for our referees.

A great deal of "behind the scenes" work is done by a large number of referees. To the members on the Examination Board, Advisory Board and Referees Coaching Panel who give many hours of their time, a special word of thanks. These men work for a common cause to benefit all who wish to remain active referees.

At Grade level we have seen the emergence of additional challengers for the "top spot". This is of special significance because more of our men are becoming most competitive and this augurs well for the future. That Michael Stone fought off challengers to control all the major matches is a fine tribute to a fine referee. However, I am confident that, with further experience, an increasing number will be contenders for the top appointments. New faces appeared in the touch judge ranks and again I see next season as being most competitive for these fellows also. Frequent visits by Board members to the Districts are now accepted as normal and the referees have further opportunities to stake their claims for grade consideration.

At the time of writing, two referees - Barry Barnes and Giles O'Donnell - have announced their retirements, whilst Michael Thompson has moved to Group 6. These members will be certainly missed from the grade ranks and difficult to replace. Best wishes and many thanks for a job well done to all three. A considerable number of initiatives have been undertaken over the past season. After some healthy discussion all have received the unqualified support of your Executive and Committee. The financial contribution from TNT funds has also made it all possible and I am grateful for their continued support.

To all District Executives, Coaching Directors and referees who are working sometimes in difficult circumstances to get the job done, a special thank you. This is where our future lies, both short and long term.

I trust that Season 1988 brings good health and fulfilled expectations for all referees and their families. I look forward with confidence to the bigger and brighter challenges ahead for us all.

DENIS BRAYBROOK
Referees Co-ordinator

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

The last annual meeting of the League saw the retirement of Tom Bellow as Chairman. As highlighted by his incumbent, Ken Arthurson, at the time, deserved thanks was extended to Tom for his four years in office having taken over at a very difficult time for the N.S.W. Rugby League. We fully support these sentiments. It was again pleasing to see Association members in the elected Vice-Presidents' positions, with particular delight having Ray O'Donnell gain the honour of co-manager of the City and N.S.W. Representative Teams. A selection well deserved and undoubtedly forever to be cherished by Ray.

Rugby League further enjoyed its successes during 1987, attendances increases, great competition, Panasonic Cup, Monday Night Football and an exciting final series. I would not concede that the quality of football improved at club level, but the magic of State of Origin maintains the public impetus. Who could have planned a better series. The '88 programme of representative fixtures, together with a great improvement in the standard at international level, assures us of a bumper bi-centennial year and provides even greater opportunities for our members. The appointment of a "neutral" referee for the fixture Australia v Rest of the World 27.7.88 should make for an interesting decision.

As predicted the major changes in the competition have occurred and our active members can look forward to an excitingly different and perhaps exhausting year. It could be a novelty to referee in the Sydney Metropolitan Area. The much debated dropping of the Under Twenty-Three Competition in favour of Under Twenty-Ones introduces a problem to be faced by our up and coming members. The gap from Under 21's to Reserve Grade will be considerably wider, yet another difficult challenge to be faced. It makes those earlier years of experience in District A Grade level so important.

The Judiciary format still poses its difficulties for the active referees as does the farcical head bin and invasion of the playing fields by trainers.

I believe the worst aspect of 1987 from our Association's view point was related to rule changes. The laws of our game are more complicated than any other sport which, in itself, apart from the microscopic coverage, replay upon replay and so called commentary experts, is difficult enough. To introduce changes during competition adds further unnecessary pressure. Introduction of a rule on scrums following kicks for touch in general play tackles one to four, later its cancellation, amendments to amendments of the injured player in possession rule are ridiculous.

Unfortunately, these things reflect on the referee as Mr. and Mrs. Average Rugby League supporter believe referees make the rules. For more initial thought and consideration of timing of rule changes is essential.

I thank you for the privilege of serving as delegate and wish you all an enjoyable and rewarding season 1988.

DOUG WINTIN

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

1987 provided once again a good response from members and their families to the social functions organised for them. Like myself, I am sure John Colenso and Peter Ryan (Social Committee) received great satisfaction from seeing other members and their families enjoying these social functions.

