



37 th ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET

1968 SEASON

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THE NORTH SYDNEY RUGBY LEAGUE  
REFEREES ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Anzac Memorial Club - Blue Room - Bellevue Street - Cammeray on Wednesday, 19th February, 1969 at 7.45 p.m.

You are cordially invited to be in attendance.

- Business:
1. Minutes
  2. Correspondence
  3. Annual Report & Balance Sheet,
  4. Election of Officers
  5. Notice of Motion
  6. Committees Report
  7. Election of Life Members
  8. General Business

February, 1969

J. Montgomery  
PRESIDENT

B.R. Barry  
HON. SECRETARY  
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OFFICIALS FOR SEASON 1968

PATRON	..	..	Mr. T. Bellew
PRESIDENT	..	..	Mr. J. Montgomery
HON. SECRETARY	..	..	Mr. B.R. Barry
HON. TREASURER	..	..	Mr. J. Porteous
ASST. HON. SECRETARY	..	..	Mr. B. Daveron
HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY	..	..	Mr. J. Quinn
VICE PRESIDENTS	..	..Messrs.	Mr. S. Morris Mr. J. Quinn Mr. B. Cowley
DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES ASSOCIATION	..	..	Mr. J. O'Keefe Mr. B. Daveron
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE	..	..	Mr. M. McKenzie Mr. D. McDevitt
HON. AUDITORS:	..	..	Mr. B. Minnett Mr. G. McManus
DELEGATE FROM NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE	..	..	Mr. J. Crooke

A MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

It is my privilege to again congratulate the Association and its Executive Officers on a successful season during 1968. Membership of the Association has reached a record level and although this is not in itself a measure of success, the Association can indeed be proud of both the quality of its individual members and their refereeing ability.

I mentioned last year my regret that the Association had not for some years had a member elevated to Grade ranks and unfortunately 1968 saw no change. While I am personally satisfied that there have been and still are some members who deserve promotion, it appears that they have not yet been fortunate enough to get the breaks necessary during the trial games to impress the Appointments Board. I trust that this situation will be remedied and that some of our nominees will be successful this year.

I take this opportunity to extend best wishes to the Association and all members for a successful season in 1969.

T.J. BELLEW  
Patron

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Gentlemen,

The 1968 season was a memorable one for this Association. It was a particularly busy year with an increase in the overall number of games in which referees were required.

The standard of refereeing was again high and acknowledgments from members of the public in appreciation of the efforts made by referees of this Association was most gratifying. Admittedly there was some criticism by some officials of a few referees which this Association found unjustified. I wonder how long these officials are going to blame referees instead of looking at the players and coaches for breaches of the rules.

Season 1969 will see the introduction of a number of new rules to the game of Rugby League and it is the responsibility of the referees to attend the meetings and familiarise themselves with these rules.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the co-operation and support I received from Brian Barry, John Porteous, Brian Davoren, Sid Morris, John Quinn, Bert Cowly and also every member of the Association during my term as President.

J. MONTGOMERY  
President.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Committee, I have much pleasure in presenting for your consideration the 37th Annual Report and Financial Statement for 1968.

The year of 1968 proved to be a year of events, Mans Orbit of the Moon, the Diamond Jubilee Year of the N.S.W. Referees Association Australia's win in the World Cup, a rise in attendance figures, South Sydney again winning the Grade Championship, but the not so good news of another change in the rules, soon the Australian Board of Control will have to take stock, as this is at least 3 years in a row with changes. In some ways it is good for the game, but the public get pretty tired of these constant changes, if the game is so good there should be no need to have to keep changing the rules.

There is a saying which goes "No one is infallible". This goes for everyone alike, but according to the criticism aimed at Junior Referees last season, only one can make a mistake and that is usually the Referee. Some Club Officials blame a Referee if their team gets beaten, of course it could not be their own players according to them. Every Referee would like to know just what he can do to improve his standard or just where he is going wrong. So let's get together from now on and try and help each other, we all play in this game, one way or another.

My congratulations to Messrs. J. Ticehurst - J. O'Keefe - D. McDevitt - G. McManus - P. Nelson, on being nominated to be considered for the Grade Trials in February, we wish them all the best of luck, also in February seven members of the Association enter the Country Referees Camp at Narrabeen National Fitness Camp, I am sure everyone of them will not only enjoy it, but also learn quite a lot.

We start the season of 1969 with the loss of two members, in the persons of Mr. Geoff Hicks (Campbelltown) and Mr. Errol Carroll (Penrith). We are indeed sorry to see them go, but wish them all the very best of luck in their new homes and districts.

