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NORTH SYDNEY RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Anzac Club - Blue Room - Bellevue Street, Cammeray on Tuesday 7th March 1972 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.

March 1972.

J. MONTGOMERY
PRESIDENT

B.R. BARRY
HON SECRETARY

OFFICIALS FOR SEASON 1971.

PATRON	Mr. T. Bellew
PRESIDENT	Mr. J. Montgomery.
HON. SECRETARY	Mr. B. Barry.
HON. TREASURER	Mr. J. Porteous.
HON. ASST. SECRETARY	Mr. B. Davoren.
HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY	Mr. J. Quinn
VICE PRESIDENTS	Mr. J. Quinn Mr. E. Tinsley Mr. J. Ticehurst
DELEGATES TO N.S.W.R.A.	Mr. J. Porteous Mr. G. Smith
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE	Mr. B. Minnett Mr. R. Hammond
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS	Mr. F. Payne
HON. AUDITORS	Mr. G. McManus Mr. B. Minnett
REFEREES APPOINTMENT BOARD	Mr. J. Quinn (Chairman) Mr. D. Brown (Secretary) Mr. J. Ticehurst Mr. J. O'Keefe Mr. R. Hammond Mr. R. Saunders (Junior League) Mr. A. Boyd (Junior League)
DELEGATE FROM NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE	Mr. B. Harper
DELEGATE FROM NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS	Mr. P. Hanrahan.

A WORD FROM THE PATRON

It has been my privilege as Patron for some years now to write a short foreword for the Association's Annual Report. This year as the Association celebrates the Silver Jubilee of its Foundation, may I use this occasion to join its friends in extending congratulations to the Association and to those members who have contributed in any way to bringing it to this important point in its history. At the same time I express the wish that it will continue to prosper in the years to come.

As a member of the Association for over 25 years I have seen many come and go and appreciate that the present membership owes a great deal to those who saw the Association through some troublesome times, including times when it appeared that its continued existence was in jeopardy. Names are too numerous for me to mention and inevitably some would be left out if I proceeded to do so. It was however pleasing to see so many of them present at the Jubilee dinner, and to know that they are still interested in the activities of the Association.

I extend congratulations to the present Associations executive for their achievements in the past few years, culminating in the dinner to celebrate the Jubilee, and best wishes for a successful season in 1972.

T. J. BELLEW
PATRON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

The 1971 Rugby League season was a very busy one for this Association and I believe all of our members will be justifiably proud of its existence at our 50th Anniversary dinner on 1st February, 1972.

It is expected that an approximate 180 guests will be present and I hope that members will avail themselves of the opportunity to meet and greet old friends and make the acquaintance of the younger members.

My sincere gratitude is extended to Secretary Brian Barry, Treasurer John Porteous, Senior Vice President John Quinn, Assistant Secretary Brian Davoren, for the manner in which each of these officers carried out their respective duties and for their support to me as President.

To our Patron Tom Bellew, my thanks for guidance throughout the season.

I also wish to thank Brian Minnett for numerous undertakings and time he spends on work for this Association.

It is with regret that we bid farewell to Joe Ticehurst who is moving to the Gold Coast. Joe has been with us for five years and in that time he has become a strong stalwart of the Association. His greatest honour as a referee is the esteem in which he is held by every member in grade and junior associations who has come to know him. To Joe, Claire and family on behalf of the Association, all the best in your new venture. Thanks for a job well done.

I congratulate those members appointed to officiate in semi finals, finals and grand finals and also those members appointed to President Cup, Jersey Flegg and S.G. Ball fixtures during the season.

To those members who suffered bereavements during the year I offer my sincere sympathy.

Once more I must congratulate the schoolboy referees who carried out their duties so admirably again during the season.

A special thanks to the Directors and management of the North Sydney Leagues Club for their support generally during the year and particularly to their support for our 50th Anniversary Dinner.

In closing I would like to thank all members for their courtesy and support given to me throughout the season.

J. MONTGOMERY
PRESIDENT

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President & Gentlemen,

On behalf of the General Committee I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration and approval the 40th Annual Report and Financial Statement for the season 1971.

