AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1988

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1st November, 1988

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, 16th November, 1988 commencing at 7.30 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend. The Order of Business shall be:

- Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
- Correspondence
- Secretary's Annual Report
- Financial Statement and Auditor's Report
- Election of Office Bearers
- Other Elections

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- Notice of Motion
- Committee Recommendations
- Life Membership Recommendations
- General Business

Yours faithfully,

F.W. WALSH Secretary

OFFICE BEARERS — SEASON 1988

PATRON: Mr. J. Moses, B.E.M. (Died 28/7/88)
Mr. E. Cox (Elected 17/8/88)

PRESIDENT: Mr. I. McCall

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. J. Gocher

SECRETARY: Mr. F. Walsh

TREASURER: Mr. G. Lee

ASST. SECRETARY: Mr. M. Ryan

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

M. Ryan 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 INC. (NSW)

PATRONS REMARKS

TO ALL MEMBERS, DELEGATES AND AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

The Season just completed and what a year for League and in particular Active Referees. We participated the Bicentenial Year with the 100th Test being played at the Sydney Stadium between Great Britain and Australia.

Fortunately two of our Members participated as Touch Judges and I'm fully aware how proud they were to represent our Association.

Visitations by Referees during the Season was appreciated and they were from France, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand. These men were duly honoured by suitable presentations from the Association. Further it was pleasing to see the Association make a suitable presentation to Barry Hailes for his appointment as a Touch Judge to Australia versus The Rest of the World. Barry represented the Country Referees Association and I believe this was a first for the Country Referees.

This year we suffered the tragic loss of three of our great stalwarts, that is Tom Brennan a former Secretary for twenty six (26) years, Os Cohen a former Treasurer for approximately twenty (20) years and Joe Moses M.B.E. our Patron at the time of his passing.

The loss of these men to the Association leaves a large gap in our ranks because these three late members served us well in all respects and I personally was proud to have been associated with them, and they will always be remembered in our Hall of Fame.

I would like to congratulate the Executive and Committee for controlling our affairs and TNT our No. 1 Sponsors for their generous support.

To all Referees who were graded in 1988 I congratulate you and most importantly to the Referees who gained the Plum appointments throughout the Season I say well done.

Finally, I thank the Association and all members and Delegates for my election as your Patron due to vacancy caused by the passing of that great stalwart Joe Moses M.B.E. I can assure you it is a position I am very proud to occupy and I deem it an honour to be your Patron.

Best wishes to all for Season 1989, and keep up your professional approach to Refereeing.

ERIC COX

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

The Association can reflect on the 1988 season with a great deal of pleasure and pride. The season commenced with an expanded competition, a large increase in the number of active graded referees and an extensive representative program coupled with visits from overseas and interstate referees. Our members were more than a match for such a challenge.

Congratulations are extended to all members that had honours bestowed upon them during the year. In particular, to Michael Stone and Greg McCallum on being appointed to overseas international fixtures and to Jack Jewell and Bob Garwood on being elevated to Life Membership of the Association.

Our fourth Sponsorship Agreement with TNT concluded at the end of the season. The valuable contribution by the TNT Group of Companies has enabled us to continue the significant role we are playing in the development of Rugby League referees at both the grade and district levels. We acknowledge the personal commitment by Bill Petly and Lindsay Plowes to the Association throughout the period.

A relationship of mutual cooperation continued between the Association and the New South Wales Rugby League throughout the year. We are grateful for the support of Ken Arthurson, President, John Quayle, General Manager, and Denis Braybrook, Referees Co-ordinator.

Our social events were many and varied. They were well conducted and patronised. Our Social Committee led by Les Matthews are to be congratulated on their endeavours, for their contribution to the friendship and harmony amongst the membership is invaluable.

To all members that held office or served on committees during the season I thank you for your support and efforts on behalf of the Association. In particular I extend personal thanks to my fellow Executive Officers, Frank Walsh (Secretary) and Gary Lee (Treasurer) for their contribution and support. For me it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your President, an honour of which I am most grateful.

IAN McCALL

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC. (NSW)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen

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 1988.

The season opened on a series of highlights with the completion and opening of the Sydney Football Stadium in time for the start of the Competition. The inclusion of Teams from Brisbane, Newcastle and Gold Coast provided a lot of unknown factors in the Competition and when Brisbane gave the 1987 Premiers, Manly-Warringah a resounding hiding in the opening match the stage was set for a memorable season.

The ARL had a full calendar of events as part of the Bicentennial year with the 100th Test between Australia and Great Britain being the opening Test of the three match series. New ground was broken with a Test between Australia and Papua-New Guinea being played at Wagga, mid week and the President's XIII playing a Great Britain team at Canberra, and this game gave several players who were knocking on the door to representative football the opportunity to show their ability and helped them to force their way into the Test Team at a later date.

The expanded competition created "headaches" for Referees Co-ordinator Denis Braybrook as apart from the endless video sessions and reports to be dealt with, Denis along with Eric, Ray and Arthur, had the logistics of travel, overnight accommodation and meals to deal with for those referees who had to travel. Naturally in its initial year there were a few minor things that had to be tidled up and we have addressed these to the NSW Rugby League in our submission for 1989.

