

North Sydney District Junior Rugby League Referees' Association



Annual Report 1975

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

AGENDA

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 1975

to be held at

North Sydney Leagues Club,
No. 1 Meeting Room

on

Tuesday, 17th February, 1976

at

8 p.m.



FATHER AND HIS BOYS

Front Row : Sen. V.P. : Ron Hammond, Treasurer : John Porteous, Father,
Assistant Secretary : Warwick Chipman, Social Secretary : A. E. (Tony) Brown.

Back Row : Secretary : Brian Minnett, V.P.s : Frank Payne and Ron Atkinson.

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1. Minutes of Last Annual Meeting
2. Correspondence
3. Annual Report and Balance Sheet
4. Election of Officers
5. Notice of Motion
6. Committee Report
7. Election of Life Member
8. General Business.

NOTICE THAT MEETING 20th MAY 1976, will be held to bring Constitution up to date regarding definition of rule - membership (Junior and Senior).

J. Quinn.
PRESIDENT

B.A. Minnett.
HON. SECRETARY.

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OFFICIALS FOR SEASON 1975.

Patrons' Report

PATRONS: Mr. J. Montgomery
Mr. T. Bellew
PRESIDENT: Mr. J. Quinn
HON. SECRETARY: Mr. B.A. Minnett

ASST. SECRETARY: Mr. W. Chipman

HON. TREASURER: Mr. J. Porteous

HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY: Mr. K. Jackman (resigned 24/4/75)
Mr. A.E. Brown (elected 24/4/75)

VICE PRESIDENTS: Mr. R. Hammond (Senior)
Mr. F. Payne
Mr. R. Atkinson

DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES ASSOCIATION: Mr. J. Porteous
Mr. F. Payne

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE: Mr. R. Atkinson
Mr. H. Griffiths

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ORGANISATION: Mr. H. Griffiths
Mr. M. Burdon

HON. AUDITORS: Mr. G. McManus
Mr. J. Byrne

DIRECTOR OF REFEREES: Mr. J. Quinn

DELEGATE FROM NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE: Mr. J. Carlyle

DELEGATE FROM NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ORGANISATION: Mr. J. Nikitin.

We extend our best wishes to the Association and all its members for further successes in 1976.

T. J. BELLEW
J. MONTGOMERY

Patrons' Report

Our usual pleasure in preparing a foreword to the Association's Annual Report was heightened this year because of the most successful season enjoyed by the Association in 1975. We extend our congratulations to all members of the executive of the Association for their contributions in various ways to that success.

Perhaps the most important feature of the Association's activities during the year was the decision to follow the procedure adopted by the N.S.W. Rugby League for the appointment of referees, with the sole responsibility for that function being vested in a Director of Refereeing, assisted by an Advisory Board, and the North Sydney Junior League is to be commended for its ready co-operation in agreeing to this step.

There can be no doubt that those who devised the new system of appointment of referees were conscious of the fact that the choice of the right person as Director was a fundamental requirement for the achievement of its major objective, that of improving the standard of refereeing. Results in North Sydney in 1975 left no doubt that North Sydney's choice of John Quinn as Director was indeed the correct one. Having accepted the onerous and unenviable task, John went out of his way to ensure that he received the co-operation of all concerned and that he in turn co-operated with the N.S.W. Leagues' Director and his advisers. This bore fruit in the appointments enjoyed by members of the Association in the Junior Representative fixtures and, in particular, the appointment of Ron Atkinson to the Jersey Flegg Cup Final, in which he gave a commendable performance. To Ron, and all other members who were appointed to representative fixtures and to local Finals and Grand Finals, we offer congratulations.

When attending Junior League and Schoolboy fixtures during the year, we were impressed by the demeanour of all members and are confident that the potential shown by many of the younger referees will bring further honours to them and the Association in the near future.

We extend our best wishes to the Association and all its members for further successes in 1976.

T.J. BELLEW

J. MONTGOMERY.

President's Report



How's this for co-operation — Presidents John Quinn & Ron Carey

It is with much pleasure that I compile this report for the past year as I feel that 1975 was the beginning of a new era for North Sydney Referees' Association.