The year 1972 is a big year for the Association our "Jubilee Year". Pioneers when they first formed a Referees Body did they have any idea that in 50 years time, some of them would be in attendance at our Jubilee Function to be held in the Leagues Club on Tuesday 1st February. We are in debt to them for more than words can express.

I have read through many Minute Book's, gathering notes on the 50 years. Some have been quite funny and many others have gone to make it an Association to be very proud of. The record of members who have made grade is quite good considering the number of members we have had.

This year sees our numbers grow smaller with the loss of Joe Ticehurst and Mike McKenzie. Joe is off to Southport, Q'ld., bikini country so I am told. Mick is heading up that way too, but only as far as Grafton. To both of them and their families we say we are sorry to lose you, but the very best of luck to you both.

May I take this opportunity of saying that we seen a "Dark Horse" get up to get the Grand Final in "A" Grade, Earle Carroll and what a mighty job he did, it goes to show if you have the makings to get to "A" Grade, well grab and hold on to every opportunity which comes your way. Congratulations Earle.

The Association wishes every Referee whose named to run in the Grade Trials, the very best of luck and hope your name will be added to this list of Grade Referees.

The Association thanks go to the District Club, North Sydney Leagues Club, Junior League, School Committee, North Sydney Anzac Club and also the Brothers and Teachers at Marist Brothers.

Brian R. Barry.
HON. SECRETARY.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON 1971

MEETINGS HELD 15

L/A Leave of absence
A Apology
D DeceasedLIFE MEMBERS:

Brian Barry	(15)		A. Jones	(2)
T. Bellew	(1)	14L/A	A. Leane	(1)
J. Burden	(D)		J. Montgomery	(13) 2L/A
R. Carey	(1)		S. Morris	(Snr)
H. Carrick			S. Morris	
B. Cowley	(12)	3L/A	J. Quinn	(15)
A. Galbraith	(1)		E. Tinsley	(10) 5L/A
D. Haldernan	(D)		J. Turner	(D)
M. Hogan.				

ACTIVE MEMBERS - SENIOR

A. E. Brown	(12)	1L/A	M. McKenzie	(4)	10L/A
D. Brown	(1)	14L/A	B. Minnett	(12)	3L/A
M. Chapman		15L/A	T. Mirabito	(1)	14L/A
E. Carroll	(15)		J. O'Keefe	(2)	13L/A
W. Collins		15L/A	F. Payne	(6)	9L/A
B. Davoren	(14)	1L/A	J. Porteous	(14)	1L/A
R. Hammond	(12)	3L/A	G. Smith	(12)	1L/A
K. Jackman	(10)	4L/A	S. Thompson	(12)	1L/A
G. McManus	(3)	12L/A	M. Thurgate	(1)	14L/A
			J. Ticehurst	(12)	3L/A
J. Everett	(1)	1L/A Res'd 20/5/71			

ACTIVE MEMBERS - JUNIOR

G. Arthur	P. Gardiner	W. McReynolds
A. Ash	H. Griffithes	P. McDonall
S. Betts	M. Gaston	R. McManuas
J. Byrne	T. Gillespie	J. McMiven
T. Bellew(Jnr)	P. Johnson	M. O'Rouke
M. Burdon	M. Keirman	J. Simmons
M. Crombie	B. Kremer	R. Slattery
C. Coady	T. Langtry	P. Settree
P. Cross	J. McKinn	B. Scott
G. Carew	P. McKinn	A. Spencer
P. Clancy	T. McKinn	N. Wallace

HON. MEMBERS

J. Atkinson	R. Purcell
M. Franklin	R. Saunders
P. Hanrahan	K. Hubbuck (1)
B. Harper	J. Baldwin

DISTRICT CLUB

On reading the Annual Report, the football club did not enjoy the best of seasons, winning 5 games and a draw out of 22 games. Just what is wrong with these teams is hard to put the finger on because they have quite a few brilliant players and I mean BRILLANT just one to mind is Bruce Walker, this chap could go on to great honours.