Finally the NSW Corporate Affairs Commission granted Incorporation to the Association in September and we have certain legal requirements that have to be carried out to satisfy the NSWCA Commission.

SPONSORSHIP

Our Thanks to TNT for their continued support and interest in the Association. 1988 marked the completion of our 11th year of Sponsorship by the TNT Group of Companies and also the conclusion of our present agreement.

We have moved to re-negotiate a new agreement for a further three years and have had fruitful discussions with Ross Cribb and Executive Officers of the TNT Group of Companies.

Sir Peter Abels has indicated his pleasure with the manner in which the sponsorship has been carried out and that he got a real "buzz" out of seeing **all** the Test Referees with the TNT logo on their jerseys. The company has huge

expansion plans on the drawing board to take large steps into Europe and this is occupying the senior officials at the moment.

HONOURS

Life Membership Honours were bestowed on Jack Jewell and Bob Garwood for outstanding service to the Association. Jack had 34 years of membership whilst Rob had 14 years at the start of this season. Both members had records of service of which they could be well pleased giving their time to work on the various committees of the Association and the Advisory or Appointment Boards. This year Jack continued to work on the Advisory Board whilst Bob was appointed to act as the Coach of the Touch Judges. The Life Membership Blazers were presented to both these members at the Presentation Dinner at the Greyhound Club.

The re-presentation of Life Membership was made this year to Les Williams for his service to the members of the Association. No job is too onerous for Les to perform, his work at training and at the Seminars are only two facets which keep him in close contact with the members. Les was also made a Life Member of the NSW Rugby League for his service to Rugby League over a period extending back to 1935. A service span of 53 years.

The George & Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy was won this year by Mick Ryan for his outstanding work and effort on behalf of the Association over the past 12 months.

Mick Stone and Greg McCallum — members of the International Panel of Referees for 1988 — officiated in New Zealand and Papua-NewGuinea. They each controlled a Test in New Zealand whilst Greg controlled one in P.N.G.

Graham Annesley also went to P.N.G. to referee a fixture there on the 20th March and it was great Graham was given this opportunity to progress to International Fixtures.

VAIF

The Association reeled with the loss of three of our Great Life Members this year. The first to leave us was Tom Brennan, former long serving Secretary of this Association. Tom had been graded from Eastern Suburbs in 1929, was elected Secretary in 1938 a position he held for 25 years until 1962. He was made a Life Member in 1940 and after 1963 Tom was elected a Vice President of the NSWRL and worked on the Judiciary Committee and Examination Board for 17 years. He was re-presented with Life Membership Blazer in 1967.

Joe Moses recovered from breaking his leg early this year, he broke it dancing which was a passion with him, only to pass away on the 28th July 1988. Joe was graded from South Sydney in 1932 and was an active member until 1942. He was made a Life Member in 1943 and re-presented with it in 1966. Joe had been a keen worker for Referees during his period of residence in Newcastle and was the first Life Member elected by the Newcastle Referees Association. At 91 years of age Joe had crammed a life time of service to Referees, Cricket, Bowls and Golf and his loving family. He had been our Patron at the time of his death.

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F. Os Cohen was also graded from the strong Eastern Suburbs Association in 1934 and remained active until 1946. Os served in the A.I.F. during the 5 years of World War II and returned as an active referee for season 1946 and was made a Life Member in 1948.

Ossie was elected Treasurer of the Association in 1956 on the death of the former Treasurer Horrie Millington, another long serving official. Os remained our treasurer for 23 years and was always so meticulous in the way he kept the Books and Accounts of the Association that the Auditors of those years always paid Os the highest compliments in their reports.

Os dropped out of Association affairs upon his retirement as Treasurer to devote his full attention to his wife, Flo, who had been ill over a long time. His passing was just as private as he had been with his affairs over the years with only the very close friends of his within the Association knowing anything of his problems. On being told he had to go into hospital urgently Os left to go home and make the necessary arrangements for his wife to be placed in a private hospital as she had to have daily injections which she was not able to administer herself due to very poor eyesight. He had never been one to ask for help or assistance and this had been offered to him on various occasions by members close to him but Os preferred to maintain his independance by doing things himself.

A large group of friends, relatives and members of the Rugby League fraternity were on hand on the 15th July at Woronora Crematorium to pay our last respect to our colleague Ken Stephens, former long serving official of the NSWRL. Sadly Ken had only finished work with the League at the end of Season 1987 and was not far into his retirement when the illness he had fought over the years finally brought about his demise.

Rugby League is sadder and poorer because of the loss of these devoted servants who gave a life time of service to it.

Zita Ryan wife of our Assistant Secretary, Mick, passed away early in the season after a long and courageous battle against her illness. Zita was a lovely lady held in high regard by all who knew her with a sparkling personality, a keen wit and the ability to share a joke or a story in mixed company.

Gary Cook suffered the sad loss of his father after a long illness, also Mr. Colenso Snr, father of John Colenso and Therese Braybrook passed away.

Keith and Robyn Gregg also lost a loved one when Keith's father passed away in April. A Penrith District Referee Ian Foote was killed in tragic circumstances in June, the result of a road accident.