A Barbecue was held at Henson Park to celebrate the end of the Pre-Season Training (voluntary). District Referees were invited to attend these training sessions as well as referees trying out for Grade.

Once again a Barbecue was held at Peter & Yvonne Ryan's premises, for an early season get-together. A very good roll-up of non-active, newly graded and graded referees enjoyed an excellent night, the beef on the spit once again proving very popular. My thanks to the Ryan's for the use of their premises.

A small Convivial was held at Parramatta Stadium after the City v Country Fixtures, for a get-together with Country Referees and members of the N.S.W.R.A. After the Convivial, guests and members joined their wives or girl-friends back at the Parramatta Leagues Club Restaurant for dinner and a show after. A very enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.

Only 2 Convivials were held after the monthly meeting and both were well attended. To the N.S.W. Leagues Club, thank you for the help during the year.

A Convivial was held following the State of Origin fixture, we entertained our Queensland guests, President Ian McCall gave a welcoming speech and spoke highly of the performance of the referees on the night.

Three Sausage Sizzles were held after training during the year, and once again proved to be very popular and were well attended. Unfortunately, Martin, we cannot have a sausage sizzle after every training night. On behalf of all active members, thanks to Les Williams for once again making himself available on every training night to look after our valuables.

The Greyhound Club was once again our venue for the Annual Presentation Dinner – the night was very well supported with 251 members and guests in attendance.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate Arthur Neville and Brian Wiseman on receiving Life Membership of the N.S.W.R.L.R.A. Also on this night, Frank Walsh was honoured by a Re-presentation of his Life Membership Blazer – congratulations, Frank.

A small convivial was held at Penrith Park after the Finals of the Junior Representative Fixtures. Ian McCall and Frank Walsh both spoke and thanked the District Referees for their support and on field performances during these fixtures.

The Life Members Reunion Convivial, held at the N.S.W. Leagues Club proved a great success, with 35 Life Members in attendance.

My thanks to Frank Walsh for his hard work and letter-writing to make this night such a big success – 132 members and guests were in attendance. To Eric Cox, on behalf of the Association, thank you also for your help in organising the liquid refreshments on the night.

The Family Picnic this year is to be held at the Japanese Gardens at Auburn.

A final "Thank You" to all members who supported the various functions. To John Colenso and Peter Ryan, thank you for your assistance and support during the year.

Once again it has been my pleasure to have been your Social Secretary for 1987 – to all members and your families. Good Luck in 1988.

LES MATTHEWS
Social Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Association, it is my pleasure to present to you the Financial Statements for the 1987 season.

The Association has enjoyed a year of new direction both on and off the field, and for this change the need to support new ideas and concepts has to be paid for. Fortunately, with the generous support from the TNT Group, and with valuable assistance from Bill Petley and Lindsay Plowes, we have maintained a sound financial position throughout the year. In addition, it would be inappropriate of me not to acknowledge the co-operation from Chris Turner and Michelle from the NSW Rugby League.

As a means of consolidation of our financial structure within the Association, the necessity to maintain the "Special Savings Bank A/c" remains no longer, and possible action to transfer the funds, at the members' discretion, to the General A/c would now seem appropriate.

It has been disappointing to note that many non-active members are failing to maintain their responsibility to this Association by not paying their annual subscriptions. The Association functions successfully with the support of all its members and encouragement to those that have not paid should be pursued.

Having assumed the role of Treasurer from Michael Stone, I would like to thank him publicly for his support throughout the year - it has been most gratifying. Thanks Michael. Additionally I would like to thank both Ian McCall and Frank Walsh for the guidance throughout the 1987 season. The Association is very fortunate to have two people who are most dedicated in achieving harmony and strength to its members, and unselfishly devote a lot of their time in doing so.

It has been my pleasure to serve the Association as Treasurer for the 1987 season.