The commencement of the season found our Association a little disjointed due to numerous factors, but with the hard work of the very young Executive elected, most problems were overcome and, by the end of 1975, I was very proud of the Executive and members of our Association.

Once again, we were able to meet the majority of the calls of our Junior League and Schoolboys' Association during the football season. At times it was very difficult with the few active referees that we had and here I would like to pay tribute to the Schoolboy Referees who helped out with Junior League work and, at times, some of these lads even officiated on "A" Grade lines and acquitted themselves well. Our thanks to the Junior League Executive and Captains of these teams for the manner in which they looked after these young Referees.

This year found our Junior League ever ready to follow the lead of the N.S.W. League in using a Director of Referees for the purpose of appointments. The Junior League made their Executive and Vice-Presidents available to help the Director in this function and much of the success of this idea was due to the work of these men, together with Referees Lalor, McDevitt, McManus and Don Brown. Before finishing with this fact, our Association is mindful of the help given to us by the N.S.W. Director of Referees, Mr. Cliff Brown and special mention to Mr. Alec Soane, whose efforts with our Bill Lalor in perfecting the mechanics of this system in

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relation to North Sydney. I have no hesitation in saying that the greater majority of our Referees were happy with the appointments and, as quoted by the President of the North Sydney League, Mr. Ron Carey (no mean critic) "There was an overall improvement in the standard of refereeing in North Sydney."

Socially this year we took off very poorly, but, we got a real boost when one of the "Browns", namely A.E., came to our rescue. No credit is good enough for Tony and special mention to Ngaire, who, by the way, took time off to present her husband with his fourth child. With the help of his fellow Executives, he arranged quite a few firsts - one at Epping R.S.L. - a humdinger, then the Ladies' Night at Castle Hill. Another big success was our night at the District Club Ball with our "Bertie".

I would like to thank personally the President and Executive of North Sydney Leagues' Club, District Football Club and especially do I mention the President and Executive of the Junior League, plus the President and Executive of the Schoolboys' Association.

I would like to single out one of our new Executive members for his work this year, namely Brian Minnett. Brian had a very hard road to follow in that he had to come up to the standard set by our former Secretary, Brian Barry. Brian Minnett climaxed an excellent debut with another first for North Sydney with a school for intending referees at West Pymble Public School. Sixteen people attended this school each Monday night for eight weeks until December and it has been adjourned until February. We thank Cyril Wigzell and Alex Soane for their help with this venture, also the President of West Pymble Football Club, Austin Wotherspoon. It would be remiss of me not to mention Dymphy Minnett for her work on Brian's behalf during 1975.

Congratulations to our members who have attained many academic qualifications this year.

At this stage we are very pleased with our financial position. It was one to which we gave a lot of thought this last season and full marks to John Porteous, our Treasurer, for a job well done. The costing of all our functions was kept tight, and this paid dividends.

Secretary's Report

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My thanks also go to the Executive of all the Junior League Clubs and Schoolboys for their hospitality and consideration shown to all referees at all grounds and their frank discussions with our Executive on the rules of the games; and I feel that all these occasions made football better in North Sydney.

Season 1976 is nearly with us and I extend to all Referees trying out for Grade honours, the best of luck.

How to finish a report is always a problem, but I feel I must end on this note, and thank all the wives and mothers of all our referees for the way they keep turning out their men each Saturday and Sunday. The "starch bottle" was introduced a lot more last season and the appearance of our referees arriving and leaving the grounds helped to make my 1975 season one of the best I have experienced. To my telephone companion (not the MACHINE), namely my wife Mary, I thank for all her work in answering all those 'phone calls

JOHN QUINN
President.

One of the best teams to work together for the year at the Combined Referees Knockout 1975.



Secretary's Report

Gentlemen,

Allow me to present the 1975 Annual Report and my very first. This season culminated in a most satisfying year for me personally.