To the families of all the abovementioned we offer our sincere condolences and we extend Sincere Sympathy to any other member who has suffered a bereavement of which we were not aware.

SICKIES

The following are a few of our members or their ladies who have been ill or in hospital during 1988.

Karen Allard presented Kevin with a baby son, Bradley, our congratulations to both these lucky people.

Chris Ward's lovely wife Carmel is "expecting" to go into hospital any time for the "Blessed Event" but when I last spoke to her she told me she was taking up sky diving to speed up things. We will keep you advised as the event unfolds.

Shirley Neville had been ill again recently but is now feeling better once more.

John Colenso is now recovering from an operation in Sutherland District Hospital and because of the good clean life he has lead and his level of fitness will soon be up chasing Sue around the Nuptial Couch and Sue has said she will only run at half pace to make sure John could catch her.

INCORPORATION

The Association was granted Incorporation by the NSW Corporate Affairs Commission in September as the result of rather lengthy negotiations with that Body.

The register of names and addresses of members is one facet which has to be kept current and up to date: Honorary members are reminded of their obligations to the Association in the matter of Fees and when they are due.

The many benefits of incorporation will be evident as we progress.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

The Executive of this Association continue to entertain the District Presidents and Secretaries on a regular basis during the Season and these meetings continue to be of benefit to all interested parties with frank and open discussion making this Forum worthwhile. Any number of issues are raised and resolved at these meetings.

The Canberra District Referees Association celebrated 50 years of service to Rugby League this year and marked the occasion with a dinner which was a huge success and enjoyed by all that had the pleasure to attend the evening.

Cronulla-Sutherland District Referees Association held a 25th Anniversary Dinner on the 3rd September 1988 to mark their 25 years of service to Rugby League and the Cronulla Association asked the Presidents of all the other Associations to be with them to help celebrate this occasion.

The TNT Sponsorship Committee under Co-ordinator, Chris Ward, again contributed Funds, time and effort to the recently concluded Seminar for District Referees. This Seminar was part of the District Development Programme and this year was directed at the younger age group and those who hadn't been to a previous Seminar. It could be seen by the Officials there that the Seminar created an "Awareness" in these young Referees of what is required in the Grade ranks.

The regular meetings of the District Coaching Directors continued during season 1988 and now have a Chairman, Chris Cahill of Canberra D.R.A., and

Trevor Le Breton, Balmain D.R.A. as Secretary elected from within their own ranks. There is a marked improvement in the standing of coaching and the pass rate of the candidates is improving to an acceptable level.

VISITATIONS

The majority of country referees attending the All Schools Carnival were entertained by members of the Association back at Penrith Leagues Club at Dinner.

There were only a few Country Referees down for the Annual City v. Country fixtures as this year saw it moved to the Sydney Football Stadium on Wednesday the 11th May. We entertained those attending at a convivial in the room we obtained from the S.C.G. Trust.

Tom Pelis a member of the Papua-New Guinea Referees was in town and with the help of Mick Stone entertained him at Lunch and Dinner on the 2nd March, our meeting night for that month.

Things really got moving with the advent of the Test Series and the visit of the French Referee Francis Desplas and his wife Christiane, out here for a month to officiate in the three Tests. I was able to arrange a game for him on the Domain with the NSW Public Service Association and with the North Sydney Junior League. The North Sydney D. Referees Association entertained Francis and Christiane at Dinner after the fixture. Jerome a friend of F. Desplas and a French referee who works and referees in Victoria came up to be with the party and acted as an interpreter for us, which was of great benefit. The following helped entertain this party — Canterbury-Bankstown R.A., Balmain D.R.A., North Sydney D.R.A., NSW Public Service, M. Stone, G. Annesley, C. Ward, B. Gately, I. McCall, G. Lee, D. Braybrook and B. Bolton. Now I know that I am a moral to have forgotten someone so please accept this as my apology but as it was a concerted effort by all members to help make their stay as memorable as possible, I think that a simple "Thank You" to all who assisted would suffice.

Mick Stone came to the Airport to meet them with me and it showed me the value of the Association Blazer to be worn on such occasions when travelling as a means of identification when going into strange ports. If Mick hadn't been with me there was no way that I would have recognised them. I had already asked a few chaps if they were the party I was looking for and I think at least one thought they were being solicited and I already had a headache.

We met Neville Kesha (NZ) and Eric Cox took him under his wing and saw he was transported to Wagga for his fixture.

Graham Ainui (P.N.G.) and his wife arrived in town to do the final fixture Australia v. the Rest of the World. They were made to feel welcome at various things that the Association put on for them. My thanks to all who helped entertain all our overseas visitors.

The various members from Queensland down for the State of Origin were Barry Gommersall (Referee) and David Manson (Touch Judge) for the 1st Fixture

together with Bill Kessell. G. Long was the Touch Judge for the 3rd Fixture on the 21st June. All were suitably entertained.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following 22 new members for Season 1988 — L. Edney, B. Mathews, M. Latham, I. Muir, R. Flint, M. Bunnage, R. Lewis, B. Ruttle, R. Styles, J. Neal, W. Glynn, P. Hewitt, T. Butler, B. Bonnie all from District Associations; R. Williams, N. Almond, O. Smith from Newcastle; E. Ward, D. Goener, J. Cox, K. Gray from Brisbane; and B. Grant from Group 18; we extend our congratulations and best wishes to them in their Grade careers. The following retired from the Grade Ranks — J. Blomfield, B. Barnes, G. O'Donnell and M. Thompson.

