



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

**87TH
ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1994**

**PRESIDENT
I. McCALL**

**TREASURER
P. FILMER**

**SECRETARY
L. MATTHEWS**



NOTES

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the New South Wales Leagues Club, 165 Phillip Street Sydney on Wednesday, 23rd November 1994, commencing at 7.30 pm. You are cordially invited to attend.

The Order of Business will be:-

1. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
2. Correspondence
3. Secretary's 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

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NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC.

OFFICE BEARERS – SEASON 1994

Patron: Mr. D. Macdonald (Deceased 12-6-94)
Mr. K. Jeffes (elected 24-8-94)

President: Mr. I. McCall

Secretary: Mr. L. Matthews

Treasurer: Mr. P. Filmer

Deputy Chairman: Mr. J. Gocher

Assistant Secretary: Mr. M. Ryan

Delegate to N.S.W.R.L: Mr. D. Wintin

Deputy Delegate to N.S.W.R.L: Mr. P. Longhurst

Social Secretary: Mr. T. Danks

Sponsorship Co-ordinator: Mr. R. Styles

Committee:

Messrs I. McCall, L. Matthews, P. Filmer, J. Gocher, D. Wintin, T. Danks, R. Styles,
P. Cooley and K. Roberts

Sponsorship Committee:

Messrs I. McCall, L. Matthews, P. Filmer, R. Styles, P. Cooley
and M. Weekes (resigned 5-4-94), B. Gilchrist (elected 1-6-94)

Social Committee: Messrs S. Betts and B. Ruttle

Hansen Memorial Trophy Committee:

Messrs I. McCall, L. Matthews, P. Filmer, M. Ryan, T. Danks, P. Cooley, G. Annesley,
D. Wintin and M. Weekes (resigned 5-4-94), P. Ryan (elected 1-6-94 for 1 year)

Seminar Committee:

Messrs I. McCall, L. Matthews, P. Filmer, B. Styles, G. Annesley,
M. Weekes (resigned 5-4-94) and M. Ryan (elected 1-6-94)

Auditors: Messrs J. Gocher and P. Longhurst

TNT Liaison Officer: Mr. L. Plowes

NOTES

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC.

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

Patron:

President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Deputy Chairman:

Assistant Secretary:

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

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

Social Secretary:

Sponsorship Co-ordinator:

Committee:

Sponsorship Committee:

Social Committee:

George & Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy Committee:

Seminar Committee:

Auditors:

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC.

PATRON'S REPORT

Though I forward this report with pride it is also a very sad task due to the passing of our former Patron Don Macdonald, who through his efforts had gained much prestige for this Association and its Members.

To the active members you are all to be congratulated on your on-field performances and especially those who were fortunate to receive appointments to adjudicate on Grand Final Day. Especially to Greg McCallum who controlled the 1st Grade fixture and so capping a grand finale to his active career before departing for the "Old Dart" to become the Referees' Coaching Co-ordinator for the English Rugby League. It is my opinion that Refereeing and Touch Judging in the Graded ranks has definitely improved and this is a reflection of the high standards set by Michael Stone and his coaching staff. It would be remiss of me not to make mention of Graham Annesley and Bill Harrigan who have created a precedent by being appointed to control the Test fixtures England and France versus Australia to be played in England and France. Congratulations to both Graham and Bill you have brought honour not only to yourselves but to Rugby League refereeing in general.

To the Executive and your Committees you are to be highly commended for your contribution in 1994 for your task has not always been easy with different problems having to be dealt with. Also the formation of a new concept in which to gain a referees ticket and members heading along a new path in 1995 with the competition going National.

The National Competition has been brought about by the efforts and foresight of the Rugby League Board of Management for which they are to be congratulated. It will open up a new era for refereeing and this Association, a new challenge which our members will welcome and I am sure will meet successfully.

To all members and your families a Merry Christmas and a successful and Happy 1995.

KEVIN JEFFES
Patron

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

The appointment of Greg McCallum as the English Rugby League's Referees' Coaching Director will make season 1994 unique in a historical sense. Whilst the appointment is a personal honour for Greg, it clearly indicates that in the world of Rugby League, the Winfield Cup referees are considered the best by all and sundry. All active members, past and present, should feel a sense of pride with this recognition.

The season, however, was not without its low lights. The passing of Darcy Lawler, Denis Braybrook, Don MacDonald, Vince Smith and Bill Grono saw the Association lose five great members each of whom made significant contributions to Rugby League refereeing over a long period of time.

Throughout the season, the on-field performances of referees and touch judges, at all levels was of an exceptionally high standard. The commitment and dedication of the active members coupled with the efforts of Coaching Co-ordinator, Michael Stone, his assistant coaches and Advisory Board were undoubtedly the contributing factors. Congratulations are extended to all who achieved on-field honours through centre, touch judging and in-goal judging appointments to representative State of Origin, International and Final Series matches.

This year marked the seventeenth consecutive year of the Association's sponsorship with TNT. Without the support of this company we could not have achieved the degree of success enjoyed at present. We are extremely grateful for the contribution of Lindsay

Plowes in maintaining the link between the two organisations and for his personal commitment and contribution to the welfare of the Association.

Congratulations are extended to those members who were honoured during the year for deeds extending beyond the playing field. In particular to Bob Styles and Phil Cooley on their elevation to Life Membership of the Association and to Tony Danks on being awarded the George & Amy Hansen Memorial Achievement trophy.

The Australian and New South Wales Rugby League continued their support and assistance to the Association throughout the season. The contribution of Ken Arthurson, John Quayle, Michael Stone, Bob Abbott, Tom Bellew, Paul Broughton and Brad Levy, to the welfare of our organisation ensured we all enjoyed a successful season.

Our social calendar was varied, the events being well conducted and supported. Our Social Committee led by Tony Danks is to be congratulated on its endeavours. Their contribution to the friendship and harmony that exists amongst the membership was invaluable.

To all members holding office or serving on committees during the season, I thank you for your support and efforts on behalf of the Association. In particular I extend thanks to my Executive Office colleagues for their contribution and support. Personally, for me, it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your President, an honour for which I am most grateful.

IAN MCCALL
President

POSITIONS HELD BY MEMBERS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN A.R.F.L. & N.S.W. RUGBY LEAGUE LTD.

A.R.F.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 L. Matthews and D. Wintin

WINFIELD CUP REFEREES' COACHING CO-ORDINATOR

Mr. M. Stone

REFEREES' ADVISORY BOARD

Messrs B. Barnes, N. Bissett, B. Bolton, J. Connor, M. Dunn, M. Edwards, P. Elliss, J. Gocher, J. Griffiths, K. Jeffes, I. McCall, R. Pearce, K. Roberts, M. Ryan, P. Ryan, D. Spagarino, M. Stone, M. Tomsett, C. Ward, D. Wintin, J. Yard

REFEREES' COACHING PANEL

Messrs D. Braybrook (Chairman), G. Annesley, P. Elliss, J. Farrelly, B. Gately, W. Harrigan, G. McCallum, R. Picard, B. Ruttle

NATIONAL REFEREES' DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr. D. Braybrook

EXAMINATION BOARD

Messrs M. Dunn, J. Farrelly, B. Gately, J. Harris, D. Macdonald

NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN (REFEREEING) COMMITTEE

Messrs D. Braybrook, I. McCall, L. Matthews

COACHING COUNCIL

Mr. K. Holman, M.B.E

METROPOLITAN CUP COMMITTEE

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

DIRECTOR OF THE N.S.W. LEAGUES CLUB

Mr. E. Cox

LIAISON OPERATIONS OFFICER

Mr. E. Cox

**Standby
1st Grade****Referee**
S. Clarke**Touch Judge**
M. O'Malley**Reserve Grade &
Presidents Cup****Referee**
D. Manson**Touch Judge**
M. O'Malley**1994 WINFIELD CUP 1st GRADE REFEREES**