Our thanks go to the District Club, North Sydney Leagues Club, the Junior League, and the Schools Committee for their Assistance during the year.

BRIAN R. BARRY  
Hon. Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON

L/A Leave of Absence  
A Apology  
D Deceased

MEETINGS HELD 14.

## LIFE MEMBERS:

B. Barry	14	A. Galbraith	1
T. Bellew	14 L/A	D. Halderman	D
J. Burden		M. Hogan	
R. Carey	2, 2a	A. Jones	
H. Carrick		A. Leane	
B. Cowley	14	J. Montgomery	11 3L/A
S. Morris (Sr)		R. Smyth	
S. Morris (Jnr)	11. 1L/A 1A		
E. Tinsley	2	J. Turner	

ACTIVE MEMBERS  
SENIOR:

A. Boyd	4. 1A	R. Brown	(29.8.68)
D. Brown	4. 8L/A	P. Brown	(20.6.68)
E. Carroll	13. 1A	M. Chapman	1. 10L/A
W. Collins	(28.3.68) 7 4L/A		
T. Crawford	(23.3.68) 4 6L/A		
B. Daveron	14	M. Greber	3
R. Hammond	(6.6.68) 7	G. Hicks	9 2/ L/A 1A
W. Hoskins	1. 8L/A 3A	K. Jackman	10 1L/A 2A
D. McDevitt	14	J. McDonald	5 8L/A
M. McKenzie	14	G. McManus	11. 3L/A
K. Macrae	(25.5.68) 5 2L/A		
B. Minnett	12 2L/A	P. Nelson	Rejoined (9.5.68) 5 4L/A
J. O'Keefe	13 1L/A	G. O'Neill	(4.7.68) 6
J. Porteous	12 2L/A	J. Quinn	14
M. Thurgate	6 1L/A 1A	J. Ticehurst	12 1A
S. Thompson	(advanced from Sub Junior to Senior) 6.6.68 11. 1L/A 1A		

## SUB-JUNIOR:

G. Bagnall	4 8L/A	J. Baldwin	3 11L/A
B. Beer	2 1A	J. Everett	(28.3.68) 9 1A
R. Hardy	28.3.68 1	P. Kimmins	
P. Moore		A. Mirabito	3 11L/A
F. Payne	12 1L/A 1A	M. Robinson	
J. Simmons		G. Smith	13 1L/A

## SCHOOL BOYS:

S. Betts		T. Bellew		J. Byrne	
C. Coady		D. Crowley		T. Dwyer	
B. Inglis		P. Johnson		M. Keirnan	
T. Langtry		P. McDonald		J. McKinn	
P. McKinn		R. Peckham		C. Reid	
W. Ryan		B. Scott		M. Scott	
P. Settree		M. Smith		J. Stapleton	
M. Terzis					

## HON. MEMBERS:

J. Crooke	10 1A	K. Hubbuck	(rejoined 29.8.68)
R. Saunders	2 1L/A 1A	M. Sayers	1 2A
J. Massingham	1A	R. Purcell	1

DISTRICT CLUB

The year 1968 again was not a very good year in district football, the home side finishing eleventh in the grade table, but the Club has high hopes that Mr. Roy Francis will lift the side out of the rut it has got itself into. Sometimes the Team played very attractive football only to see them fall away in the latter half of the game.

The Association wishes Mr. Francis every success in his new position, and also hope that in 1969 it is North's turn to be in the top four.

THE LEAGUES CLUB

The Association is indeed grateful to the Leagues Club Management and the Board of Directors for the assistance given us during the year.

We are very grateful to the District Club and the Leagues Club who extended invitations to members and their ladies to attend various social functions during the year.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Amalgamation again was the position in Junior Football, which I hope in the very near future that North Sydney will be big enough to conduct their own competition; Manly district again supplying a team in the "A" Grade Final, which was a very good game of football. Congratulations to Asquith and Forestville. Asquith winning 9 pts. to 7 pts. and a good example of the football provided.

The Association offers congratulations to the following Premiership winners, A. Grade Asquith - B. Grade Crows Nest - C. Grade Lane Cove - D. Grade North Curl Curl - E. Grade Collegians No.1 Team - F. Grade Collegians A. Team.

The Representative Teams in the Presidents Cup, J.H. Flegg and S.G. Ball competitions again were not as everyone had hoped for, but I feel that with a little luck soon we may start on the good road back. The coaches of these sides do not lack spirit and we wish them every success for the season 1969.

Teams from Western Australia, and Newcastle played selected teams, Western Australia at North Sydney Oval, Newcastle at home, and Western Australia nearly causing an upset by only going down 12-10 at the final bell. Newcastle fielding 3 teams, losing 2 games, winning 1 game. Visiting teams always provide an opportunity for all young players to show their best football.