I am afraid that what Mr. H. McKinnon said at the Annual Meeting is true, "The Club should pull together, no fighting inside its own house, because shaky foundations will topple in the end," so lets hope his advice is given a lot of thought, and let 1972 be a year Norths supporters will be able to say remember that game against so & so it was one of the best I've seen for many years. Come on Norths lets try hard and make it a good year.

THE LEAGUES CLUB

The Associations gratitude and thanks go to the Leagues Club Management and also the Board of Directors for their assistance given to us during the year, also toward our Jubilee Function to be held in the Leagues Club.

Extended invitation to members and their ladies to attend various functions during the year and our thanks must go to the District Club and Leagues Club.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Words fail to express the respect this Association holds for the officials of the Junior League, they never dodge any issue which comes their way.

As the records show, 1971 was a gratifying year for Junior Football in North Sydney, with an increase of 8 teams on last season, a combined competition was conducted with Many-Warringah in both D and D Reserve Grade. The only sore point being that McMahons Point were declared Premiers on default from Christian Brothers, and I am sure no team wishes to win any honour this way, it is a pity that it had to finish on such a sour note.

Lane Cove Club is to be congratulated on its very good record of building teams in all grades and having the honour of participating in three Grand Finals and one Semi-Final. Keep up the good work.

The District Representative Teams showed a vast improvement on previous seasons. The Presidents Cup Side reaching the Semi-Finals, but being beaten by Canterbury Bankstown. The Jersey Flegg and S.G. Ball did not enjoy such luck but provided good football against all teams they played.

The Association offers our congratulations to the various winners in South Sydney - Presidents Cup; Canterbury Bankstown - Jersey Flegg; Western Suburbs - S.G. Ball competitions.

Newcastle travelled down to meet us on our home ground this year, and again everybody who saw these games enjoyed good football. Newcastle being much too strong in the Under 15 and 16 years, but in the main game of the day the Under 19 years showed top class football and team work, with Newcastle just holding Norths out to win 23-19.

The Under 21 Knockout Competition was indeed a big disappointment for the Junior League, as not much interest was shown by some teams, and I see where the Junior League will be giving this competition some very serious consideration in the future.

The competition proper was one the Junior League should be very proud of with every team trying in no small way to give of its best. From the Associations point of view we were sorry to see the Church Competition fold up, but some of these players joined teams in the Competition, such as Naremburn, Mondo, we hope that in the near future we may see this competition get on its way again.

JUNIOR LEAGUE Continued

Our congratulations go to the following:

McMahons Point	A Grade	} Both teams undefeated thru competition
Lane Cove	C Grade	
Lane Cove	Club Championship	
McMahons Point	Winner of the 'A' Grade	
Lane Cove	" " 'B' Grade	
Lane Cove	" " 'C' Grade	
Harbord Diggers	" " 'D' Grade	
Lane Cove	" " 'D' Grade Reserve	
Asquith	" " 'E' Grade	

A Sub-Committee of the Junior League which all Referees are very much in debt too, is the appointments Board. These gentlemen gave up their time to help all Referees, and the amount of hours these men worked behind the scenes is one that were well outside of any normal job. One gent who worked like a slave was the Chairman; of a weekend and during the week this chap was on the phone making changes. From every Referee we would like to say 'Thank you for a fantastic job.'

When you read the Treasurers report from the Junior League, you will understand what money a Treasurer has to handle. A sum of \$21,000.00 passing through his hands, which is not an easy task. The Junior League and our Association are indeed very grateful to have a man like Noel Bl uett, because the way this chap has worked to put his books in order is a credit. 'Thank you Noel.'

In conclusion, I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to the Executive Officers of the Junior League also the various Committees for their help during the season.

Brian R. Barry
Hon. Secretary.

SCHOOL-BOY & JUNIOR REFEREES

I must hang my head in shame gentlemen this year with regards to this Body. Meetings at the school were an all time low for me, and I am sorry the change in study times has not helped. But I've a couple of ideas which I hope to put forward which will overcome this position.

The standard of Refereeing has shown a great improvement, dress wise is quite good too, and with the change in age of 18 years instead of 21 years to require you Senior Ticket is a very big step forward, there is just one thing to remember, you are not compelled to get your ticket at 18 years, but if you have thoughts to do this, please read up the Rule Book, as some chaps have gone for their senior ticket and failed because they don't and I say Don't know the rules, even though they have been active during the year. Give it quite a bit of thought before you take the step.