G. Annesley	D. Jay	P. McBlane	D. Manson
S. Clark	K. Jeffes	G. McCallum	E. Ward
W. Harrigan	M. Lewis	T. Mander	G. West

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS 1994

Australia v France	Referee	Touch Judges
	D. Hale (N.Z.)	B. Bonnie D. O'Keefe

Junior Kangaroos v Young Lions	Referee	Touch Judges
	P. McBlane	R. Brown R. Kiddle

Fiji V France	Referee	
	G. Annesley	Played in Fiji July 1994

Great Britain v Australia 1st & 2nd Tests	Referee	
	G. Annesley	Played in England October & November 1994

Great Britain v Australia 3rd Test	Referee	
	W. Harrigan	Played in England November 1994

France v Australia 1st Test	Referee	
	W. Harrigan	Played in France November 1994

INTER-DISTRICT JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE FINALS

Jersey Flegg Cup Balmain v St. George	Referee	Touch Judges
	B. Lynch (Penrith)	P. Kalina (Easts) S. Villa (Illawarra)

S. G. Ball Cup Necastle v South Sydney	Referee	Touch Judges
	W. Loveday (C/Bank)	S. Todd (Balmain) M. Warnock (Penrith)

Stanby Flegg & Ball Cup	Referee	Touch Judge
	R. Lawrence (S/Sydney)	M. Damaso (C/Bank)

Harold Matthews Cup Parramatta v Penrith	Referee	Touch Judges
	B. Lynch (Penrith)	P. Kalina (Easts) S. Villa (Illawarra)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Members,

It is with pleasure that I submit for your information, consideration and adoption, the Secretary's Annual Report and Treasurer's Financial Statement for the 1994 season.

Season 1994 saw the finalisation of the twenty teams for the 1995 Winfield Cup competition with the Perth Western Reds, Auckland Warriors (New Zealand), South Queensland Crushers (Brisbane), North Queensland Cowboys (Townsville) being the four teams accepted by the League.

From the Grade List of 1993, for a variety of reasons, the following members retired from the active ranks, Kevin Allard, Jim Cox, Steve Laws, Russell Leis, Neil Maher, Jim Neal, Ross Picard, Phil Stuart, Ray Sultana and Shane Woodward. We wish them well in their retirement and thank them for their efforts on behalf of the Association.

The following members were graded at the start of the 1994 season, Stephen Carrall (Illawarra), Steve Clapson (Western Suburbs), Darren Gocher (Cronulla-Sutherland) and Paul Simpkins (South Sydney).

With the completion of the Inter-District Junior Representative competition Paul Kalina (Eastern Suburbs) and Sean Villa (Illawarra), were promoted to the Grade ranks, congratulations to all of you and we wish you well in your grade careers.

The 1994 season saw the 2nd year of Michael Stone's position of Winfield Cup Referees Coaching Co-ordinator and the innovation of one fitness training night and one skills training night per week for all active referees.

The Association appointed Peter Murray

and John Coleman to look after the fitness of the Sydney based referees with Noel Bissett (Canberra), David Holleran (Brisbane) and Bill Gray (Newcastle) in control of the fitness and skills training sessions of the Graded referees in their areas.

The Tooheys Challenge Cup was again played in Sydney, Queensland and N.S.W. country areas, with Greg McCallum (referee) Martin Weekes and Brian Bonnie (touch judges), Mitchell Hoffman and John Belgre (in-goal judges) being appointed to the final in a scrum between South Sydney and the Brisbane Broncos.

The Association nominated, Denis Spagarino, Kevin Roberts, Barry Barnes as Referee's coaches with Max Tomsett and Ian McCall as Touch Judge coaches to assist Michael Stone with the skills coaching and appointments of the Winfield Cup Referees.

The Association would like to thank Michael Stone and all the coaching staff for their dedication and support throughout the 1994 season.

Kevin Jeffes, John Gocher (Referee's coaches) and Michael Ryan (Touch Judge coach) were once again in control of the Inter-District Junior Representative Squad in 1994, this squad for 1995 has been expanded from 42 members to 56 members.

1994 will be remembered as the year on-field communication equipment between referee and touch judges (in all grades) became a reality making communications far easier, it was also the first full season under the 10 metre rule with more open attacking football being played.

Martin Weekes and Tony Butler were transferred by their employers to Perth

during the season and both will be available in 1995 for Winfield Cup appointments

The standard of both centre men, touch judges and in-goal judges was exceptional and a lot of the credit for this must go to Michael Stone and the coaches, the good standard shown during the competition led to a very keen competition for the top appointments in the semi-finals, finals and grand finals.

Members of the Executive and also members of the Association visited many District, Queensland & Country Associations during the season and were always made to feel most welcome. It is pleasing to see the expansion of the relationships within the refereeing ranks.

To Peter Murray and John Coleman once again, thank you for your contribution towards the marked improvement in the physical condition of the Winfield Cup and Inter-District Junior Representative Squad Referees in 1994. Both men have indicated to the Association that they will be available to look after the conditioning of the active referees in 1995 and the Association has confirmed their appointment. John and Peter are looking forward to seeing all of you on the 4th December at Parramatta Stadium.

SPONSORSHIP

The end of the 1995 season sees the completion of the current agreement with TNT, Ian McCall along with Bob Styles and Lindsay Plowes are at present discussing our submission with TNT to update the sponsorship for the 1995 expanded National Competition and for a new sponsorship to start in 1996. The start of the 1995 season will be our 18th year of sponsorship agreements with TNT. The Association is grateful to Lindsay Plowes for all his assistance and guidance in the negotiations between the TNT

Company and the Association.

Saucony once again will be sponsoring the Members with footwear and have already exchanged letters with the Association on this agreement.

The assistance afforded to Affiliated Associations, Country Groups and Country Referees Association is discussed by the Sponsorship Committee and special attention is paid to worthwhile submissions.

Bob Styles the Sponsorship Co-ordinator and his committee, Phil Cooley, Bryan Gilchrist (elected 1-6-94) and Martin Weekes (resigned 5-4-94) must be congratulated on the way they handled their commitments throughout the year.

SOCIAL

The Life Members Presentation and Ladies Night was held at the Concord Function Centre, although attendances were down compared to the last couple of years, I believe a good night was had by all that attended.

The Executive entertained senior members of the Association at the Appreciation Dinner held at the Sydney Football Stadium and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Our thanks to the N.S.W. Rugby League for supplying complimentary tickets for this day.

The All Schools Carnival was held in the South Sydney District this year. The Association arranged dinner and drinks at the South Sydney Juniors Leagues Club for the country referees, their President, Nick Best and Secretary, Kevin Riolo thank the club for their hospitality.

The Life Members Reunion Dinner was once again an overwhelming success. To all members, delegates and guests that attended, thank you for participation in making it such an enjoyable evening for the Life Members. Special thanks to Paul Yu and his staff for the catering at this function.