GARY LEE
Treasurer

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER, 1987

1986	1987
CASH AT BANK	
Savings Account	790
Cheque Account	1,402
Term Deposit	4,502
<u>\$9,297</u>	<u>\$6,712</u>
Represented by:	
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	
General Account	6,115
Assurance Account	-
Social Account	481
Special Account	116
<u>\$9,297</u>	<u>\$6,712</u>

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

BALANCE - 1986 Season	116
ADD - Income	NIL
BALANCE - 1987 Season	<u>\$ 116</u>

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SOCIAL FUND

BALANCE 1986 SEASON

49

ADD INCOME:

Social Levy — Active Members 3,060
Subscriptions — Now Active 136
Transfer — General Account 10,105

13,301
13,350

LESS EXPENDITURE: NET COST

Annual Presentation Night 5,167
Flowers 70
Family Picnic 1,804
Bowls Day 750
Convivials 340
Training Expenses 1,024
City vs Country 2,569
B.B.Q. — Peter Ryan 150
Entertainment 498
S.G.C. Expenses 473
Bank Charges 24

12,869
\$ 481

ASSURANCE FUND

BALANCE 1986 SEASON

4,262

ADD Interest Closure

261

4,523

LESS Transfer to General Account

4,523

BALANCE 1987 SEASON

NIL

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE 1986 SEASON

4,870

ADD

Income 6,333
Fee Deductions 14,500
Affiliations 190
Non-Active Subscriptions 136
Interest 1,228
Transfer — Assurance Fund 4,523
Miscellaneous Fund 198

27,108
31,978

LESS

Transfer Social Fund 10,105
Postage, Printing and Stationery 2,230
Telephone 729
Floral Tributes 643
Life Members' Blazers 310
Canberra Expenses 958
Entertainment and Travel 2,886
Rent-A-Car Canberra 913
Honorariums 2,695
M. Stone — U. K. Expenses 500
K. Roberts — Legal Expenses 1,050
Insurance 1,768
Trophies 552
Bank Charges 82
Administration and General 442

25,863
\$ 6,115

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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 TNT Sponsorship Agreement and have satisfied ourselves to its content.

Signed: J. M. GOCHER
Auditor

Signed: P. J. LONGHURST
Auditor

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

DATES FOR 1988

GENERAL MEETINGS

2nd MARCH
30th MARCH
27th APRIL
24th JUNE
29th JUNE
20th JULY
17th AUGUST
14th SEPTEMBER

NO May Meeting due to Panasonic Cup Final

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

17th FEBRUARY
15th JUNE
10th AUGUST
5th OCTOBER

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

MARCH - Early Season Barbecue
MAY - Theatre Restaurant
AUGUST - Presentation Dinner
21st SEPTEMBER - Life Members Convivial
NOVEMBER - Family Picnic

Dates of Social Events to be advised.

PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S MEETINGS:

4th APRIL
4th JULY

NOTE: The first round of the competition will be played on 5th/6th March and the Grand Final on 11th September. The Panasonic Cup will commence on 17th February, 1988 and the Final will be on 25th May.

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RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

Patron:

J. Nokes ✓

President:

I. McCall ✓ 58

Deputy Chairman:

J. Cooper J. Harris

Secretary:

WASH ✓

Treasurer:

LEE ✓

Assistant Secretary:

to inform Bolton Murphy

Delegate to N.S.W.R.L.:

WINTON ✓

Deputy Delegate:

Cooper ✓

Social Secretary:

h. Matthews ✓

Sponsorship Co-ordinator:

WARD ✓

Judiciary Nominee:

MURPHY

Committee:

LEWIS STONE

Sponsorship Committee:

Ryan Stone

Social Committee:

Colenso Ryan

Auditors:

Cooper Leplatras

~~Boyd~~

COLANZO ✓ 32

~~M. DONALD~~

LONGHURST ✓ 25

CATELY ✓ 9

P RYAN ✓ 25

M STONE ✓ 34

~~ANASTAS~~

BOLTON ✓ 13

SMITH ✓ 23

M. RYAN ✓ 46

STONE ✓ 33

FILMER ✓ 19
CELBUSE ✓ 13

WIFE MEMBER

J. JEBBER 34 yrs 1975
1975 11 yrs

R. CARWOOD

REPRESENTATION

LES WILLIAMS

R. PIERCE 7

J COLANZO 39 →

P RYAN 30 —

B BOLTON 14

V SMITH 20

B BARNES 19

B LILICHAIST 5

R STILES 5

B CATELY 13

~~15 PIERCE~~