

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

**82nd
Annual Report and
Financial Statement
1989**

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PRESIDENT

G. Lee
TREASURER

F. Walsh
SECRETARY

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

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear Sir,

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the New South Wales Leagues Club, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney, on Wednesday, ~~15th~~ November, ~~1999~~ 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,

M.G. RYAN
Assistant Secretary

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

OFFICE BEARERS — SEASON 1989

Patron: Mr. E. Cox

President: Mr. I. McCall

Deputy Chairman: Mr. J. Gocher

Secretary: ~~Mr. F. Walsh~~
(Deceased 24.8.89)

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~~ *Mr. P. Ryan*

Sponsorship Committee Co-Ordinator: Mr. C. Ward

Judiciary Nominee: Mr. T. Murphy
DEPUTY JUDICIARY NOMINEE *Mr. K. Roberts*

Committee:
L. Matthews, P. Filmer
Messrs I. McCall, ~~F. Walsh~~, ~~G. Lee~~, J. Gocher, K. Roberts, M. Stone,
P. Ryan, L. Matthews, C. Ward and D. Wintin

Auditors: Messrs J. Gocher and P. Longhurst

Social Committee: Messrs ~~R. Ryan~~ and ~~J. Colenso~~
B. Becker, R. Styles

Hansen Memorial Trophy Committee:

L. Matthews, P. Filmer
Messrs I. McCall, ~~F. Walsh~~, ~~G. Lee~~, P. Ryan, J. Gocher, L. Matthews,
D. Wintin, M. Ryan and D. Spagarino

Sponsorship Committee:

L. Matthews, P. Filmer, P. Cooley, R. Styles
Messrs I. McCall, ~~F. Walsh~~, ~~G. Lee~~, ~~M. Ryan~~, ~~M. Stone~~ & C. Ward

Seminar Committee

Mr. Ryan, P. Dunn
Messrs ~~L. Matthews~~, M. ~~Weekes~~

TNT Liaison Officers: Messrs W. Petley and L. Plowes

Francis William Walsh — Passed away on the 24th August 1989

Frank Walsh gained his referees' ticket in 1946 and joined the Balmain District Referees Association in the same year. He was graded in 1950 and remained an active graded referee until the end of the 1976 season. During his active career he had the distinction of being a First Grade referee, a First Grade Touch Judge and received appointments as an International Touch Judge.

Frank throughout his career was involved in the administration of refereeing at both the district and grade levels. From 1956 until his untimely death he had been a long time serving President of the Balmain Association, Assistant Secretary, Social Secretary and Secretary of the NSWRL Referees Association.

For his services to the various Associations, Frank was awarded Life Membership of the Balmain, Manly and NSW Referees Associations. He was an honorary Life Member of the Penrith Association as well as Patron of the Penrith, University Cup and Public Service Referees Associations. He was honoured with Representation of Life Membership of the NSWRL Referees Association in 1987.

The NSW Rugby League honoured him with the appointment to Manager of the NSW State Teams in 1966 and again in 1982. For his services to Rugby League as an officer of the NSW Referees Association he was awarded Life Membership of the NSW Rugby League.

Throughout his life Frank made countless friends throughout the world of Rugby League. He was liked and held in high esteem by everyone with whom he came in contact. He was truly one of nature's gentlemen devoted to assisting others. Frank was an achiever, he made things happen and was happiest when he was helping others.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

Well one more season down the track and what a good year for Rugby League and refereeing in particular.

I believe all persons connected with the Association whether they be active referees, members of the Coaching Panel, Examination Board, Appointment and Advisory Board have, in some way, brought credit to our Association. It is only through all their efforts that this part of Rugby League remains alive.

Season 1990 is certainly going to be exciting for the active men where we will see referees officiating in Winfield Cup, Knock-Out and State of Origin competitions in at least four states of Australia, i.e. N.S.W., Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia. Best of luck on these trips because I can assure you that you are the envy of a lot of retired referees.

I must say or mention in my remarks the loss of a wonderful person, the late Frank Walsh, our Secretary, but in particular a friend to all. Thank you Frank for your service to us all.

There is possibly a lot more I would like to say as your Patron, a position I cherish along with my wife Colleen, but I will leave any further remarks for our Acting Secretary in his Annual Report.

