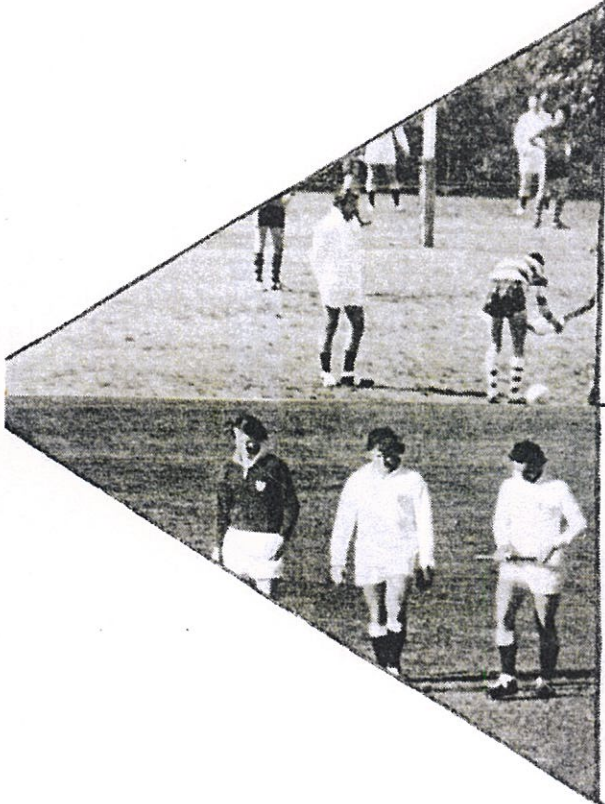


**ANNUAL REPORT
1977**



**NORTH SYDNEY
DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE
REFEREES ASSOCIATION**





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REPORT FROM
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND THE SENATE

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 1977

to be held at

NORTH SYDNEY LEAGUES CLUB

No. 1 Meeting Room

(Sports Bar Level)

on

Thursday, 16th February, 1978

at

8 p.m.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

AGENDA

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

J. Quinn

PRESIDENT

B.A. Minnett

HON. SECRETARY

OFFICIALS FOR 1977 SEASON

PATRONS:	Mr. J. Montgomery	
	Mr. T. Bellew	
	Mr. B. Cowley	
PRESIDENT:	Mr. J. Quinn	
HON. SECRETARY:	Mr. B.A. Minnett	
ASST. SECRETARY:	Mr. S. Betts	
HON. TREASURER:	Mr. G. McManus	
HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY:	Mr. P. Punch	
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Mr. R. Atkinson (Senior)	
	Mr. R. Hammond	
	Mr. J. Porteous	
DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES:	Mr. E. Carroll	
	Mr. S. Betts (Deputy)	
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE:	Mr. R. Atkinson)	Alternate
	Mr. H. Griffiths)	Delegates
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ORGANISATION:	Mr. P. Settree	
	Mr. R. Slattery	
HON. AUDITORS:	Mr. W. Lalor	
	Mr. J. Porteous	
DIRECTOR OF REFEREES:	Mr. J. Quinn	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Mr. W. Lalor	
DELEGATES TO UNIVERSITY CUP:	Mr. S. Tennant	
	Mr. P. Settree	
DELEGATE FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE:	Mr. E. Pierce	
DELEGATE FROM SCHOOLBOYS:	Mr. G. Blackler	
GARDIEN de FORMULES:	Mr. P. Punch (Executive Appointment)	

PATRONS REPORT

Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I be requested to add a few words to the Association's Annual Report.

As it usual, we can always look back on a season just completed to determine in retrospect whether we have achieved the measure of success we had hoped for or not, both as an Association and as individual members of it.

As far as the Association is concerned, its Administrative affairs were conducted in the usual efficient manner by the Executive Committee and Social Secretary and in this they were ably supported by our Delegates to the Junior League, Schoolboys, and the Head Body. To all concerned, I extend my congratulations on a successful year.

The success or otherwise of a season's activities from the point of view of each member is one that only he can judge. Every referee endeavours to ensure that in his career he achieves at least some of the goals he sets for himself. When he passes the oral examination, he joins his local district association with the hope that he will progress in its ranks. Most set for themselves the aim of reaching grade status. This is an honour which is difficult to obtain, particularly when one considers the large number offering compared with the small number required. The achievement of graded status is, therefore, something which must be worked for.