The Annual Dinner again a very enjoyable evening. This year we had 3 guest speakers in the persons of Mr. Col Pearce, Keith Holman and Keith Page, each one speaking. The Association thanks go to you gentlemen, and also the catering staff at the Anzac Club for a very nice meal.

The District Club was represented by Mr. H. McKinnon, H. Forbes, F. Hozel, School Committee President Mr. 'Jockey' Brown, B. Cowley, K. Wasson, from Marist Brothers was Brother Neil and Brother Peter. The Association had the full Executive also the Patron Mr. T. Bellew.

I may say this every year, this Association cannot put down on paper our gratitude to you Junior Referees for the mighty job you all do. So please except these two words "Thank You" with real sincerity.

Brian R. Barry
Hon. Secretary.

SCHOOLBOY'S COMPETITION Continued

The day of days was the Picnic Day and good weather was on order and granted it is pleasing to hear that every Club was represented. The programme of events during the day was non-stop, except for the lunch break. Quite a few of the District Club being in attendance.

Our good friend John Quinn again proved just how valuable he is, being the organiser of this function. Congratulations John, to you and your workers.

The Association again hopes that the happy working basis will continue between our two bodies and on my own behalf I would like to extend my thanks to the Committee of this Association.

Brian R. Barry
HON. SECRETARY.

UNIVERSITY CUP

Its second year and again a credit to the Committee, an excellent job.

The year starting this competition has drawn up plans to form its own Referees Association, but will have to fall back on the various Associations it now works with to help them out for a while, and knowing the Secretary of the Body as I do, he will do all in his power to get it off the ground.

The standard of football in this competition is A1, and from a Referees point of view, every game is played in the true spirit of football, clean and fast and a pleasure to Referee.-

It is hoped that in 1972 the number of teams will be increased according to Mr. Saunders, thus making this competition quite a sizeable one.

The Committee during the year conducted a Ball which was very successful and at the end of the season had a Presentation Night. Unfortunately this function was on the same night as our Smoko so we were unable to attend but from reports, it seems it was an excellent night. Mr. D. Brown attended a function out at Macquarie University and told me, he was treated royally.

My thanks go to Mr. Vic Saunders for his help to me during the season, and the Association extends its thanks to this Body for the privilege of its service during the year.

Brian R. Barry
Hon. Secretary.

SCHOOLBOY'S COMPETITION

This competition is one that every time you read the Annual Report is progressing in leaps and bounds. Starting the season with 118 teams an increase of six teams, also having some two thousand registered players. A credit to the Committee.

Apart from the Competition general, other competitions were conducted during the season with a knock out competition. The Penrith City Bi-Centenary, The Toomy Bishop Shield and the tour from Canberra. So, Schoolboy football is on the up & up in every district.

The Association offers its congratulations to the following Clubs on winning their various Grades.

Under 6/1	Chatswood
Under 6/2	Asquith 'A'
Under 7/1	Asquith 'B'
Under 7/2	Asquith 'A'
Under 8/1	St Leonards
Under 8/2	Chatswood 'A'
Under 9/1	Asquith 'B'
Under 9/2	Asquith 'A'
Under 10/1	St Leonards
Under 10/2	Chatswood 'A'
Under 11	Collegians 'A'
Under 12	West Pymble
Under 13	Collegians 'A'
Under 14	Collegians

In the other competitions mentioned Norths did not fare so well, but it has gained a lot and will no doubt benefit by some. In the School's Knockout competition conducted in July the Association offers congratulations to the various sides which won their finals.

Canberra travelled down to us this year on the Queens Birthday weekend. This visit either way is one which has brought the two Districts very close together. Eight games being played, and finishing four each, so it proves the standard is very good. Results were:

Under 9	St Thomas 12 v North Canberra	11
Under 10 (Div1)	Canberra 8 v St Leonards	5
Under 10 (Div2)	Canberra 6 v Chatswood 'A'	0
Under 11	Canberra 6 v Pennant Hills	5
Under 12 (Div1)	Canberra 0 v Asquith	0
Under 12 (Div2)	West Pymble 8 v Canberra	0
Under 13	Collegians 19 v Canberra	13
Under 14	McMahons Pt 14 v Canberra	3

The Association again offers congratulations to the winner and also thanks the loser for the manner in which the games were played.