The year 1975 saw a revival of member interest and participation in the running of the Association with the new system of appointing referees by the Director of Referees, with the help of his Advisory Board. This system eased the tension and animosity that occasionally occurs between referees, as well as improved the standard, and helped the referees get on and do the job as they want to. The junior members, though low in numbers, acquitted themselves well with the increased amount of Junior League (senior) fixtures.

We saw North Sydney honoured with Ron Atkinson appointed to the Jersey Flegg Final at the Sydney Cricket Ground, an appointment which surely made us all happy, especially our President and Director of Referees, John Quinn.

Near the end of 1975, one of our Junior Clubs, West Pymble, and its President, Mr. Austin Wotherspoon, initiated what could be the first Referees Coaching Seminar, and, it is here that I wish to thank the members, namely J. Quinn, P. Punch, W. Chipman, R. Atkinson, H. Griffiths, D. Brown, P. Settree, F. Payne, R. Hammond and Mr. C. Wigzell from N.S.W. Coaching Board, for conducting lectures during this Seminar, which will conclude with examinations at the end of February. This kind of Seminar could be made available to any members of our Junior League Clubs who have shown interest in this first venture. It is my personal belief that the more the Clubs know about the rules, maybe the less trouble there will be in the interpretation of the laws of the game, and perhaps we will obtain more referees from the player participating side of League.

To aid our junior members, we held a Referees Coaching class at Primrose Park early in the year, which was well attended. Our President arranged a number of guest lecturers

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and perhaps this could be a pointer to having a senior class as well.



One of the Group at the Schoolboys Coaching Seminar 1975.
W. Labor giving some T.J. Instruction

Unfortunately, the Schoolboys Annual Picnic was again not held due to bad weather. Heaps of organisation went into this day by our Referees Committee, and it was a pity that it was wasted. The weather was shocking in the morning, and, after an inspection of the Oval (which was under water at this stage), the decision was made that the youngsters would have been saturated, and the Picnic was called off. Better luck next year.

The Second Referees Touch Football Knock-Out was held at Malabar last year. The day was enjoyed by all and the enthusiasm was tremendous, but, unfortunately, our form was not as good as in the previous one. We have indicated that we will organise the 1977 Knock-Out, so we must get an early start in getting things moving.

Socially, the year started slow, but ended up on a high note, thanks to the hard work of A.E. Brown, who put a fantastic amount of work and energy into every aspect of every function, and, as results have shown, it was well worth it.

Finally, our biggest step was the running of a Guessing Competition to boost our Bank balance. This did get quite good

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support, but perhaps not as much as we wanted at the time. However, as you see by the Financial Statement, a lot of planning and a little saving throughout the year has left us quite a tidy sum; all the better to start a new season, especially in these days of inflation.

To Erle Carroll Ron Atkinson, Warwick Chipman, Hilary Griffiths, Peter Gardiner, Tony Brown and Vince Smith, who are in the running to be selected for Grade Trials, I offer the best of luck. Maybe 1976 will be "North's Year".

My personal thanks to our former Secretary, Brian Barry, for his help and guidance in my first year, to the Schoolboys Association Secretary, Bert Cowley - the Junior League Executive, and our own Association members. Last but not least, my own Committee members - President John Quinn (always a guiding hand), Treasurer John Porteous - Assistant Secretary Warwick Chipman - Vice Presidents Ron Hammond - Frank Payne - Ron Atkinson and Social Secretary - Tony Brown. OH yes, my wife Dymphy for putting up with it.

It is people like these that helps keep an Association alive.

Again, many thanks,

Regards,

BRIAN MINNETT
Secretary.

P.S. At the back of this Annual Report is a salute or "just thanks" to the wives of members of the Association.

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

This season saw the first night games played. As there were 12 teams entered in A Grade, it was decided to have two complete rounds played, and, to allow for this, night matches were decided upon. We also saw combined competition in D Reserve and E Grades with Manly, who always provide a high standard of football.