JUNIOR LEAGUE Continued

My thanks go to all the members of the Junior League Executive for all the help given to me and the Association during the past season.

NORTH SYDNEY CHURCHES

Again this competition is proving just what hard work by keen officials can do, the teams always trying to play good attractive football.

The Annual game between Queensland and New South Wales was played at Mosman Oval this year, with N.S.W. winning.

The Association offers congratulations to Willoughby in winning the Grand Final, also thanks to the other teams in the Competition for providing very good football.

My congratulations to the Executive for the very fine job they are doing and wish them the best of luck in the season of 1969.

SCHOOLBOY COMPETITION

The season once again was a most successful one, also showing an increase in teams again. What a terrific job all the Clubs and officials are doing in this competition.

The Association extends congratulations to the following Premiership winners:

Under 7	St. Thomas "A" (1)	Asquith "D" (2)	Chatswood "C" (3)
Under 9	Chatswood "B" (1)	St. Joseph's (2)	
Under 8	Asquith "D" (1)	St. Thomas "A" (2)	
Under 10	Asquith "B"		
Under 11	Asquith "B"		
Under 12	Asquith "A"		
Under 13	Northern Districts		
Under 14	Collegians "A"		

The Schoolboys' Picnic is as popular as the Grand Finals with a very good number attending. Not so lucky as weather was the last year, but an enjoyable day was had by all.

In the season just completed the annual visit to Canberra took on a different idea. Individual teams travelled to Canberra to do battle. Canberra proved just a little too good, except in the under 9 years, playing a 6 all draw with St. Josephs and in the under 11 years, St. Leonard's defeated Canberra 6 nil. From all reports this was a very good week-end.

The Association extends thanks to Mr. (Jockey) Brown, Fred Thompson, Bert Cowley and the band of workers who conduct this competition and wish them the best of good luck in the next season to come.

SCHOOL BOY REFEREES

These boys again have done a mighty job, and a lot of credit must go to a man who I must say with sorrow is leaving the District this year. Brother Coman. There is a saying which goes "You are born with relatives, but you make your own friends", and what a lot of friends this man has made. He has been with North Sydney Marist Brothers for six years and in that time has put the School and also the Club of Collegians on a very high standard. If he set his mind to do a thing well, it was well done. From my own side, Brother Coman I have made a friend who I will respect for the rest of my life, he was at all times a great help to me. The Association wishes him well in his new post at Kogarah.

I believe that one day North Sydney will produce a top Referee from these Schoolboys, because the season just completed, some very good boys were seen. I would also like to say, that at the meetings held at the School, every boy took an interest in what was brought to their notice.

I am very disappointed with the interest shown towards the day out in the launch we had arranged. Only 13 boys answered my circular. If you do not want any function, well for goodness sake tell us, and save us wasting a lot of our time and yours. This is not the first time this has happened. Last year was the same. The Committee in the future will do some deep thinking on any future idea I might bring before them.

Just because some boys may have left school, if they wish, they are welcome to stay in the Association as Sub-Junior Referees, as quite a few of them have done in the past.

The Association thanks every boy for his support in the season of 1968, and we hope to see and have your services again in 1969. Also wishing those boys who have left school every success in their various vocations.

VALE

To Members, families and friends who suffered Bereavements during the year, our deepest sympathy is extended to them.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Messrs. J. Montgomery and E. Tinsley who attained grade honours, also on their appointments to World Cup, Grade, Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals.

To Messrs. J. Ticehurst, J. O'Keefe, D. McDevitt, G. McManus, M. Chapman on being appointed to Representative fixtures of the N.S.W. Rugby Football League.

To J. Ticehurst on his appointment to the S.G. Ball Cup Final as a Touch Judge and Referee "A" Grand Final.

To Mr. Glen Smith and Miss Jennifer Rice on their forthcoming marriage.

CONGRATULATIONS continued

To Mr. Stuart Thompson on his 21st Birthday.

To Mr. Frank Payne on his 21st Birthday.

To Mr. Glen Smith on his 21st Birthday.

To Members and their wives who had additions to their families.

To Brian Daveron on receiving the R. Purcell Trophy.

To Mr. A. Bailey (McMahons Point Club) on his election to North Sydney Council.

To all Junior Referees and Touch Judges appointed to Semi-Finals and Finals of the Junior League School Boy Competitions; Special mention to the following on appointments to Grand Finals.

JUNIOR LEAGUE COMPETITION.