It is particularly important, however, to remember that a referee's duty to his Association and District, and to the game in general, does not cease once he has achieved this status. Further avenues of success are available to him only if he is prepared to continue to keep himself conversant with the Laws of the Game and to keep in good physical condition. These are two most important factors. He should not become complacent with his initial success, but should, by his continued thirst for knowledge, demonstrate to all that he has not only qualifications for the status he has achieved, but the qualifications to go further.

It was indeed an honour to have present at a meeting during the season, English International referee Bill Thompson, who impressed all by his obvious sincerity and cheerful personality. The exchange of visits between referees of the countries of the Rugby League world is most desirable.

Finally, I would extend congratulations to all who achieved various honours during the 1977 season and may I express the wish that season 1978 will be a most progressive one for Rugby League, and in particular for all members of our Association.

B.M. COWLEY
On Behalf of J. Montgomery and T. Bellew

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The year 1977 was our 55th year of operation - five years to go before we reach another milestone, our Diamond Jubilee - the years pass very quickly so spare a thought for 1982.

The Season 1977 did not commence too well for the Association, and, due to the demands of the District Club through their lack of finance, we did not look like getting our season under way. Eventually, after many tiresome and long meetings, we did get off the ground a week or so late and for most of the games during the season, we were able to supply referees to the Junior League and Schoolboys. A point that worried me in 1977 was that we had only one new Schoolboy Referee - not a good thing for the future. Our Senior Ranks were swelled by one new member and this was soon cancelled out when we lost two seniors after incidents in Junior League games, and one referee through injury in July, 1977.

A pleasing feature of the season was that three Schoolboys referees, namely G. Bellew, J. Boyle and G. Field all obtained their Senior Badge at their first application in October and the same three were successful in their High School and Technical Exams in 1977.

My thanks go out to the Executive of the North Sydney Leagues Club, District Football Club, Executive of the Junior League and Schoolboys Association and to the Executive and players of all Junior League and Schoolboys Clubs for their help and good fellowship during 1977.

Our financial position for the year makes good reading - at times I did not think that we were going to be square with the card, but our thanks for this position must go to Peter Punch, our Social Secretary, Ron Hammond for his astute buying, and to Geoff McManus for his control of the purse strings.

Socially, Peter Punch served up many functions including successful nights at Epping R.S.L., Willoughby Legion, our Past & Present evening, Ladies night at Pennant Hills, a very successful Christmas Tree at Athol Bight, and several after meetings, conviviais, and with this variety, all members tastes should have been catered for. Thank you Peter and Betty for your effort in 1977. Peter, your Cricket Day with Manly was a classic. The performances on that day by the two Ron's (Atko and Hammond) had to be seen to be believed, as also was Peter's effort in his karate handling of the "Eskey". Many thanks to Manly; not to say anything about Jack Jewell's home team decisions would be unfair.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - CONTINUED

Perhaps the saddest thing to happen this year took place on July 10th, 1977, at Rawson Oval when Brian Minnett, our Secretary, snapped his "Archilles Tendon" when officiating on a Touch Line in an "A" grade fixture. Brian has been sidelined since, has not yet returned to work, has undergone seven operations, spent a lot of time in hospitals and our latest news is that Brian is to be put into a full plaster cast of his leg this week (17/1/78) and this will be on his leg for another three months. The worst news to Brian just prior to Christmas was that he will not be able to run again as a Referee. We all hope that Brian will retain his interest in the game in the administration field. During this long time of suffering, Brian and Dymphy have carried out the duties of Secretary of the Association in an excellent manner.

I would like to take a line or two to congratulate Jeff Simmonds on his successful launching of the North Sydney Schoolboy Cup. This competition made a lot of ground for the District and I am sure, Jeff, you should receive more entries in 1978.

Once more, I say thank you to the wives and mothers of all our Referees for the way they turned out their men each week-end. The appearance of our Referees arriving and leaving grounds is most important. This aspect, I think, could be improved.

Our Schoolboys Dinner this year was a huge success. Peter Punch introduced a new format to the evening and allowed the boys to run their own Dinner and entertain their proud fathers. It was an instant success and their guest speaker was Mr. Gary Cook. Gary told me that he was most impressed with the way the Chairman, Geoff Bellew and his two cohorts Graham Field and Michael Palmer, conducted the evening.