The Association congratulates the following Premiership winners and participating Referees:-

- A Grade Referee: E. Carroll
ASQUITH v Willoughby T.J.: F. Payne - B. Minnett
- B Grade Referee: R. Atkinson
LANE COVE v Asquith T.J.: P. Punch - H. Griffiths
- C Grade Referee: R. Hammond
LANE COVE v Willoughby T.J.: P. Gardiner - A.E. Brown
- D Grade Referee: B. Minnett
BROTHERS v Northern United T.J.: P. Gardiner - P. Punch
- D Reserve Grade Referee: P. Punch
CURL CURL v Christian Bros T.J.: A.E. Brown - Bro. D. Habermann
- E Grade Referee: A.E. Brown
NARRABEEN v Beacon Hill T.J.: B. Minnett - Bro. D. Habermann.

Massingham Shield Final (A Grade) Ref: R. Atkinson
CROWS NEST v Lane Cove T.J.: R. Slattery - P. Settree.

Club Championship:
LANE COVE.

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Representative Fixtures:-

Jersey Flegg Final (S.C.G) Referee: R. Atkinson (NORTHS)
St. George v Wests T.J.: B. Gately (Manly)
R. Connolly (Manly)

Newcastle Visit (Storey Park)

B Grade v Lane Cove Referee: E. Carroll
T.J.: B. Minnett - H. Griffiths

C Grade v Lane Cove Referee: B. Minnett
T.J.: R. Slattery - F. Payne

D Reserve v Asquith Referee: H. Griffiths
T.J.: E. Carroll - N. Wallace

West Brisbane (Tantallon Oval)

U/16 (D/Reserve) v W. Pymble Referee: D. Prothero
T.J.: G. Bellew - S. Betts

U/13 v West Pymble Referee: H. Griffiths
T.J.: D. Prothero - S. Betts

New Zealand (Castle Hill Oval)

U/12 St. Leonards v Addington Ref.: H. Griffiths
T.J.: J. Quinn - W. Lalor

U/13 Collegians v Addington Referee: H. Griffiths
T.J.: J. Quinn - W. Lalor

U/12 Ermington v Addington Referee: R. Atkinson
T.J.: H. Griffiths - J. Quinn

U/13 Ermington v Addington Referee: B. Minnett
T.J.: R. Atkinson - H. Griffiths

U/12 Pennant Hills v A'ton Referee: A.E. Brown
T.J.: J. Quinn - B. Cowley

U/13 Pennant Hills v A'ton Referee: H. Griffiths
T.J.: J. Quinn - B. Cowley

North Sydney Representative teams again performed under their capabilities, but we hope they will go better in season 1976.

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We congratulate Ron Carey and his Executive on a most fulfilling season. We hope that our Associations can work in close harmony again during 1976, as in last season.

THE DISTRICT CLUB

As in 1974, the "13 import rule" hampered the District Club from attaining experienced players, but, in the opinion of senior members of the Club, some former junior players benefited from this rule by gaining firstly grade experience, and later, first grade experience. Let us hope that this experience will not be wasted in the future.



THE LEAGUES CLUB

The Executive and members of our Association sincerely thank the Leagues Club for their interest and co-operation during 1975 and hope to continue this throughout the next season.

VALE

To all members, families and friends, we extend our sincere sympathy for any loss that you may have incurred during the past year.

SCHOOLBOYS COMPETITION

This season saw a return of the Under 7 to 9 year competition and an increase in players and teams but it will take a couple more seasons before we get back to the strength of two seasons ago.

We congratulate the Schoolboys Committee for a well run competition.

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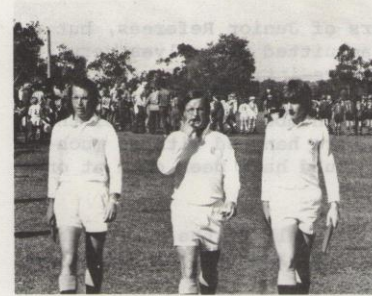


Here's V. Smith - H. Griffith - S. Betts and A. E. Brown - P. Punch Bro. D. Haberman leaving the scene after their Semi-Finals.