Well done Executive, Committees and to all referees, may you achieve all your goals in 1990.

Best wishes for Christmas to you all and your loved ones.

ERIC COX
Patron

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

The past season was without doubt one of the finest conducted by the NSW Rugby League and consequently one of the most successful our Association has experienced. With the signing of a record sponsorship agreement, substantial increases in referee's fees, appointment of Grade and District referees coaches, production of several refereeing

publications and Grade and District Seminars as examples of achievements and initiatives during the year, it is apparent that the Association is on a strong foundation as we turn into the nineties. Rugby League in this state is however expanding and developing at a rapid rate and we must ensure we do not become complacent in order to keep apace with this change.

Many of our members distinguished themselves and brought great credit to the Association, both on and off the field during the year. Worthy of special mention are the appointment to the First Grade Grand Final of Bill Harrigan (referee) and Martin Weekes and Michael Ryan (touch judges); Greg McCallum's appointments to international fixtures in England and France; Life Membership presentations to Michael Stone and John Colenso and Life Membership re-presentation to Eric Cox. To these and other members that were honoured I offer congratulations on behalf of your fellow referees.

Relationships with the NSW Rugby League and our sponsors TNT were further strengthened throughout the season. We are most grateful for the support and assistance given to the Association by Ken Arthurson (President), John Quayle (General Manager) and Denis Braybrook (Referees' Co-ordinator) of the NSW Rugby League. We are also most appreciative of the support and involvement of TNT in the administrative and social affairs of the Association. In particular thanks are extended to Lindsay Plowes, Bill Petley and Ross Cribb especially for their efforts during negotiations of the sponsorship agreement. Their consideration ensured the financial security of the Association for at least the next four years.

Socially, the year was an outstanding success. The Social Committee led by its capable Secretary, Les Matthews, provided the members with a varied and well organised series of social events. Undoubtedly the Annual Life Members' Presentation and Ladies' Night being the highlight. Members are to be congratulated on the support they gave to the Committee and its functions.

Unfortunately on the 24th August the Association suffered a tragic loss with the passing of our devoted Secretary, Frank Walsh. I, like many others, was privileged to share his friendship and work closely with him as he strove to improve the lot of the Rugby League referee both in and out of New South Wales. Frank's commitment and efforts in this task were unequalled. We all have benefited from his being and will be a little lesser for his passing.

May I extend my personal thanks to my fellow Executive Committee members, Gary Lee and Michael Ryan for their support during the year. Their efforts coupled with those members that occupied Office or served on Committees ensured the efficient functioning of the Association.

In conclusion gentlemen, I thank each and every one of you for the honour of having been your Chairman during 1989. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve the most professional group of people involved in our great game.

IAN MCCALL
President

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

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is with much pleasure that I submit the 1989 Annual Report and Balance Sheet of this Association for your consideration and adoption.

Whilst 1989 was a bumper year for Rugby League it was a season tinged with sadness for members of this Association. I refer of course to the passing of our Secretary, Frank Walsh. A special tribute to Frank appears elsewhere in this journal, however I would like to say that Frank was a tireless worker for referees in general and was completely dedicated to the welfare of referees, be it the leading grade referee or the newest recruit to District refereeing. During my term as Secretary and President of Western Suburbs, Frank was always on hand to help solve any problems I may have had and for this I was very grateful. I am sure Esme and his daughters were very impressed by the guard of honour formed by referees at his funeral. This in itself shows the high esteem in which Frank was held by fellow members.

SPONSORSHIP

TNT continue to generously support this Association and a new agreement has been negotiated for a further three year period.

Our liaison officers, Lindsay Plowes and Bill Petley have often commented that the Executive of TNT are suitably impressed by the exposure the company receives through our members. I would like to thank Bill and Lindsay for their valued contribution to our Sponsorship meetings.

This year Mr. Ross Cribb retired after many years service with the TNT group of companies. Ross has always been held in high regard by the Association as he was very much involved in negotiations for our initial sponsorship agreement and the subsequent acceptance of that agreement by both parties. Ian McCall and Frank Walsh were in attendance at a farewell dinner given in honour of Ross.

Another long time employee of TNT, Lindsay Plowes, also retired from TNT this year. Although he has retired Lindsay will continue to serve as Liaison Officer on the Sponsorship Committee. Again, Ian and Frank were in attendance at Lindsay's farewell dinner.