APPOINTMENTS 1994

METROPOLITAN CUP

GRAND FINALS

1st Grade Hills District v St. Marys	Referee G. West	R. Brown	Touch Judges R. Kiddle
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2nd Grade Ryde-Eastwood v St. Marys	Referee P. Filmer	P. Hewitt	Touch Judges R. Lewis
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Metropolitan Cup v New Zealand (residents)	Referee K. Jeffes	J. McCormack	Touch Judges J. Belgre
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COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP FINAL

Eaglevale High v John Paul II High	Referee D. Jay	L. Edney	Touch Judges O. Smith
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N.S.W. COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS FINALS

University Shield Yanco Agricultural High v Kingsgrove High School	Referee K. Jeffes	P. Hewitt	Touch Judges P. Macinante
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Buckley Shield Westfields High School v Bega High School	Referee R. Flint	R. Lewis	Touch Judges L. Edney
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Westmont Shield Farmborough Public School v Frank Partridge Public School	Referee S. Chiddy	R. Lewis	Touch Judges L. Edney
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WINFIELD CUP GRAND FINALS

1st Grade Canterbury-Bankstown v Canberra	Referee G. McCallum	B. Bonnie J. Belgre	Touch Judges S. Betts In-Goal Judges P. Bungate
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Reserve Grade Cronulla-Sutherland v Newcastle	Referee W. Harrigan	K. Russell	Touch Judges D. O'Keefe
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Presidents Cup Cronulla-Sutherland v Eastern Suburbs	Referee G. Annesley	B. Gilchrist	Touch Judges C. White
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REFEREE & TOUCH JUDGE APPOINTMENTS 1994

TOOHEYS CHALLENGE CUP

FINAL

Referee	Touch Judges
G. McCallum	M. Weekes B. Bonnie
In-Goal Judges	
M. Hoffman	J. Belgre

Sydney Origin v N.S.W. Country Origin

Referee	Touch Judges
W. Harrigan	M. O'Malley B. Foran (Group 10)
In-Goal Judges	
J. McCormack	T. Peet

N.S.W. Metropolitan Cup v N.S.W. Country 1st

Referee	Touch Judges
S. Albert (Group 11)	J. Cullen (Group 2) J. Francis (Group 11)

U/19s City v Country

Referee	Touch Judges
N. Almond	P. Battin R. Bashford (N'castle)

U/17s City v Country

Referee	Touch Judges
R. Williams (N'castle)	C. Louden G. Stair (N'castle)

STATE OF ORIGIN

N.S.W. v Queensland 1st SYDNEY

Referee	Touch Judges
W. Harrigan	K. Russell J. Cox (Old)
In-Goal Judges	
P. Bungate	P. Cooley

2nd MELBOURNE

Referee	Touch Judges
G. Annesley	B. Gilchrist D. O'Keefe
In-Goal Judges	
D. Turvey	P. Kelly

3rd BRISBANE

Referee	Touch Judges
W. Harrigan	J. Cox (Old) I. Blank (Old)
In-Goal Judges	
P. Lorenti (Old)	R. Barnsley (Old)

N.S.W. v Queensland U/17s

Referee	Touch Judges
B. Grant	J. Belgre T. Butler

South Australia v Victoria

Referee	Touch Judges
D. Manson	S. Bird (Victoria) J. Kristy (Victoria)

GRAND FINAL Journalists Cup

Referee	Touch Judges
S. Clarke	P. Macinante P. Battin

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Greg McCallum on being appointed to his third Winfield Cup 1st Grade Grand Final, also we congratulate Steve Betts, Brian Bonnie (Touch Judges), John Belgre and Peter Bungate (In-Goal Judges) on their appointment to the Winfield Cup 1st Grade Grand Final.

Greg McCallum on his appointment as the Great Britain Rugby Leagues Referees' Coaching Director.

Kevin Jeffes on his election as Patron of the Association (24th August).

The N.S.W. Rugby League on another outstanding year with increased ground attendances and television audiences.

Graham Annesley (1st and 2nd Tests) and Bill Harrigan (3rd Test) on their appointments to Referee the three Test Series between Australia and Great Britain in England later this year, this is the first time an Australian referee has refereed a Test in England between these two countries.

Michael Lewis, Paul McBlane and David Jay on their initial Winfield Cup 1st Grade appointments.

Congratulations to all members who received appointments to Representative Fixtures, Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals.

Phil Cooley and Bob Styles were elected Life Members for 1994 and received their blazers at the Annual Presentation Dinner. Both have been solid workers for the Association.

Alf Richards on his Life Membership of the N.S.W. Rugby League Ltd.

Bill Harrigan on his nomination from the Q.R.L. for two State of Origin games

Graham Annesley on his first State of Origin game.

Tom Bellew O.A.M., Paul Broughton and the eight clubs involved with the successful running of the Metropolitan

Cup Competition. Congratulations with the standard of Rugby League played, it was exceptionally high.

Graham Annesley on being selected by the Australian Rugby League to referee in Fiji.

Brian Grant on being selected by the Australian Rugby League to referee in Africa and also to coach and examine referees.

The Canberra Raiders for winning the 1st Grade Winfield Cup Grand Final, also to Cronulla-Sutherland 2nd Grade Grand Final and the Presidents Cup Grand Final.

St Mary's on winning their second successive 1st Grade Metropolitan Cup Grand Final and to Ryde-Eastwood on winning their second successive 2nd Grade Metropolitan Cup Grand Final.

HONOURS

Phil Cooley and Bob Styles received Life Membership of the N.S.W.R.L. Referees' Association. Both were presented with their Life Membership blazer by President Ian McCall at the Annual Presentation Dinner.

Phil was graded in 1982 and Bob was graded in 1984. Both have outstanding records of service to the Association.

The George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy was awarded to Tony Danks for his efforts on behalf of the Association over the past twelve months, well done Tony.

The recipient this year of the Frank Walsh Memorial Trophy was Brett Lynch, this trophy is awarded annually to the referee who is appointed to the highest Inter District Cup Final. Brett came into the squad from the St George District Referee Association then transferred to the Penrith District Referee Association. Brett has worked hard on his refereeing this year and this award was well deserved.

THANKS TO

Ken Arthurson A.M., John Quayle, Tom Bellew O.A.M., Paul Broughton, Bob Abbott A.M., Brad Levy, Greg Mitchell and Peter Corchran, thank you for your support and assistance throughout the year.

Michael Stone, a job well done as the Winfield Cup Referees' Coaching Co-ordinator.

Mickey Braithwaite, Jenni Roberts and the staff of the N.S.W. Rugby League Ltd, thank you for your assistance and courtesies extended to the Association during the year.

Chris Bowden, the Board of Directors of the N.S.W. Leagues Club, Paul Yu and his staff, thank you for providing a meeting place and catering for our meetings and functions throughout 1994.

All District Associations, Country Referees' Associations and Inter-State Referees' Associations who entertained our representative during the year.

The Executive Officers of Affiliated Referees' Associations, thank you for your effort and support throughout the year.

The Regional Co-ordinators of the National Strategic Plan – Referees, Ken Hagarty, Bob Long, Chris Loudon, Max Mannix, John Mewitt, Barry Ruttle and Phil Stuart, thank you for your efforts in having the National Strategic Plan for referees accepted so well in its 1st year of development.

All District Association Coaches (lecturers) and examiners, thank you for the time and effort put in by you in the recruitment of future referees.

The trainers (masseurs), John Burke, Bob Chilvers, John Cotterill, Eddie Egan, Frank Fletcher, Colin Ford, Bill Gray, Fred Jackson, Max Jarvis, Sam Morgan, Greg O'Keefe, Alf Richards, Graham Richards, Keith Rogers, Corey Ruttle and

Len White, thank you for your support and effort throughout the year. I am sure all active members appreciated your services during the year.

VALE

Season 1993 saw the passing away of three Life Members and two Honorary Members.

Listed below is a summary of the records of the Life Members that passed away.