We congratulate the following teams and officiating Referees:-

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| U/7 | Asquith B | Referee: V. Smith
T.J.: D Prothero - P. Punch |
| U/8 | Asquith | Referee: H. Griffiths
T.J.: D. Prothero - V. Smith |
| U/9 | Asquith B | Referee: P. Punch
T.J.: P. Settree - H. Griffiths |
| U/10 | Asquith A | Referee: A.E. Brown
T.J.: G. Bellew - Bro. D. Habermann |
| U/11 | Asquith & Pennant Hills | Referee: B. Davoren
T.J.: R. Slattery - Bro. D. Habermann |
| U/12 | Pennant Hills & Collegians A | Referee: E. Carroll
T.J.: R. Slattery - G. Bellew |
| U/13 | Asquith A | Referee: B. Minnett
T.J.: S. Betts - B. Davoren |
| U/14 | Collegians A | Referee: R. Atkinson
T.J.: S. Betts - J. Quinn. |

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The Executive wishes to thank the referees who participated in the fixtures during the visit of the North Canberra teams, who again took out the Clem Sawyer Trophy for winning the most matches during reciprocating visits each year.

Special mention must be made of visiting Canberra Referee, Mr. Bruce Jolly. This fellow was on his second visit to North Sydney with the North Canberra teams and his manner and application to the game is a credit to himself and the Association to which he belongs.

The Executive, as well as myself, wish to thank Mr. J. Brown - B. Cowley - J. Brannigan - and their Association for all the co-operation during the 1975 season and we hope for the same in 1976.



Father doing his usual job

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JUNIOR REFEREES

This season saw a decline in numbers of Junior Referees, but those who did referee this season acquitted themselves very well indeed. We hope next season to re-introduce Junior Meetings; unfortunately during the past season, it proved impractical to have them because of low numbers, but I feel that any problems the young fellows had were handled with as much thought and understanding as if it would have been done at one of their own meetings.

This year's Junior Referees Dinner was held at the Willoughby Legion Club and I am sure that the boys, and quite a few of the fathers who attended, enjoyed themselves.

It was good to see one of the "juniors" create a first time ever - Geoff Bellew, for the first time - refereed a Semi-Final.

Perhaps next season "will be the one" for all those ambitious Junior Referees. Who knows ?



CONGRATULATIONS

- H. Forbes - on his Life Membership to N.S.W. Leagues Club.
- Geoff McManus - on his Life Membership to North Sydney Referees.
- Ron Atkinson - Flegg Final Referee at Sydney Cricket Ground.
- Erle Carroll - his Fourth A Grade Grand Final.
- Frank Payne - R. Purcell Trophy Winner.
- Fred Thompson - Life Membership to North Sydney District Club.

Treasurer's Report & Balance Sheet

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to place before the Association the Financial Statements for the 1975 year.

In this inflationary era it was gratifying to see that we finished the year with liquid funds of \$775.24. The reasons for this are two fold:-

- (1) An increase of \$461.00 in Affiliation Fees, and
- (2) The efforts of our Social Secretary in curtailing the cost of the Special Ladies Night.

The above figure does not take into consideration the \$150.00 on deposit with Australian Guarantee Corporation Ltd. which was received as a result of the Court Case referred to in the President's Report last year. This money does not form part of the general funds of the Association, for it is only to be used to assist with the payment of legal expenses in the event of further assault cases in which our members may be involved.

I have set out in detail the results of the 1975 social program so that members may consider what functions they wish to pursue in 1976.

Our thanks is extended to the North Sydney Leagues Club for their financial support during the year, especially the subsidy granted towards the costs incurred for the Past & Present Night. Our thanks also to the North Sydney Junior League for their generous donation and assistance.

May I take this opportunity to thank John Quinn for acting as Treasurer during my recent illness, for without his help I would not have been able to fulfill my duties as Treasurer.

In conclusion, my thanks to the other members of our Executive for their assistance. To all members I wish a successful 1976 season.

JOHN H. PORTEOUS
Hon. Treasurer.

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st December, 1975.