To both Ross and Lindsay we wish you a long and healthy retirement and we look forward to your continued support and attendance at our social functions. I would also like to thank Lou Lazzari and John Armstrong for their support during this season and we look forward to seeing you in 1990.

HONOURS

CHRIS WARD

This year John Colenso and Michael Stone were awarded Life Membership for outstanding service to the Association. Both gentlemen are dedicated members and worthy recipients of the highest honour this Association can offer. The presentation of blazers was made at our presentation night held at Canterbury Racecourse Function Centre.

Mr. Eric Cox was re-presented with Life Membership for his continued service to the Association. After receiving Life Membership in 1970, Eric continued as Secretary until 1977 and in recent times has assisted the Association through his capacity as a Director of the N.S.W. Leagues Club.

IAN McCALL

Michael Stone was the recipient of the prestigious George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy for outstanding contribution to the Association over the past 12 months.

BILL McCALL

Greg McCallum was appointed to referee tests between Great Britain and New Zealand and members will join me in wishing him every success.

Michael Stone, Ross Picard and Michael Ryan were selected to officiate in the first official N.S.W. Rugby League game played on the W.A.C.A. ground in Perth.

COACHING

The committee this year decided to consolidate our coaching staff by appointing coaches for Reserve Grade and President's Cup grade referees. Our coaches worked in conjunction with the Referees' Co-ordinator, Dennis Braybrook, and I am sure all members received some benefit during the season.

The following members were appointed as coaches for the 1989 season —

MAX TOMSETT —
Touch Judge Coach

IAN SMITH —
Reserve Grade Referees' Coach

DOUG WINTIN —
President's Cup Referees' Coach

GILES O'DONNELL —
District Development Officer

VALE

Shirley Neville, wife of Arthur, passed away after a long and courageous battle with her illness. I did not know Shirley personally but I understand she was a lovely lady with a vibrant personality and a very keen supporter of referees.

Chris Ward suffered the loss of his father during the year and Don Bratten, a Life Member of this Association, also passed away.

To the families of those mentioned we offer our sincere condolences and sincere sympathy is offered to other members who may have lost a loved one during the year.

SICKIES

Bill Petley suffered some ill health during the year but it was good to see him attend our Life Members' Reunion Night.

Kevin Allard was injured in the course of his duty as a police officer, however, at last reports he had discarded his crutches and will be fit to referee next season.

John Connor spoilt a good around-Australia holiday by badly lacerating his leg which necessitated a stay in hospital.

Dennis Braybrook bounced back after suffering a mild heart attack and was firing on all cylinders at the conclusion of the season.

Fred West had a short stay in hospital after an operation but he assures me all parts of his anatomy are still in perfect working order.

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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 where a copy of their records will be distributed.

The nominations are Messrs G. Annesley, B. Barnes, B. Bolton, M. Dunn, B. Gately, Kevin Jeffes, K. Roberts, C. Ward, M. Weekes, M. Ryan and P. Ryan.

Messrs. M. Ryan and P. Ryan did not have the required number of years membership to be considered for Life Membership.

GEORGE AND AMY HANSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY

1975	F. O. Cohen	1980	J. Gocher	1985	B. Wiseman
1976	C. E. Wigzell	1981	D. Braybrook	1986	L. Matthews
1977	F. W. Walsh	1982	I. McCall	1987	L. G. Williams
1978	A. Shiner	1983	C. Gilchrist	1988	M. Ryan
1979	D. Wintin	1984	P. Longhurst	1989	M. Stone

1990 I. PARKIN

CONCLUSION

Once again members have acquitted themselves well, both on and off the field, and were a credit to this Association and Rugby League in general.

I would like to thank all members who offered me assistance when I took over the duties of Secretary. Referees are a much maligned lot, however the camaraderie that exists between members and the support they give each other cannot be questioned.

I must give special thanks to Ian McCall, Gary Lee and Les Matthews for their assistance and I know the incoming Secretary will receive the same degree of support.

Best wishes to all members and their families for the coming festive season.

M.G. RYAN

Assistant Secretary.

Carl Gilchrist is now well on the road to recovery after a short stint in hospital.