Darcy Lawler

Delegate from South Sydney D.R.L.R.A. 1942

Graded 1943

Committee Member 1945 to 1952

Examination Board 1950-51-52

Examination Board 1954-55

Elected Life Member 1957

Retired from grade end of 1963

Coaching Panel Member 1964

Delegate N.S.W.R.L. 1964 (until 22/7/64)

Passed away 27th February 1994

Denis Braybrook

Graded 1970

Finance Committee Member

1975-76-77-78-79

Hansen Memorial Trophy Committee

Member 1975-76, 1980-81-82

Fees Committee Member 1975-76-77-78

Vice President 1977, 1979

Senior Vice President 1978

Referees Coaching Division 1978-79

Deputy Chairman 1980-81-82-83

Sponsorship Committee Member 1980-81

Seminar Committee Member 1980-81-82-83

George & Amy Hansen Trophy Recipient 1981

75th Year Celebration Committee 1982-83

Elected Life Member 1982

Retired from Grade end of 1982 season

GEORGE & AMY HANSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY RECIPIENTS

1975	F.O. Cohen	1982	I. McCall	1989	M. Stone
1976	C.E. Wigzell	1983	C. Gilchrist	1990	I. Parnaby
1977	F.W. Walsh	1984	P. Longhurst	1991	P. Cooley
1978	A. Shiner	1985	B. Wiseman	1992	R. Styles
1979	D. Wintin	1986	L. Matthews	1993	K. Jeffes snr
1980	J. Gocher	1987	L. Williams	1994	T. Danks
1981	D. Braybrook	1988	M. Ryan		

FRANK WALSH MEMORIAL TROPHY

Year	Recipient	District Association
1990	Michael Lewis	Parramatta
1991	Sean Fielder	South Sydney
1992	Craig Tracey	Eastern Suburbs
1993	Darren Gocher	Cronulla-Sutherland
1994	Brett Lynch	Penrith

**REFEREES' ASSOCIATIONS AFFILIATED WITH
N.S.W.R.L. REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC.
DELEGATES ATTENDANCES 1994
4 Meetings Held**

BALMAIN	M. Jones	2		
CANBERRA	N. Bissett	1	W. Close	1
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN	S. Issa	4	W. Loveday	2
CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND	L. Penfold	3	D. Chappell	1
EASTERN SUBURBS	C. Tracey	4		
GOLD COAST (GROUP 18)	M. Ryan	4		
ILLAWARRA	S. Villa	4	M. Crampton	1
MANLY-WARRINGAH	G. Diews	2		
NORFOLK ISLAND	L. Matthews	4		
NEWCASTLE	P. Digby	2		
N.S.W. COUNTRY	N. Best	1		
NORTHERN TERRITORY	D. Wintin	4		
NORTH SYDNEY	S. Watson	3	D. Smitheram	1
PARRAMATTA	W. Howarth	4		
PENRITH	B. Lynch	2		
PUBLIC SERVICE	D. Jay	3		
QUEENSLAND	R. Logan	-		
ST. GEORGE	K. Gardner	4		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	L. Luke	1		
SOUTH SYDNEY	R. Lawrence	2	N. Lewis	1
UNIVERSITY CUP	G. Reece	1		
VICTORIA	J. Anderson	1		
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	B. Gately	3		
WESTERN SUBURBS	J. Weinstein	4		

Deputy Chairman 1985-86
Committee Member 1985-86
Hansen Memorial Trophy Committee
Member 1985-86
Referees' Coaching Co-ordinator
1986-87-88-89-90
Referees' Coaching Panel 1991-92
Referees' Development Manager 1992-93
Referees' Coaching Panel Chairman
1992-93
National Referees' Development
Manager 1994
National Strategic Plan - Refereeing
Committee Chairman 1994
Passed away 7th April 1994

Don Macdonald

Graded 1963
Member of Social Committee 1967
Member of Committee 1968-69-70-71
Vice President 1972
Referees' Coaching Division 1973 to 1979
Senior Vice President 1973-74-75-76
Elected Life Member 1976
Uniform Committee 1976
Deputy Chairman 1977-78-79
Sponsorship Committee 1977 to 1984
Examination Board Member
1981 to 1994
President 1980-81-82-83-84
Finance Committee Member
1980-81-82-83
George & Amy Hansen Memorial
Trophy Committee Member
1980-81-82-83-84
Seminar Committee Member
1980-81-82-83-84
75th Year Celebration Committee
1982-83
Retired from Grade end of season 1980
Special Select Committee 1983
Committee Member 1980 to 1982
Patron 1992, 1993, 1994 (to 12th June)
Passed away 12th June 1994

Also during the season Bill Grono and
Vince Smith two Honorary Members
passed away.

Below is a summary of their records.

Bill Grono

Graded 1967
Member of Social Committee 1972
Uniform Committee 1976
Retired from Grade end 1980 season
Honorary Member 1981 to 1994
Member of Examination Board 1982-83
Total Membership 28 years
Passed away 25th March 1994

Vince Smith

Graded 1981
Retired end of 1991 season
Honorary Member 1992-93-94
Total Membership 14 Years
Passed away 12th March 1994

To the families of Members mentioned
and to all other Members who suffered
bereavement during the year the
Association offers sincere sympathy.

My personal thanks to my Co-Executive
Officers, Ian McCall and Peter Filmer
and to all Committee members, thank
you for your support during the year.

A special thanks to Michael Ryan for his
assistance to myself and the Association
during the season, thank you Michael.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all
members for their support during the
season and I must say it has been a
pleasure once again to serve you as
your Secretary.

LES MATTHEWS
Hon Secretary

DELEGATE to N.S.W.R.L. REPORT

With the recent innovative introduction of the Association News, Rugby League Board decisions are, as exemplified by the recent about-face with the 1996 Presidents Cup Competition, made aware to members well before the General Committee is advised. No reason to complain, but as a delegate you are in a difficult position to present an enlightening report.

The year ahead will certainly be different. It has that heavy ring of Frequent Flyer points about it. I still remain concerned about the extra burden this broadened competition will place on our referees both with travel and time off work.

Increases were again recorded for attendances at Winfield Cup fixtures and without doubt this will again occur in 1995 with the additional four new teams. The League should not, because of this, lapse into a false sense of security. I am not at all convinced that the extra teams are of long-term benefit to the game. There is no question about the broadening of horizons, it is more a question of lowering the overall standard of football. It will be interesting to compare with 1994 the average Sydney based Club home game attendances for next season. The public pays to be entertained not just to attend a first grade fixture.

I beg the League to place the same strict emphasis on the standard of the game as they do on you people who officiate in it or the rumblings related to a "super league" will remain. My concern however, does not relate to the State of Origin or final series which remain brilliant draw cards. The Grand Final day and Melbourne promotion were a credit to the League.

The active members must feel proud, due to their dedicated contribution, collectively, to the game in the year past. Your future commitment is essential and I wish all involved a rewarding season in 1995.

DOUG WINTIN
Delegate

HONORARY MEMBERS 1994 AND ATTENDANCE 4 Meetings Held

A. Aggett	-	K. Gray QLD	-	R. Morris	-
K. Allard	-	W. Grech	-	S. Nash	-
B. Apps	-	J. Griffiths	2	J. Neal	-
B. Barnes	-	W. Grono	25-3-94 D*	G. O'Donnell	-
M. Beacroft	-	G. Haines	-	M. O'Neill	-
M. Bilton	-	P. Harradine	-	R. Pearce	3
N. Bissett	1	L. Harrigan	-	W. Pearson	-
J. Blomfield	-	C. Haynes	-	A. Perry	-
P. Bowen	-	G. Heaton	-	M. Presland	-
R. Bowman	-	G. Hedger	1	L. Randle	-
D. Bowron	-	R. Hensley	-	H. Reedy	-
G. Boyd	-	G. Herd	-	G. Robertson	-
R. Carey	-	K. Holman M.B.E.	-	A. See	-
M. Cassidy	-	K. Holwell	-	A. Sercombe	-
N. Cislowski	1	R. Humphreys	-	B. Shipton	-
J. Coffey	-	R. Hunt	-	R. Sinclair	-
A. Cole	-	K. Jeffes Snr	4	I. Smith	-
J. Colwell	-	B. Keenahan	-	V. Smith	12-3-94 D*
G. Cook	1	G. Kellahan	-	J. Snare	-
J. Cox	-	G. Kelly	-	D. Spagarino	3
B. Cripps	-	B. Kendall	-	W. Stewart	-
B. Cross	-	C. Law	-	P. Stuart	-
J. Danzey	-	G. Lee	-	M. Taylor	-
T. Delauney	-	N. Maher	-	M. Thompson	-
C. Dimon	-	K. Manton	-	J. Turner	-
M. Dunn	4	S. Martin	-	L. Turner	-
M. Edwards	2	R. McDonnell	-	B. Wales	-
F. Fisher	-	A. McGilvray	-	R. Warner	-
P. Fitton	-	V. McGuinness	1	G. Weeks	-
P. Freeman	-	R. McIntosh	-	J. Whybrow	-
R. Freeman	-	R. McLannett	2	R. Williams	-
R. Gobits	-	D. McLean	2	S. Williams	-
D. Goener	-	P. McMahon	-	A. Willis	-
B. Goldsworthy	-	R. Menser	D	S. Woodward	-
K. Gray	-	P. Moon	1	J. Yard	-

HONORARY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR LIFE 4 Meetings Held

J. R. Drewes	D	H. Gillard	D	L. Plowes	4
W. Fallowfield O.B.E.	D	P. Goener	-		
K. Gardner	4	W. Petley D.F.C., C.deG	-		

*Passed away since A.G.M. November 1993

GRADED REFEREES 1994 AND ATTENDANCE

4 Meetings Held

N. Almond	-	W. Glynn →	1	B. Mathews	1
G. Annesley	4	D. Gocher	2	P. McBlane	4
P. Battin	-	B. Grant	-	G. McCallum →	2
J. Belgre	4	S. Hampstead	1	J. McCormack	4
S. Betts	3	W. Harrigan	2	J. Melville	3
B. Bonnie	2	T. Healy	4	P. Murray	-
D. Brooks	2	G. Henderson	1	M. Oaten	-
R. Brown	4	M. Hewitt	2	D. O'Keefe	1
P. Bungate	3	P. Hewitt	3	M. O'Malley	3
A. Butler	2	M. Hoffman	4	I. Parnaby	3
S. Carrall	3	M. Howell	1	T. Peet	3
S. Chiddy	3	D. Jay	3	R. Picard	1
S. Clapson	1	K. Jeffes	3	S. Portsmouth	2
S. Clark	4	C. Jones	3	K. Russell	3
W. Close	1	P. Kalina	1*	B. Ruttle	4
P. Cooley	3	A. Kelly	1	M. Ryan	3
A. Danks	4	P. Kelly	2	P. Simpkins	3
P. Digby	2	R. Kiddle →	2	O. Smith	2
C. Douglas →	4	S. Laws	2	D. Sproule	2
P. Duncan	4	R. Leis	-	R. Sultana	1
L. Edney	2	F. Leonard	2	C. Tracey	4
A. Farlow	3	M. Lewis	3	D. Turvey	3
P. Field	4	R. Lewis	4	S. Villa	1*
S. Fielder	3	C. Loudon →	2	E. Ward	-
P. Filmer	4	P. Macinante	4	M. Weekes	2
R. Flint	3	A. Maksoud	-	G. West	3
K. Gegg	-	T. Mander	-	C. White	2
B. Gilchrist	3	D. Manson	-		

*Graded 5-7-94

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is with pleasure to write my first report as Social Secretary. I have to first thank Peter Ryan for his invaluable help at the start of the season. The season commenced with a B.B.Q. at Barry and Fay Ruttle's home which was a very enjoyable night for those that attended, and on behalf of all of us that were there our thanks to Barry and Fay for a great night.

Your end of training B.B.Q.'s were very well attended with most of them going on much longer than some members expected, particularly Les Matthews, who in the end decided to stay till the finish of our first one this season.

Our night out at Dirty Dicks was a wonderful event with lots of laughs and plenty to eat and drink for the small amount that attended which was disappointing. The finals of the Junior Representative were again held at Parramatta Stadium. We entertained the squad members, family and friends. Refreshments and a B.B.Q. were provided. I would like to thank Barry Ruttle and Peter Ryan for their assistance on the day.

Life Members Presentation Night was held again at The Concord Function Centre which was a fabulous night which I am sure was enjoyed by all our guests, wives and girlfriends. I would like to congratulate Phil Cooley and Bob Styles on obtaining Life Membership. I am sure it will be a night they will treasure. President Ian McCall welcomed all our guests which included representatives from N.S.W. Rugby League, TNT, N.S.W. Country Referees, Queensland R.A. and District Association.

During the Final Series we again had the opportunity to lunch with our Senior Members at the Football Stadium. I would like to thank Ian McCall and Les Matthews for entertaining our Senior Members on this day.

Our end of season trip away this year took us to Cessnock for our evening stays, with a harbour cruise and lunch at Nelson Bay on Saturday, and on Sunday we detoured to the Hunter area to sample small amounts of champagne, wine (red and white), port and beer. For all of us there it was tiring in the end with a few closed eyes on the bus home. I would take this opportunity to thank Peter Ryan and Max Dunn for this weekend as they were responsible for putting it together.

In 1995, I foresee many changes to our Social Calendar as it is becoming harder to obtain large numbers of our membership to most functions put on throughout the season, so our Social Committee will have to look harder at functions and make them more attractive.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Barry Ruttle and Steve Betts for all their help and support. In conclusion, I would like to thank you for all your support and help. I wish you and your families the very best over the Christmas period.

TONY DANKS
Social Secretary

SPONSORSHIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Fellow members,

The past season was once again very challenging for the Association in the area of sponsorship. The Committee realising that it is essential to make productive arrangements prior to our venture into the exciting era of the national competition which commences in 1995.

Following upon the setback of losing a very valuable "sleeve sponsorship" in that of the Commonwealth Bank, we were very fortunate in gaining the valued sponsorship of Saucony for the supply of quality footwear and other sporting wear. Martin Weekes should be thanked particularly for his efforts in providing the leads necessary to secure this contract. Although this contract was initially only for one year, I am pleased to report that Saucony has recently indicated that they are only too happy to continue this arrangement into 1995 and possibly beyond.

The unfortunate loss and the inability to gain a sleeve sponsor for 1994 meant that a heavy burden was placed upon funding by our major sponsor TNT. Notwithstanding this, I am pleased to advise that the advances we made last year, in the way of commitment to our District Associations and our "elite" Junior Representative squad, were not relinquished. This sponsorship was again called upon to fully fund the very successful District Representative Seminar held early in the season at the N.S.W. Academy of Sport at Narrabeen. District representatives from all affiliated N.S.W. Associations along with special visitors from interstate were fortunate enough to attend this informative seminar.

The association was once again able to continue its role in propagating the game on a local and national level through the TNT sponsorship. Financial and gear assistance in addition to coaching and administrative support was provided this year to Victoria,

Western Australia, South Australia, Northern Territory and New South Wales Country Referees' Associations.

This year also saw this Association, through its sponsorship, enter into a "dollar for dollar" financial commitment with the N.S.W. Rugby League towards the much publicised "National Strategic Plan for Refereeing". This commitment was made believing that the success of this project will produce far reaching advantages to our District Associations, both financially and in the area of practical refereeing.

Coaching of active referees continues to be a very important role played by the Association and the sponsorship funds have helped in this regard by providing the finances necessary to employ both the "Winfield Cup" and the District Representative Squad coaches.

Once again the Sponsorship Committee was able to provide all active referees with a continuing supply of quality gear to ensure that they were well dressed at all times, and able to give maximum exposure to our valued sponsors. In this regard I thank Phil Cooley for his untiring efforts in a job which at times appears very unthankful.

My thanks are extended to all members of the Sponsorship Committee for their work throughout 1994, for their continued efforts tend to make my workload more manageable.

Special thanks to the Association Executive for their assistance and also to Lindsay Plowes for his astute advice and guidance particularly during that important period when new contracts are being negotiated.

Wishing all members a happy Christmas and off-season, and I look forward to renewing our acquaintance in 1995.

BOB STYLES
Sponsorship Co-ordinator

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLL 1994 AND ATTENDANCE

4 Meetings Held

K. Arnold	-	F. Erickson	-	W. Neill	D
L. Baggott	D	J. Farquhar	D	A. Neville	1
A. Ballerum	D	J. Farrelly	1	J. O'Brien	D
B. Barry	1	A. Farrow	D	R. O'Donnell	1
J. Bates	D	A. Fifield	D	J. O'Sullivan	3
T. Bellew O.A.M.	-	E. Fletcher	D	A. Oxford	-
G. Benson	-	W. Fry	D	K. Page	D
G. Bishop	D	R. Garwood	3	E. Paine	-
J. Black	D	B. Gately	3	C. Pearce	-
B. Bolton	3	C. Gilchrist	D	G. Pearce	D
G. Boyd	D	J. Gocher	3	H. Pierce	-
D. Bratton	D	M. Godfrey	-	H. Poulton	D
D. Braybrook	7-4-94 D *	T. Grew	D	K. Roberts	3
T. Brennan	D	G. Griffin	D	L. Rosen	D
R. Brock	D	J. Griffin	D	H. Rowlands	D
C. Brown	-	R. Hall	D	M. Ryan	4
L. Bruyeres	-	J. Hansen	D	P. Ryan	4
J. Buchanan	D	J. Harris O.A.M.	3	L. Samuelson	-
E. Buckley	D	A. Holt	-	C. Schomberg	-
S. Carey	D	C. Hudson	2	H. Schutema	D
J. Clarke	D	J. Jewell	D	A. Shiner O.A.M.	D
N. Clement	-	J. Kelly	D	A. Shipway	D
O. Cohen	D	J. Kelly	-	R. Smyth	-
J. Colenso	D	W. Kelly	D	A. Soane	D
A. Collins	D	W. Keogh	D	A. Spankie	D
J. Connor	2	E. Kerr	D	M. Stone	3
P. Cooley	3	A. Konnecke	1	R. Styles	4
T. Costello	D	D. Lawler	27-2-94 D *	E. Tinsley	-
B. Cowley	-	P. Lee	D	M. Tomsett	4
E. Cox	1	T. Leffler	-	C. Turnell	1
W. Cuke	-	P. Longhurst	2	J. Turner	D
R. Cummins	-	D. Macdonald	12-6-94 1-D *	B. Wales Snr	D
R. Darke	D	M. Maloney	D	F. Walsh	D
J. Davies	-	J. Martin	D	C. Ward	1
A. Davis	D	L. Matthews	4	R. Ward	D
L. Deane	D	I. McCall	4	A. Welsh	D
F. Delaney	D	J. McGauley	D	C. Wigzell B.E.M.	D
A. Denis	D	T. McMahon	D	L. Williams	4
W. Devine Snr	D	H. Millington	D	D. Wintin	4
R. Dick	D	J. Montgomery	-	G. Wirth	D
T. Dickson	D	J. Moses B.E.M.	D	B. Wiseman	-
H. Elliott	D	T. Murphy	1	C. Yorke	D
P. Elliss	2	J. Murray	D		

*Passed away since A.G.M. November 1993

LIFE MEMBER FOR 1994 RECORD OF SERVICE

Phil Cooley – Graded 1982 to 1993
Total Membership 12 years.

1982	9 (16)	1986	7 (9)	1990	7 (7)
1983	15 (17)	1987	7 (8)	1991	8 (8)
1984	9 (10)	1988	6 (7)	1992	5 (8)
1985	8 (8)	1989	6 (7)	1993	8 (8)

1990-91-92-93 Sponsorship Committee Member

1991-92-93 Committee Member

1992-93 George & Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy Committee Member

Bob Styles – Graded 1984
Honorary Member 1985 to 1987
Regraded 1988 to 1992
Honorary Member 1993
Total Membership 10 years

1984	6 (10)	1988	7 (7)	1992	7 (8)
1985	5 (8)	1989	7 (7)	1993	7 (8)
1986	7 (9)	1990	6 (7)		
1987	7 (8)	1991	7 (8)		

1990-91 Sponsorship Committee Member

1990-91 Social Committee Member

1992-93 Sponsorship Co-ordinator

1992-93 Seminar Committee Member

1992-93 Committee Member

TNT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

It is again my pleasure to have the opportunity to contribute to the Association Annual Report.

The end of this season takes us to a seventeen year partnership, which I believe is a possible record in the sponsorship area. It has been a most successful association and I trust that we have more to come.

To this end, negotiations are currently under way to renew the agreement for a further period. Ian McCall and myself have attended several meetings with Mr John Ross of TNT Australia, and we look forward to a successful conclusion to these negotiations.

Ian is to be congratulated on the excellent proposal put forward which obviously represented many hours of work on his part.

We have witnessed the growth of the Association over the years, and with the extension to a national competition, this growth will no doubt continue. Those directing the future of the Association will bear additional pressures but I'm sure the challenge will be met by the talent available to the Association.

Nita and I had the pleasure of attending a number of social functions and experienced the usual friendly atmosphere that prevails.

Tony Danks, Barry Ruttle and Steve Betts provided a round of events culminating in a most enjoyable presentation dinner.

To all graded referees we extend congratulations for a most successful season and in particular to those appointed to the final series.

We also pass on congratulations and best wishes to Greg and Collette McCallum following Greg's appointment as Director of Referees' in England.

Further honour has been conferred on Graham Annesley and Bill Harrigan on their appointments to officiate on the English tour and we wish them well.

In conclusion may I thank the Executive and members for the friendship and courtesy extended during the year to myself and TNT personnel.

LINDSAY PLOWES
TNT Liaison Report

WINFIELD CUP REFEREES' COACHING CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The face of Rugby League continues to change and with it the face of refereeing. I know that the changes which have been dealt with have not necessarily been greeted with uncritical acclaim from some senior members of the Association. Notwithstanding that, the current standard shown by our referees compares more than favourably with anywhere else in the world. We must be doing something right.

The game is much faster these days and with the introduction of the ten metre rule, much more open. Some traditional methods of refereeing needed modifying and modify them we did. Although the central referee remains the sole judge of fact, touch judges became even more important in the scheme of things in 1994. The game came to be controlled by a team of officials, something perhaps abhorrent to we of past generations, but essential to the current officials.

The introduction of on-field communication equipment between touch judges and their referee made communication far easier and quicker than in the past. Early surveys concluded that by using the equipment, an average of four potential errors per match were being avoided. In all grades that translated to over 2,000 errors that would have been made in previous years which we didn't make this year. The innovation pioneered by Don Furner has been an outstanding success and after some early doubts is now readily accepted by our referees.

Our coaching techniques must be acceptable outside the Winfield Cup. The W.A.R.L. poached Barry Barnes to coach the referees in Perth.

From all reports the standard has improved dramatically, notwithstanding

the fact that Martin Weekes and Tony Butler have joined up in the West. Also, Queensland and New Zealand have used our personnel to assist in the coaching of their local referees. Max Tomsett attended a camp in Auckland whilst Kevin Roberts, Ian McCall and I at various times, accepted invitations from the Q.R.L. to assist in coaching in the Northern State. Furthermore, Dennis Spagarino is the C.R.L.'s favourite son as he tripped from seminar to seminar this year.

Speaking of those four men, the commitment and enthusiasm was tremendous. All four demonstrated an infectious hunger for success. Their co-operation and teamwork was essential to the smooth operation of the coaching panel. The League is indebted to them for their selfless input in time and skills needed to complete the job of Association Coach.

Once again the Inter-District Cup referees were coached by Kevin Jeffes, John Gocher and Michael Ryan. The commitment and professionalism that these men introduced into the job is continuing to reap dividends with the first of their graduates, Paul McBlane, attaining First Grade status this year. Other First Grade debutants this year were Michael Lewis and David Jay. Congratulations to you gentlemen.

The Executive of the N.S.W. Referees' Association has been of great assistance over the past twelve months and the close working relationship which has developed between Ian McCall, Les Matthews and myself can only be to the betterment of the game. In his new position, Ian has been particularly helpful.