I would like to thank all my executives for their efforts and attendances at meetings during 1977. This year we have had two or three Sub-Committees led by our Vice Presidents, making some thorough research into matters which should help all Referees in the future. So far, I have been very pleased with the Committees results.

Our thanks also to Messrs. Austin Shiner, Eric Cox of the N.S.W. Referees for advice earlier in the year and all referees will be glad to know that Mr. Cox has recovered from his recent car accident.

I have said before that the football season has "no beginning or no end" and I am sure that this is fact, but it would be wrong of me if I did not thank all the Clubs for their kind invitations to all their functions, their hospitality at all times was over-

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - CONTINUED

Through my years of refereeing and my association with North Sydney, it
was overwhelming. I especially enjoyed my trip to Asquith presentation
to the Basin in a speed boat, escorted by the Maritime Services
Board authorities.

Finally, may I say we could never enjoy football or refereeing
if it was not for the help we all receive from our women folk.
To you all, including my own wife, I thank you for your tolerance,
your help with the functions, the attendance to the telephone
and those messages.
I hope you enjoy the remaining free months before the 1978
season begins.

JOHN QUINN
PRESIDENT.

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ditions and our referees made themselves available with common
sense prevailed. After hours of talking, meetings and phone calls,
the competition was set as it should have been. I believe that all
parties had got together when the powers to be saw this financial
problem arising, none of this would have occurred. In the long run,
the only ones to lose were the referees through "unfair" criticism by
the media, District Club and Junior League leaders. It is going to
take a long time to rectify, let alone keep referees from running
away when decisions like this are made.

And now, gentlemen, I present the 1977 Annual Report.

We started the year well competitively when we were host Association
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The Penrith Hills Club did a great job in doing the catering for us.
Many thanks to Jim Worrell and his Committee.

During the year we had a number of Guest Speakers at our meetings, such
as Doug Wilson from Cronulla, Dennis Beatty from Souths, Dr. Milton
from Lewisham Sports Clinic, Frank Hyde and an interesting guest was
the visiting English referee, Bill Thompson. He was warmly received
by all members present and especially looked after by our President,
John.

Another interesting note was the Coaching Seminar we were asked to do
at the Ormond School for boys at Thornleigh. After great assistance
from Warwick Chapman and Peter Panton, as well as Cyril Wigzell from
N.S.W. Coaching Panel, we found the boys were not that interested.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

Through my years of refereeing and my association with North Sydney, it was always my belief that to run a successful competition, you need co-operation between Junior League, Schoolboys Association and Referees Association, but after the start we had this season, I'm not sure any-more.

After losing Touch Judges on Schoolboy fixtures through financial difficulties incurred by the Leagues Club, we had the misunderstanding between the District Club and Junior League, which, at first, brought about all Touch Judges being taken from all Junior League fixtures. Whether at the instructions of the Junior League or District Club we were unable to ascertain, but I don't believe much thought went into it or what sort of competition would be run as a result of it. Our foremost thoughts were related to protection of the referee, especially in the light of what has happened in recent years.

In the circumstances, we felt that we could not work under these conditions, and our referees made themselves unavailable until common sense prevailed. After hours of talking, meetings and phone calls, the competition was run as it should have been. I believe that if all parties had got together when the powers to be saw this financial problem arising, none of this would have eventuated. In the long run the only ones to lose were the referees through "unfair" criticism by the media, District Club and Junior League levels. It is going to take a long time to recruit, let alone keep referees from giving it away when decisions like this are made.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

This year our Annual Past and Present night was held and Guest Speaker was Col Pearce. I think the members present enjoyed both Col and the evening. We also had Gary Cook as Guest Speaker at the Annual Junior Referees Dinner.

With St. Leo's College, Wahroonga, now playing Rugby League again, we will more than likely have some enquiries about boys becoming referees, and this, together with two of the staff referees and another possible, may result in a few extra recruits from this source.

The Schoolboys Picnic this year had a new format to entice the family to come along, with novelty races, guest artists and a sausage sizzle for the boys. Not as many of our referees helped this time, maybe more next year.

I think the only disappointment was in the lack of support on occasions for our Social Secretary, Peter Punch. Its a job that needs your full support. It is an extremely hard job to do; firstly to put functions on and secondly, to find what sort of functions you desire. Please put more thought into this.