"A" Grade	J. Ticehurst	J. O'Keefe	B. Daveron
"B" Grade	J. O'Keefe	M. Chapman	G. McManus
"C" Grade	D. McDevitt	J. Ticehurst	B. Daveron
"D" Grade	P. Nelson	D. McDevitt	K. Jackman
"E" Grade	G. McManus	J. Porteous	S. Thompson

CHURCHES GRAND FINAL.

S. Thompson	G. Smith	F. Payne
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INTERSTATE MATCH. WESTERN AUSTRALIA v NORTH SYDNEY

G. McManus	B. Daveron	J. McDevitt
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NEWCASTLE TOUR. POSSIBLES v PROBABLES

D. McDevitt	K. Jackman	J. Porteous
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SCHOOLBOY COMPETITION

(1) Under 7	J. Quinn	K. Jackman	D. Brown
(2) Under 7	D. Brown	K. Jackman	J. Quinn
(3) Under 7	K. Jackman	J. Quinn	D. Brown
(1) Under 8	G. McManus	G. Smith	F. Payne
(2) Under 8	J. Quinn	P. Brown	B. Collins
(1) Under 9	P. Nelson	D. Brown	B. Daveron
(2) Under 9	D. McDevitt	M. McKenzie	J. Porteous

REPLAY GRAND FINAL

Under 9	J. O'Keefe	M. McKenzie	J. Quinn
Under 10	J. O'Keefe	G. McManus	J. Quinn
Under 11	J. Ticehurst	R. Hammond	B. Minnett
Under 12	J. O'Keefe	K. Jackman	S. Thompson
Under 13	P. Nelson	B. Daveron	J. O'Keefe
Under 14	G. McManus	B. Daveron	K. Jackman

APPRECIATION

The Association wishes to extend sincere thanks to the following for their support during the season:-

The N.S.W. Rugby Football League - N.S.W.R.F.L. Referees Association - North Sydney District Club - North Sydney Leagues Club - North Sydney Junior League also all Junior Football Clubs and the Brothers at Marist Brothers school.

My own personal thanks go to Messrs. J. Montgomery - T. Bellew - J. Porteous - B. Daveron - J. Quinn for their assistance during the season, also every member for all their help during the year.

Tonight your Committee retires and is eligible for re-election.

To the incoming committee I wish every success for the season 1969.

BRIAN R. BARRY

Hon. Secretary.

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
REFEREES ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1968 SEASON

Cash at Bank 15th December 1967 ..			139.17
<u>ADD RECEIPTS</u>			
Affiliation Fees ..	634.20		
Badges ..	12.00		
Bank Interest ..	6.96		
Donations ..	65.00		
Fines ..	6.50		
Lapel Badges ..	3.60		
Lottery Raffle ..	49.60		
Novelty Raffle ..	400.00		
Rule Books ..	3.20		
Smoko ..	<u>384.00</u>		
		1565.06	
		<u>1704.23</u>	
<u>LESS PAYMENTS</u>			
Affiliation Fees N.S.W.R.A. ..	1.50		
Badges ..	4.00		
Convivial -			
Final Meeting Night ..	51.80		
Grand Final Day ..	9.34		
Ladies Night ..	33.75		
Representation Night to Life Members ..	161.57		
Schoolboys Picture Night ..	8.47		
Donation - J. Shorter ..	10.00		
Floral Tributes ..	26.25		
Lapel Badges ..	3.13		
Lottery Raffle ..	13.00		
Novelty Raffle ..	210.00		
<u>Presentations</u>			
S. Barry ..	19.60		
Mrs. Bellew, Mrs. Cowley, Mrs. Morris ..	16.06		
D. Brown ..	4.75		
Brother Coman ..	19.16		
Schoolboys ..	36.00		
Printing and Stationery ..	65.92		
Representation to Life Members -			
(T. Bellew, B. Cowley, S. Morris) ..	73.80		
Rule Books ..	3.60		
Smoko ..	714.86		
Telephone and Postage ..	84.07		
Trophy - Manly Golf Day ..	4.00		
		<u>1574.63</u>	
Cash at Bank - 8th January 1969		<u>\$129.60</u>	

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
REFEREES ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 8th JANUARY 1969

<u>MEMBERS FUNDS</u>		\$ 136.00
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Cash at Bank ..	129.60	
Lapel Badges ..	6.00	
Rule Books ..	<u>.40</u>	
		<u>\$ 136.00</u>

We have audited the records of the North Sydney District Rugby League Referees Association and submit that they, together with all explanations given present a true and fair view of the Association affairs.

G. McManus) 8.1.69  
B. Minnett)

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President & Gentlemen,

Socially, this year just ended was a mixed bag of fruit. Some successful functions and many organised events that had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers and failure of members to answer their notices. Nevertheless those who did attend seemed to enjoy the gatherings brought to function.

A night was held at North Sydney Leagues Club in June 1968, a dinner dance and at this evening three of our stalwarts Patron Tom Bellew, Sid Morris and Bert Cowley received a re presentation of their life membership trophies. Sid unfortunately was sent to a school at Warragamba Dam that week and missed the evening, but Mrs. Morris stood in for her husband. As well as the men receiving their mementos the respective wives were given a small gift, a glomesh money purse to remember this occasion. Those present were very thrilled on this evening to welcome Mrs. T. Bellew, for some of us it was the first time we had met the better half of the Bellew family. During the night I had a chat with Mrs. Joyce (Grandma) Cowley and she was thrilled to think the ladies had not been forgotten. Just another good thought of our Secretary Brian.

Mike McKenzie enjoyed this night, uses his feet very well on the dance floor. They call him "Apples McKenzie" at school, never seen without an apple to chew. Mike tried to tell us on this night, his partner was his married sister!!!

Our President and 1968 T.V. Sunday personality saw that the evening went well, and organised John "Money Bags" Porteous so that the ale and bubbly flowed freely for all those who wanted.

Our next get together which was held in the small Banquet Room at the North Sydney Leagues Club had a two fold purpose. Firstly a presentation to Rev. Brother Coman of Marist Brothers North Sydney and secondly the Bob Purcell memento for the last six years were presented.

A very good attendance this evening. Our guests, members of the Junior Rugby League, the District Club, the School Boy Associations and a very special identity in the person of Mr. Ken McCaffery, Assistant Secretary of N.S.W. Rugby League. Brother Coman was thanked by all speakers for the work he had done for Rugby League and the Referees, especially the formation of our School Boy Referees.

Our Secretary Brian Barry obtained a suitable gift and this was presented to Brother by our President John, who also gave a lapel badge to all our guests on this evening. A very tasty supper was served, copious quantities of ale and orchy and the lights went out at midnight. One of our really good nights.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT continued

The big night of the year was the Annual Smoko, held in the "Blue Room" at the North Sydney Anzac Club. A full house sign had to be put up early for this show.

Foodwise I think this year we overfed the multitude and thought should be given to this subject in future. Entertainment was not as successful as in previous years but we might point out that this year the members themselves voted for the choice of their own artist.

Many thanks to our members who gave their time on the Friday to preparing the hall and complete the many duties they were called upon to do. Also to our members who proved very efficient waiters on the night. This duty is one that may be discussed by the new Committee as some members feel that they have to leave their friends for too long a period.

It was at this night that the Purcell trophy was presented for 1968 to the very efficient Assistant Secretary Brian Daveron. Brian had the distinction of being given this trophy by the donor Mr. Bob Purcell.

Our final night of the year the Ladies Christmas night attendance by 19 members and their wives and this time we were at the Manly Warringah Leagues Club.

A very nice dinner was served and the party was split into 4 tables of ten. John Montgomery looked after a group of the young Referees and their wives. Our Secretary Brian and Senior Vice President Sid looked after the older group. We were all very pleased to have Mr. & Mrs. Bob Tinsley with us, Bob started the night well by winning a Jackpot. On our other table were the Browns (Don & Reg) the O'Keefes, the McDevitts, all very busy advising the "Twins" Smith & Payne on the success of this marriage game. The last table had only 6, the Ticehurst, "Rowdy" Ron Hammond, his wife and "Apples" Mike McKenzie and his new dancing partner. This night we were disappointed that "Bubbles" Brian Minnett and his wife were not with us, as Mrs. Minnett was ill in hospital, but our Secretary has informed me she is well on the way to good health again.

After dinner a wee drop of ale and bubbly, all adjourned to the auditorium and watched a very good show.

Each lady present received a small Christmas gift from the Association. Many thanks to Pat Nelson for helping on this project.



SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT continued

Our Schoolboys this year had their usual picture night through the courtesy of Mr. Jack Stewart and it was their only function, as their yearly outing, this time was to be a launch picnic on the 1st December, 1968 and once again our Secretary Brian received only 13 replies to his invitations and the Executive had no option but to cancel this day, as we could not go ahead with a picnic of this cost for only 13 boys. The lads that did answer their invitations have all been compensated in a small way by the Association.

I feel that the Year 1968 could have been socially better, but I have been reminded that our main object is to make Referees out of you fellows and not social butterflies, so here's wishing our representatives going for grade trials this year all the best for 1969.

JOHN QUINN

SOCIAL SECRETARY.