

Annual Report 1976



North Sydney District Junior Rugby League  
Referees' Association



NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

AGENDA

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 1976

to be held at

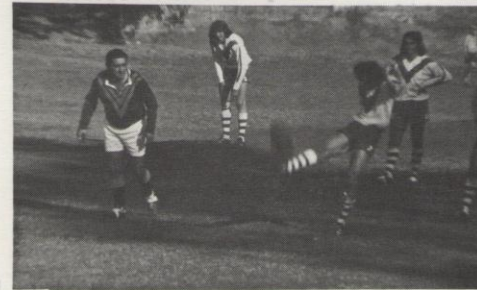
Minutes of last Annual Meeting . 1.  
North Sydney Leagues Club,  
No. 1 Meeting Room . 2.

Annual Report and Balance Sheet  
on . 3.

Election of Officers . 4.  
Tuesday, 15th February, 1977

Notice of Motion . 5.  
at  
Committee Report . 6.

Election of Life Members . 7.  
8 p.m.



(The Executive has forwarded Mr. John Parsons for your consideration . 8.  
J. Quinn  
PRESIDENT  
HON. SECRETARY

24. Audacity may allow you to undertake anything,  
but not to do everything. — W. G. P.



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(The Executive has forwarded Mr. John Porteous for your consideration as a Life Member of this Association).

8. General Business.

J. Quinn  
PRESIDENT

B.A. Minnett  
HON. SECRETARY

# PATRONS' REPORT

OFFICIALS FOR 1976 SEASON

Gentlemen,

**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. G. McManus

**HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY:** Mr. A.E. Brown

**VICE PRESIDENTS:** Mr. R. Atkinson (Senior)  
Mr. J. Porteous  
Mr. R. Hammond

**DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES:** Mr. H. Griffiths (resigned 25/3/76)  
Mr. E. Carroll (elected 25/3/76)  
Mr. J. Porteous (Deputy)

**DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE:** Mr. R. Atkinson ) Alternate  
Mr. H. Griffiths ) Delegates

**DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ORGANISATION:** Mr. D. Prothero (resigned 24/6/76)  
Mr. G. Brown (Deputy)  
Mr. P. Punch

**HON. AUDITORS:** Mr. W. Lalor  
Mr. J. Porteous

**DIRECTOR OF REFEREES:** Mr. J. Quinn  
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR:** Mr. W. Lalor

**DELEGATE TO UNIVERSITY CUP:** Mr. P. Settree

**DELEGATE FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE:** Mr. K. Wasson

**DELEGATE FROM SCHOOLBOYS:** Mr. N. Nikitin

**GARDIEN de FORMULES:** Mr. P. Punch (Executive Appointment)



# PATRONS' REPORT

Gentlemen,

It is once again our pleasure to comment on the past season and offering some advice on the future.

During the season a new and very successful innovation was offered to the active members by your committee of a lecture and practical instruction held at Primrose Park on a Sunday morning.

The session was attended by a number of grade referees, Head Body Advisory Board members and other officials. From the comment of these people, you can be assured that a number of other associations will be implementing this procedure during the coming season.

Along with other associations in the metropolitan area, we must be concerned about the growing decline in the number of active members. Fortunately we have, to date, been able to meet all commitments but only with increasing difficulty, and by, at times, imposing an unreasonable burden on willing members. In other areas the crisis point has already been reached and one association, at least, has indicated that the future of the competition in which its members officiate is in jeopardy if membership is not increased. This is a matter which concerns not only Referees' Associations, but all connected with the game in the Sydney area and there must be a thorough investigation of the reasons for the general shortage of referees and the formulation of a plan to attract recruits. It seems obvious that one factor inhibiting persons who might otherwise join our ranks is the persistent denigration of referees, not only by sections of the media and spectators but, regrettably, by some players and officials. No better evidence in support of this conclusion can be offered than the disgraceful incidents which occurred at North Sydney Oval after the final of the 1976 A grade premiership competition. If the ranks of referees are to be maintained even at current levels, it behoves all charged with the responsibility for the conduct and future welfare of the game to ensure that men are encouraged to take up refereeing and that persons who engage in activities which would have the reverse effect should be dealt with in such a manner as will provide a deterrent to others who might be similarly inclined.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PATRONS' REPORT - CONTINUED

Congratulations to R. Atkinson and H. Griffith on the elevation to the grade ranks, due no doubt to the new system adopted by the N.S.W. Rugby League to appoint referees and quickly adopted by this association.

To all referees who participated in representative matches, semi finals, finals and grand finals, our congratulations and we wish all members the best of good luck in the forthcoming season.

Finally, to officials of the association, in particular to the never tiring duo John Quinn and Brian Minnett, congratulations on a job well done.

T. Bellew  
J. Montgomery

Congratulations to Mr. Tom Bellew, my co-patron, who this year was elected as vice-president of N.S.W. R.F.L., a member of the Executive Committee of the N.S.W. R.F.L. and toured Queensland as co-manager of the N.S.W. R.F.L. team - 1976.

J. Montgomery





# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PATRON'S REPORT - CONTINUED

Once again the time has come to assess the work of the North Sydney Referees' Association. The year 1976 has been a very eventful one. We commenced this year by having two of our members graded, a feat unequalled for many years by North Sydney. Our congratulations to Referees Ron Atkinson and Hilary Griffiths. Both these gentlemen, together with their grade duties, did a lot of work during the year for the Association and their attendance at Junior League meetings and our own were near the 100% mark.

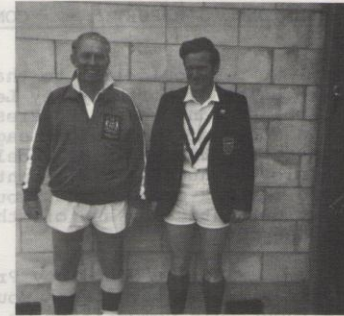
Again we managed to fulfil all our commitments to the Junior League and Schoolboys Associations. A special mention should be made to the young Schoolboy Referees who ran Junior League on Sundays and if it were not for these lads, some of the games would not have been manned. Towards the end of the year, it was good to see some of these young Referees being the centremen in the "E", "D" Res. and for my lot, they did a good job. Our thanks to the Junior League Officials and Senior referees for the help and interest shown to these lads.

Our Senior ranks were swelled by three new members and these, all University students, should make the centres this year. It was very satisfactory to have five Referees running in the Representative Games and as three made centres, I feel this is a good step in the right direction. It is very apparent to Bill Lalor and myself that referees improve greatly by mixing with others from the kindred associations and return home better referees.

We were very pleased to have the help and advice of our friends from the N.S.W. Advisory Board, namely Messrs. Steve Carey, Alex Soane, Jack Jewell, Bernie Hall, Max Godfrey and their efforts and time is always appreciated.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - CONTINUED



President John is seen here introducing the two teams. With him is Max Kinnaird of Kaiapoi, who belongs to the Canterbury Referees Association, New Zealand.



13. A friend is one who knows all about you but likes you just the same.  
— W. G. P.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - CONTINUED

I would like to thank personally the President and Executive of North Sydney Leagues Club, District Football Club and many thanks to President Ron Carey and Secretary Les Moore of the Junior League. All our Referees join me in a special thanks to Mr. Noel Bluett, the Treasurer of the Junior League for his attention to our financial matters and for his concern and thoughtfulness whilst we are carrying out our duties on and off the field, especially at North Sydney Oval.

To the Schoolboy President, Jockey Brown and his Executive, we say "thank you" for all the work you are doing; without this competition we would be getting no referees. Five years ago, Hilary Griffiths commenced refereeing school-boys - today he is a graded Referee. While speaking on School-boys, may I say thank you to Bert Cowley for what has been his best year for refereeing for some time. He has given us every assistance and has been more than helpful (I only had one argument in 1976!) and then at Christmas, we saw him in his best role as Father Christmas and think we even have more news of him in the Social Secretary's Report.

Our Social Secretary, A.E. Brown, was again to the fore. He lined up some new events and excelled himself with our Ladies' Night, and the Childrens' Christmas Tree. All these events will be dealt with in the Social Secretary's Report.

On examining our financial position, it appears to me that we kept our heads above water. In these days of inflation, I expect this is a praiseworthy achievement. The costing of all functions is very important and must be adhered to. Thanks Geoff McManus for your work. It's a long way to come to meetings from Warrimoo to North Sydney.

Season '76, my thirtieth year as a Referee and my third as your President, was a memorable one for me. I would like to take a line or two to thank Pennant Hills Rugby League Club for allowing me to go on tour to New Zealand with them during August '76. Secondly, to say "thanks" to Canterbury (Christchurch) Referees Association and the Addington Rugby League Football Club for their hospitality and their invitation to referee in their country.

On returning to Sydney after this tour and looking forward to the Grand Final Day, I was very much dismayed and

long thanks to referee who was at Brown's A  
... with that very much but  
A.S.W.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - CONTINUED

alarmed at the happenings of that day at North Sydney Oval. These outbursts and actions surely can only be those of persons of unsound and sick minds or people who have emptied their pockets trying to "get rich quick". If these people are not dealt with by the clubs concerned, the future is grim for those trying to induce people to take up refereeing.

In conclusion may I say thank you to all my Executive. It has been a very busy twelve months. The season has had no end. If I may single out Secretary Brian and his wife Dymphy for their work. Let us hope Brian enjoys better health for his refereeing in 1977. Thanks to Ron Atkinson for looking after things while I was away on leave. My personal thanks to Mr. Austin Shiner and Mr. E. Cox of the N.S.W. Referees for their advice and help in 1976.

May I again thank all the wives and Mothers of all our referees for the way they keep turning out their men each weekend. This year we will be having "new look" jerseys but not until your whites are worn out. The appearance of our referees arriving and leaving grounds in 1976 was a decided improvement and the dressing of our Schoolboys and their fathers at the Schoolboys' Annual Dinner brought comment from all who were at the Club that night. Only for the young lads on this occasion, some of the Dads may not have got home on time!

Season 1977 is nearly with us and to all the Referees invited to try out for Grade honours, we wish them the best of luck.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my wife, Mary, for all her work during the year - mainly 'phone calls, some hundreds (including a controversial one from a leading evening newspaper).

We are now sure the football season has no beginning or no end .....

John Quinn,  
PRESIDENT

Our President this season was invited to accompany local Junior League Clubs - Pennant Hills - to accompany them on their tour to New Zealand. John obtained permission to referee there. From the reports received, it seems that they had a first grade line, which John also had the opportunity to do a first grade line, which must have been a great experience for him. One final point



# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

As in 1975, it is again my pleasure to present the 1976 Annual Report. Although a disappointment personally, compared with 1975, it was nevertheless, as always, a very busy year, and maybe I was expecting too much.

The Season started well with the N.S.W. Referees Coaching Panel Seminar at Narrabeen Fitness Camp, which I believe to be one of the best training grounds for Refereeing and was well attended from this Association. At the time of writing this report, it seems that there will be no Seminar this coming Season, for what reason I do not know.

We held our own Seminar again this season with a 98% attendance by our members. Our thanks go to Jack Jewel, Phil Ellis, Frank Walsh, Bert Cowley, G. Benson, Alex Soane, Noel Bluett, Brian Barry, John Montgomery, Warren Carey, Jack Hanly and Bob Silver for the time they spent with us. I am sure that every member who attended gained some more knowledge. Thank you, John, our President, for arranging it again.

When the season got under way, some of our experienced Referees were not with us, but what we lost, we gained in new Referees. We were also honoured at the start of the Season when two of our hardest working Referees were graded, namely Ron Atkinson and Hilary Griffiths. They made the Association very proud. This, together with other losses, left a big hole in the experienced Referees.

During the season, attempts were made to secure the services of a number of Lecturers for our meeting nights, but were only successful in securing Keith Page, Brian Barry and Alf Richards, who gave us informative and interesting talks; my thanks to these gentlemen.

Our President this season was invited by one of our local Junior League Clubs - Pennant Hills - to accompany them on their tour of New Zealand. John obtained permission to Referee there and did us proud. From the reports received, it seems that they did more at night than during the day. John also had the opportunity to do a First Grade Line, which must have been a great experience for him. One final point



28. Always have tolerance for other people's ideas, even if you don't agree with them. — W. G. P.

of John's tour was the attention we pay to our gear compared with some parts of New Zealand. We must keep our standard up.

The Schoolboys Picnic was again held in wet conditions, but a lot of us turned up to give a hand. It seems by the attendance of Schoolboys that there is a falling off of interest in this day. I hope this will be revived this year.



30. Always choose a busy man when you want a job well done... the others haven't the time. — W. G. P.



36. So far is it from being true that men are naturally equal, that no two people can be half an hour together, but one shall acquire an evident superiority over the other. — Samuel Johnson.

While on holidays on the Gold Coast earlier in the season, I met up with Joe Ticehurst. He invited me to attend a meeting of the Gold Coast Referees Association, which was only started during the season. I found that a lot of their problems were similar to ours and I hope I was



SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

able to give them some ideas and help regarding other Associations. Every hospitality was accorded me and I hope to renew my acquaintance next April.

To the fellows going for Grade Trials this year:-  
E. Carroll, W. Chipman, A.E. Brown, V. Smith and S. Betts, we wish you the best of luck.

As the season draws to a close, work has begun organising the Interdistrict Rugby League Referees Touch Football Competition, which is being held at St. Ives Showground on February 13th, 1977. It is the hope of the Executive and Organising Committee that there will be a big roll-up from North Sydney. Training has begun (as the Annual Report is being compiled). We have entered one team, with a second team for any members who turn up on the day and have been unable to train because of holidays etc. A lot of work has been put in by the Committee, so the rest is up to you.

Finally, Gentlemen, there are some people to thank and believe me, you cannot do a job without help. To my fellow Executive members, Warwick Chipman, Assistant Secretary, always a steady hand and a good friend, to the most argumentative twins around, Ron Atkinson and Tony Brown, to Ron Hammond, John Porteous and Geoff McManus, and last, but not least, John, our President, again and always a guiding hand.

To Bert Cowley and Les Moore (the Junior League Secretary), who were both always ready to help where necessary and last, but not least, all the members of the Association, without you my job wouldn't be worth while.

Hoping the incoming Committee will get the same cooperation as I have this season. Believe there will be a couple of vacancies around this year. At this stage, I believe the spots of Assistant Secretary and Social Sec. are open. No reservations taken at this stage, you must wait for the night.

Brian Minnett

HON. SECRETARY

To Dymphy, my wife, a special thanks for putting up with this all year.



17. By persuading others we convince ourselves.  
— Junius.



33. Having backbone is admirable . . . but don't forget your neck still sticks out one end.  
— W. G. P.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

This season saw North Sydney run a complete competition, with no visiting Teams from other districts. The competition was again of a high standard and fiercely fought out.

The Association congratulates the following winning teams and participating Referees:-

|             |   |                  |          |             |
|-------------|---|------------------|----------|-------------|
| A Grade     |   |                  | Referee: | E. Carroll  |
| LANE COVE   | v | Asquith          | T.J.:    | P. Gardiner |
|             |   |                  |          | A.E. Brown  |
| B Grade     |   |                  | Referee: | P. Punch    |
| NEUTRAL BAY | v | Lane Cove        | T.J.:    | S. Betts    |
|             |   |                  |          | B. Minnett  |
| C Grade     |   |                  | Referee: | W. Chipman  |
| WILLOUGHBY  | v | Northern Un. (1) | T.J.:    | P. Settree  |
|             |   |                  |          | D. Prothero |
| D Grade     |   |                  | Referee: | S. Betts    |
| WILLOUGHBY  | v | Northern Un.     | T.J.:    | P. Gardiner |
|             |   |                  |          | W. Lalor    |
| D. Reserve  |   |                  | Referee: | A.E. Brown  |
| LANE COVE   | v | Brothers         | T.J.:    | D. Prothero |
|             |   |                  |          | P. Settree  |
| E. Grade    |   |                  | Referee: | B. Minnett  |
| ASQUITH     | v | Brothers         | T.J.:    | W. Collins  |
|             |   |                  |          | E. Carroll  |



Massingham Shield Final  
(A Grade)

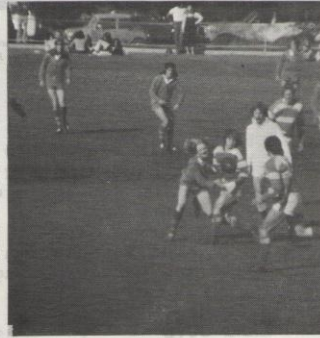
PENNANT HILLS v Crows Nest

Referee: M. Thurgate

T.J: C. Jones  
R. Slattery

Club Championship:

LANE COVE.



1. Be cautious of self-appointed experts. Remember, an "ex" is a has-been, and a "spert" is a drip under pressure. — W. G. P.

20. Critics are very often people who speak out with the full confidence of ignorance. — W. G. P.



19. It is good to have some friends both in heaven and hell. — Herbert.

DISTRICT CLUB

This season saw Norths have another below average year in the senior teams owing to injuries, but through some determined efforts, they won through to the final of the Amco Cup Competition, only to be beaten by an inform Balmain side. Our congratulations to to Noel Kelly and his team for their fine effort. We also congratulate the following coaches for 1977:

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Bill Hamilton    | 1st Grade |
| Harold Blinkhorn | 2nd Grade |
| Bob Saunders     | 3rd Grade |

Best of luck for 1977.



5. My strength is as the strength of ten, Because my heart is pure. — Tennyson.

LEAGUES CLUB

The Executive and Members of this Association sincerely thanks the Leagues Club for their help during 1976, knowing what hard times they must be going through financially.

REPRESENTATIVE GAMES— 1976

E. Carroll - W. Chipman - P. Gardiner - A.E. Brown and V. Smith, all did marvellous jobs, but with the high standard of referees, were unable to gain semi-final positions.



VALE

To all Families and Friends, we extend our sincere sympathy for any loss that you may have incurred during the past season.

SCHOOLBOYS COMPETITION

We congratulate the following teams and officiating

Referees:-

- U/7 Pennant Hills A Referee: Br. D. Habermann  
T.J: J. Quinn - B. Minnett
- U/8 Asquith Referee: L. Walsh  
T.J: G. Arthur - G. Bellew
- U/9 Asquith Referee: W. Collins  
T.J: G. Field - Fr. T. Bell
- U/10 Pennant Hills Referee: V. Smith  
T.J: P. Johnson - C. Jones
- U/11 Asquith A Referee: B. Davoren  
T.J: P. Smith - R. Slattery
- U/12 Collegians A Referee: E. Carroll  
T.J: M. Palmer - G. Arthur
- U/13 Pennant Hills Referee: D. Prothero  
T.J: J. Boyle - L. Walsh
- U/14 Asquith Referee: P. Punch  
T.J: C. Jones - P. Johnson



18. If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world. — Francis Bacon.

The Schoolboys Competition comprised of 65 teams. A few of the grades comprised of only six teams or less, which didn't help the standard of play, as the boys saw too much of each other. Let us hope that in 1977 there will be an increase in teams, to make it more interesting.

We congratulate the Schoolboys Committee for the way they ran the competition.

JUNIOR REFEREES



25. There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy. — Robert Louis Stevenson.

Our Junior Referees presented themselves well during the season; their dress and manners were a credit to them. Our Senior-Junior, for want of a better word, was selected to go to Canberra with the Rep. Sides and the report received back on Geoff Bellew was a credit to this association

At the Annual Schoolboys Dinner, the Executive were subjected to some of the best dressed young gentlemen you have ever seen. There were stripes, spots, bright colours that would dazzle any young ladies heart (and they can Referee too).



P.S. A lot are heavy drinkers too (some had their Fathers worried).  
 Also, keep an eye on a young lad named Field - he winks at anything with a skirt on (Whistle Stop Exclusive).



16. When you have nothing to say, say nothing.  
 — Charles Colton.

27. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em.  
 — Shakespeare.

# TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Statement of Receipts & Payments for the Year Ended  
 31st December, 1976

Balance as at 31.12.75 \$755.24

Plus Receipts 208.78

|                               |         |                |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Pontoon                       | 60.00   |                |
| Tapes (see Note)              | 113.50  |                |
| Badge                         | 2.50    |                |
| Lapel Badges                  | 16.00   |                |
| Affiliation Fees              | 1090.00 |                |
| Convivial                     | 9.53    |                |
| Fines                         | 3.50    |                |
| Members Equipment             | 154.70  |                |
| Social Levy (see Note)        | 450.00  |                |
| Interest Received             | 51.26   |                |
| Rep. Fixtures & Uni. Cup Fees | 463.70  |                |
| 1977 Fees in advance          | 5.00    |                |
| Functions - see notes         | 1092.50 |                |
| Stamp Duty Refund             | 2.80    |                |
| Donations                     | 16.00   |                |
| Raffle                        | 39.00   |                |
|                               |         | <u>3569.99</u> |

Less Payments

|                                  |         |                |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Tapes                            | 80.80   |                |
| Affiliation Fee N.S.W.R.F.L.R.A. | 5.00    |                |
| Convivials                       | 300.00  |                |
| Members Equipment                | 156.10  |                |
| Rep. Fixtures & Uni. Cup Fees    | 463.70  |                |
| Purcell Trophy                   | 23.25   |                |
| 1977 Touch Football Advance      | 80.00   |                |
| Functions                        | 2267.04 |                |
| Presentations                    | 41.57   |                |
| Telephone                        | 91.82   |                |
| Printing & Stationery - Postage  | 70.56   |                |
| Bank Fees                        | 1.50    |                |
| Deposit - A.G.C.                 | 500.00  | <u>4081.34</u> |

Cash at Bank 31.12.1976 243.89



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Notes to Accounts

Functions - Payments

|                     |         |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Chicken & Champagne | 232.50  |         |
| 680 Theatre         | 221.00  |         |
| Ladies Night        | 1401.76 |         |
| Schoolboys Dinner   | 105.00  |         |
| Cricket Day         | 98.00   |         |
| Christmas Tree      | 208.78  | 2267.04 |

Functions - Receipts

|                     |        |         |
|---------------------|--------|---------|
| Chicken & Champagne | 279.00 |         |
| 680 Theatre         | 209.00 |         |
| Ladies Night        | 488.50 |         |
| Schoolboys Dinner   | 80.00  |         |
| Christmas Tree      | 36.00  | 1092.50 |

Net Deficiency 1174.54

Notes To and Forming Part of the Accounts

Contingent Assets (Sundry Debtors)

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| 1. Tapes       | 9.00  |
| 2. Social Levy | 75.00 |
|                | 84.00 |

4081.34

243.89

BALANCE SHEET as at 31.12.1976

Members Funds

1025.49

Represented by:

Cash at Bank 243.89

Cash on Deposit

|                                       |        |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| N.B.A. Savings Account                | 10.00  |        |
| St. George Permanent Building Society | 10.00  |        |
| Australian Guarantee Corp.            | 500.00 | 520.00 |

Lapel Badges (44) 35.20

Special Investment

Australian Guarantee Corporation 150.00

Whistle 1.40

Deposit 1977 Touch Football Competition 80.00

1030.49

Less 1977 Fees in advance 5.00

1025.49

In our opinion the above Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Payments of the North Sydney District Rugby League Referees' Association are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at 31st December 1976. We also advise we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

Sydney

(Signed) John H. Porteous A.C.A.

(Signed) William Lalor

HON. AUDITORS



CONGRATULATIONS go to

- Mr. C. Wigzell - being awarded the M.B.E. for service to Rugby League.
- Mr. A.E. Brown - awarded the Bob Purcell Trophy.
- Mr. E. Carroll - on refereeing his 100th A Grade Fixture and 5th A Grade Grand Final.
- Mr. G. Bellew - representing North Sydney in Canberra, also being elected School Captain for 1977.
- Mr. P. Smith - being elected Vice Captain of his School.
- Mr. T. Bellew, our Patron, was manager of N.S.W. team to tour Queensland. Also elected Vice President of N.S.W. Rugby League.
- To Hilary Griffiths and Ron Atkinson on being graded.
- Brian Barry on being appointed to the Amco Final and Grade Premiership Grand Finals Lines.
- John Montgomery - again being elected Delegate to N.S.W. Rugby League.
- Gary Cook - on doing his first 1st Grade Grand Final Centre.



10. Is it so small a thing  
To have enjoy'd the sun,  
To have lived light in the spring,  
To have loved, to have thought, to have done?  
— Matthew Arnold.

STORK NEWS

The "STORK" has been as busy as ever this year:-

A pigeon pair for Don and Olga Brown - now their baby Nathan has arrived.

A fourth daughter for John and Deidre Porteous with the arrival of Danielle.

Another girl in the Smith family, Vince was presented with his second daughter - Nadine.

To keep numbers even in the Byrnes family, Cathy presented John with their second son - Paul.

With the arrival of a third son, Glen, in the Chipman family, Pauline is certainly outnumbered.



15. Babies are the nicest way of all to start making people. — W. G. P.



# DIRECTOR OF REFEREES REPORT

The above system has just completed its second year. I still feel that this is the best system that has been put to paper. I would like to see something on the same line for Touch Judging, but as yet we have not been able to come up with a suitable one.

We would have liked to have more reports consistently and on time from our Vice Presidents of the Junior League. At times we received reports some three weeks after the games, too late for our meeting.

This year, we once again had help from Dennis McDevitt, Geoff McManus, Max Thurgate ("E" & "D" Referees), Erle Carroll (Schoolboys and "E" & "D" Referees), Ron Atkinson and are all of the opinion that the younger Referees in the "E" and "D" Res. made the most improvement, which speaks volume for the future years.

My thanks to Mr. Cliff Brown for his assistance during the year, and last but not least to my good friend and Assistant Director, Bill Lalor.

Bill spent many hours looking at Referees and also many nights on the drawing board and again when I was away, he was lucky and copped The Schoolboy Carnival. We even had an international phone hook-up from New Zealand to discuss the appointments.

Many thanks, Bill, for your work in 1976.

John Quinn.  
DIRECTOR OF REFEREES.

## MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON 1976

| NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD    | 15 | L/A | Leave of Absence |
|----------------------------|----|-----|------------------|
| + SPECIAL MEETING 14/10/76 | *  | A   | Apology          |
|                            |    | D   | Deceased         |
|                            |    | S/M | Senior Meetings  |

### LIFE MEMBERS:

|                 |    |           |
|-----------------|----|-----------|
| B. Barry        | 11 | *         |
| T. Bellew       | 4  |           |
| J. Burdon       |    |           |
| R. Carey        | 3  |           |
| B. Cowley       | 7  | 8L/A *    |
| A. Galbraith    |    |           |
| H. Garrick      |    |           |
| D. Halderman    |    |           |
| M. Hogan        |    |           |
| A. Jones        |    |           |
| A. Leane        |    |           |
| G. McManus      | 13 | 1A *      |
| J. Montgomery   | 22 |           |
| S. Morris (Snr) |    |           |
| S. Morris (Jnr) |    |           |
| J. Quinn        | 13 | 1A 1L/A * |
| R. Smyth        |    |           |
| E. Tinsley      | 1A |           |
| J. Turner       |    |           |

### HON. & SOCIAL MEMBERS

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| J. Byrne      | 2A         |
| M. Burdon     | 1 14 L/A   |
| R. Catliffe   |            |
| D. Field      | 2          |
| S. Goncharoff |            |
| R. Hammond    | 9 1A       |
| K. Jackman    |            |
| G. Kenneally  |            |
| M. McKenzie   | Grafton    |
| N. Nitkitin   | 11 *       |
| F. Payne      | 9          |
| J. Porteous   | 10 5L/A    |
| R. Saunders   |            |
| J. Ticehurst  | Queensland |
| N. Wallace    |            |
| K. Wasson     | 8 *        |



MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE - CONTINUED

MEETINGS HELD 15

+ SPECIAL MEETING 14/10/76 \*

SENIOR MEMBERS

|                  |    |                 |   |
|------------------|----|-----------------|---|
| J. Alexander     | 7  | 8/4/76          |   |
| G. Arthur        | 5  |                 |   |
| R. Atkinson      | 15 |                 | * |
| S. Betts         | 12 | 2A              |   |
| Fr. T. Bell      | 10 | 2A              | * |
| A. Brown         | 15 |                 | * |
| D. Brown         | 10 |                 |   |
| G. Brown         | 5  | 4A 6L/A         |   |
| M. Burge         | 13 |                 | * |
| E. Carroll       | 15 |                 | * |
| G. Carew         | 10 |                 | * |
| W. Chipman       | 13 | 1A 1L/A         | * |
| W. Collins       | 7  | (rejoined 10/6) |   |
| B. Davoren       | 6  | 1A              |   |
| P. Gardiner      | 10 |                 | * |
| H. Griffith      | 15 |                 | * |
| Br. D. Habermann | 13 | 1A              | * |
| R. Hardy         | 2  | (rejoined 25/3) |   |
| C. Jones         | 14 |                 | * |
| W. Lalor         | 13 |                 | * |
| B. Minnett       | 14 | 1L/A            |   |
| D. Moritz        | 2  | (joined 19/8)   |   |
| D. Prothero      | 15 |                 |   |
| P. Punch         | 13 |                 | * |
| B. Scott         | 3  |                 | * |
| P. Settree       | 13 | 1L/A            |   |
| R. Slattery      | 13 |                 | * |
| V. Smith         | 1  | 2A 12L/A        |   |
| S. Tennent       | 5  | (joined 22/7)   | * |
| M. Thurgate      | 1  |                 |   |
| L. Walsh         | 6  | 3A              |   |

JUNIOR MEMBERS

|              |
|--------------|
| G. Bellew    |
| P. Blood     |
| J. Boyle     |
| G. Buckler   |
| R. deCoursey |
| P. Diggons   |
| G. Field     |
| S. Gannon    |
| C. Hopkins   |
| S. Joseph    |
| P. McGrath   |
| S. McLean    |
| M. Palmer    |
| P. Smith     |

# 'SOCIAL' THE BROWN REPORT

Mr. President, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Once again this year I have tried to vary our Social Functions to appeal to a wider range of our members and their wives, and the functions have been appreciated and enjoyed by those who attended.

We kicked off our Social Calendar with a pre-season "get together" at my home. Whilst numbers were small, it was enjoyed by those who were there. A big thanks to my wife Ngaire for her work in preparing for the night and to Olga Brown who was a great help.



8. The woman that deliberates is lost.  
— Joseph Addison.



11. 'Tis safest in matrimony to begin with a little aversion.  
— Richard Sheridan.

We had a tremendous roll up to our Chicken and Champagne Night at Epping R.S.L. From memory over 100 people were there! The food was great and entertainment first class. My thanks to Helen Atkinson for her help in organising the function.

Once again, we had a night out at the Killara Coffee Theatre. We had a mixed reaction to the show, but most enjoyed the revue. If we go again next year, maybe we can



organise better table arrangements, and let's hope Steven and Clare make it!

The response to the North Sydney Ball was disappointing especially after our tremendous roll up last year. Unfortunately due to illness, I could not attend and my thanks to Brian Minnett who looked after things for me.

We had a 100% turn up to our Schoolboy Referees' Dinner - we treated the boys and their fathers to a night out at the Willoughby Legion Club. Our patron Tom Bellew had the boys enthralled with his talk on his recent trip to Queensland as Manager of the N.S.W. football team.



9. Man is the hunter; woman is his game. — Tennyson.

4. There's nothing half so sweet in life As love's young dream. — T. Moore.

A new venture this year was our "Ten Pin Bowling Night". Response was disappointing, but it was a great night for those who were there - just ask Peter and Betty Punch and the Lalor family! I hear Gerry Carew will give Bowling lessons at a nominal fee!



32. I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. — Voltaire.

34. I must mix myself with action lest I wither by despair. — Tennyson.

One of the social successes of the year was our Cricket Match against Manly. It was a great day and the Manly boys excelled themselves with their hospitality, and catered for our every need. Our star batsman was Bert "CHAPPELL" Cowley. One of our "top" bowlers was Hilary, mainly because he wanted to bowl all day! from both ends if he could! I understand the match will go down in the record books as only the second tied game in history! No doubt we will be returning the hospitality shown to us by Manly, this year, on our home territory.



26. Exits are on the way out. — W. G. P.



We returned to Windsor Gardens this year for our Christmas Ladies Night. We entertained a record crowd of 116 people, amongst them were guests from every affiliated Association.

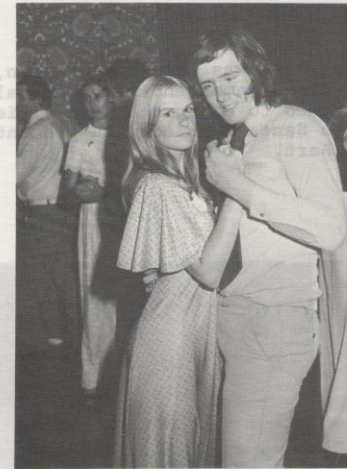
What about Phil the organist - the only way to describe him - "A one man band". He certainly made my job a lot easier. We've booked him for the next ten years!!



6. A radical is a man with both feet firmly planted in the air. — Franklin Roosevelt.

7. Love ceases to be a pleasure, when it ceases to be a secret. — Behn.

It was certainly a thrilling night for me personally, first winning the Bob Purcell Trophy and then Ngaire turning up to share in the excitement with me. I left her earlier in the night sitting at Naomi's bedside in hospital.

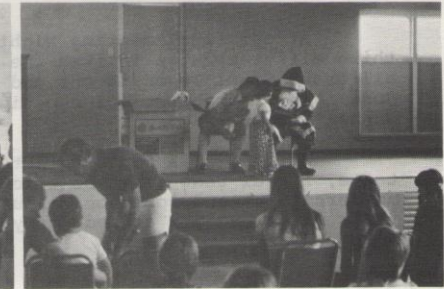
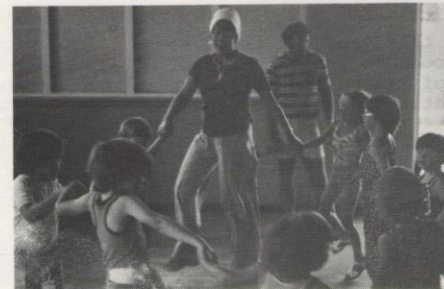


12. I expect that Woman will be the last thing civilised by Man. — George Meredith.

14. When giving someone a piece of your mind, be sure it's not the last piece. — W. G. P.

There was a lot of work done behind the scene in preparing for the night. A big thank you to Brian and Dymphy Minnett for their help, and a special thanks to Steven and Clare Betts for their assistance prior to the night.

It was Ron Hammond's brainwave to give the ladies a pot plant arrangement and many thanks Ron for organising it.



21. Most parents would agree that the best part of their children's lives was the drawing board stage. — P. K. Shaw.

22. No wonder teen-agers become confused. While half the parents are telling them to find themselves, the other half are telling them to get lost. — W. G. P.



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Our Childrens' Christmas Tree was held, once again, at Asquith Boys Club. WX organised games and races for all age groups and the children seemed to enjoy the festivities. There was great excitement when Santa arrived with presents for over 50 children - Thanks Bert.



2. Tell me what company thou keepest, and I'll tell thee what thou art.  
— Miguel de Cervantes.



23. One way to look young is to be always seen with older people.  
— W. G. P.

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

At our final meeting night this year, we tried something different - we invited the coaches and captains of all Grand Final Teams to our end of season convivial. Judging by the success of the night, this may become an annual event.

Whilst it is impossible to cater for every member's taste, I feel that a better effort could be made by some members to attend more social outings. To all members and their wives who did attend, many thanks for your continued support during the year.

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29. The joys of parents are secret, and so are their griefs and fears.  
— Francis Bacon.



31. A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal.  
— Oscar Wilde.

Thank you to my fellow Executive members for their assistance and co-operation during the year, and to Brian and Dymphy Minnett for all the typing and printing etc.

There is one person I haven't mentioned yet, but without whose help and guiding hand we would not have enjoyed such a successful year. To our President, John, my sincere thanks.

I conclude my Social Report with a special thanks to my dear wife Ngairé for putting up with me during the football season and all the phone calls and meetings etc. etc.....

A.E. Brown  
SOCIAL SECRETARY.



3. Man's love is of man's life a thing apart,  
'Tis woman's whole existence.  
— Byron.



35. Dieting is a lot easier these days. Just eat what you can afford to buy.  
— W. G. P.



PHOTO INDEX

Nos.

1. Erle Carroll being congratulated on his 100th "A" Grade Fixture by our President, John Quinn.  
Left to Right:- Jim Alexander, Geoff Bellew, E.C. Laurie Walsh, Don Prothero, J.C.
2. Peter Punch winning, then forfeiting the egg and spoon race - Children's Christmas Tree.
3. Ngaire Brown with escort.
4. The Scrabble Champions - Steve & Clare Betts.
5. Mr. & Mrs. Harry McKinnon at the Ladies Christmas Night.
6. Laurie Bruyeres being awarded the - OH, its A.E. Brown being awarded the Bob Purcell Trophy.
7. Mike and Sandra enjoying the Christmas Ladies Night, before .....
8. Tonight Ron, says Dorothy Payne. Why me? says Ron Atkinson. Oh, says Dorothy, you have just given the the Bob Purcell replica Trophy to me for Frank.
9. Graham has just asked Pat Brown to marry him again.
10. Mr. & Mrs. Gary Cook look happy just after Garry announced he's changing codes next year?
11. Look Cath, says John, we've got four now, how many more do you want.
12. Our newest contestants for "The Hill" next season - Steve and Linda.
13. That's John trying to tell everyone, that even if you are the President, you still have friends.

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14. Ngaire has just introduced Tony at what he does best.
15. These are just three of the five born during 1976. Let's see what this summer will bring.
16. Fluffy keeping a watchful eye over our youngest and smallest. OH, but what enthusiasm - Bill Lalor and Chris Hopkins.
17. One of our newest Referees - Colin Jones - getting stuck into it.
18. Debonair and Dashing - Graham Field.
19. Don, Tony and Peter Setttee fighting their way through a very hostile and unruly crowd.
20. Steven Betts doing his first senior Grand Final. That's him - refereeing.
21. Some of the children at the Christmas Tree showing Olga Brown how its done.
22. Miss Walsh getting her order right for Christmas.
23. Master Porteous showing Ron Hammond how it should be done. Ron didn't win, I might add.
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  15. John Quinn talking and Jockey Brown listening - what a double.
  16. Off to a flying start.
  17. Gee, what a hard game cricket is.
  18. Any one for Breakfast - Cook, Peter Punch, and Associates.
  19. What a hit.
  20. They are still dancing - John and Pat Brown.
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