<u>Cash at Bank and on Deposit</u> - 1st January, 1975.	\$106.80
<u>Add Receipts</u>	
Affiliation Fees	1185.00
Badges	10.00
Donations	69.00
Fines	8.00
Guessing Competition	562.50
Interest Received -	
Bank of N.S.W.	7.45
Australian Guarantee Corporation Ltd.	24.21
Lapel Badges	1.60
Pontoon	113.70
Referees Fees - 1974	38.90
Rule Books	4.50
Tape	57.00
	<u>2,081.86</u>
	\$2,188.66
<u>Less Payments</u>	
Affiliation Fees - N.S.W.R.L.R.A.	5.00
Bank Fees	5.62
Blazers	80.00
Convivial (breakdown of figures as separate sheet)	989.20
Floral Tributes	8.50
Golf Day	8.00
Presentations	24.35
Rule Books	23.00
Stamps and Stationery	112.36
Tape	55.35
Telephone	102.04
	<u>1,413.42</u>
<u>Cash at Bank and on Deposit - 31st December, 1975</u>	<u>\$ 775.24</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1975.

<u>Members Funds</u>	<u>\$1,005.04</u>
<u>Represented by</u>	
<u>Cash at Bank</u>	737.74
<u>Cash on Deposit</u>	
N.B.A. Savings Account	10.00
St. George Permanent Building Society	10.00
<u>Lapel Badges</u>	73.60
<u>Badges</u>	2.50
<u>Special Investment</u>	
Australian Guarantee Corporation Ltd.	150.00
<u>Tape</u>	20.00
<u>Rule Books</u>	1.20
	<u>\$1,005.04</u>

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

John Porteous
Hon. Treasurer
 G. McManus
 J. Byrne.
Hon. Auditors.

Convivial - A separate sheet containing the breakdown of figures is attached to this Report.

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STORK NEWS

A.E. and Ngaire Brown - a daughter, Rebecca.
 John and Deidre Porteous - a son and heir at last - John Jnr.
 Graham and Pat Brown - a daughter, Marnie.
 Vince and Colleen Smith - a daughter, Megan.
 Ray and Sue Catliffe - a son, Brett.



Hilary Griffiths doing his S.G. Ball Centre at Penrith Park.



Ron Atkinson coming out of the "tunnel" at the Sydney Cricket Ground for his Jersey Flegg Grand Final.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON 1975

MEETINGS HELD 15

L/A Leave of Absence
 A Apology
 D Deceased
 S/M Senior Meetings

LIFE MEMBERS:

- B. Barry ✓ (9, 3 A 1 L/A)
- T. Bellew ✓ (6)
- J. Burdon
- R. Carey ✓ (2)
- H. Garrick
- B. Cowley ✓ (7, 8 L/A)
- A. Galbraith (1 A)
- D. Haldernan
- M. Hogan
- A. Jones
- A. Leane
- J. Montgomery ✓ (2)
- S. Morris (Sr)
- S. Morris (jr)
- G. McManus ✓ (9, 1 A)
- J. Quinn ✓ (15)
- R. Smyth
- E. Tinsley ✓ (1A)
- J. Turner

HON. & SOCIAL MEMBERS

- Father T. Bell (5)
- J. Carlyle (10)
- J. Dean (1 A)
- D. Field
- K. Jackman
- K. Hubbuck
- J. Lynch
- M. McKenzie
- N. Nitkitin (4)
- J. Porteous (13, 2L/A)
- J. Ticehurst
- S. Thompson
- M. Thurgate
- K. Wasson (2)

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE (CONTINUED)

MEETINGS HELD 15

SENIOR MEMBERS

R. Atkinson (15)
G. Auther (7)
S. Betts (8)
K. Barry (1)
A.E. Brown (14, 1 L/A)
D. Brown (9, 2 A, 1 L/A)
G. Brown (8, 1 A, 6 L/A)
J. Byrne (2, 3 A, 10 L/A)
M. Burdon (14)
R. Catliffe
W. Chipman (13, 2 A)
E. Carroll (12, 1 A, 2 L/A)
B. Davoren (9, 1 A)
P. Gardiner (7)
S. Goncharoff (6, 1 A, 6 L/A)
H. Griffiths (15)
Bro. D. Habermann (11, 1 A)
R. Hammond (9, 1 A, 1 L/A)
T. Langtry (1)
B. Minnett (15)
A. Morabito
F. Payne (14, 1 L/A)
W. Lalor (12, 1 A)
P. Punch (12)
D. McDevitt (2)
W. McReynolds (1)
D. Prothero (11)
P. Settree (7, 1 A)
B. Scott (4, 1 A)
R. Slattery (8, 1 A)
V. Smith (5, 1 A, 8 L/A)
N. Wallace