CONGRATULATIONS

To all Junior Referees and Touch Judges appointed to Semi-Finals, and Grand Finals of the Junior League also School-Boy competition.

Special mention to the following on appointments to Grand Finals:

Junior League Competition:

'A' Grade	E. Carroll	J. Quinn	R. Hammond
'B' Grade	K. Jackman	M. Thurgate	D. Brown
'C' Grade	S. Thompson	B. Davoren	B. Minnett
'D' Grade (Reserve)	J. Porteous	J. Quinn	K. Jackman
'E' Grade	R. Hammond	J. Quinn	S. Thompson

North Sydney v Newcastle:

Under 15	B. Davoren	B. Minnett	G. Smith
Under 16	J. Quinn	B. Minnett	G. Smith
Under 19	K. Jackman	J. Quinn	B. Davoren

University Cup	B. Cole (CB)	R. Hammond(NS)	J. Thomas (CB)
University Cup Trial	D. Brown (NS)	T. Hall (SS)	R. Pierce (N)
University Knockout Competition		P. Gardiner	
Massingham Shield	M. Thurgate	W. Collins	A. Brown

School Boy Competition

Under 6/1	J. Quinn	M. Gaston	M. Burdon
Under 6/2	B. Minnett	D. Brown	T. McKinn
Under 7/1	M. McKenzie	R. Hammond	J. Porteous
Under 7/2	M. McKenzie	B. Minnett	P. McDonall
Under 8/1	J. Porteous	D. Brown	T. Kremer
Under 8/2	D. Brown	J. Porteous	T. Kremer
Under 9/1	R. Hammond	M. O'Rourke	A. Brown
Under 9/2	B. Minnett	M. McKenzie	P. McDonall
Under 10/1	R. Hammond	A. Brown	J. Porteous
Under 10/2	E. Carroll	G. McManus	J. Byrne
Under 11	J. Quinn	G. McManus	B. Minnett
Under 12	S. Thompson	D. Brown	B. Minnett
Under 13	K. Jackman	E. Carroll	J. Byrne
Under 14	G. McManus	S. Thompson	

CONGRATULATIONS Continued

To Mr. Joe Ticehurst and John O'Keeffe who retained Grade Honours.

To Brian Davoren, John Porteous, Earl Carroll, Kevin Jackman, Stuart Thompson on being selected for Grade Trials; Good Luck to all of them.

To Earle Carroll on his appointment to Referee the 'A' Grade Grand Final and also receiving the R. Purcell Trophy.

To Mr. & Mrs Kevin Jackman on the birth of their second baby son.

To Mr. & Mrs A. Brown on the birth of their second baby daughter.

To Mr. & Mrs Ron Hammond on the birth of their first baby son.

To Mr. & Mrs Frank Payne, John Everett, Mick McKenzie, John Byrne on the big step up to the "Marriage Game."

To Mr. Bill Pretti on his appointment as 3rd Grade coach, and also Bob Saunders to coach the Presidents Cup team.

To John Everett on his School Rep Game appointment in Newcastle.

To Mr. M. Cameron, J. Kohne on gaining Life Membership to the Junior League.

To South Sydney/Canterbury Bankstown - Canterbury Bankstown for wins respectively in the Grade Competition.

HONARARY TREASURER'S REPORT - 1971

Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I place before the Association the Financial Statements for the 1971 Season. The Bank Account is in credit thanks to the support of members for the Xmas Hamper which was run to eliminate the necessity to place a levy on members.

It has been suggested that the adverse financial position was brought about by the cost of running the Smoko. Although this may have been the case, it is a function I feel we must continue to run for it is necessary to have some function during the year to which we can invite affiliated bodies. The Smoko is the most economic way that this can be achieved.