Arthur Neville spent time in Westmead Hospital following a heart bypass operation. Arthur is slowly getting back to peak condition and attended the Life Members' Reunion night.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Canberra Raiders on winning their initial First Grade Grand Final after such a short period in the Sydney competition. The club should also be congratulated on having all three teams finish in the top five. Congratulations also to North Sydney Reserve Grade and South Sydney President's Cup sides on winning their respective competitions.

Ken Arthurson, Executive Chairman of the Australian Rugby League, was awarded Life Membership of that body.

The N.S.W. Rugby League should also be congratulated on another successful season. There was a big increase in attendances, the composition of the final five was in doubt until the last round and the premiership was decided in extra time. The inclusion of teams from outside the metropolitan area has proved to be a masterstroke.

This year the game was taken west and two games were played on the W.A.C.A. ground in Perth. The promotions were a huge success and all involved in the presentation of these games should be praised.

I would like to thank Ken Arthurson, John Quayle, Dennis Braybrook and Adele O'Brien for their assistance to the Association this year.

APPOINTMENTS

	Referees	Touch Judges
Sydney Origin	M. Stone	J. Colenso
V Country Origin		B. Halls (Leeton)
City 1 V		
Country 1	P. Ryan (Orange)	M. Howell
		M. Thomson (Berry)
Sydney Under 19's		
V Country	R. Saunders (Umina)	C. Jones
Under 19's		S. Crich (Maitland)
N.S.W. V		
Queensland	M. Stone	V. Smith
	D. Manson (Q)	M. Howell
	G. McCallum	B. Bolton
N.S.W. under 17's		
V Queensland	N. Almond	R. Kiddle
Under 17's		C. White
PANASONIC CUP FINAL		
Illawarra V. Brisbane	G. Annesley	V. Smith
		B. Bolton
COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP FINAL		
Holy Cross College V	W. Harrigan	W. Glynn
St Gregory's College		B. Ruttle
GRAND FINALS		
1st Grade	W. Harrigan	B. Ryan
Balmain V Canberra		C. WHITE
		M. Weekes
RESERVE GRADE		
Parramatta V	G. McCullum	M. Weekes
North Sydney	M. Stone	M. Howells
		R. Picard
PRESIDENT'S CUP		
Canberra V	E. WARD	C. Jones
South Sydney	G. McCallum	V. Smith
		G. Lee
MEMBERS WHO OFFICIATED IN FIRST GRADE		
N. Almond	P. Fitterer	T. Kelly
G. Annesley	B. Grant	G. McCallum
P. Cooley	W. Harrigan	M. Stone
		C. Ward
		E. Ward
		G. West
JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE FINALS		
H. Flegg Cup	T. Peet (Pen.)	T. Danks (Pen.)
		M. Ryan (N.S.)
S. G. Ball Cup	S. Laws (Par.)	T. Healy (C.B.)
		P. MacInnate (C.S.)
Australian School Boys V		
British Amateur League	G. West	R. Williams
		R. Styles

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLL AND ATTENDANCES 7 MEETINGS HELD

K. Arnold -	2	J. Moses, B.E.M.
L. Baggott -	1	T. Murphy -
A. Barry -	1	J. Murray
B. Ballerum	D	W. Neill
J. Bates	D	A. Neville -
G. Benson -	D	J. O'Brien
T. Bellw, O.A.M. -	D	R. O'Donnell -
G. Bishop	D	J. O'Sullivan -
J. Black	D	A. Oxford -
G. Boyd	D	K. Page -
D. Bratton	D	E. Paine -
D. Braybrook -	2	C. Pearce -
T. Brennan	D	G. Pearce
R. Brock	D	H. Pierce -
C. Brown -	1	H. Poulton,
L. Bryures -	1	H. Rowlands
J. Buchanan	D	L. Rosen
E. Buckley	D	L. Samuelson,
S. Carey	D	A. Shipway
J. Clarke	D	R. Smyth -
N. Clement -	D	H. Schutema -
A. Collins	D	C. Schomberg -
J. Connor -	1	A. Shiner, O.A.M.
O. Cohen	D	M. Stone -
T. Costello	D	A. Soane
B. Cowley -	1	A. Spankie
W. Cuke -	D	M. Tomsett -
J. Colenso -	6	C. Turnbull -
E. Cox -	6	J. Turner
J. Davies	6	E. Tinsley
A.J. Davis	6	B. Wales Snr.
L. Deane	D	A. Welsh
F. Delaney	D	F.W. Walsh
A. Dennis	D	C. Wiggzell, B.E.M.
W. Devine Snr	D	L. Williams
T. Dickson	D	D. Winton
R. Dick -	3	G. Wirth
R.H. Drake	D	B. Wiseman
H.J. Elliott	D	R.J. Ward
		C. Yorke
		C. WARD

HONORARY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR LIFE:

H. Gillard, L. Plowes, W. Petley, D.F.C., CdeG.

12th OCTOBER.