Congratulations are extended to the Canterbury-Bankstown Club on winning the 1st Grade Premiership; also the Manly-Warringah Club on taking out the Reserve Grade title and Parramatta Club for winning the President's Cup. All teams competed in a good spirit on the day.

Congratulations to all those appointed to Representative Fixtures during the season also those taking part in the Semi-Finals, Finals and Frand Finals, you all carried out your appointments with great credits to the Association.

Hetty Cislowski a tireless worker for underprivileged children won the Mrs NSW title in the Quest and then 2 weeks later won the Mrs Australia Title. She also serves on the Willoughby Council as an Alderperson. Congratulations and good wishes to her during her year in Office. Noel had a busy time with the Annual City of Sydney Eist which was bigger this year because of the Bicentennial Events included.

Congratulations to Ken Arthurson, Chairman of the NSW Rugby League on being awarded the Australia Medal in the Australia Day Honours List. Ken was quick to point out that it was because of the support of many people in Rugby League that made it possible.

Congratulations to John Quayle and the Board of Directors of the NSW Rugby League for having the foresight to expand the Competition to 16 teams. The success of the venture was evident with large attendances at Newcastle and Brisbane proving that the people in these areas would support teams from their areas. The excitement generated through the season was maintained right down to the Final Series.

I would like to thank Ken Arthurson, John Quayle, Denis Braybrook and the staff of the NSW Rugby League Ltd for the help, assistance and courtesies extended during Season 1988.

Our thanks to John O'Connell, the Board of Directors of the NSW Leagues' club, the Staff, Paul Yu and Bing for the manner they looked after us in Season 1988, the new format made life a little more difficult for the Dining Room Staff but any hiccups were not noticed by the members.

Congratulations to Mick Stone who controlled his third First Grade Grand Final this season and was selected to go to New Zealand to control a Test Fixture there.

He also went to Brisbane to control the 2nd State of Origin Fixture from which he drew some unjustified criticism of his performance by a former member of this Association, Don Lancashire. Don is the Director of Referees in Queensland so it was all the more alarming to see him in print being critical of Mick. His last season here with us saw him return as an active referee from Brisbane in 1970. He was to referee the 1st Grade Grand Final after K. Page pulled out with an injury after having the pleasure of referring the three Tests, Australia v. Great Britain. So after a one year stay he took off back to Brisbane highly critical of the NSWRL Appointment Board going into print bemoaning his treatment at their hands. I don't know what else they could have given him to satisfy him.

OFFICIALS

On your behalf I would like to thank my fellow Executive Officers, President, Ian McCall and Treasurer, Gary Lee, for their efforts on your behalf. The season has been very full and the Executive have had plenty to occupy their minds over that period.

To Doug Wintin, Mick Ryan, Chris Ward I say thank you for all your efforts over the season and in particular I would commend to you the Social Scene so ably handled by Les Mathews with convivials at the new Stadium after all the Representative games. Coupled with that I would say a big "Thank You" to his wife Bev who despite a knee operation battled on our to the Stadium to help Les — or was it because Balmain made the Grand Final?

Tonight your Officials retire and will in most cases offer themselves for reelection. All of these officials are proven in their positions. I take this opportunity to wish all incoming Officials the very best of good luck for Season 1989. I know that you can depend on the membership to support you in your endeavours.

CONCLUSION

I know that the Sydney Football Stadium has its detractors at the moment but I feel that given time it will establish its own brand of Euphoria similar to other great grounds. This ground will mark the start of a whole new vista of Rugby League in not only N.S.W, but Australia.

The active Graded Referees showed their expertise in the ease with which they handled the increased travel and other matters pertaining to their appointments

This year the Sponsorship Committee realised that travel would be a very constant thing with our members and so it decided to outfit the active referees in Association Blazers together with a blue dress shirt and as most referees had grey trousers it became a travel uniform of which the referee became proud. The interest shown by the General Public was quite marked and the favourable comments showed that the presentation of our members to the public and in public places was first class. My thanks to the active members for their support of this project.

See you at training.

F.W. WALSH Hon. Secretary

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOURS

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

In order they are: Messrs. J. Colenso, G. Cook, B. Gately, K. Jeffes, K. Roberts, M. Stone and C. Ward. G. Cook withdrew his nomination.