All members of the Advisory Board performed their duties diligently and

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee of the Association makes the following recommendations for 1995, to be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

1. That each Graded Referee shall contribute five percent (5%) of all fees, paid through the Association, to the General Fund. Each Graded Referee will thus be credited with:-
 - (a) Membership Subscriptions.
 - (b) Insurance Subscriptions.
2. That Honorary Members shall pay a Membership Subscription of five dollars (\$5.00) or one dollar (\$1.00) for a pensioner.

3. That Affiliated Associations shall pay an Affiliation Subscription of ten dollars (\$10.00).
4. That in 1995 the Association will hold three (3) General Meetings commencing at 7.45 pm, to be held at the N.S.W. Leagues Club on the following dates:-
 - 8th March
 - 31st May
 - 23rd August

LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS FOR 1995

The following members were nominated for Life Membership of the Association and the Committee's recommendation will be announced at the Annual General Meeting where a copy of the successful nominees records will be distributed.

Messrs Graham Annesley, Steve Betts, Noel Bissett, Leon Edney, Peter Filmer, Michael Howell, Kevin Jeffes, Ron Pearce, Denis Spagarino and Martin Weekes.

Life Membership Nominations NSWRL Limited
J Harris (withdrew nomination)
I McCall

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
TNT Grant	37,500.00	Social	19,952.68
Fee Deduction	19,934.35	Postage	1,335.00
Non Active Membership	321.00	Admin Expenses	18,383.20
Affiliation	190.00	Floral Tributes	760.00
Interest		Telephone	2,963.56
- Investment Account	178.92	Bank Charges	
- Current Account	50.18	- Investment Account	4.26
Fees	145.00	- General Account	296.79
Excess Exp/Income	5,618.51	Printing	7,103.00
		Advertising	162.75
		Benefit	260.00
		Stationery	185.27
		Equipment Repairs	285.00
		Courier Fees	84.00
		Insurance	6,201.95
		Honorarium	4,975.00
		Tickets	810.00
		Active Ref Exp	175.50
Total	63,937.96	Total	63,937.96

BALANCE

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Capital Account 1/10/93	\$17,728.35	Current Account 30/9/94	\$2,844.73
Deduct Operating Deficit		Investment Account	\$8,711.11
1/10/93 - 30/9/94	\$5,618.51	Fixed Asset - Printer	\$554.00
	\$12,109.84		\$12,109.84

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books of account of the N.S.W. Rugby League Referees' Association Inc and in our opinion, they disclose the 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: P. J. LONGHURST
Auditor

Signed: J. M. GOCHER
Auditor

well (although there will be argument from some active members). I must make particular mention of Joe Griffith who was a tower of strength on Tuesday and Thursday skills nights.

Both Ray O'Donnell and Arthur Neville saddled up again to make my life a lot easier during the week and I must thank the Murray/Coleman team for their efforts in improving the referees physical fitness.

All referees can be well satisfied with the contribution which they made to the game of Rugby League in 1994. Special mentions to:-

- Greg McCallum for his third Winfield Cup Grand Final.
- Graham Annesley for his first State of Origin game at the M.C.G.
- Bill Harrigan for his nomination from the Q.R.L. to two State of Origin games.

Subsequently Graham and Bill were both appointed to Test Matches including the Kangaroos and Great Britain and France. Congratulations to both gentlemen. I know that you will do all of us proud.

Greg of course, retired after the Grand Final to accept a position with Great Britain Rugby League. The curtain has now fallen on a great career, but immediately rises on a new one. We are all confident that he will do a fine job with the referees over there.

Referees continued to contribute to the international development scene with Graham Annesley refereeing in Fiji and Brian Grant travelling to South Africa on behalf of the A.R.L. to coach and referee. From all reports the presence of both men in the respective countries was a great success.

Refereeing sadly lost two of its most senior administrators this year. Don Macdonald, former President and Patron of the Association for many years and a member of the League's Examination Board, lost a long battle against illness. The man who laid the foundations for the position which I now hold, Denis Braybrook, passed away suddenly during the year. Denis pioneered the position and was still using his undoubted talent to implement a new referee accreditation scheme at the time of his passing. Both men will be sadly missed by all in the Rugby League fraternity.

1995 will bring with it many changes. All the changes will effect the Association not the least of which will be the first New Zealanders to gain membership. The most important thing to remain unchanged is that the Winfield Cup will continue to be controlled exclusively by the members of this Association.

As always at this time of year, I look forward to seeing all active referees at Parramatta Stadium on 4 December for pre-season testing and training.

MICHAEL STONE
Referees' Coaching Co-ordinator
for Coaching Panel

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC.

TRAINING REPORT

Following a long and demanding 1993 season all grade referees were reminded of the importance of maintaining an appropriate level of fitness during the "off season" by participating regularly in a variety of aerobic (endurance) type activities of their choice. Suggested activities included a combination of at least 2 or 3 of the following – running, swimming, cycling, aerobic classes, weight/fitness circuits, team interval games such as touch football, basketball, etc or individual games such as squash or tennis.

The first formal session prior to the 1994 season was held in early December 1993 at Parramatta Park. All grade referees were weighed, had their body fat assessed, undertook a 5km run to provide an indication of their general level of endurance fitness and performed a sprint/recovery test to gauge their general ability to repeat 5-15 second sprints following short periods of recovery.

The test results indicated that the "lazy off season" was a thing of the past, and it was clear to all that to keep up with the squad average, a consistent level of fitness was now required to be maintained 12 months of the year.

During January four structured training sessions were held at Lidcombe Oval. Recognising the holiday period, with a number of squad members holidaying out of Sydney, these sessions were "voluntary". However, it was clearly indicated that those who were not in attendance would be expected to undertake a regular individual training program during this time, especially as

the 7's tournament was just around the corner.

The first "official/compulsory" training session was held in the first week of February. This session (as with the ones in January) concentrated on longer interval and speed activities to complement the off season endurance training and began to prepare the squad for the high intensity sprinting and agility demands required in the early season matches.

Over the next few months the training increased in intensity and the interval activities gradually became shorter and more structured to the physical demands of the game.

The main objectives of the 1994 training year were to:

- develop the squad to "peak level fitness" by the first few rounds of the competition.
- provide a varied and interesting program which would maintain this level of fitness during the entire season. A variety of fitness drills (both in large and small groups) and interval games were introduced. The facilities at Lidcombe pool and the State Sports Centre were also used to provide variety and to have a break from the early season heat and mid season winter's cold.
- assess levels of fitness for both individuals and the squad in general and provide feedback regarding individual strengths and weaknesses. Fitness tests were conducted in February/March and May/June.

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT

1st October 1993 – 30th September 1994

Balance forward 30/9/93

Plus receipts		
TNT Grant	37,500.00	
Active Referee Expenses	17,478.70	
Fee Deduction	19,934.35	
Ticket Receipts	6,790.00	
Sponsorship Reimbursement	2,735.60	
Non Active Membership	321.00	
Affiliation	190.00	
Social	4,992.00	
Investment Transfer	9,000.00	
Fees	11,800.00	
Interest – Current Account	50.18	
Don Mcdonald Benefit	40.00	
		\$110,831.83
		<u>\$118,023.73</u>

Less PAYMENTS

Social	24,944.68	
Telephone	2,963.56	
Postage	1,335.00	
Admin. Expenses	21,118.80	
Stationery	185.27	
Printing	7,103.00	
Floral Tributes	760.00	
Active Ref Expenses	17,654.20	
Fees	11,655.00	
Tickets	7,600.00	
Advertising	162.75	
Bank Charges	296.79	
Benefit	300.00	
Equipment Repairs	285.00	
Insurances	6,201.95	
Courier Charges	84.00	
Honorarium	4,975.00	
Investment Transfer	7,000.00	
Purchase Computer Printer	554.00	
		\$115,179.00
		<u>\$ 2,844.73</u>

To the squad members, we thank you for your efforts, and though many suffered disappointments in your appointments, your attitude and dedication remained high throughout. Your Social Night out at Parramatta was once again the highlight of the season, and on behalf of John, Michael, myself and our wives, we thank you for allowing us to be part of it.

The 1995 nominees will be required to attend a training and fitness session at Parramatta on 20th November, followed by a B.B.Q. Following this will be the Seminar at Narrabeen in February.

Thanks to all associated with the squad in 1994 and good luck to all in 1995.

KEVIN JEFFES
For the Coaching Panel

TREASURER'S REPORT

Members,

Again, it is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's Report for the Association.

For some years now I have conveyed to the membership, via this report, the need for prudent financial management and strong financial controls so as not to jeopardise the very existence of the Association. If any organisation is to fail, often poor financial control has been a key element in that failure.

This season put us to the greatest test in the 5 years in which I have been Treasurer. We had to endure two, quite large, unfunded liabilities, hence the financial statements reflect a loss for the period. However, we could successfully endure these costs and still return a healthy Balance Sheet.

The Association enters a new phase in 1995 with the general expansion of the game. What role our Association will play in that future, I believe, is a long way from determination. No matter what the outcome, the members are assured that the Association remains financially strong and the Management viable.

To all those who have assisted me throughout the year I thank you. To my family for their tolerance goes the biggest thanks of all.

PETER FILMER

Results indicated a pleasing level of fitness and compared well with similar tests conducted in 1993.

- ensure that those participating in the finals series were "fresh" and performing at their optimum fitness level for the end of season matches.

In general, we consider that the 1994 season was successful as far as the training program was concerned. Fitness levels were high, numbers of injuries very low and general squad participating and morale extremely pleasing. The blending of the grade and junior squads continued to be positive, while challenging the abilities of the 3 trainers to manage a very large group.

The major challenge for 1995 will be to design a varied and appropriate training program for the Sydney squad and develop good communications and consistency of training methods with the other training centres in N.S.W., and those in Queensland, Western Australia and New Zealand.

In conclusion we would like to thank the Association for their support during 1994, the squad for their efforts, and Steve Frawley and Trevor Davies for their contribution as "rotating" assistant trainers.

PETER MURRAY & JOHN COLEMAN

TRAINING REPORT FROM THE A.C.T.

The Canberra contingent enjoyed the full luxury of their Sydney counterparts in respect to physical training and skills sessions this season.

The only significant difference was the temperature. While Sydney, Newcastle and Brisbane members enjoyed the warmer climate the A.C.T. "Tuffies" battled it out week after week in -5 degree minimum to 2 degree maximum temperatures.

Skills sessions were carried out on Tuesday evenings and were maintained on a consistent level with the remainder of the group. This was achieved by consultation and updating with our co-ordinator, Mick Stone.

Mick also paid several visits throughout the season which were most beneficial and added that extra touch of professionalism. His talks and discussions along with television monitor sessions dispelled any doubts and answered many questions which were of concern to members.

Physical training sessions were held on Wednesday evenings and here again consultation with Peter Murray ensured the A.C.T. contingent received the same (treatment) application for fitness.

As was with their Sydney counterparts several physical assessments were carried out through the course of the season. The results were very pleasing and I am sure Peter Murray and Mick would agree with me on this issue.

All members here were well up the top with their results and this reflected on their performances throughout the year.

May I take this opportunity and wish all members a happy Festive Season and all the best for next year.

NOEL BISSETT
Conditioner & Skills Coach (Canberra)

TRAINING REPORT FROM QUEENSLAND

With the N.S.W. referees training with the Brisbane referees it gives the local boys a taste of just what they need to do to attain Winfield Cup standard.

Tony Maksoud is always the yardstick for fitness levels. There is always someone trying to knock him off, so Tony always works extremely hard at training.

Tim Mander always follows close behind Tony and improves every season.

David Manson epitomises the dedication needed for success. Often travelling many hundreds of kilometres for his company, he always arrives at training on time and gives 100% in everything he does.

Eddie Ward is the consummate professional, on and off the track.

Touch judge Peter Murray, as with the centremen, always maintains a good level of fitness.

One of the benefits of the N.S.W. and Brisbane referees training together is that they are able to pass on their vast experience and knowledge.

One of the highlights of my year was having a new young referee whose idol is Eddie Ward, come to me and say not only had he trained with his idol but also learnt from his idol. He was stoked!

DAVID HOLLERAN
Conditioner (Queensland)

TRAINING REPORT FROM NEWCASTLE

The Newcastle training sessions at times vigorously contested, was well received by the Hunter based members who diligently offered their time to attend. With such a smaller group reduces the chance to hide when the pressure of the drills is applied. Some sessions were scaled down to suit the individual. The performance of both the senior and junior members being well supported in the training sessions with above average time trial aggregates.

Attendance was at 83% inclusive of Sydney skill attendances, the remainder percentage loss due to holidays and illness. A pleasing feature was the appointments of the senior members to higher grades. With one junior member of the squad as standby referee to the Newcastle Senior League

Grand Final followed on by his appointment to referee the Major Age Division of the Newcastle Junior League Grand Finals. This speaks well of the members dedication to the training and the skills he has accomplished from his junior representative appointments.

BILL GRAY
Conditioner (Newcastle)

INTER-DISTRICT JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD REPORT

1994 commenced as in past seasons with a Seminar in February, with squad nominees plus invitees from other areas such as Queensland, West Australia and New Zealand. The concept had been changed from previous years with more attention paid to on-field coaching, and to make attendees happier the physical tests conducted on late Saturday afternoon instead of early Sunday mornings.

The Rep season once again proved hectic, with members having to double up again on occasions and last minute changing of venues, but overall, a successful season. We even had a couple of letters from districts commending you on your efforts. This is a first, but, before we go overboard in rejoicing, we also had a couple of club coaches complaining. But we, your coaches, would like to congratulate you for your on- and off-field standards during the year. We consider overall it was of a high standard.

Competition for the top spots were fiercely contested as in past seasons, with Brett Lynch being appointed to control the Matthews and Flegg finals and Wayne Loveday the S.G. Ball final. On the Touch Judge scene, Paul Kalina and Sean Villa were appointed to both Matthews and Flegg finals, and then to put the icing on the cake, both were taken into the graded ranks. Touch Judges for the S.G. Ball final were Scott Todd and Michael Warnock. Congratulations all round.

Once again squad members made inroads into District Grand Finals A. Grade. Canterbury – David Aboad, Cronulla – David Robb, Manly – Michael Marr, Penrith – Brett Lynch, St. George – Shaun Boag, South

Sydney – Rodney Lawrence, Balmain G. Grade – Scott Todd, (they have no A. Grade comp) Canterbury Business Houses – Wayne Loveday.

During the year the squad was to suffer a great loss in the shock passing of Denis Braybrook. This squad, in its original concept, was first formed through his efforts, and its success throughout has been greatly influenced by his advice and not least of all his friendship, and for this we are indebted. ... Dennis we will miss you. Also this year he arranged for the Flegg final referee to control matches in the Australian Open Schoolboys in Darwin and the S.G. Ball final referee to control matches in the Australian Under 15 Years Schoolboy Championship in Melbourne. The Braybrook family have struck a Memorial Award to be presented to the person who is judged as given the most assistance to the junior concept during the year, and 1994 witnessed the presentation to a person thoroughly deserving of this award, Phil Ellis. Congratulations Phil, well deserved.

On behalf of the squad I wish to convey our thanks to the Head Body Executive, the Sponsorship Committee and to Michael Stone for their assistance throughout the year. Also to the members of the Advisory Board, Noel Bissett, Phil Ellis, Joe Griffith, John Yard and Doug Wintin for your input and time. To the trainers Peter Murray and John Colman for the fitness level attained by the Squad.

To my fellow coaches, John Gocher and Michael Ryan, I am proud to be once again associated with you in making this squad not only a successful one but also a closely knit and happy one.