GRADED REFEREES SEASON 1989

7 Meetings Held

Kevin Allard	3	Kerry Gray	—	Jim Neal	5
Neil Almond	4	Sean Hampstead	6	Dave O'Keefe	—
Graham Annesley	6	Bill Harrigan	4	Mark Oaten	7
Steve Betts	6	Lance Harrigan	7	Ian Parnaby	7
Phil Battin	7	Matt Hewitt	5	Ross Picard	5
Barry Bolton	7	Peter Hewitt	4	Merv Presland	7
Brian Bonnie	7	Mick Howell	6	Michael Ryan	7
Michael Bunnage	4	David Jay	6	Peter Ryan	7
Tony Butler	6	Col Jones	5	Kevin Russell	6
Peter Bungate	6	Kelvin Jeffes	6	Barry Ruttle	6
Steve Clarke	6	Tony Kelly	7	Owen Smith	3
John Colenso	6	Robert Kiddie	6	Vince Smith	6
Phil Cooley	6	Peter Kelly	6	Michael Stone	7
Jim Cox	—	Michael Latham	5	Bob Styles	7
Max Dunn	7	Rick Lewis	7	David Turvey	3
Leon Edney	7	Gary Lee	7	Chris Ward	6
Peter Filmer	5	Tim Mander	—	Eddie Ward	—
Bob Flint	6	Ian Muir	7	Graeme West	7
Bryan Gilchrist	7	Brett Matthews	7	Geoff Weekes	7
Brien Gately	6	Les Matthews	6	Martin Weekes	6
Keith Gegg	—	Greg McCallum	6	Colin White	6
Bill Glynn	7	Ian McCall	7	Ross Williams	3
David Goener	—	John McCormack	5		
Brian Grant	—	John Melville	6		

HONORARY MEMBERS ATTENDANCES

7 Meetings Held

A. Aggett	—	M. Grady	—	R. McIntosh	—
B. Apps	—	K. Gray	—	R. McLannett	3
P. Atkins	—	L. Green	—	D. McLean	—
B. Barnes	—	H. Griffin	—	D. McMahon	—
D. Barsley	1	H. Griffith	—	L. McReynolds	—
M. Beacroft	—	W. Grono	—	S. Nash	—
G. Bennett	—	G. Gunnee	—	G. O'Donnell	—
M. Bilton	—	C. Haines	2	M. O'Neill	—
N. Bisset	—	C. Haynes	—	R. Pearce	1
J. Blomfield	—	P. Harradine	—	W. Pearson	—
P. Bowen	—	G. Heaton	—	A. Perry	—
D. Bowron	—	G. Hedger	1	P. Pierce	—
R. Bowman	—	G. Herd	—	K. Pickard	—
G. Boyd	—	R. Hensley	—	L. Randle	—
B. Buckingham	—	K. Holman	MBE	H. Reedy	—
L. Buckley	—	M. Holton	—	J. Reynolds	—
R. Carey	—	K. Howell	—	K. Roberts	6
M. Cassidy	—	R. Humphries	—	G. Robertson	—
J. Coffey	—	K. Hunt	1	N. Savage	—
R. Coffey	—	K. Jeffes	6	A. Seacombe	—
A. Cole	—	M. Keeble	—	A. See	—
J. Colwell	—	B. Keenahan	—	B. Shipton	—
E. Cook	—	G. Kellahan	—	R. Sinclair	—
G. Cook	3	G. Kelly	—	I. Smith	3
B. Cripps	—	B. Kendall	—	J. Snare	—
B. Cross	1	A. Knight	—	D. Spagarino	3
K. Crouch	—	C. Law	—	W. Stewart	—
J. Danzey	—	P. Lucas	—	M. Taylor	—
K. Davis	—	K. Manton	—	M. Thompson	—
T. DeLauney	—	S. Martin	—	J. Ticehurst	—
C. Dimon	—	R. Menser	—	J. Turner	—
M. Edwards	3	P. Miller	—	S. Tyrell	—
F. Fisher	—	P. Moon	1	B. Wales	—
P. Fiton	—	R. Morris	—	R. Warner	—
P. Freeman	—	R. McDonnell	—	J. Whybrow	—
R. Freeman	—	A. McKean	—	S. Williams	—
R. Gobits	—	A. McGilvray	—	A. Willis	—
B. Goldsworthy	—	V. McGuinness	1	J. Yard	1