JUNIORS

G. Bellew (1)
M. Burge (1)
M. Crombie (2)
J. Boyle
P. Blood
J. Chase
R. DeCourcey
G. Field
B. Jones
R. McLean
S. McLean
K. O'Grady
M. Palmer
P. Smith
A. Spencer

Social Report



Mr. President, Ladies & Gentlemen,

This year our social calender has taken a different format. We have had eight social functions, whilst being hectic, the variety has been appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended.

We kicked off our social calender with the usual night at the Club. The food and service were top class as always, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

For the first time a night out was organized at the Killara Coffee Theatre. We saw a great musical-revue; if you haven't seen the show, I urge you not to miss it. I only had one complaint on the night: Atko complained that he wasn't sitting close enough to the stage to get a better "look" at the beautiful buxom blonde!

Our Past and Present Night once again was a great success. Good to see the "younger brigade" mixing with the "old timers" and ensuring a good night for all. We had the pleasure of Laurie Bruyeres' company, and once again he excelled himself with tales of his New Zealand trip. Peter Punch and Geoff McManus scored a bonanza selling "Pontoon" tickets all night. A special thanks to the North Sydney Leagues Club for their assistance.

For the first time for many years, we organized a party to attend the North Sydney Annual Ball. The response from the members was fantastic considering they were given such short notice. We had the pleasure of Mr. & Mrs. Cowley's company at the Ball. My personal thanks to Bert for his co-operation in organizing the Referees' table.

This year, we treated the Schoolboy Referees and their fathers to a night out at the Willoughby Legion Club. From the comments, I don't know who enjoyed the night more - the boys, or the Dads! Our Schoolboy referees may be small in numbers, but they certainly make up for it with enthusiasm.

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One of the social successes of the year was the Chicken & Champagne night at Epping R.S.L. The food was great and the entertainment fabulous, and even the Pokies paid well, ask Mary Quinn. We had a terrific roll up, over 70 people, and it was good to see Glen and Jenny Smith down from the Central Coast for the night. My personal thanks to Helen Atkinson for her help in organising the function.



Peter and Betty Punch looking a bit merry



M. C. and Social Secretary looking debonaire.

No doubt the highlight of the year was our Christmas Ladies Night held at the Castle Hill R.S.L. We entertained over 100 people, amongst these were guests from every affiliated Association.

There is no other way to say it, ladies, but you all looked stunning.

As well as being a fun night, we had three important presentations to make:-

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Mr. Cliff Brown presented Ron Atkinson with his blazer for refereeing the Jersey Flegg Final at the Sydney Cricket Ground.



Frank Payne was presented with the Bob Purcell Trophy.



Geoff McManus received his Life Membership blazer; this being the first Life Membership attained for several years.



Congratulations Geoff, Frank and Ron.

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Just to show that we aren't biased, the luck door prize was won by the lady from Western Suburbs, who now is enjoying her cask of "Rose".

Even though Bill Lalor has a bad leg, it didn't stop him winning "Zorba the Greek". We thought it appropriate that he be given a cushion for his hard work. We don't know who got the biggest shock when Bill sat on his "Poo-Poo" cushion!!!!



John Quin and Pat Brown look a wild pair.

There was a lot of work done preparing for the night, so I would especially like to thank Brian and Dymphy Minnett for their time and effort behind the scenes. Also a special thanks to Ron Atkinson for his help on the night.

Once again the Childrens' Christmas Tree was held at the Asquith Boys' Club, where there was plenty of room for them to romp around until the start of the Puppet Show. Both parents and children enjoyed the goings on of the "Toy Clown in the Circus". There was great excitement when Santa arrived with presents for nearly 50 children! Thanks Bill.



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To the ladies who provided a beautiful afternoon tea, and to Ron and Gwen Hammond, who organised the presents, my thanks.

This year we were fortunate to have along to our meetings, a number of special guests who passed on helpful hints, to our members, on football in general.

Once again our Grand Final Day at North Sydney Oval concluded with the post mortem of the games and traditional "can" under the grandstand with our friends from the Junior League.

The "Stork" has been busy again this year:-

The boys are doing well in the Catcliffe family, Ray was presented with his third son - Brett.

A pigeon pair for Graham and Pat Brown, now that baby Marnie has arrived.

After three daughters John and Deidre Porteous were delighted with the arrival of John Junior.

Also, Colleen and Vince Smith started off their family with a beautiful daughter - Megan.

I was very proud when Ngaire presented me with our third daughter - Rebecca.

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To all members and their wives, many thanks for attending the various social functions during the year. Without your continued support, we would not have enjoyed such a social year.

This has been my first year on the Executive, and as Social Secretary. I hadn't realised before just how much work is involved, so spare a thought for your executive members.

My thanks to Brian and Dymphy Minnett for all the typing and printing and for their continuous work on our newsletter "The Whistle Stop". Also, thank you to my fellow Executive members for their help and co-operation during the year.

I conclude the Social Report with a special thanks to our President John, who has guided me through my first year as Social Secretary, with plenty of help and advice, nothing was ever too much trouble for him.

See you all at our Annual Meeting.

Regards,

A. E. BROWN

Social Secretary.

The Women Behind Us

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As this was International Womens Year, we must say a few words about the women behind us:-

Sheila & Kevin Wasson as they were taken at our Christmas Ladies Night at Castle Hill.



John and Mary Quinn as they are seen on many occasions.



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Here we find Mary; relaxing



Mary has asked for a few lines in this particular portion, so, being a good Editor, here goes:-

" I know this is very unorthodox, but perhaps I may be permitted a few lines to publicly say a very sincere "Thank you" to a few people for their loyalty to the President in a very contentious and at times, a very trying, year. There were many times, believe me, when he needed the patience of Job and the hide of a rhinoceros to keep going, but these good folk did a lot to help in their own quiet ways.

First and foremost, one of his best and most faithful backstops has been Brian Minnett, not forgetting his good wife, Dymphy, who have both always been more than ready to do anything asked (and quite often not requested) to lend a much-needed helping hand.

Then Bill Lalor who has shared many headaches and many hours in trying to please some of the people some of the time.

Tony Brown has helped in a very big way to boost the association along socially.

Thank you also, to the various referees who have done all that is humanly possible to make the Appointment Board's task a little easier in helping to fill gaps on many occasions, practically running themselves into the ground in so doing. At times, I am sure the Powers-that-be assume referees can just be pulled out of the proverbial hat.

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These good folk have in no small measure helped the President over a few sticky patches during the season.

Many thanks,

The President's Wife.



Here we see Betty Punch doing what Peter should be doing!!



Dorothy and Frank Payne after he won the "Bob Purcell Trophy".

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Ngairé Brown - just before a
increase.



Olga at Don's side at his
presentation.

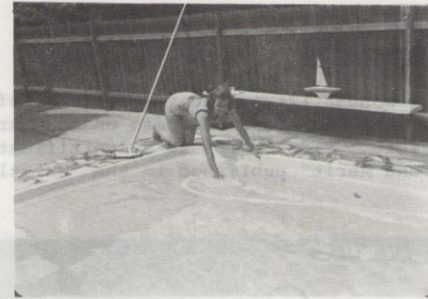


Dymphy Minnett at one
of her many hobbies.



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Gwen Hammond cleans
as Ron plays.



Here's Val Lalor,
also blowing the
whistle.



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REMEMBER THESE

I wonder if you can remember any of these faces? See how many you know, and pass on to your Secretary as soon as possible. First prize is a "Certificate of Excellence, Memory and Merit" published in the "Whistle Stop".