As this is our 50th anniversary year, the executive has decided that as well as running the anniversary dinner in February, a Ladies Night will be held later in the year. To run this Ladies Night we will require approximately \$500. and it is my intention to move, at the appropriate time, that another 200 Club be run this season. If this is approved, affiliation fees will be able to remain at the same level as the last three seasons. If not, a substantial increase in fees will be necessary.

Since the end of the year a cheque for \$945 has been received from the Dee Why Lions as our share of the 200 Club which was run during the Season. This amount should cover the cost of the anniversary dinner.

To John Montgomery and Brian Barry I extend my thanks for their support and guidance during the year. In conclusion I wish all members a successful 1972 Season.

JOHN PORTEOUS
Hon. Treasurer.

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

NOTE 1 - CONVIVIALS

Grand Final Day	10.90
Ladies Night	58.02
Schoolboys Night	157.62
Sundry Meeting Nights	<u>83.31</u>
	<u>309.85</u>

NOTE 2 - SMOKO

Artists	108.00
Chickens	123.50
Chips & Peanuts	17.04
Decorations	24.00
Drinks	273.18
Fish	60.00
Hall Rental	66.00
Name Tags	5.10
Plates	14.50
Prawns	200.00
Sundry Expenses	17.36
Table Cloths & Towels	27.55
Waiters	15.00
	951.23
<u>Less Receipts</u>	<u>651.00</u>
	<u>300.23</u>

NOTE 3

A contingent asset exists for the following outstanding monies -

Affiliation Fee	14.00
Xmas Hamper	<u>18.00</u>
	<u>32.00</u>

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE 1971 SEASON

CASH AT BANK - 1st. January 1971		70.84
<u>ADD RECEIPTS</u>		
Affiliation Fees	547.00	
Badges	2.00	
Donations	58.00	
Fines	2.50	
Lapel Badges	80	
Lottery Raffle	32.60	
Novelty Raffle	2.00	
Xmas Hamper	148.86	
		793.76
		<u>864.60</u>
<u>LESS PAYMENTS</u>		
Affiliation Fee - N.S.W.R.A.	5.00	
Annual Meeting Expenses	15.00	
Bank Fees	6.00	
Convivials (Note 1)	309.85	
Floral Tributes	23.10	
Lottery Raffle	8.00	
Presentations to Members Wives	61.25	
Smoko (Note 2)	300.23	
Telephone and Postage	105.21	
Trophy - Golf Day	3.25	
		836.89
<u>CASH AT BANK - 31st. December 1971</u>		<u>27.71</u>
		<u>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1971</u>
<u>MEMBERS FUNDS</u>		<u>74.51</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY</u>		
CASH AT BANK		27.71
LAPEL BADGES		16.80
BADGES		30.00
		<u>74.51</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's affairs.

SYDNEY, 19th JANUARY, 1971

JOHN PORTEOUS
HON. TREASURER

G. McMANUS }
B. MINNETT } HON. AUDITORS

APPRECIATION

The Association wishes to extend sincere thanks to the following for their support during the season 1971;

The N.S.W.R.L.F. Referees Association.

N.S.W. Rugby Football League.

North Sydney District Club.

North Sydney Leagues Club.

North Sydney Junior League.

All Junior League Football Clubs.

The Brothers of Marist Brothers School.

North Sydney Anzac Club.

My own personal thanks go to Mr. J. Montgomery, Mr. T. Bellew, Mr. J. Porteous, Mr. B. Davoren, Mr. J. Quinn, Mr. B. Minnett, for their assistance and support during the season 1971.

Also to every member for their support and help during the year.

My thanks to Mr. Bill Kelly, Mr. C. Brown, Mr. Keith Holman, Mr. Col. Pearce, Mr. Keith Page, Mr. Frank Hyde for their visits to the Association during the year.

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

To the incoming Committee, I wish every success for the Season 1972.

Brian R. Barry
HON. SECRETARY

VALE

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

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members and Friends,

One of the real success stories of the year was our last "Ladies Night" held once again after a mix-up and shift around of dates at the North Sydney Leagues Club. My apologies for these changes of dates but all I receive is a phone call to tell me there is a prawn night or an overseas artist appearing and we are outed and then have to find a substitute night.

Our Ladies in November this year excelled themselves, it was like a Mannequin parade, some lovely frocks long and short, some with slits going as high as possible and of course Al Capone arrived in his usual debonair black and white outfit accompanied by Sonia.

President John made a presentation to each lady and loved every minute of the procedure. Suitable Christmas gifts were given to Val Montgomery, Rose Barry, and Mary Quinn; also wedding gifts to the Paynes, Byrnes and McKenzies.

Our dinner this year was a little different, a surprise to all except the two Secs, and it turned out to be a "Boomer" Smorgasbord style, lobster, turkey, ham and hot dishes and sweets, with everyone helping each other fill their plates. Good wine to wash it down and a little claret for Teacher Brown and everyone was really wrapped in the new innovation.

Dancing, light heated conversation, and drinking followed. "Jacko" was the only one in trouble, got caught pinching bread rolls from the dining room and had to be paraded before Mrs. Heggie. You can imagine "Jacko" story just like the usual Thursday night one when his sheets are incorrect. How does Diane put up with this fellow?

Mick and Jill McKenzie arrived during the night, they came to say cheerio to us all, the big day is January 8, 1972 and Mick will be teaching at Grafton Marist Brothers next year.

The night ended too soon and it was noted Ernie Tinsley having trouble getting Norma to go home, Norma wanted to go up on deck, thought she was cruising again.

Rowdy Hammond and Gwen left the club early, but I heard that they got to Lindfield, Ron driving, when Ron left the car and went bush and it took Gwen sometime to find Ron somewhere near Killara and drive him home, he was mumbling something about President Monty had given him from the Hunter Valley.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT Continued

Such was our Xmas night, a huge success for the sixteen couples present.

This year we made arrangements for the School Boy dinner to be held in the Anzac Memorial Club, the attendance was once again very good.

We were very proud to have with us this occasion Mrssers. Col Pearce, K. Holman, K. Page, H. McKinnon, Forbes, F. Hazell, Jockey Brown, Bert Cowley and our Patron Mr. T. Bellew.

Prior to the commencement of the dinner each boy was given a number and as their number was called they then sat the place provided giving everyone a chance to sit alongside one of our visitors. This proved a success on both accounts as our visitors had the chance of hearing from the "youthful" side of Rugby League.

After a very pleasant and well served dinner, President John welcomed one and all. By the way, during dinner we nearly lost one of our members John McNiven, he became very infatuated with one of the waitresses and Schoolmaster Joe had to take over and finalize the conquest.

Mr. K. Holman was the guest speaker and his words of advice to the young Referees we hope will bear fruit in the season to come. His experiences with the Under 7's and Under 8's were well up to the standard that our Referees enjoy with the younger players.

It was once again very nice to have Rev. Brothers Niel, Peter & Albanus with us on this night. I would like to pay a tribute to all the young Referees for their dress on this evening, impeccable is the right word.

Our two schoolboy speakers picked from out of the hat to say a few words did a very good job. Michael Gaston now one of the Seniors of the schoolboys did us all proud and I did notice the three brothers having trouble with their vests, they were very proud of Michaels words which of course were off the cuff. Our other speaker was the youngest of all our Schoolboys, Gerard Carew, and his was the greatest ordeal. He did very well and later on during the evening he was complimented by Mr. Col Pearce.

The writer was very pleased and proud to receive a gift from the schoolboys and this was presented by T. Bellew.

We had some film for the evening and then a free and easy and it was good to see the schoolboys conversing with all the personalities and as Keith Page told me after the show it was a pleasure to be with the young North Sydney Referees.

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Many thanks to Brian Minnett for his efforts and a special mention to our Secretary Brian for his time and organisation with his club, everything was really beaut Brian.

Our Annual Smoko was held again this year at the Anzac Club, the attendance was not as good as the year before and the executive of 72 will have to give this function a lot of thought. Money wise this show costs a lot to get off the ground and even with an increase in the price of the visitor tickets it cost the members some three hundred odd dollars.

Once again the three boys in the kitchen made sure there was plenty to eat, namely Brian Barry, Brian Davoren, Ernie Tinsley. The prawns were delectable and the fish and chicken were excellent. Menu wise I feel it would be hard to beat.

Our Entertainment this year, we only made use of one artist, thinking again of cost and also feeling it might give members more time to have a yarn with their visitors.

Our parched throats were well looked after by Joe Ticehurst and our very own members and next year I think we should serve only one brand of beer as this year I estimated we wasted \$30 of ale with many half jugs of the different brands being left untouched on the table.

President John Montgomery welcomed all our visitors and we had many and Mr. A. Shinen President of N.S.W. Referees Association replied. We were very honoured with a large attendance of NSW Graded Referees including the two top Referees of the year Mr. K. Holman and Mr. K. Page.

Our "Purcell Trophy" this year was won by Earl Carroll a very popular choice. Earl as we all know resides at St. Marys and has not missed a meeting for 2 years, a rare feat Earl. Earl this year refereed the 'A' Grade Final. On this night Earl had with him his father, a well known identity of North Sydney Council, and he was a very proud man when Earls name was revealed on the Cup. Unfortunately Mr. Carrol suddenly passed away just before Christmas this year.

A word of thanks to John "Money Bags" Porteous for his work on the Smoko. Its a hard job getting all the money and then the seating arrangements had to be done and all the accounts paid. Thanks John.

One of the features in my book this year of our Smoko was the decoration of the hall and this was due to our chief display man Brian Davoren, the only ones who suffered were the nurses who missed out on Brians company. We are looking forward to another big effort by Brian for our Golden Jubilee Dinner.

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Our Schoolboy Picnic was a good day this year thanks to the Senior Referees and their wives for their help. Weather this year was very good and all aspects of the picnic were successful and it was good to see the Referees led by Joe Ticehurst leading the various clubs in the March Past.

Glen Smith was very worried during the afternoon and had to take Jenny home early as she became very "Clucky" with all the new babies in the Referees creche.

Congratulations to Bert "The Squirt" on a good season and the picnic was an event worthy of the year.

This year Frank Payne and John Byrne marched down the aisle to the time of the wedding march. A very big welcome to Dorothy and Kathy. In a week or so Mick McKenzie will be married at Granville and we wish Jill and Mick a very happy trip to Tasmania and we wish them well in their new home at Graton. Another loss this season will be Joe & Claire Ticehurst who have taken wings to Surfers. We hope life becomes easier up there Joe and good luck in your new venture.

I noticed at a function recently Joe in earnest conversation with Anthony Brown and his wife Naree, no doubt learning all about the life on the Gold Coast.

This year 1972 we hope to have a special night for our ladies to celebrate the 50th year, this of course will depend on the success of our money raising venture, but at this stage I am very hopeful of success.

At this stage I would like to make mention in this report of my thanks to the members of the Appointments Board for their work during 1971. Its a very hard job, with no bouquets and long hours each Monday night and extra work each weekend. My personal thanks to all Referees for the way they responded to all the calls made upon them when changes and extra games had to be staffed.

In conclusion may I wish those going for Grade trials every success in 1972 and thank you for your cooperation and support in 1971.

John Quinn
SOCIAL SECRETARY

By the time we are holding our Annual Meeting, The Association will have lost two members to the country in the persons of Mr. Joe Ticehurst and Mick McKenzie.

Mick joined the Association as a Junior Referee in 1962, he has held various positions in that time on the Committee and has reached a very high standard in his Refereeing, which I am sure will be a big benefit to him later on. On the 8th January he entered the Marriage Game and on behalf of all of us we wish Mick & Jill the very best of luck and we are sorry to loose you both.

Joe joined us in 1967 and has a very distinguished record, in 1968 'A' Grade Grand Final, gained Grade honours in 1969/70/71 reaching Second Grade. A record to be very proud of. He also held various positions in the Association, being a Vice President and also member of the Appointment Board. Always willing to help out when we were in a tight spot. To Joe and Clare and daughter Toni Anne, our thanks cannot be expressed on paper, but we all wish you good luck and anytime anyone is up the Gold Coast you are sure to have visitors.

"Don't forget to write."