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REFEREES' ASSOCIATIONS AFFILIATED WITH N.S.W.R.L. REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC. AND DELEGATES

ATTENDANCES 7 Meetings Held

BALMAIN	N. McMahon	1	S. Meadows	5
CANBERRA				
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN	M. Duncan	1	M. Hoffman	5
CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND	P. Macinante	4	D. Puckeridge	2
EASTERN SUBURBS	K. Roberts	6		
ILLAWARRA	M. Crampton	4	B. Bonnie	2
MANLY-WARRINGAH	A. Scanlon	3	C. Diews	3
WESTERN SUBURBS	I. Muir	7		
NORTH SYDNEY	B. Grech	1	M. Ryan	4
PARRAMATTA	W. Howarth	4	W. Heybut	1
PENRITH	M. Quinn	1	T. Goldsmith	1
	T. Peet	3		
ST. GEORGE	K. Gardner	5	S. Townsend	1
SOUTH SYDNEY	C. Tressider	4	C. Douglas	1
QUEENSLAND				
N.S.W. COUNTRY	N. Best	1		
PUBLIC SERVICE	G. Callinan	1		
UNIVERSITY CUP	G. Reece	5		
NORTHERN TERRITORY	D. Wintin	7		
VICTORIA	M. Stone	6		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	L. Willis	1		
T.N.T.	L. Plowes	4	W. Petley	3

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

A.R.L. BOARD

N.S.W.R.L. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. T. Bellew, O.A.M.

VICE PRESIDENTS

Messrs E. Cox and R. O'Donnell

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Messrs ~~F. Walsh~~ and D. Wintin
L. MARYNEWS

REFEREES APPOINTMENT BOARD

Messrs A. Neville and R. O'Donnell

REFEREES ADVISORY BOARD

Messrs N. Bisset, J. Yard, J. Connor, P. Ellis,
K. Jeffes, M. Tomsett, L. Williams, ~~L. MARYNEWS~~,
~~J. CHITTS~~, M. Edwards, C. Gilchrist, B. Barnes

REFEREES CO-ORDINATOR

Mr. D. Braybrook

JUDICIARY NOMINEE

Mr. T. Murphy

EXAMINATION BOARD

Messrs C. Pearce, J. Harris, J. Farrelly, R. Dick,
C. Gilchrist, D. MacDonald, G. West

COACHING COUNCIL

Mr. K. Holman *M.B.F.*

COACHING PANEL — REFEREES DIVISION

Messrs R. Dick, J. Farrelly, C. Gilchrist

DIRECTOR OF N.S.W. LEAGUES CLUB

Mr. E. Cox

TELEVISION LIAISON OFFICER

Mr. E. Cox

APPEALS BOARD

Messrs E. Cox and ~~R. O'Donnell~~

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

REFEREES CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Season 1989 has seen the continued growth of Rugby League in what could only be described as one of the best years for the game.

Crowds continued to climb with tremendous excitement and entertainment generated at Winfield Cup level culminating in a classic Grand Final. There is no doubt that none of this would have been possible without the major contribution of the active referees. Week after week throughout the season the level of performance of the active men, with very few exceptions, remained at an all-time high.

My warmest congratulations go to the group of newly graded referees and touch judges who joined our ranks this year. Also those referees and touch judges who received representative appointments are deserving of a mention in a most competitive year.

Bill Harrigan became the youngest referee to control the First Grade Grand Final and his appointment was even more significant when it is remembered that he had not officiated in a previous Grand Final at any senior level. His effort should be an incentive to our younger men in both grade and district ranks. It should not be forgotten, however, that there is no substitute for experience and all need to work at their craft at every opportunity.