Our thanks to all the Junior Referees who stood the test by doing the Schoolboys fixtures. Without Touch Judges, these fellows did a great job.

My own personal thanks to my fellow executive members Stephen Betts, Geoff McManus, Vice Presidents Ron Atkinson, John Porteous and Ron Hammond who does a lot behind the scenes. Also Social Secretary Peter Punch and Bert Cowley for all their work. An extra thank you to all their wives - Mary, Clare, Lyndall, Helen, Deidre, Gwen, Betty, Joyce and Dymphy for letting us out at night and foremost to our President, John Quinn, for keeping us together.

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Unfortunately, this year has not been a good one for me health wise, but if it wasn't for all the members of this Association, I don't know how I, or my family, would have been able to see things through. I don't think any member at one stage or another hasn't had a helping hand from our President, John Quinn, and I am no exception. Thanks John.

BRIAN MINNETT
HON. SECRETARY

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

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JUNIOR LEAGUE

After a very rough start to the season, we saw the competition run out to a tight finish and the season was again mixed with night matches. All grades were very fiercely competed.

Better luck to the teams who missed out this coming season.

Our thanks go to the Junior League Secretary, Les Moore, for the work he did during the year.

The Association congratulates the following teams and participating referees:-

A Grade (open)

ASQUITH v WILLOUGHBY

Referee: Erle Carroll
T.J. Stephen Betts
Warwick Chipman

B Grade (Under 21)

WILLOUGHBY v LANE COVE

Referee: Ron Hammond
T.J. Bro. Dennis Haberman
Adrian Boyd

C Grade (Under 19)

BROTHERS v HORNSBY

Referee: Tony Brown
T.J. Colin Jones
John Byrne

D Grade (Under 17)

BEACON HILL v FORESTVILLE

Referee: Vince Smith
T.J. Adrian Boyd
Colin Jones

D/Reserve Grade (Under 16)

ASQUITH v BROTHERS

Referee: Stephen Betts
T.J. John Quinn
Geoff Bellew

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED.

E Grade (Under 15)

LANE COVE v BROTHERS
Referee: Dennis Haberman
T.J. Bill Lalor
Graham Field

Under 14

HORNSBY v PENNANT HILLS
Referee: Erle Carroll
T.J. Peter Punch
Hilary Griffiths

Under 13

COLLEGIANS v PENNANT HILLS
Referee: Peter Punch
T.J. Erle Carroll
Chris Hopkins

Under 12

WILLOUGHBY v PENNANT HILLS
Referee: Brian Davoren
T.J. Hilary Griffiths
Sam Hunt

Under 11

ASQUITH v PENNANT HILLS
Referee: Rev. Father Terry Bell
T.J. Michael Palmer
Jeff Buckler

Under 10

ASQUITH D v PENNANT HILLS
Referee: Michael Palmer
T.J. Rev. Father Terry Bell
Jeff Buckler

Under 9

ASQUITH v PENNANT HILLS
Referee: Brian Scott
T.J. John Quinn
John Boyle

Under 8

WEST PYMBLE v PENNANT HILLS
Referee: Bob Slattery
T.J. Brian Davoren
Sam Hunt

Under 7

ASQUITH v PENNANT HILLS
Referee: John Quinn
T.J. John Boyle
Bro. Greg Condon

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

North Sydney Leagues Club Cup
NORTH SHORE MARIST BROS.

v NORMANHURST

Referee: Bro. Dennis Haberman
T.J. John Quinn
Bro. Greg Condon

Massingham Shield Final (A Grade Knockout)
McMAHONS POINT

v WEST PYMBLE

Referee: Tony Brown
T.J. Bro. Greg Condon
Bob Slattery

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Hornsby

Representative Games (Senior)

A Grade

Addington (N.Z.)

v BEROWRA

Referees: Bro. Dennis Haberman
Bro. Greg Condon
Father John Quinn

Addington (N.Z.)

v PENNANT HILLS

Referee: Erle Carroll
T.J. Bert Cowley
John Quinn

Under 12

Kai-Poi (N.Z.)

v BEROWRA

Referee: Graham Field

JUNIOR REFEREES

This season saw Touch Judges removed from all Schoolboy Fixtures except Semis. This left a heavy burden on these young Referees with only a few Senior Referees to help. They did their job well and were beautifully presented on the field. Manners were again at their best.

As I was unable to attend the Junior Referees Dinner, from what I heard all had a good time. My sincere thanks for the autographed Menu you sent me. I will always remember the gesture.



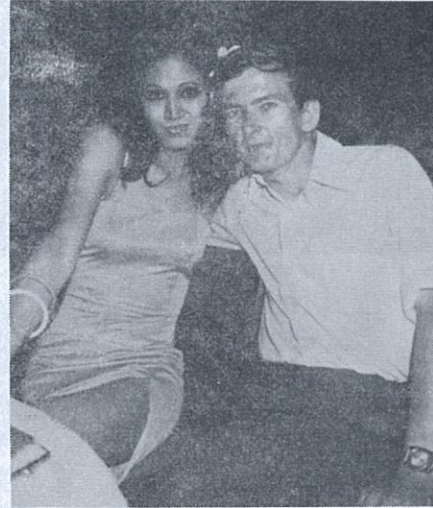
This young lady is always waiting for her husband, but it won't be long before Clare Betts ties a certain person down.



Referees Knockout at St. Ives - a typical scene - Senior V.P. going the wrong way.



Captain of the Norths Team at the Knockout thanking Catering Supervisor, Jim Worrell, who is also Pennant Hills Rugby League Club President.

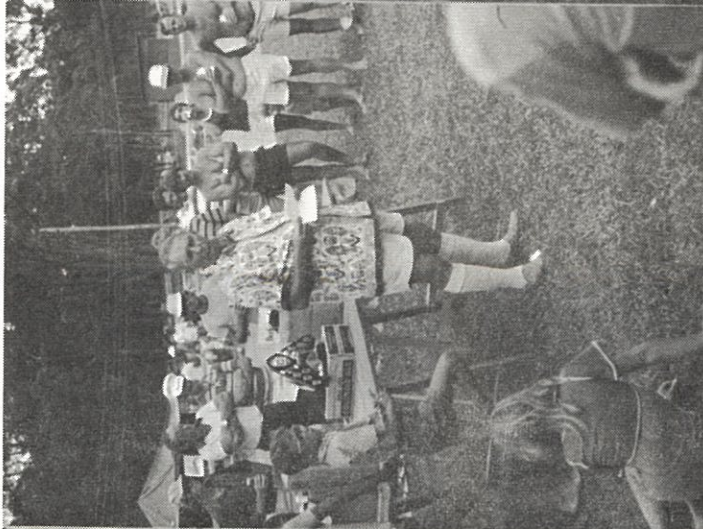


Just one of Bob Slattery's many acquaintances during his recent trip to Singapore.

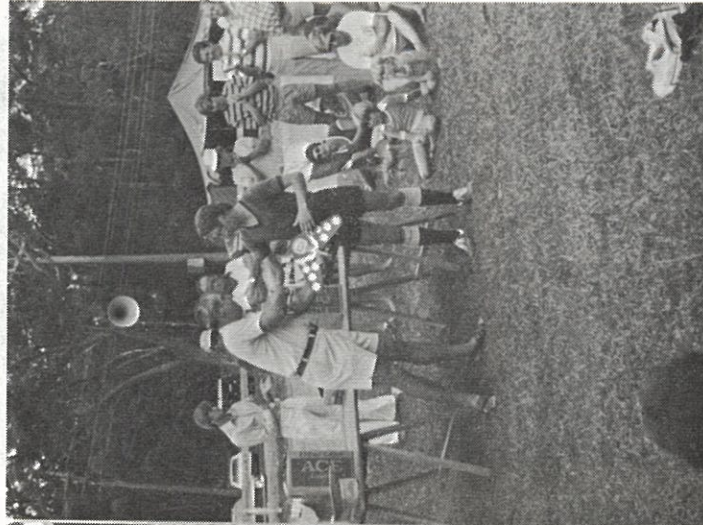


This is a picture of our biggest disappointment this season with his drinking, smoking, use of bad language besides being the Bob Purcell Trophy Winner.

Rev. Bro. Dennis Haberman



Our President - John Quinn - doing the thing he does best.



Patron John Montgomery presenting the Winning Trophy to South's Captain.



*Referees Knockout Competition
at St. Ives last season.
It's Manly's turn this
season (February).*



*One of our new Junior Referees
with great potential - Jeff
Buckler*



*Mrs. Gwenda Hammond's most prized possession
Original Photo Censored*



A big part of the Carroll family with Dorothy and Jeremy Payne at our Christmas Tree.



Cathy Byrne enjoying herself immensely?



A typical conversation between Cathy Byrne and Ngaire Brown - Babies.



The Porteous Clan - their subject: whether to allow John more time off work or not!!!

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

DISTRICT CLUB

This season was again a below average year for Norths. Its a pity the form shown in the last part of the season couldn't have started earlier.
To Coaches:

Bill Hamilton	First Grade
Harold Blinkhorn	Second Grade
Bob Saunders	Third Grade

best of luck for the coming season.

LEAGUES CLUB

This season saw the club in financial difficulties as I have explained in my report. With some new faces and new ideas, let us hope that the Leagues Club has a better year ahead.

We also saw the inauguration of the Leagues Club Cup between High Schools in the Northern area. It was a most successful competition and looks forward to a bigger and better competition. Jeff Simmons was convenor and what a job he did. Our President John Quinn also had a hand in running this competition too.

REPRESENTATIVE GAMES - 1977

Referees Erle Carroll, Tony Brown, Warwick Chipman, Stephen Betts and Peter Gardiner all did their job well, but were unable to gain Semi Final berths. Let us hope this coming season is ours.

VALE

To all families and friends, we extend our sincere sympathy for the loss you incurred during the past season.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Erle Carroll on his 6th A Grade Grand Final.

Bro. Dennis Haberman on being awarded the Bob Purcell Trophy. Well deserved.

Brian Barry on being appointed to the 1st Grade Grand Finals as Touch Judge.

Gary Cook on his 1st Grade Grand Finals.

John Montgomery - again delegate to the N.S.W. Rugby League.

Geoff Bellew, John Boyle and Graham Field on gaining their Senior Ticket.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

Congratulations (continued)

Bert Cowley - on being elected Co-Patron - Director of North Sydney Leagues Club and 3rd Grade Secretary (poor Joyce).

Michael & Sandra Burdon - on their recent wedding.

John Porteous on attaining Life Membership to our Association.

Graham Field and Geoff Bellew on passing their Higher School Certificate.

STORK NEWS

To Glen & Jenny Smith - a girl.

Obviously the stork lost his sling, but I have been promised that there are several couples sewing madly to make a new one, so let us hope that there is more activity this year.

DIRECTOR OF REFEREES REPORT

Referee's appointments for 1977 were very difficult - lack of numbers made it hard to get any great competition amongst the members.

We found that too early many members had to be appointed to higher grades with the result that when the Semis and Finals came, they thought they should have retained those grades and thus became disappointed and, in some cases, took actions that do nothing for themselves except to harm their own image.

Our thanks to the Referees for their co-operation with appointments. We realized on many occasions running eight to ten appointments each week-end and seeing fellow referees only available for a centre and a line, is very hard to take week-end after week-end.

We would like to thank Mr. Cliff Brown, Director of N.S.W. Referees, and Alex Soane and Jack Jewell for all their work and co-operation during the year.

Our thanks also go to Max Thurgate, Erle Carroll for helping out with the younger referees on the E, D and D Reserve grades and Peter Punch for his efforts with our Schoolboys on Saturdays. We were also pleased to have the service of Brian Minnett for the last part of the season.

My good friend and colleague Bill Lalor, together with our No. 1 offsider Adrian Boyd met twenty four times during the season, some very lengthy meetings and I thank them very much on your behalf for the effort and thought they both put into their viewing, assessments and decisions for 1977.

In conclusion, I would like to point out to some members who may feel that this system is not to their liking that this is its third season. It has been accepted by the N.S.W. League and some four other district associations as the best method of appointing referees. It takes up a lot of time and for our own small group, a conservative estimate of the amount involved would be some sixteen to twenty hours per week during the football season.

A word of thanks to Jeff Simmonds for his effort in the typing and duplicating department.

Good luck to all Referees who have been invited to the Grade Trials; hope 1978 brings us a graded Referee.

JOHN QUINN
DIRECTOR OF REFEREES.

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Statement of Receipts & Payments for the Year Ended
31st December, 1977

<u>Balance</u> as at 31.12.1976		\$ 243.89
<u>Plus Receipts</u>		
1976 Fees	84.00	
Badge Sales	15.00	
Lapel Badges	5.60	
Bank Interest etc.	102.02	
Tape Sales	115.00	
Fines	5.50	
Rep. Fixtures & Uni Cup Fees	230.40	
Functions		
Ladies Night	552.00	
Beef & Burgundy	240.00	
Willoughby Legion Club	208.00	
Bowling Night	2.10	
Christmas Tree	47.00	
Cricket Day	168.30	
Schoolboys Dinner	110.00	
Past & Present	162.00	
Donations	17.75	
K.O. Competition	352.00	
Fees	1370.00	3,786.67
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		4,030.56
<u>Less Payments</u>		
Badges	40.00	
Gifts/Donations	84.31	
Affiliation - N.S.W.R.F.L.R.A.	5.00	
Tape Purchases	134.80	
1978 Touch Football Comp.	20.00	
Convivials	234.99	
Printing, Stationery, Telephone	192.96	
Rep. Fixtures & Uni Cup Fees	227.15	
Functions		
Ladies Night	995.53	
Beef & Burgundy	240.00	
Willoughby Legion Club	177.00	
Christmas Tree	191.00	
Cricket Day	221.15	
Schoolboys Dinner	177.85	
Past & Present	207.17	
K.O. Competition	229.15	
Bob Purcell Trophy	26.65	
Life Member Blazer & Gift	57.00	3,461.71
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<u>Cash at Bank:</u> 31.12.77		<u><u>\$ 568.85</u></u>

TREASURER'S REPORT - CONTINUED

Notes to Accounts

Functions

Receipts	1489.40
Payments	<u>2209.70</u>
Notional Deficit	720.30
Plus Cricket Day Expenses Paid from takings	<u>42.80</u>
	763.10
Less Owing for Christmas Tree	<u>6.00</u>
	<u><u>757.10</u></u>

K.O. Competition Expenses
were \$80.00 more than shown -
see 1976 Balance Sheet for
Deposit paid in advance

Contingent Asset

Christmas Tree Subs. \$ 6.00

In our opinion the above balance sheet and statement of receipts and payments of the North Sydney District Rugby League Association are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at the December 31, 1977. We also advise we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

John E. ... (Signed)

William ... (Signed)

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.1977

<u>Members Funds</u>	<u>1,340.05</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>	
<u>Cash at Bank</u>	568.85
<u>Cash on Deposit</u>	
N.B.A. Savings A/C	10.00
St. George Permant Bldg. Society	10.00
Aust. Guarantee Corp.	520.00
<u>Lapel Badges</u>	24.80
<u>Uniform Badges</u>	28.00
<u>Whistle</u>	1.40
<u>Tapes</u>	27.00
<u>Touch Football K.O. 1978</u>	20.00
<u>Special Investment:</u>	
Australian Guarantee Corp.	<u>150.00</u>
	<u><u>\$1,340.05</u></u>

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

(Signed) William Lalor

HON. AUDITORS

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON 1976

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD 17

L/A Leave of Absence

LIFE MEMBERS:

B. Barry	6	6 L/A
T. Bellew		2 L/A
J. Burdon		
R. Carey		
B. Cowley	10	
A. Galbraith		
H. Garrick		
D. Haldernan		
M. Hogan		
A. Jones		
A. Leane		
G. McManus	13	4 L/A
J. Montgomery	1	
S. Morris Sr.	1	
S. Morris Jr.		
J. Porteous	10	4 L/A
J. Quinn	17	
R. Smyth		
E. Tinsley		
J. Turner		

SOCIAL MEMBERS:

G. Auther		
D. Brown		
G. Brown		
M. Burdon	1	
R. Catliffe		
D. Field	4	
M. McKenzie	1	(Grafton)
F. Payne		
D. Pothero		
J. Ticehurst		(Queensland)
N. Wallace		

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE - CONTINUED

SENIOR MEMBERS:

R. Atkinson	17	
S. Betts	17	
Rev. T. Bell	7	3 L/A
J. Boyle		
A. Boyd		
J. Byrne	15	1 L/A
A.E. Brown	16	1 L/A
E. Carroll	17	
W. Collins	9	4 L/A
W. Chipman	14	2 L/A
Bro. G. Condon	6	3 L/A (26.5.77)
B. Davoren	8	
G. Field	1	
P. Gardiner	9	
H. Griffiths	17	
Bro. D. Haberman	17	
R. Hammond	15	2 L/A
C. Jones	14	3 L/A
W. Lalor	15	2 L/A
R. Lambett	4	1 L/A
B. Minnett	14	3 L/A
P. Punch	15	2 L/A
B. Scott		
P. Settree	11	1 L/A
R. Slattery	12	2 L/A
V. Smith		15 L/A
S. Tennant	10	4 L/A
M. Thurgate	6	
L. Walsh	1	1 L/A

JUNIOR MEMBERS:

G. Bellew
G. Buckler
P. Diggons
S. Gannon
C. Hopkins
S. Hunt
S. McLean
M. Palmer

PUNCH LINE & SOCIAL REPORT

Functions held during 1977 were:-

Beef & Burgundy at Epping R.S.L., was a very enjoyable night with Johnny Pace and Harriet; attended by 12 members, 2 social members, their wives or girlfriends and 56 guests.

Dinner Dance - Willoughby Legion Club: excellent dinner and a night of dancing, attended by 9 members, 2 social members and 33 guests.

Past & Present: although the attendance was not up to expectation, 39 in all, a very enjoyable night was had by all who did attend. Guest speaker, Col Pearce, gave a very interesting talk on his past association with our association and its members.

School Boys' Dinner: full compliment of our young referees and their fathers attended. Guest speaker, Gary Cook, gave an excellent talk on the responsibilities of a referee and of his own experiences as a referee. On this night formalities were controlled by Geoff Bellew and Graham Field, once again excelling themselves - many thanks Geoff and Graham.

Cricket Day was "the day", it will be talked about for a long time. Besides having a good day of cricket (ask Bert, three days in bed after it, but he would gladly go through it all again), the gathering was treated to an excellent Bar-B-Que superbly cooked by J.Q. and myself. Many thanks to Helen and Clare for preparing and serving the salads, also to Ron Hammond who shed many a tear (peeling and slicing the onions). It was pleasing to see so many of our school boy referees in attendance on this day (5 out of 10 good effort).

Ladies Christmas Night was held at a new venue, Pennant Hills Bowling Club on a Saturday night. This night was not as good as in past years, many factors contributing to this. I am now of the opinion that this function could be held earlier in the year, as once again the response of our own members was very poor - 17 members, 2 social members.

Congratulations to John Porteous on his life membership and to Brother Dennis Haberman on the Purcell Trophy (my wife will never forget the expression on his face when his name was announced). Many thanks to the Ladies who provided the savouries, and Ron Hammond for obtaining the Ladies gifts.

Christmas Tree held this year at Ashton Park, Bradley Head. My thanks to Ray Lambert for arranging this venue with the National Park and Wild Life. Thanks again to Ron for obtaining the presents. The outdoor venue was well received by the children and parents alike, the feature of the day being the arrival of Santa by boat.

Other functions arranged and poorly attended were North Sydney Leagues Club Ball (3 members) and a Ten Pin Bowling Night (5 members).

SOCIAL REPORT - CONTINUED

All in all, 1977 was not a good year socially as most of the functions were very poorly attended by association members and other functions were cancelled due to lack of support. At the beginning of the season two Social Calendars were sent to all members, one to be returned so as your executive could obtain information as to the type of functions you most favoured. Only 17 of these calendars were returned.

If you, the members, do not support your association by attending functions or supplying information as to the type of entertainment you desire, it is a complete waste of effort on the part of your Social Secretary.

So in 1978, you have two choices:

- (1) support your association by attending social functions arranged, or
- (2) have no social activities at all.

PETER PUNCH
SOCIAL SECRETARY.

RESULT OF BALLOTS

PATRON _____

PRESIDENT _____

HON. SECRETARY _____

ASSISTANT SECRETARY _____

HON. TREASURER _____

SOCIAL SECRETARY _____

VICE PRESIDENT - SENIOR _____

DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES ASSOCIATION

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ORGANISATION

DELEGATE TO UNIVERSITY CUP

HON. AUDITORS (2)

RESULT OF BALLOTS

PATRON

MEMBER

NOTES

HON. SECRETARY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

HON. TREASURER

SOCIAL SECRETARY

VICE PRESIDENT - SENIOR

DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFERENCE ASSOCIATION

DELEGATES TO NORTH SWINNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE

DELEGATES TO NORTH SWINNEY SCHOLARSHIP ORGANISATION

DELEGATE TO UNIVERSITY CUP

NEW SOCIETY (1)