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

GEORGE & AMY HANSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY

1988	1987	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975
M. Ryan	L.G. Williams	L. Matthews	B. Wiseman	P. Longhurst	C. Gilchrist	I. McCall	D. Braybrook	J. Gocher	D. Wintin	A. Shiner	F.W. Walsh	C.E. Wigzell	F.O. Cohen

APPOINTMENTS

GREAT BRITAIN
v's PRESIDENT'S XIII
AT CANBERRA

E. Ward

F. Desplas (France)

J. Colenso M. Howell

M. Ryan P. Ryan

WANLY-WARRINGAH

	REFEREES	TOUCH	TOUCH JUDGES
SYDNEY ORIGIN V'S COUNTRY ORIGIN	E. Ward	V. Smith	C. Jones
CITY 1 v's COUNTRY 1	B. Priest (Ctry)	B. Hails (Ctry)	M. Thompson (Ctry)
SYDNEY UNDER 19's v's COUNTRY UNDER 19's	G. Annesley (Syd)	P. Ryan	P. Kidd (Ctry)
N.S.W. V'S QUEENSLAND	B. Gommersall (Q) M. Stone (NSW) G. McCallum (NSW)	M. Weekes (NSW) R. Picard (NSW) B. Gately (NSW)	D. Manson (Q) S. Woodwood (Q) G. Long (Q)
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N. Kesher (NZ)	G. Ainui (PNG)	F. Desplas (France)	NARY TEST G. Desplas (France)	R 21's B. Grant	K. Jeffes (Par) S. Clarke (N.S.) J. Belegre (C-S)	NTATIVE FINALS:	B. Grant W. Harrigan A. Kelly G. McCallum	MEMBERS WHO OFFICIATED IN FIRST GRADE:	G. McCallum	G. Annesley		BROS W. Harrigan	COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP FINAL:	M. Stone	ONIC CUP FINAL:
L. Matthews	M. Ryan	e) M. Ryan	e) V. Smith	P. Bungate	D. Turvey (C-B) A. Farlow (Par) G. Braine (C-S)		D. O'Keefe K. Roberts D. Spagarino M. Stone	GRADE:	B. Gately	B. Bolton		I. McCall		B. Wiseman	
M. Dunn	B. Hailes (Ctry)	J. Colenso	B. Bolton	L. Harrigan	P. Kelly (C-B) L. Luke (Par) M. Cassidy (C-S)		C. Ward E. Ward G. West		J. Colenso	M. Howell		M. Dunn		L. Matthews	

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLL AND ATTENDANCES **7 MEETINGS HELD**

F. Delancy A. Dennis W. Devine Snr. T. Dickson R. Dick R.H. Drake H.J. Elliott	T. Costello B. Cowley W. Cuke R. Cummins E. Cox J. Davies A.J. Davis	E. Buckley S. Carey J. Clarke N. Clement A. Collins J. Connor	A. Ballerum J. Bates G. Benson T. Bellew, O.A.M G. Bishop J. Black G. Boyd D. Bratton D. Bratton D. Braybrook T. Brennan R. Brock C. Brown L. Bruyeres J. Buchanan	K. Arnold L. Baggott B. Barry
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TOTAL — 117 DECEASED — 53

HONORARY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR LIFE: W. Fallowfield, O.B.E. (D), H. Gillard, L. Plowes, W. Petley, D.F.C., C.deG.

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GRADED REFEREES SEASON 1988 7 MEETINGS HELD

Robert Kiddle	Tony Kally	Mick Howell	Peter Hewitt	Matt Hewitt	Lance Harrigan	Bill Harrigan	Paul Harradine	Kerry Gray	Brian Grant	David Goener	Bill Glynn	Keith Gegg	Brien Gately	Bryan Gilchrist	Bob Flint	Peter Filmer	Leon Edney	Max Dunn	Jim Cox	Phil Cooley	John Colesno	Noel Cislowski	Peter Bungate	Greg Boyd	Tony Butler	Michael Bunnage	Brian Bonnie	Barry Bolton	Phil Battin	Steve Betts	Graham Annesley	Neil Almond	Kevin Allard
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Hoss Williams	Brian Wiseman	Colin White	Martin Weekes	Geoff Weekes	Graeme West	Eddie Ward	Chris Ward	Bob Styles	Phil Stuart	Michael Stone	Dennis Spagarino	Vince Smith	Owen Smith	Alan Sercombe	Barry Ruttle	Kevin Russell	Peter Ryan	Michael Ryan	Kevin Roberts	Merv Presland	Ross Picard	Ron Pearce	lan Parnaby	Dave O'Keefe	Jim Neal	lan McCall	Gred McCallum	Les Matthews	Brett Matthews	lan Muir	Gary Lee	Rick Lewis	Michael Latham

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HONORARY MEMBERS ATTENDANCES 7 MEETINGS HELD

R. Gobits	R. Freeman	P. Freeman	P. Fitton	F. Fisher	M. Edwards	C. Dimon	T. Delauney	K. Davis	J. Danzey	K. Crouch	B. Cross	B. Cripps	G. Cook	E. Cook	J. Colwell	A. Cole	R. Coffey	J. Coffey	M. Cassidy	R. Carey	L. Buckley	B. Buckingham	B. Bradstock	R. Bowman	D. Bowron	P. Bowen	J. Blomfield	N. Bissett	M. Bilton	G. Bennett	M. Beacroft	D. Barsley	B. Barnes	P. Atkins	B. Apps	K. Allard	A. Aggett
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V. McGuinness	 A. McGilvray 	A. McKean	R. McDonnell	R. Morris	P. Moon	P. Miller	R. Menser	S. Martin	K. Manton	P. Lucas	C. Law	A. Knight	B. Kendal	G. Kelly	G. Kellahan	B. Keenahan	M. Keeble	K. Jeffes	R. Hunt	R. Humphries	K. Holwell	M. Holton	K. Holman	R. Hensley	G. Herd	G. Hedger	G. Heaton	C. Haynes	G. Haines	G. Gunnee	W. Grono	H. Griffith	H. Griffin	L. Green	K. Gray	M. Grady	B. Goldsworthy
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REFEREES' ASSOCIATIONS AFFILIATED WITH N.S.W.R.L. REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC. AND DELEGATES ATTENDANCES

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	L. Plowes	L. Willis	M. Stone	D. Wintin	G. Reece	G. Callinan	K. Riolo	L. Sainsbury	C. Tressider	K. Gardner	M. Quinn		S. Clark	P. Doyle	A. Scanlon		P. Kalina	J. Belgre	M. Cafferelli	N. Bissett	W. Glynn	MEET
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N.S.W. RUGBY LEAGUE POSITIONS HELD BY N.S.W.R.L. REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC. MEMBERS

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

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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, J. Yard, J. Connor P. Ellis, J. Jewell, K. Jeffes, M. Tomsett, L. Williams, D. Wintin L. Sainsbury (Q) and J. Griffiths

Referees Coaching Co-ordinator:
Mr. D. Braybrook

Mr. T. Murphy

Coach andDevelopment Policy Committee Nominee:
Mr. D. Wintin

Examination Board:

Messrs. C. Pearce (Chairman), J. Harris (Secretary), J. Farrelly, R. Dick, C. Gilchrist, D. Macdonald and G. West

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 INC. (NSW)

REFEREES CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Season 1988 has certainly been one for major change. Additional teams, twenty two new gradings, specialist touch judges, travel to Queensland and Newcastle just to mention a few. With change comes additional challenges which I believe have been met head on by our referees and touch judges who again had an outstanding year.

A review of this season will highlight the greater spread of major appointments in contrast to 1987. Mick Stone dominated previously whereas this year Eddie Ward and Greg McCallum both gained representative honours with Graham Annesley exerting real pressure throughout the Final Series. Greg had an outstanding year being appointed for the first time to both Test and State of Origin football. To his credit Mick Stone resisted all challengers and was appointed to his third consecutive Grand Final. He received outstanding support from Ross Picard and Michael Ryan yet again on the big day. I am confident that other referees and touch judges will emerge to press claims in 1989.

The grading of specialist touch judges understandably was viewed with great interest by many members. I believe that the attitude and performance of this group of officials could not fail but impress and as they gain further experience they will strengthen the grade ranks.

Earlier in the year saw the retirement of Kevin Roberts. Kevin has refereed in every Rugby League playing country and brought great credit to both himself and refereeing. His record clearly shows him to be the outstanding referee, thus far, in the "eighties". Another of Kevin's strengths has been his easy going nature and willingness to help referees at any level. Kevin will certainly be difficult to replace.

The only other retirement to date is that of Brian Wiseman. "Wizza" seemed to be around forever but in fact got graded back in 1968. Whilst business pressures of late made refereeing a little difficult, Brian leaves the active ranks with an outstanding record. His career took him to the International, State of Origin and Grand Final arenas where he never took a backward step. He like Kevin will be difficult to replace.

Behind the scenes have been the Advisory Board, Examination Board and Coaching Panel working very hard to assist refereeing at all levels. To these men go my personal thanks for an excellent job which is often not easy.

Finally my thanks to the Executive of the Referees Association without whose support a number of initiatives would not have seen the light of day. Whilst during the year we have agreed to disagree on some issues I am confident that we can approach 1989 with a positive attitude and a great deal of confidence.

DENIS BRAYBROOK Referees Co-ordinator

DELEGATE'S REPORT

The League certainly celebrated its eighty great years in memorable fashion. A successful introduction of three new teams into the grade competition, a new major venue for the code in Sydney, interstate and test series and the bicentenial presentation of Australia v. Rest of the World. Brisbane and Newcastle exceeded all home crowd expectations, Newcastle's contribution particularly was little short of miraculous.

Competition in first grade was exciting and of good standard with playoffs again required to determine the final five positions. The grand final regrettably, like that of our opposition code in Melbourne, did not have any nail biting finish and the full atmosphere potential of the Stadium was not appreciated. Little doubt however that day will come.

League meetings from the refereeing view point were generally uneventful but an early highlight was the granting of life membership of the N.S.W. Rugby League to Les Williams. The season concluded with the longest debate held for some time over refereeing standards. No-body would argue that there is room for improvement but it must be understood that the expected perfection will never be realised. Both the League and referees must work to achieve best possible standards. I am convinced that our active men are committed to improvement but as I highlighted at that meeting such improvement bears a direct relationship to a reduction of pressure applied both by the clubs and in particular by the media.

Press articles compared to five or ten years ago have certainly been subdued but through radio and TV mediums there is an obsession to have to criticise, either direct or by inuendo, the referees performance. No matter what the sport, compared to world wide coverage, here in Sydney is the only place where such strange attitudes prevail. Either they are talking through their pockets or criticise because they have the inability to talk about anything else. This approach coupled with their poor understanding of the rules during commentary places referees in a bad light and undoubtedly reflects itself in the recruitment area. There are advantages to the game generally that certain things remain unsaid in such media coverage and allow the official method of appointing take its course. Any influence by the League to rectify this situation I am sure would reap surprising benefits.

There is little doubt that the NSW Rugby League will shortly issue a very satisfying annual profit result which will be well deserved. It has been a professional effort and we congratulate them. Efforts by our members at international appointment level also deserve praise. I thank you for the privilege to serve as delegate and look forward to the challenges that the game will present us all in 1989.

DOUG WINTIN

Delegate

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC. (NSW)

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1988 Social Scene was a very pleasing one for myself and the Social Committee, John Colenso, Peter Ryan. Once again all social events were very well received by members and were well attended.

Many thanks to Jenny and Barry Bolton for the use of their premises for the preseason B.B.Q. Once again the roll up was excellent, with all the newly graded referees in attendance, along with their wives and girlfriends.

A B.B.Q. was held at Henson Park to mark the start of Official Training for the season, a very good roll up of referees were in attendance.

It was a busy year for convivials after Representative fixtures. All convivials were vell attended and my thanks to the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust for their help in inding us a room for our convivials, a special thanks to lan Brigham for all his help during the season.

A small B.B.Q. was held at Caltex Field after the Finals of the Junior Representative Games, a very good roll up of district and graded referees were in attendance.

The President, Ian McCall, thanked all District Referees for their participation during those games. Dennis Braybrook also spoke about the excellent refereeing and touch judging by the District Referees and thanked Giles O'Donnell for his behind the scene work.

The Annual Presentation Dinner was once again a great success. May I at this time pass on my thanks for the help on the day to my wife Bev, Bob - Jan and Peter-Evon Ryan, to Tommy Green Secretary, Manager of the Grey Hound Club, my sincere thanks, for helping to make the night a success. To Jack Jewell, Bob Garwood congratulations on obtaining Life Membership of the N.S.W.R.L.R.A. To Les Witham congratulations on your re-presentation of your Life Members Blazer, well deserved Les.

Two B.B.Q. were held at Henson Park during the year, both nights were well attended. My thanks to Frank Walsh|and|Les Williams for their help in the cooking of the B.B.Q.

The Life Members reunion evening was once again very successful, proof in being the number of Life Members in attendance to renew old acquaintances. To Eric Cox thank you for your help in obtaining the liquid refreshment at bar prices.

Grand Final Convivial, what can I say. I would have had to have been the longest and the busiest and most demanding afternoon I have ever, had to put in as Social Secretary. From the time the doors were opened, 11 a.m., till closing time at 6.30 p.m., it was like Pitt Street in the rush hour. With Bev being sidelined after the operation on her knee, I was thankful for the help of Peter Ryan, with excellent help

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from Kerry Gray, Jim Cox and his wife. I do not think I would have lasted the distance. On behalf of the Association our thanks for your help.

The Xmas picnic will be held on 13th November at the Japanese Gardens at Auburn. Make this day a success by being in attendance, even if you have no children, come along and enjoy the company of fellow referees and families. The day commences at 9.30 a.m.

To all members thank you for your support during the year. With your support it makes the Social Secretary's job a lot easier.

Thank you to Ian McCall, Frank Walsh, Garry Lee, John Colenso, and Peter Ryan for all your help during a long social year. In conclusion it would be remiss of me not to thank my wife Bev whose assistance during the year was a great help.

Once again it has been a pleasure to have been your Social Secretary for 1988 Season. Good Luck in 1989.

LES MATTHEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the executives, I submit to you the financial statements of the Association for the 1988 season.

The season has been one of varying experiences and expenses.

With the introduction of new teams namely Gold Coast, Newcastle and Brisbane a whole new dimension to word meal expenses was created. With the overnight stay at some of these "outposts" evening meals which should be borne by the employer were dismissed which created havoc to our finances. Further compounding the situation with additional representative games we were called upon to entertain our international referees, in addition to the normal State of Origin fixtures. If you haven't already guessed this costs money. Often I was accused of "hording the cash" and if you refer to financials under entertainment you will see where the funds were directed. At the time of going to print, we have approached the ARL, through our secretary, to seek some compensation, hopefully around half the amound expended. The secretary will advise of any result in this area.

Our sponsorship is presently being re-negotiated and hopefully we will have an inswer soon.

My thanks go to TNT for their continued support and we hope it is ongoing. In addition, thanks to Chris Turner and his team in the Rugby League office for their

assistance during the season. My thanks to Frank Walsh once again for his assistance. Finally I would like to express my heartful thanks to our President Ian McCall who has been a tower of strength with guidance and information during the past year. Ian's enthusiasm and zest for excellence is unmatched.

It has been my privilege to serve as your treasurer again in 1988

GARY R. LEE

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC. (NSW)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER 1988

\$6,115 481 116 \$6,712		\$6,712		\$ 790 1,402 4,520	1987
ACCUMULATED FUNDS General Account Social Account Special Account	Represented by:	Amounts owing to Secretary Social Secretary	Less	Savings Account Cheque Account Term deposit	
		408.56 528.69		1,245.94 1,176.53 4,520.00	
5,910.95 94.07 \$6,005.02		937.45		\$6,942.47	1988

GENERAL ACCOUNT

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BALANCE 1987 SEASON

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Expenditure		Sundries	Tea Money	Transfer special fund	Interest	Non Active subs	Affiliations	Grant TNT	Fee reductions	Income
		15.25	632.00	116.00	921.71	151.50	200.00	14,500.00	9,323.95	
	31,977.5.	25,860.41								

	Seminars Exp.	Miscellaneous	Car rental 1987	Transfer Social Fund	Admin/Gen	Bank Charges	Parking	Visiting Reps Exp	Expenses — Com Brisb	Insurance	Entertainment/Travel	Honorarium	Life Members Blazers	Flowers & Gifts	Telephone	Postage/Print
	220.05	133.26	637.39	2,600.00	719.73	74.29	84.00	429.62	3,375.33	4,485.55	5,455.20	2,920.00	297.00	2,332.63	636.33	1,666.19
5,910.95	26,066.57															

AUDITORS' REPORT

schedule of payments made pursuant to the TNT Sponsorship Agreement and 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

have satisfied ourselves to its content. Signed: J.M. GOCHER
Auditor

Signed: P.J. LONGHURST

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC. (NSW)

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Balance 1987 season

\$116.00

	Balance as at 1988
\$116.00	Less Transfer to General Account

SOCIAL FUND

		LESS	ADD				
Life Members Night Bank Charges	Convivals Training expenses BBQ Barry Bottoms Representatives Games Exp Grand Final Dinner	Expenditure Annual ladies night Family picnic	Social Levy active Subscriptions Non active Transfer General Account Interest	Balance ADD Income			
500.00 17.41 BALANCE	163.45 1,292.05 252.00 547.05 320.00	3,059.05 1,071.50	4,080.00 151.50 2,600.00 4.35				
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DATES FOR 1989

GENERAL MEETINGS

12th APRIL 15th MARCH

10th MAY 2nd AUGUST 5th JULY

20th SEPTEMBER 30th AUGUST

NO June Meeting due to Panasonic Cup Final

MEETINGS

COMMITTEE

FUNCTIONS

AUGUST **FEBRUARY** JUNE

in advance. Dates will be advised

MARCH

OCTOBER

AUGUST

Early Season Barbecue

 Life Members' Convivial Presentation Dinner

20 SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

Family Picnic

Dates of Social Events to be advised

AND SECRETARY'S PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS

> JULY APRIL

S. NSW v. QLD

of NSW v. QLD O. NSW v. QLD

23rd MAY 13th MAY

28th JUNE 13th JUNE

Sydney Brisbane

Brisbane Newcastle

NOTE: The first round of the competition will be played on 17th/19th March and the Grand Final on 24th September. The Panasonic Cup will commenc on 1st March, 1989 and the Final will be on 7th June.

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC. (NSW)

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

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Auditors:	Social Committee:		Sponsorship Committee:	:	Committee:	Judiciary Nominee:	Sponsorship Co-ordinator:	Social Secretary:	Deputy Delegate:	Delegate to N.S.W.R.L.:	Assistant Secretary:	reasurer:	Secretary:	Deputy Chairman:	President:	Patron:
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The Record of Service of 3 Stalwarts of this Association that will help to show their contribution to the N.S.W.R.L.R.A. and the Community.

Tom Brennan Age 91 passed away 22/5/88. District Ass. Eastern Suburbs. Graded from 1929-1938. International Touch Judge. Secretary N.S.W.R.A. 26 years. Life Governor of Sydney Hospital. Life Member Eastern Suburgs D.R.A. Life Member N.S.W.R.L. Refees Association. Life Member N.S.W. Rugby League. Life Member N.S.W. Leagues Club and a Director of the club from 1954 to 1963. Vice President N.S.W.R.L. 17 years. Was a co-founder of the Randwick Golf Club. Judiciary and Examination Board 17 years.

Joseph (Joe) Moses (B.E.M.) Age 91 passed away 28/7/88. District Assoc. South Sydney. Patron N.S.W.R.L.R.A. International Touch Judge, Graded 1932-1942. Life Governor of Sydney Hospital. Life Member South Sydney D.R.A. Life Member N.S.W.R.L. Referees Assoc. Life Member N.S.W. Rugby League. Life Member Newcastle Referees Assoc. Life Member N.S.W. Leagues Club. He helped to establish the C.Y.O. Referees Association, Metropolitan Business Houses Rugby League and M.B. Houses Referees Association. Co-founder of Randwick Golf Club and worked for the N.S.W. Leagues Club course at Narellan. Examination Board 17 years and Appointment Board 10 years.

F.O.Cohen — District Assoc. Eastern Suburbs. Graded from 1934 to 1946. Interstate and International Touch Judge. Treasurer 23 years. Life Member N.S.W.R.L. Referees Assoc. War Service 1941-1945 inc.

We should remember them.