The coaching and development programs now in place are largely due to the support, administrative and

financial, of the Association. The gradual turnaround of recruitment figures and improved coaching and training methods would not be possible without this support. The Executive are to be congratulated for their co-operation throughout the year.

It is not only the active members who are making major contributions. Our senior members make up the various boards and committees that are vital to not only refereeing, but the game. To those members on the Examination, Advisory and Coaching Boards, Coaching Directors and Seminar Committees, and Coaching Staff, my personal appreciation as well as that of the League's.

On a personal note, I wish to thank all those members who visited me or sent their best wishes during my illness earlier this year. It was certainly a special time for both myself and my family.

Sadly, as recorded elsewhere in this report, this year saw the passing of Frank Walsh, a man who gave so much of himself to refereeing. Frank will be missed by all who knew him and to Esme and daughters go our sympathy from all at the Rugby League.

As we approach the 90's, I wish to extend my best wishes to all members and their families.

DENIS BRAYBROOK
Referees' Co-Ordinator

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

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

It is difficult in the presentation of this report to avoid being repetitive. Again improvements continue to occur in the game in N.S.W. The League's Annual Report for 1989 has not yet been presented but there is little doubt, supported by a recent Business Review Weekly article, that further records will be achieved. An estimated \$6.9 million profit, attendance numbers increasing 7% to reach the 2 million, new 5-year \$12 million sponsorship deal with Rothmans Holdings, a 10% jump in TV ratings and Channel 10's \$48 million three-year broadcasting rights being the highlights.

All these achievements are not totally attributable to Tina Turner. I am sure that John Quayle, the Board and the League staff are entitled to some of the credit. An amazing turnaround in just six years. The irony, no doubt, would bring a smile to the faces of our previous delegates.

Apart from the extra pressures faced by referees in these times they deserve credit for their ability to handle the longer season, this year particularly, with the frustration of weeks of wet conditions earlier in the year. I am not convinced that overall the standard of football is improving but further credit to the active members who by their contribution on the field achieved the best possible presentation of the game. The magic final series being no exception. Congratulations to Canberra on their first grade premiership. Our members standing on the International Panel also deserve recognition.

I noticed just recently the absence of the grandstand at Jubilee Oval. Changes do continue, not just in the area of rules. The media push for ingoal touch judges gathered momentum during the year. I see no advantage in such a move with the only advantage being to the media with at least another two officials per game to criticise. Soccer on a world wide basis surely proves that the simpler the rules of a game are to follow, the greater the following. The R.L. public generally, including the majority of players, have difficulty in coming to terms with the advantage rule.

Conversely the better the ability to interpret that rule the better the referee. Problems will be created in this area if the five metre markings of the fields occur.

League meetings were infrequent with minimal debate, however, the year did start on a high note in the granting of life membership to Les Williams. It concluded sadly in the passing of Frank Walsh who had contributed great service to the game at that level. He will be sadly missed.

I look forward to an exciting and rewarding season to start the nineties for you all. We might even manage a few State of Origin Victories!

Regards,

D. WINTIN

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

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I report on another outstanding social year, the support of all functions was very pleasing, the highlight of the social year would have to have been the Annual Presentation Dinner with over 320 members, invited guests and their partners in attendance. My thanks to the Social Committee, Peter Ryan and John Colenso on a great effort in making this function one that will be remembered. To Mr. Ken Arthurson a special thanks on his response speech on behalf of invited guests.

The season's activities started with the pre-season barbecue at Jenny and Barry Bolton's residence, but owing to unkind weather a late change was made to Jenny's school hall. The night was very successful. Thanks once again to Jenny and Barry for their help.

The bus trip to Newcastle for the annual City V's Country fixture once again proved very popular with a good roll-up of members and partners enjoying a very social day.

The 17th June saw some 90 people heading to Picton, to the Wool Away Woolshed. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. The outstanding feature of the night was the effort by some of the elder brigade on the dance floor. Peter Murray (conditioner) would have been pleased.

Only one State of Origin fixture was held in Sydney this season and a small convivial was held after the game where the President Mr. Ian McCall congratulated the referees and touch judges that officiated on the evening.

The Life Members' Reunion Dinner was once again held at the NSW Leagues Club in the Dining Room.

A good roll-up of Life Members were in attendance. My thanks to Paul Yu and his staff for their help with this function and also for their help during the year.

The Grand Final convivial was once again well attended and my thanks to everybody that helped out during the day, especially to my wife Bev. Also, thanks to Barry Ruttle on behalf of the Association for helping us out with tables, chairs and coolers.

The Children's Picnic will be held on 5th November at the Japanese Gardens, Auburn. All members are welcome. Come along and have an enjoyable day and stroll through the gardens even if you have no children.

Once again thanks to everybody for your support during the year. Have an enjoyable Christmas and it has been very pleasing to have been your Social Secretary.

LES MATTHEWS
Social Secretary

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

On behalf of my fellow executive members, I submit to you the Financial Statements of the Association as at 31st October, 1989.

The increased sponsorship agreement with our valued sponsor TNT no doubt had a very big influence upon our ability to service our financial commitment for 1989. We saw a settling period due to introduction of the new teams in 1988 and the paying of members' expenses became a little more efficient with the introduction of the "expense claim form," and the valued assistance from the Rugby League's Financial Controller, Chris Turner. Chris has been most helpful in the area of having cheques produced on time and solving the few "technical hitches" that arise. No doubt this assistance will be forthcoming for the "nineties."

I would ask however if members (Active & Non Active) who commit themselves to Final/Grand Final tickets that they pay for them before the actual date. Often the obvious occurs when tickets are not collected or paid for and then the Association is left to carry the burden. So please gentlemen, a little consideration for your fellow members.

My thanks go to Ian McCall for his assistance and patience throughout the year and of late to Michael Ryan for his support. It would be remiss of me not to mention the late Frank Walsh, who was a gallant contributor to the functioning of the Association, whose deeds will be missed. May he rest in peace.

Next year sees another new horizon and I wish every member well for 1990 and I hope your achievements match with your goals.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Treasurer for 1989.

GARY LEE

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER 1989

1988		1989
Cash at Bank		\$ 647.62
Savings Account		3,532.61
Cheque Account		4,520.00
Term Deposit		<u>\$8,700.23</u>
<u>\$6,942</u>		
Less Liabilities		
Amounts owing to Secretary		—
Social Secretary		—
<u>408</u>		
<u>529</u>		
<u>937</u>		
<u>\$6,005</u>		<u>\$8,700.23</u>
Represented by:		
Accumulated Funds		
General Account		8,453.96
Social Account		246.27
<u>5,911</u>		
<u>94</u>		
<u>\$6,005</u>		<u>\$8,700.23</u>

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

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance 1988 Season		\$ 5,910.95
Add Income		
Fee Reductions		\$9,172.50
TNT Grant		30,000.00
Affiliations		110.00
Non Active Subs		329.00
Interest		<u>1,054.43</u>
		40,665.93
		<u>\$46,576.88</u>
Less Expenditure		
Postage & Printing		2,868.77
Telephone		883.29
Flowers & Gifts		1,430.49
Life Members' Blazers		390.00
Honorarium		4,120.00
Entertainment/Travel		1,926.35
Insurance		4,482.62
Meals Expenses		97.80
Transfer Social Fund		15,069.35
Seminar Costs		465.28
Administration & General		3,474.65
Final & Grand Final Tickets		2,244.20
Bank Charges		70.12
Secretary's Expenses		600.00
Closing Balance		<u>38,122.92</u>
		<u>\$ 8,453.96</u>

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

SOCIAL FUND

Balance 1988 Season \$94.07

Income	
Social Levy (Active)	\$2,880.00
Subscriptions (Non Active)	321.50
Transfer General Account	15,069.35
Interest	21.18
	<u>18,292.03</u>
	<u>18,386.10</u>

Less Expenditure	
Annual Ladies' Night	11,835.90
Family Picnic	2,493.02
Convivials	296.85
BBQ's	1,225.52
Grand Final Dinner	1,066.20
Bank Charges	94.14
Training Expenses	736.20
Wool-Away Woolshed	392.00
	<u>18,139.83</u>
	<u>246.27</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books of account of the N.S.W. Rugby 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 INC. (NSW)

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

Patron:

President:

Deputy Chairman:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Assistant Secretary:

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

Deputy Delegate:

Social Secretary:

Sponsorship Co-ordinator:

Judiciary Nominee:

Committee:

Sponsorship Committee:

Social Committee:

Auditors: