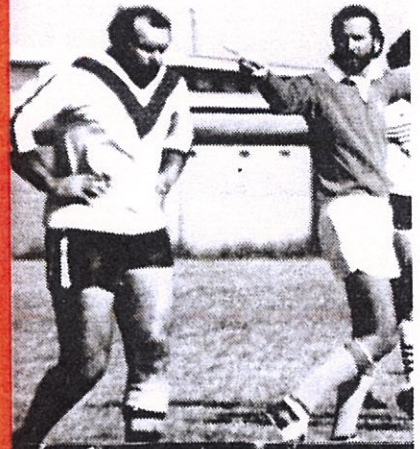
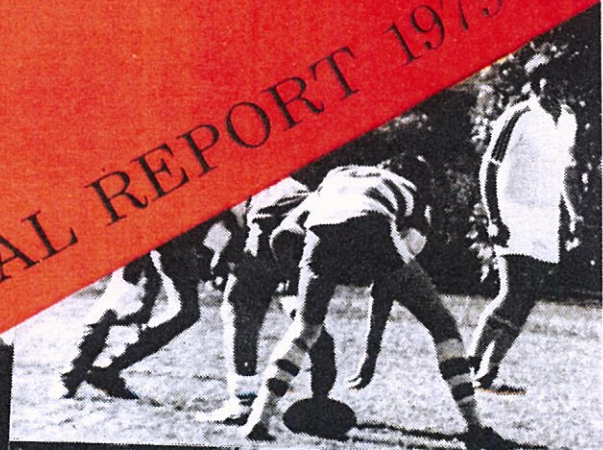
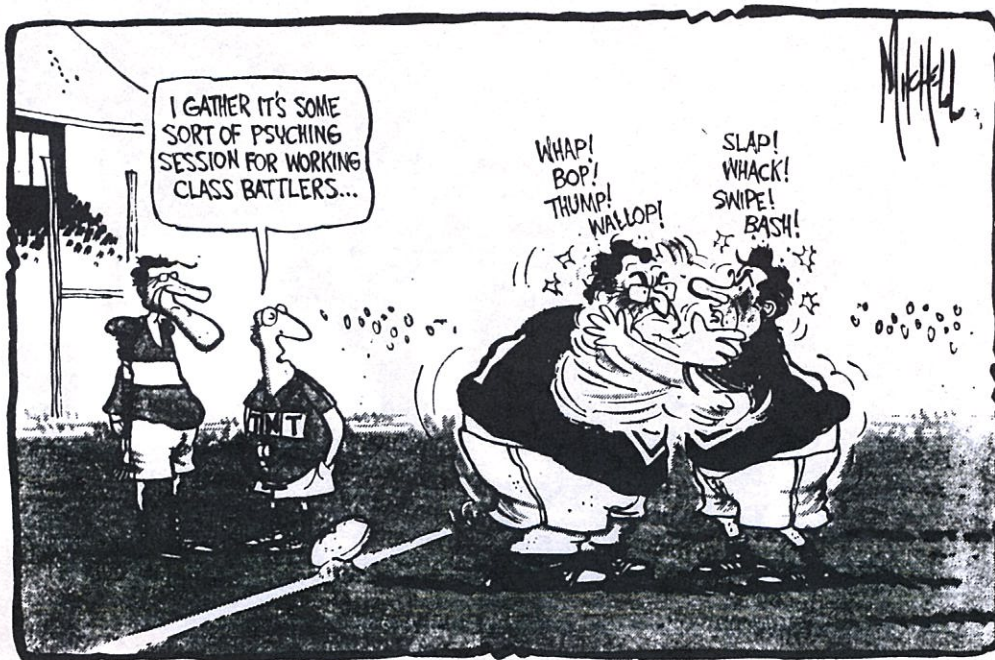


North Sydney District
Rugby Football League
Referees Association



ANNUAL REPORT 1979





Umpire Brian Minnett speaking

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OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1979 SEASON

PATRONS:	Mr. Tom Bellew	
	Mr. John Montgomery	
	Mr. Bert Cowley	
PRESIDENT:	Mr. John Quinn	
HON. SECRETARY:	Mr. Brian A. Minnett	
HON. ASST. SECRETARY:	Mr. Tony (A.E.) Brown	
TREASURER:	Mr. Erle Carroll	
SOCIAL SECRETARY:	Mr. Steven Betts	
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Bro. Dennis Haberman (Senior)	
	Mr. Ron Hammond	
	Mr. John Porteous	
DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES:	Mr. Erle Carroll	
	Mr. Steven Betts	
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE:	Mr. Ron Atkinson	
	Mr. Jim Anderson	
DELEGATE TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ASS:	Bro. Dennis Haberman	
	Mr. A.E. Brown	
	Mr. John Boyle	
	Mr. Jim Anderson	
	Mr. Hillary Griffiths	
	Mr. Neville Warner	
DELEGATE TO UNIVERSITY CUP:	Mr. Colin Jones	
HON. AUDITORS:	Mr. Geoff McManus	*
	Mr. John Byrne	*
DIRECTOR OF REFEREES:	Mr. John Quinn	*
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF REFEREES:	Mr. Adrian Boyd	
DIRECTOR OF COACHING (Referees)	Mr. Brian A. Minnett	*
CONTROLLER OF VOUCHERS (Referees Payments)	Mr. Colin Jones	*
KEEPER OF THE FORMS, TAPES:	Mr. Erle Carroll	
DELEGATE FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE:	Mr. Ernie Pierce	
DELEGATE FROM SCHOOLBOYS ASSOCIATION:	Mr. Jim Brannigan	*

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1979 SEASON

COMMITTEES 1979:

Life Membership, 1979

Golf Day, 1979

Constitution Review Committee

PATRONS:
PRESIDENT:
Tom Bellew
HON. SECRETARY: Brian Barry
Geoff McManus

HON. ASST. SECRETARY:
TREASURER:
SOCIAL SECRETARY:
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DELEGATE TO NORFOLK SCHOOLBOYS:
DELEGATE TO UNIVERSITY CLUB:
HON. AUDITORS:
DIRECTOR OF REFEREES:
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SENIOR V.P.

- * Barely clears huts,
- * Loses tug of war with locomotive,
- * Can fire a speeding bullet,
- * Swims well,
- * Is occasionally addressed by God

- * Makes high marks when trying to leap buildings,
- * Is run over by locomotives,
- * Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self-injury,
- * Dog paddles,
- * Talks to animals.

- * V.P.'s
- * Runs into buildings,
- * Recognizes locomotives two out of three times,
- * Is not issued ammunition,
- * Can stay afloat if properly instructed in the use of a Mae West,
- * Talks to walls.

Patron's Report

These few words would not be complete if some mention was not made of the nomination of John Quinn as a Life Member of the North Sydney Junior Rugby League.

John has been associated with the Junior League in some way or other since joining the Referees Association as an active member in 1958. To you John, we offer our sincere congratulations.

It is my pleasure to once again add a few words to the Association's Annual Report.

A review of the activities during 1979 reflects great credit on the Association and all members. To all officers of the Association, I extend congratulations for their administration of the Association's affairs in the 1979 Season, in the exemplary manner which we have come to expect from them. It would be unfair to single out any individual, but I must say that while the affairs of the Association remain in the hands of officials of the calibre of those we have at present, a successful future is assured.

Reviewing activities on the field during the course of the year, I regret to say that not all referees maintained the standard expected of them. I must therefore emphasise as has been done in the past, the need for those who have attained high status to show by their example and in particular, their consistency and dedication to the game the approach which younger referees must adapt if they are to succeed. Any other attitude can do little to further the progress of those who must eventually take their place. The introduction of a coaching scheme is to be commended, but coaching and discussion on duties of referees are to no avail if those to whom the discussion and coaching are directive cannot look to those occupying prominent positions as referees for a practical demonstration of what is put to them as the ideal during the course of coaching.

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In conclusion, may I express the hope that when we start season 1980, all members will renew their determination to succeed, not only on their own account, but for the betterment of the Association and the game of Rugby League.

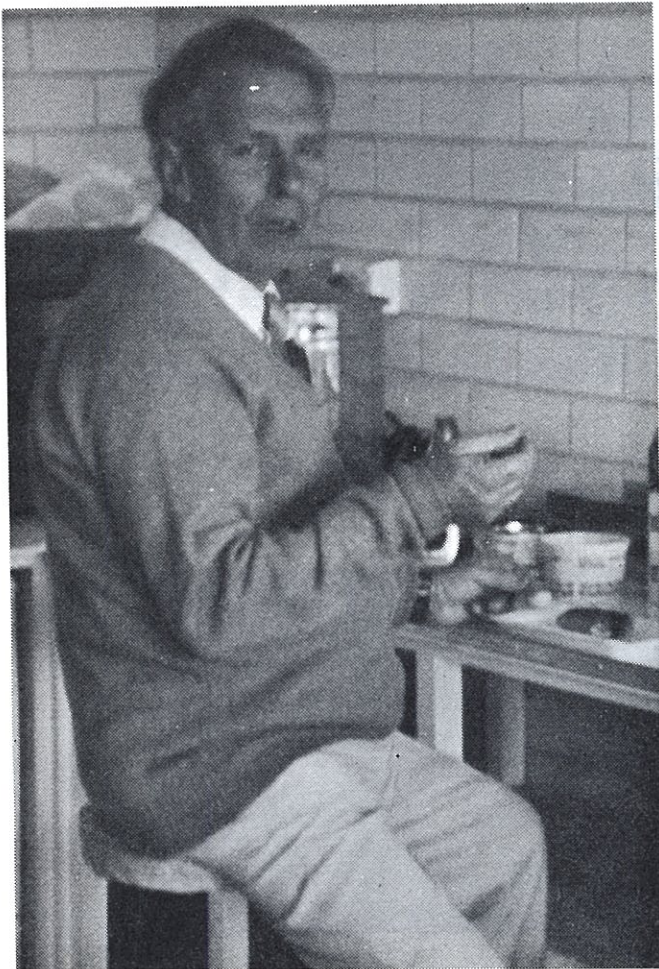
Signed: BERT COWLEY

On behalf of my
fellow patrons:

TOM BELLEW
JOHN MONTGOMERY

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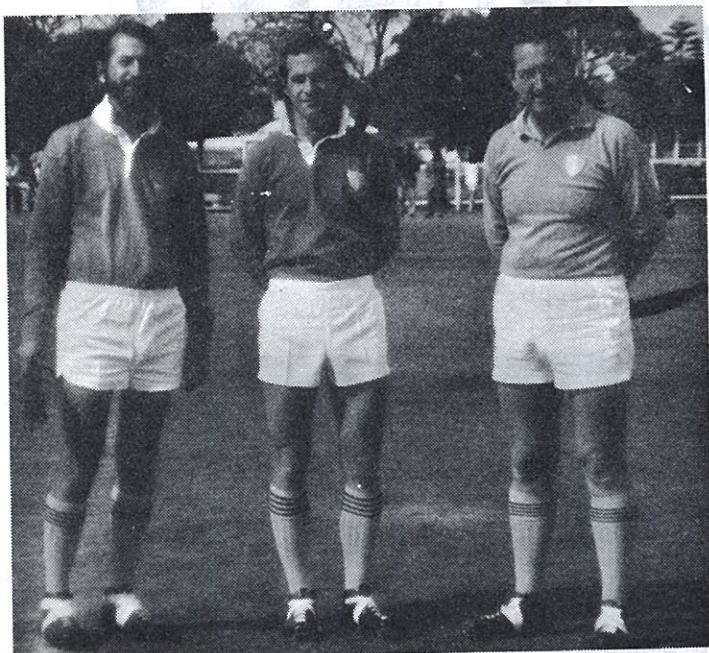
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Wherever John goes - John gets fed.



Robert Kiddle looks every inch a gentleman in giving his reply at the Annual Schoolboys' Dinner.



The Clergy on Parade.

Br Denis Haberman - Br James McLeod - and old Nobble Knees, Fr Terry Bell.



Some of the faces of parents at the Annual Schoolboys' Dinner - 1979.



Br Denis Haberman being rude again.



It looks like our Patron John Montgomery (middle) is telling one of his stories again. Our other Patron, Tom Bellew, looks shocked; and John's wife thinks: "Oh well, that's par for the course".



Stephen Clark's Mum and Dad look like they're enjoying themselves at the Annual Schoolboys' Dinner.

President's Report

- * Leaps tall buildings with a single bound,
- * Is more powerful than a locomotive,
- * Is faster than a speeding bullet,
- * Walks on water,
- * Gives policy to God.

January, 1980, and it is my duty to assess the work done by the North Sydney Referees during Season 1979. It is with pleasure that I report to all concerned that all commitments to all Junior League Matches, University Cup and Representative fixtures were carried out and when you think of our strength - 17 Senior Referees and 14 Junior Referees - it shows the dedication of most of our members. We now travel a large circle, North Sydney - Zoo - Georges' Heights - Berowra - Pennant Hills - Epping. Sunday is a long day, 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and sore feet and aching knees are now weekly complaints.

To our Junior Referees, many thanks for their efforts. At times these young Referees found themselves doing fixtures far above what they should be allotted and my thanks to the Seniors for helping them and to Junior League Officials - men like Ron Carey, and Brian Minnett, our Coaching Director - who walked a lot of lines coaching these boys. These lads have to be encouraged because they are the seniors of tomorrow, a fact that I am always telling our District Club and Junior League Officials.

Seventy-nine found me spending too many nights and days in committee, on the telephone and in Court over assaults to Referees. These assaults by players or officials are a great worry - young referees being molested and followed from grounds and spat upon by players on a train no less, is something never before heard of in this area.

After much thought, the time has now come for our Association to get together with the Executive of the Clubs, the District Appeal Committee and the Junior League and try and find an answer to this conduct and to make sure there are no repetitions of this behaviour. I feel that these officials and players are a minority group that Rugby League can do without and I am doubly sure Referees can. Rugby League has no peer, but if we tolerate the conduct of 1979 by these officials and players, the game will soon topple from its pedestal.

I would like to thank personally the President-Secretary, Peter Flint and Executive of the Leagues' Club, District Football Club and especially do I mention the President, Ron Carey, and Executive of Junior League, and Fred Thompson, President and the Executive of Schoolboys. This year finds two of the North Sydney stalwarts retiring from their particular offices, namely, Mr. Harry Forbes, after 51 years with the District

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

Club and Ron Carey, the President of the Junior League. To both of these men who hold Referees' Tickets, we wish you well and you are always welcome to the North Sydney Referees. My paragraph of thanks would not be complete without reference to the Head Body Executive and many of their Senior Members. Mr. L. Bruyeres and Frank Walsh were always available, especially when I needed legal help during the year.

During the year we were able to get away from football and have some nights out with our wives and girl friends. Our Social Secretary, Steven Betts, will no doubt tell us all about these events. Steven was assisted, as other Social Secretaries have been, by Ron Hammond, with our Ladies' Nights and Christmas Tree. Many of our members do not realize how much they are indebted to Vice-President Ron for his judicious buying of all the goodies for your children

For the past two years we have been managing our own Referees fees and I would like the members to know that the system now operating is very successful. We owe this to Colin Jones, Mrs. Pat Bombell (North Sydney Leagues' Club) and Austin Wotherspoon (North Sydney Treasurer) and not forgetting our auditors, Geoff and John. Many thanks to you all.

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

Financially, we are in a sound position, but this is only obtained by serious thought and making sure that all functions are costed accurately. Our thanks to Erle Carroll and Steven Betts in these matters.

Perhaps my disappointment this year was the fact that our Executive was unable to find a sponsor. It is not for the want of trying - John Porteous, Brian Minnett, Tony Brown and I have written to many companies, but to no avail. We were very grateful to T.N.T. for paying the cost of our coaching seminars.

Congratulations to Asquith on obtaining their new Leagues Club - an example of dedication and hard work (thirteen years) and my wife and I were very proud to be with them all on their joyous official opening, and may I say "thank you" for the honour of being the first outside official asked to speak in their Club on behalf of all the visitors.

My thanks to all my Executive for their efforts and attendance at meetings in 1979; to all members who came along and made the meetings possible; to Mrs. Betts and the wives of Executives for the suppers provided; to my right-hand men, namely Secretary Brian and Treasurer Erle and to our Senior Vice President, Brother Haberman, without whom we would never have had the successful functions, seminars, etc. without his help and St. Leo's. Brother has been transferred to Strathfield College for 1980, but has assured me he will be refereeing with North Sydney.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

I also wish to record the help given to us by our Patron, Tom Bellew, in the reconstruction of our Constitution. It was my first experience with a job of this kind and his knowledge was appreciated.

It has been a non-ending Season for many of us, 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 has been overwhelming.

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 and your attendance to all those telephone messages. I hope you enjoy the remaining free weeks before the 1980 season begins.

JOHN QUINN,
President.

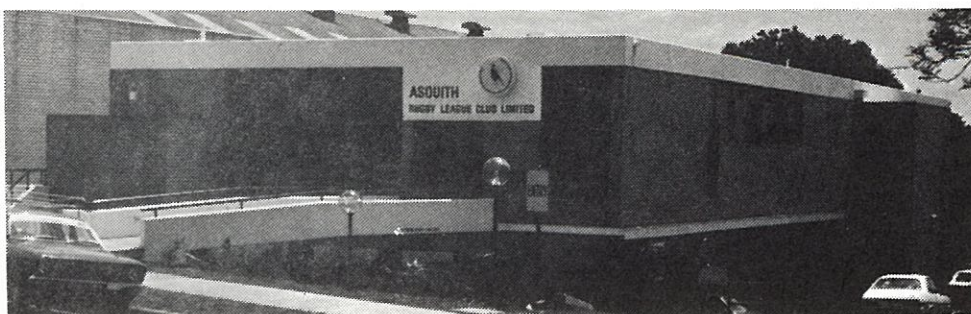
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Secretary's Report

- * Leaps short buildings with a single bound,
- * Is more powerful than a shunting engine,
- * Is just as fast as a speeding bullet,
- * Walks on water if sea is calm,
- * Talks with God.

Please allow me to present the 1979 Annual Report. This season was full and hectic, yet not as rewarding as previous years in regard to the abuse the referees received during the season.

The season started with the Annual Interdistrict Golf Day held at North Ryde Golf Club. This day proved to be a great success, both from our Association's point of view and from the other Associations, in the way they received it, with Canterbury-Bankstown winning again. Our home team put up a great fight. The numerous sponsors we had for the day who donated prizes for the various categories was a major factor in the success of the day. The Golf Committee did a great job in organising it.

A week later the Touch Football Competition was held at Yagoona; host association being St. George. These days are growing from year to year. I can remember when the first Touch Football Competition was held at Cronulla, when the day was spread out so teams could have time to recuperate between games to the present situation when we have games in between athletic championships and so on. This year its Canterbury-Bankstown's turn on February 10 at Bass Hill.

1979 was the year we introduced our new gear. It turned out to be a smooth turnover and looked very smart. Both our Senior and Junior Referees kept their gear in perfect shape and much of the credit must go to their wives and mothers.

This year much of the work load rested with our Junior Referees, with 50% of them new this season. They learnt quickly and attempted to put into practice everything they were shown, as you will see further on in this report.

Our Seminar this past season wasn't the success I would have wished it to be with the format similar to the past. After some constructive criticism received, there will be a change for the 1980 Seminar, which will be held in March. These Seminars are designed to help all referees and a greater roll up will be expected at the March Seminar.

Keith Page and his Coaching Panel helped me greatly this year, especially with the special T.V. day we had at Somerville Oval, Epping. Keith and Carl Gilcrist began filming

SECRETARY'S REPORT (continued)

around 12 noon and got a lot of footage on film, which, as it turned out, was a great help when it was shown later in the year. This video system proves to be a great help to referees, as they can see any mistakes straight away.

This brings me to a subject which is becoming a priority to this Association - sponsorship. We wrote to and approached many prospective companies, but with no luck. We will be stepping up this goal in 1980. T.N.T. this season has helped us a great deal with direct grants. This of course our executive and members appreciated. Let's hope we can get our own sponsor in the very near future.

This year our Guest Speakers Greg Hartley, John Montgomery, Keith Page and Carl Gilcrist kept our members' attention with informative talks - Greg on his trip overseas; John at our Annual Schoolboys Dinner, which had a 99% attendance at the Willoughby Legions Club, told our Junior Referees what England was like while on his recent trip. Keith Page and Carl Gilcrist spoke on the finer points of becoming a better referee.

On the representative side, we saw Steve Betts get to the S.G. Ball Semi-Final; a fine effort in such tough competition. All our other fellows all performed well.

We saw an increase in the abuse referees had to take, with referees, senior and junior, being attacked, jostled, verbally abused and the like. The Judiciary of both associations did a good job, but our main trouble seemed to be from the District Appeals Board. Reasonable sentences were being handed down initially, only to be reversed by the Appeals Board. This created a feeling among referees and prospective referees, that District Officials were not backing the referees in stamping out the thuggery in Rugby League. Let us hope 1980 will be a better year for us in more ways than one.

The 1980 Season should start on a high note, as our President, John Quinn, has been nominated a Life Member of the North Sydney District Junior League; a nomination worthy of a person who has done a great deal in the North Sydney District - congratulations John.

To my fellow executive members Erle Carroll, Tony Brown, Steve Betts, John Porteous, Dennis Haberman and Ron Hammond, who helped so much during the year - thank you. To the wives and mothers of the executive and members for their help in keeping our fellows in good spirits during the year. To John and Mary Quinn for their help and support, and to my wife, Dymphy, for her support, which I could not have done the job without, and last of all, to all the members of our association.

All the best for the coming season.

BRIAN A. MINNETT,
Hon. Secretary
Director of Coaching

JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT

This season saw an increase in work for our referees. With the drop in senior experienced referees, our juniors took the brunt of the heavy work in helping to staff the Junior League fixtures.

The competition in all grades were keenly contested. The only disappointment this season was the upsurge in the abuse of referees from Schoolboys Competition through to Junior League. The causes vary, but next season things should improve. The co-operation we received through the Junior League via its Secretary, Les Moore, again helped. Our appreciation to Les and the executive.

A Grade

STRATA v McMAHONS POINT

Referee: Erle Carroll
T.J.: A.E. Brown
Bro. Dennis Haberman

B Grade

WILLOUGHBY v BROTHERS

Referee: Steve Betts
T.J.: Ray Reilly
Jim Anderson

C Grade

LANE COVE v ASQUITH

Referee: Ron Atkinson
T.J.: Adrian Boyd
Graham Field

D Grade

BROTHERS v WILLOUGHBY

Referee: Vince Smith
T.J.: Jim Anderson
Ray Reilly

D/R Grade

BEROWRA v PENNANT HILLS

Referee: Bro. Dennis Haberman
T.J.: Rev. Terry Bell
Erle Carroll

E Grade

ASQUITH v NORTHBRIDGE

Referee: A.E. Brown
T.J.: Ron Atkinson
John Boyle

Under 14

COLLEGIANS

v

PENNANT HILLS

Referee:

Bro. James McLeod

T.J:

Michael Quailly

Bro. Dennis Haberman

Under 13

COLLEGIANS

v

PENNANT HILLS

Referee:

Colin Jones

T.J:

Martin Ryan

Greg Hand

Under 12

ASQUITH

v

PENNANT HILLS

Referee:

John Boyle

T.J:

Ricky Steedman

Rev. Terry Bell

Under 11

COLLEGIANS

v

ASQUITH

Referee:

Erle Carroll

T.J:

Bro. Dennis Haberman

Robert Kiddle

Under 10

WEST PYMBLE

v

BEROWRA

Referee:

Bro. Dennis Haberman

T.J:

Erle Carroll

Colin Jones

Under 9

PENNANT HILLS

v

ASQUITH

Referee:

Rev. Terry Bell

T.J:

Stephen Clark

Philippe Esterman

Under 8

BEROWRA

v

ASQUITH

Referee:

Hillary Griffiths

T.J:

David Johnson

Andrew Gibbs

Under 7

PENNANT HILLS

v

BEROWRA

Referee:

John Quinn

T.J:

Hillary Griffiths

Jeff Starr

MASSINGHAM SHIELD FINAL - A GRADE

PENNANT HILLS	v	NEUTRAL BAY
Referee:		Erle Carroll
T.J:	John Boyle	Neville Warner

REPRESENTATIVE GAMES:

Under 11

KAIAPOI (N.Z.)	v	BEROWRA
Referee:		Robert Kiddie
T.J:	David Johnson	Jeff Starr

Under 12

KAIAPOI (N.Z.)	v	BEROWRA
Referee:		Neville Warner
T.J:	David Johnson	Jeff Starr

Under 12

KAIAPOI (N.Z.)	v	PENNANT HILLS
Referee:		Erle Carroll
T.J:	Mike Kennard (N.Z.)	John Quinn

Under 11

KAIAPOI (N.Z.)	v	PENNANT HILLS
Referee:		Bro. Dennis Haberman
T.J:	Jeff Starr	Erle Carroll

Under 11

ADDINGTON (N.Z.)	v	BEROWRA
Referee:		John Quinn
T.J:	David Johnson	Jeff Starr

Under 11

ADDINGTON (N.Z.)	v	PENNANT HILLS
Referee:		Hillary Griffiths

Under 13

KAIAPOI (N.Z.)	v	BEROWRA
Referee:		John Colenso (Cronulla)
T.J:	Jeff Starr	John Quinn

NORTH SYDNEY LEAGUES CLUB CUP & HARRY MCKINNON SHIELD:

Under 15 v PENNANT HILLS
 ST. LEO'S v NORMANHURST
 Referee: Erle Carroll
 T.J: John Boyle
 Peter Diggins

Open REPRESENTATIVE GAMES:
 NORTH SHORE v CHATSWOOD
 Referee: Bro. Dennis Haberman
 T.J: John Boyle
 Peter Diggins

DISTRICT CLUB REPORT

The season again was a disappointment, but, with the talent that is around at the moment, things can only get better. Under a new coach (Tommy Bishop) who didn't seem to give his best, and all the changes the Club had to make during the season, our first grade team did remarkably well.

Our sincere congratulations and best wishes go to the 1980 Grade Coaches - especially to Ron Willey, who I know will give of his best both to the Club and District.

LEAGUES CLUB REPORT

This year saw a great improvement in the running of our Leagues Club under the direction of Kevin Marr, his Committee, and Peter Flint, Secretary/Manager. With these men at the helm, a successful year is assured, both for the District Club and Leagues Club.

REPRESENTATIVE GAMES 1979

Congratulations to our fellow referees - Steve Betts, who reached the S.G. Ball Semi-Final as referee. Colin Jones, Bro. Dennis Haberman, Geoff Bellew, Graham Field, all of whom had a good run.

VALE

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



I think the picture tells the story.

Mary Quinn.

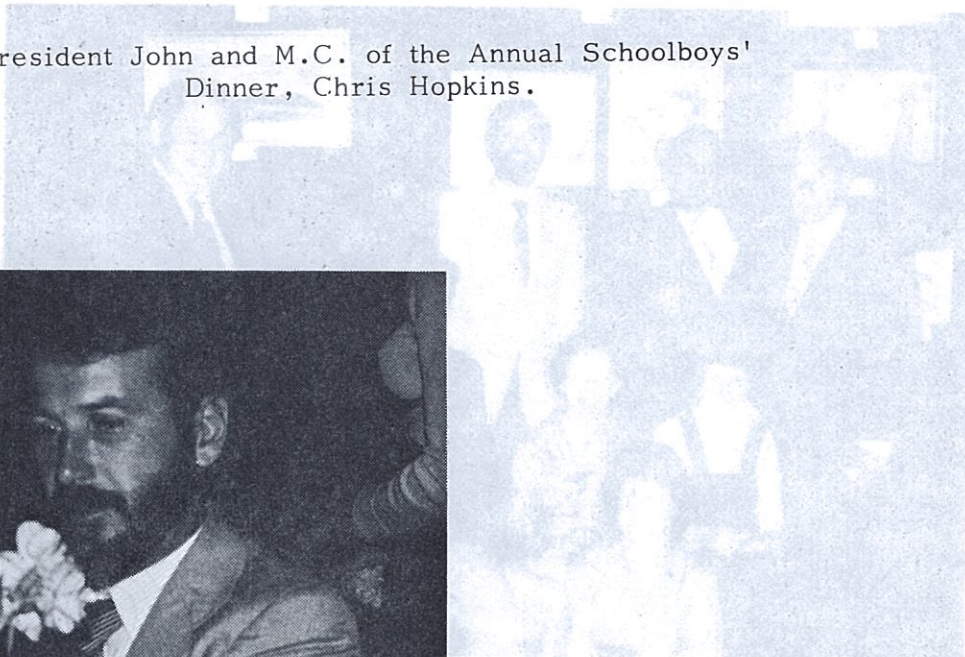


At the end of a very enjoyable evening with our guests from New Zealand (Mike Kennard and his wife Eleanor) along with John, Erle, Wino, Yours truly, Dymphy - Mary Quinn - and Sylvia Carroll.

Nature's Flower Child. Guess who.



President John and M.C. of the Annual Schoolboys' Dinner, Chris Hopkins.



At the end of a very enjoyable evening...
The Evening of the Evening and the...
John Hopkins... yours truly...
Sylvia Carr

Nature's Flower Child. Guess who.

JUNIOR REFEREES REPORT



This season we had an unusually high intake of new referees in our Junior ranks. Each of these youngsters performed of their duties to the utmost - from Schoolboys Fixtures to Junior League - U/7 to U/14 and U/15 to A Grade.

During the season, helpful eyes kept watch - Director of Referees, John Quinn; our Treasurer, Erle Carroll; and Senior V.P., Br Denis Haberman - with most attention taken in the new attire for referees. Every referee had taken great care to see that their gear was immaculate - thanks mostly to their parents.





STEPHEN CLARKE Age 16
 Joined Association : March 1979

Refereed most ages to U/15 in his first year; also did a good job on A Grade lines.

DAVID CLUNE Age 18
 Joined Association : April 1978

With his self-confidence and ability, David is capable of reaching greater heights in the near future.



MARK DIGGINS Age 15
 Joined Association : March 1979

Accepted without complaint some inconvenient appointments - an example for all.

PHILIPPE ESTERMAN Age 16
 Joined Association : March 1979

A lot of ability and a willingness to learn - Phil should be expecting a good season in 1980.



ANDREW GIBBS Age 16
 Joined Association : March 1979

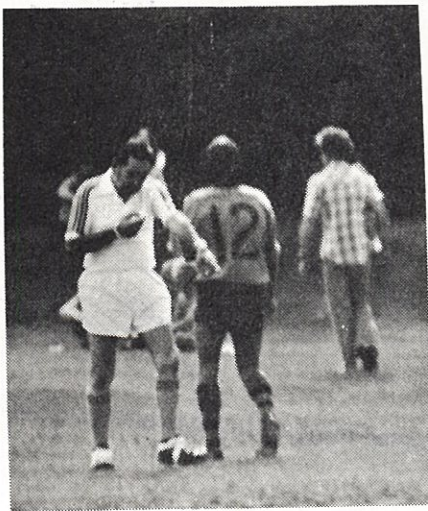
Ready to listen to advice, and then prepared to put the advice into practice.



Chris Hopkin's Mum and Dad listen to what Chris has to say in his welcoming speech.



Master Gibbs and Father - aren't they alike.



Old Evergreen - Maxwell Thurgate.



Steven Betts gets to the Semi-Final of the S.G. Ball Competition.

Special Report -

Meet Mr Joe Ticehurst

Seagull's
RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTB.

...being certainties in what promises to be an exciting tussle tonight.

Top Gold Coast referee Joe Ticehurst, who is rapidly becoming recognised as one of the best whistle blowers in the State, has been appointed to control the game.



Referee
Joe Ticehurst

8th June, 1979.

Mr. Joe Ticehurst,
Aquinas College,
Nerang Road, 4217
SOUTHPORT.

Dear Joe,

Just a quick note from Seagulls to say, congratulations on being selected to referee the match - Queensland v. Great Britain tomorrow night. - time they've given you a go. Good on you pal!

AMCO CUP

PLAYED AT LANG PARK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8th, 1979

4 Quarters each 20 minutes - time off for injuries
No extra time - in the event of a tie, Amco Cup Countback
Rules apply - in order - tries, penalties, 1st try, 1st score, 1st penalty

AMCO CUP - 7.30 p.m. START

2nd SEMI-FINAL

Winning team advances to Final on 15th August at Leichhardt Oval versus Cronulla-Sutherland.

QLD. COUNTRY

BRISBANE

AMCO CUP

PLAYED AT LANG PARK

WEDNESDAY 4th JULY, 1979

4 Quarters each 20 minutes - time off for injuries - No extra time.
In the Round-Robin Group Matches, draws will apply with one match point to each team. A win equals 2 pts, Loss equals nil pts.

AMCO CUP - 7.30p.m. START
QLD. COUNTRY V PARRAMATTA

REFEREE: J. Ticehurst (Gold Coast)
TOUCH JUDGES: L. Sainsbury, Brisbane (Red Flag),
J. Willey, Ipswich (Blue Flag).

REFEREE: R. Ticehurst

TOUCH JUDGES: T. Cannavan (Red Flag), DOUG MANSON (Gold Flag)

Ticehurst gets Qld-GB game

GOLD Coast Rugby League's number one referee, Joe Ticehurst, has been appointed to control the match between Great Britain and Queensland on Friday night, in Brisbane.

Ticehurst has gained the rare honour of blowing the whistle in a major international clash, after impressive displays in Fourx Cup representative games during

the past two seasons. Originally from Sydney, Ticehurst has always been regarded as one of Queensland Country's top referees.

Last season he was appointed to a major Amco Cup game at Lang Park but was forced to withdraw when he tore his hamstring while in charge of a Fourx Cup match at Toowoomba.

A Physical Education teacher at Aquinas College, Ticehurst is one of the fittest referees in the game today.

He was a prominent referee in Group 18 before he switched to the Gold Coast several seasons ago.

He quickly made a name for himself and has since been a credit to the Gold Coast League.

Rugby league's nice guys

SURFERS PARADISE. — It has been a big year for Gold Coast rugby league, with half a dozen reps in the Queensland Country team and Ian Dauth and Jay Hoffman making the State side.

But there was never a more popular selection than referee Joe Ticehurst to control Friday night's match between Queensland and Great Britain at Lang Park.

Ticehurst, a teacher at Aquinas College at Southport, is football's original Mr Nice Guy.

He was a top class referee when Gold Coast teams played in the NSW Group 18 comp and when local fixtures were started about five years ago he kept up the good work.

Even the bad boys of Gold Coast league admit that he is completely fair and amazingly cool in a crisis.

When he is not refereeing football or showing the younger refs where they went wrong Joe is up to his ears in Gold Coast sport.

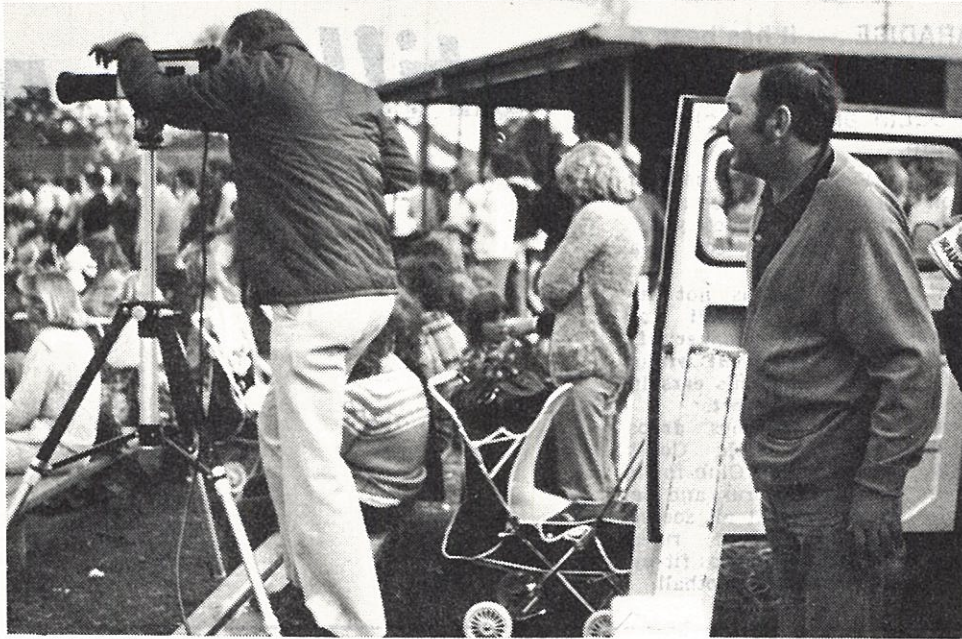
He sometimes drops into the Gold Coast Rugby Union Club for a conditioning run and he is welcome at all soccer and Australian rules grounds. Joe keeps fit by playing touch football.

still on move

Since joining North Sydney Association back in 1967, Joe had shown that he was going to be a person of quite exceptional talent, both as a referee and as an administrator - come very hard worker. Whichever position Joe undertook, he gave all he could, and more, in helping our Junior Referees of that time, as well as Seniors.

The honour which was given Joe last season in being appointed to representative fixtures in Queensland only justifies the years of hard and dedicated work he has put in. I know his wife Clare and rest of family must be proud. This must be a fair reward for all the time they didn't see him.

B.A. Minnett,
Hon. Secretary



What a day this was. Keith Page on camera, and Carl Gilchrist on audio. What a team. After they edited the spicy bits, they showed us our mistakes.



Father with his pupils left. David Johnson and Andrew Gibbs.



Father again - cutting the cake after the Grand Final of the U/7s Berowra versus Pennant Hills.

GREG HAND

Age 17

Joined Association : April 1978

Greg's keenness was demonstrated during training at the beginning of the season - one of the first to arrive, one of the last to leave.

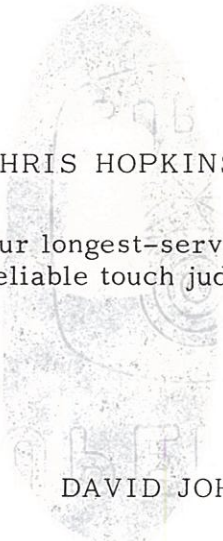


CHRIS HOPKINS

Age 17

Joined Association : March 1976

Our longest-serving Junior. A good referee and a most reliable touch judge.



DAVID JOHNSON

Age 18

Joined Association : August 1978

A mature young man - both on and off the field.



ROBERT KIDDLE

Age 17

Joined Association : May 1978

Robert had a very successful season; he is always trying to better himself.

MARTIN RYAN

Age 16

Joined Association : March 1979

Martin was always willing to help out when asked; very attentive on lines.





JEFF STARR Age 15
 Joined Association : March 1979
 A keen member. Jeff impresses one with his manners - always 100%.



RICKY STEEDMAN Age 16
 Joined Association : March 1979
 A great conversationalist. Rick was another Junior who did a good job on A Grade lines.



GLEN SWAIN Age 17
 Joined Association : April 1978
 Improving all the time, even though football commitments have stopped Glen from refereeing as much as he would wish.

JOHN WALSH Age 16
 Joined Association : June 1978
 A slow starter - but John improved greatly as the season progressed.



Ray Reilly has a good look at his T.J.



Nobbles himself keeps up with play. (Rev. Bell).



One of our newest - John Walsh - shows where it was placed.



Another Diggins gets amongst them.



Stephen Clark has a good look at the situation.

STORK NEWS

Clare and Steve Betts - a girl Angela (their first)

Jan and Neville Warner - a boy Nathan (also their first)

Deidre and John Porteous - another boy (keep up the good work)

Next year watch out for the inaugural

"See if you can top My Family Cup"

In the running are:

Carrolls	6	I think that's it
Porteous	6	Still going
Byrnes	4	Still firing on all fours
A.E. Browns	4	The body's willing, but the mind is not
Andersons	2	No time
Burdons	1	Central Coast air too thin
Smiths	2	Too much industrial strife
Hammonds	2	The mind's willing, but the body is not
Atkinsons	3	Too much garlic
Boyds	2	Never home at same time
Reillys	2	Too much love in tennis
Chipmans	3	Too much cricket
Fields	2	Graham's not a midwife yet
Lalor	3	It's all in the mind now
McManus	4	Too much tripping around
McKenzies	4	Grafton air good for children

CONGRATULATIONS:

Erle Carroll on his 9th A Grade Grand Final as Referee.

To all Referees and Touch Judges in all Grand Finals.

Steve Betts on winning Bob Purcell Trophy.

President, John Quinn, on being nominated a Life Member of the North Sydney Junior League.

Brian Davoren's intended marriage in February.

Chris Leahy on being elected Life Member of the Sun Herald Rugby League.

Harry Forbes' Retirement

It was sad to hear the announcement that Harry Forbes has retired.

He has put a lifetime of work into North Sydney and has been a good friend of our Association.



EXECUTIVE & LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION THAT:

MR. ERLE CARROLL'S

name be put to the Annual Meeting for adoption of this Recommendation.

ERLE CARROLL joined 1967 Member - 12 years

- Active member 1967, 68, 1970 to 1979
- Social member 1969.
- Vice President 1973 and 1978
- Senior Vice President 1974
- Co-opted Member of Referees Appointment Board 1973
- Member of Referees Appointment Board 1974
- Co-opted Member of Referees Advisory Board 1975 to 1978
- Participated in Schoolboys Finals etc. 1968, 1970 to 1978
- " " Junior League Finals etc. 1968, 1970 to 1978
- " " Rep. Games 1972 to 1978
- Refereed every A Grade Grand Final since 1971
- Acted on various committees 1975/6/7/8
- Bob Purcell Trophy winner twice
- Delegate 1976/7/8 to Head Body
- Chairman N.S. Touch Football Committee 1977/78.
- Coach of Touch Football Team 1978 and Captain of same in 1976/7/8.
- Custodian of Forms and Tapes 1978-9.
- Nominated in ballots for V.P. 1972/77, President 1975, Asst. Sec. Treasurer 1979
- Arranged for purchase and distribution of referees warm up jackets - 187.
- Distributed and arranged for uniforms 1979.

Meeting held:	183
" attended:	176
Leave of absence:	7

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON 1979

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD:

10

LIFE MEMBERS

B. Barry	7	
T. Bellew	3	
J. Burdon		
R. Carey	1	
B. Cowley	3	
A. Galbraith		
H. Carrick		
D. Haldernan		
M. Hogan		
A. Jones		
A. Leane		
B. Minnett	9	1 L/A
G. McManus	5	
J. Montgomery		
S. Morris (Sr)		
S. Morris (Jr)		
J. Porteous	7	1 L/A
* J. Quinn	9	1 L/A
R. Smyth		
E. Tinsley		
J. Turner		
* Active		

SENIOR ACTIVE

J. Anderson	10	
R. Atkinson	7	
S. Betts	9	
Rev. T. Bell	5	
J. Boyle	10	
A. Boyd	2	
G. Bellew	1	
A.E. Brown	9	1 L/A
E. Carroll	10	
G. Field	9	
H. Griffiths	8	
Bro. D. Haberman	10	
C. Jones	9	
B. Scott	1	
V. Smith	2	
S. Tennant	1	
M. Thurgate	-	
J. Buckler	3	
C. Leahy	6	
R. Reilly	7	1 L/A
N. Warner	7	
Bro. James McLeod		(March 79)
P. Diggins	6	
M. Quailly	4	

HON. MEMBERS:

G. Brown		
M. Burdon		
D. Field	5	
M. McKenzie		
D. Pothero		
J. Ticehurst	1	
E. Pierce (Del. J. League)	7	
J. Brannigan (D. Schoolboys)	4	
W. Chipman		
B. Davoren		
B. Lalor	2	
J. Byrne		
W. Collins		
R. Hammond	8	
P. Settree	1	
R. Slattery	2	
Tony Walters		
Ian Smith	(March 79)	4
Adam Atkinson		
Frank Payne		
Brian Scott		
Sam Hunt		

JUNIOR ACTIVE

C. Hopkins	3
R. Kiddle	2
D. Johnson	2
D. Clune	3
G. Hand	2
G. Swain	
J. Walsh	
M. Ryan	1
M. Diggins	1
S. Clarke	2
G. Starr	2
R. Steedman	
P. Esterman	
A. Gibbs	

Treasurer's Report & Balance Sheet

- * Leaps short buildings with a running start and favorable winds,
- * Is almost as powerful as a shunting engine,
- * Is faster than a speeding B.B.,
- * Walks on water in indoor swimming pools,
- * Talks with God if special request is approved.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1979

Balance as at 31.12.79 \$ 1,207.08

Plus Receipts

1978 Fees	5.00	
1979 Fees	540.00	
1980 Fees	15.00	
Bank Interest etc.	67.17	
Tape Sales (See Note 1)	110.50	
Novelty Raffle	56.80	
Thomas Nationwide Transport (Coaching Seminar & Annual Report etc.)	250.00	
Sale of Jumpers and Socks	229.90	
Sale of Whistle	1.40	
Profit from Sale of Pens	11.15	
T.V. Appearance Fees	135.00	
Amco Shield Fees	60.00	
Annie Show Fee	19.00	
Rep. Fixtures & Uni. Cup Fees	411.45	
North Sydney Leagues Club	2,233.20	
North Sydney Football Club	9,317.20	
Fines	.50	
Donations	10.00	
Confectionery	536.00	
Functions (See Note 2)	<u>2,520.85</u>	<u>\$16,530.12</u>

TOTAL \$17,737.20

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Less Payments

T.V. Appearance Fees	135.00	
Amco Shield Fees	60.00	
Refund Annie Show Fee	19.00	
Functions (See Note 2)	4,420.90	
Referees Payments	9,771.85	
Bank Fees	15.00	
Investments (See Note 3)	730.00	
1979 & 80 Touch Football Nom. Fees	45.00	
Court Cost (Jim Anderson)	10.00	
Affiliation Fee - N.S.W.R.F.L.R.A.	5.00	
Members Insurance Premium	354.60	
Refund Insurance Fee N/A Mem.	110.00	
1980 Golf Day	10.00	
Uniforms (Jumpers & Socks)	1,012.35	
Gifts	12.25	
Postage & Telephone	239.15	
Burning Log Refund	14.50	
Advertising	73.80	
Refund on Rec. No. 3164	40.00	
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TOTAL		\$17,078.40

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.79

Members Funds \$2,550.06

Represented by

Cash at Bank 658.80

Cash on Deposit 1,592.76

St. George Perm. Building
Society (See Note 3) 1,082.76

National Bank Savings Account 10.00

Australian Guarantee Corporation 500.00

Special Investments

Australian Guarantee Corporation 150.00

Lapel Badges 3.00

Uniform Badges 5.00

Uniforms 62.50

Tapes 78.00

\$2,550.06

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

NOTE 1

Amounts deducted from Referees payment and included in receipts but not shown as same.

1979 Insurance Premium	50.00	
1980 Insurance Premium	380.00	
Tape Sales	65.00	
1979 Fees	945.00	
Neutral Jumpers	<u>720.00</u>	<u>\$2,190.00</u>

NOTE 2

Payments:

1979 Golf Day	1,273.76	
Burning Log	661.00	
Junior Referees Dinner	226.90	
Ladies Night (See Note 4)	1,772.19	
Xmas Tree	195.26	
Various Convivials	<u>291.79</u>	<u>\$4,420.90</u>

Receipts:

1979 Golf Day	1,437.95	
(1978 Receipts \$670.00 1979 Receipts \$767.95)		
Burning Log	637.00	
Junior Referees Dinner	160.00	
Ladies Night (See Note 4)	820.90	
Xmas Tree (See Note 4)	39.00	
Various Convivials	<u>96.00</u>	<u>\$3,190.85</u>

Net Deficiency \$1,230.05

NOTE 3

St. George Building Society Account includes:

1980 Members Insurance Premium	380.00	
Special Sports Fund (balance from Golf Day)	150.00	
Members Ordinary Funds	<u>552.76</u>	<u>\$1,082.76</u>

NOTE 4

Contingent Asset

Refund of Overcharge on Ladies Night	53.50
Xmas Tree Fees	15.00
Confectionery	<u>195.00</u>
	<u>\$263.50</u>

Contingent Liability

Confectionery Account
to be paid when all
are sold \$480.00

ERLE CARROLL,
Hon. Treasurer

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, 1979. We also advise we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

Sydney (Signed) JOHN BYRNE

(Signed) GEOFF McMANUS

	1,137.95	
	437.00	
	70.00	
	870.00	
	10.00	
	32.00	
	1,576.95	
	1,576.95	

	350.00	
	150.00	
	150.00	
	500.00	

	53.50	
	15.00	
	105.00	
	173.50	

Director of Referees Report

- * Lifts buildings and walks under them,
- * Kicks locomotives off the tracks,
- * Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them,
- * Freezes water with a single glance -
- * Because.....HE IS GOD!

Our first duty in writing this report is to thank all the Referees for their co-operation during Season 1979. Many of you had some difficult assignments, such as commencing at Storey Park, Asquith, and finishing at Rawson Oval, Mosman, on a Sunday, starting at 8.30 a.m. and still being on the field at 5 p.m. Without your unselfish co-operation, the appointments could not have been filled.

Our thanks to Hilary Griffiths, our graded referee, for his work. He refereed whenever he was able and was a great help in coaching the young lads.

We were very pleased with the young referees - credit to Brian Minnett in placing them before the Examination Board and to the hours he spent with them on Saturdays. At this stage, we would like to thank the parents of the Junior Referees for the way they turned their sons out - in nearly all cases they were immaculate. It was very pleasing to see them all with their parents at their Annual Dinner and our Patron, John Montgomery, who was their Guest Speaker, was very impressed with their conduct.

In the Representative Games Steven Betts made the S.G. Ball semi-final and it was good to see some of the young seniors making their way through these games.

Our thanks to Jack Jewell and Harry Pierce for their help during the year. We spent many hours watching football with these gentlemen and their advice was very much appreciated. We are hoping 1980 will see us with another man in Grade and Steven Betts and Vince Smith have been submitted for Grade Trials. We hope they both get a run and do well. Ian Smith has also been invited to trial by the N.S.W. Director of Referees, Mr. Eric Cox.

Adrian and I met on twenty-one occasions during the year and we viewed over one hundred games each and spent many hours in 'phone consultations. Adrian has asked me to thank Brother Haberman for his support whilst I was on leave.

To a lot of people a Referee is often unpopular, but even more unpopular in many cases is the person responsible for the Referees' appointments, but we know in our hearts that we can live with our consciences after making the appointments as we make them from what we see on the field.

DIRECTOR OF REFEREES REPORT (continued)

We are also never afraid to seek extra adjudication at the crucial matches from those who are experienced to judge, but we sometimes win and we sometimes lose with our appointments. We would prefer that constructive criticism or suggestions be made to us and not to others who do not have the responsibility for the appointments.

We would like to thank Les McReynolds of the Asquith Bowling Club for arranging for us to hold some of our meetings at his Club.

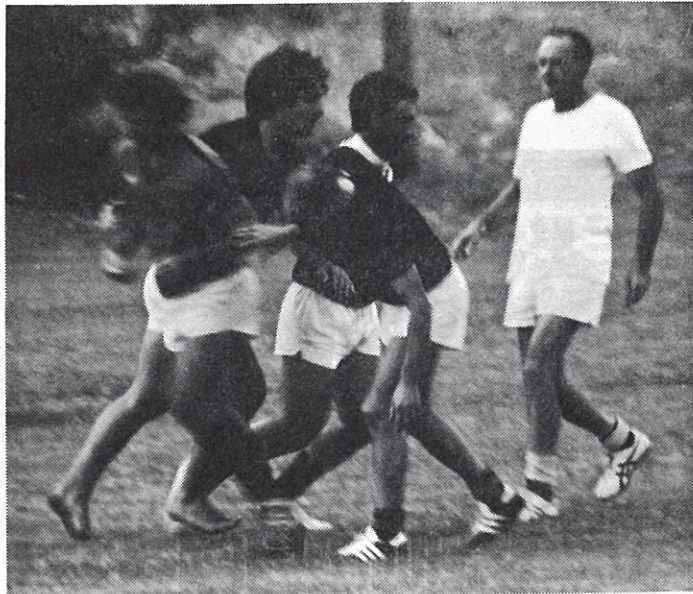
Our report would not be complete without reference to Junior League Secretary, Les Moore. Thank you for your help Les.

Best wishes to all Referees for Season 1980.

ADRIAN BOYD)
JOHN QUINN) Directors



Our Touch Football Team come up against the eventual winners,
Souths.
(David Clune - Erle Carroll - John Byrne - Glen Swain)



Keith Page had his hands full with our mob.
(Touch Football Day)



Father John Quinn has a word to say after the Final of the U/7s.



Chris Hopkins, Ray Reilly and Graham Field look so serious.



Vince Smith during the Major B Grade Semi-Final at North Sydney Oval.



Ron Atkinson always gives a good 5 metres.

Social Report - The Betts File

- * Falls over doorsteps when trying to enter buildings,
- * Says "Look at the Choo-Choo",
- * Wets himself with a water pistol,
- * Plays in mud puddles,
- * Mumbles to himself.

Mr. President, Ladies & Gentlemen,

During this past year, it has been my intention to provide a number of functions which would be enjoyed by everyone who attended, and from all reports, the year has been successful on the social scene.

Our first major event of the year was the hosting of the Annual Referees Golf Day, which was held at North Ryde Golf Club in January. Ron Hammond, last years Social Secretary, together with a hardworking committee, put a tremendous amount of effort into this day. With the help of many members, the day was an outstanding success - and we didn't do too badly on the course either. With a good turn-up in the 1980's, we might even be able to bring the trophy to North Sydney.

A new event on the social scene this year was a theatre party to Her Majesty's to see the stage production "Annie". While the attendance was not spectacular, the show was. Everyone had an entertaining night, although it was agreed that restaurants where garlic is served be ruled out as pre-theatre venues - Ron and Helen please note.

This night was an example that if you don't patronise outings, you just don't know what you are missing out on.

During August, we again tried something different when over 40 members and their guests attended another type of theatre, this time the "Burning Log Theatre Restaurant" at Dural. The menu was good and the refreshments plentiful (with everyone arriving home safely). The show itself, a light hearted mine review, was both funny and entertaining, with everyone joining in and adding to the atmosphere of this occasion. On reflection, I'm sure Tony Brown would have loved to have joined the show's cast in staging this review. After watching his brilliant refereeing performance on video tape, which was shown to members with the assistance and support of the N.S.W. Referees Coaching Panel, Tony would be a natural on stage. All in all, it was a most enjoyable night out.

By popular demand, the gala event of the year, our Annual Ladies Christmas Dinner and Presentation night, returned once more to Windsor Gardens. Over 100 people, including guests from affiliated associations, wined, dined and danced the night away.



The Childrens Christmas Tree Party was held at Montview Park, Hornsby in very hot weather. Luckily a cooler change arrived that made things a lot more comfortable.

Chief Babysitter - David Clune - the pride of mothers of the North Sydney Referees Association (the tallest of the three) keeps an eye on the kids' character references. Ask Ngaire Brown, she recommends him. Bookings through: Clune residence.



Some of the kids are kept occupied with games - Ringmaster Dymphy Minnett.

To add variety to the evening, Dennis Haberman conducted a light hearted general knowledge quiz, which was well received by all. The winners of the quiz were suitably rewarded with "all-day-suckers".

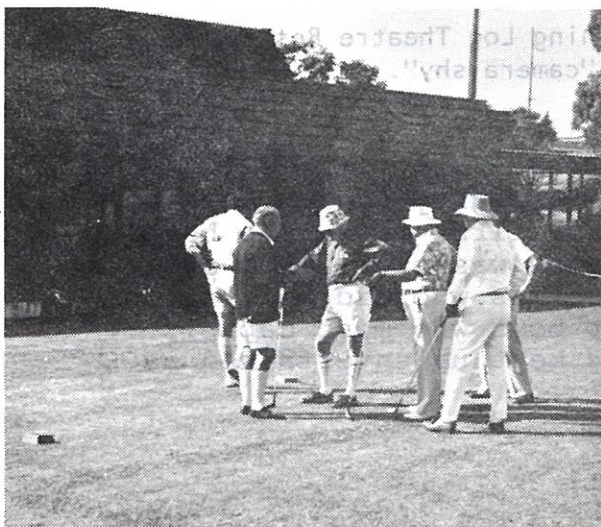
During the formalities of the evening, a plaque was presented to Greg Hartley from our Association commemorating his appointment to the First Grade Grand Final in 1979. Well done Greg.

It was most gratifying to myself and other executive members to hear the favourable comments we received from guests on the success of the night, and my thanks go to our members for supporting this function and making it a night to remember.



Some of the members who attended the Burning Log Theatre Restaurant. The others (not pictured) were a little "camera shy".

The Schoolboy Referees Dinner at Willoughby Legion Club saw a break from tradition when, for the first time, the boys' mothers were invited. The attendance was excellent, as always, and my thanks go to Chris Hopkins who did a first class job as M.C. and to the other boys who most capably assisted. Our own John Montgomery kept us entertained as guest speaker.



Our successful Golf Day - Feb., 1979.

- (Top) Graham Field has a second look at John Montgomery.
- (Middle) Tom Bellew and Harry Forbes with his caddie.
- (Bottom) John Quinn gives the tee-off instructions.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (continued)

RESULT OF BALLOTS

Our Childrens Christmas Tree was held at Hornsby Heights. The day was very well attended and the Burdon family even travelled all the way from Gosford to renew some old acquaintances. Santa caused great excitement amongst the children when he arrived to distribute his presents. Thanks go to Jim Worrell of Pennant Hills Club for your contribution to the day. Our President, John, is sure we have some budding musicians in our ranks after watching the children perform.

Thanks are due to my fellow executive members for their co-operation during the year. Special thanks to Ron Hammond and our President, John, for your guiding influence and for the assistance you have been ever willing to offer. To Dymphy and Brian Minnett for the typing, printing etc., a sincere thank you. Finally, to my dear wife Clare, for putting up with me during the season and providing the encouragement that I needed, my warmest thanks.

I trust that you have all enjoyed this year's activities and I urge you to give your full support to the member you elect as your next Social Secretary. Functions can only be successful if we can get people to attend them.

STEVE BETTS,
Social Secretary

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ORGANISATION

DELEGATES TO UNIVERSITY CUP

HON. AUDITORS (2)

RESULT OF BALLOTS

PATRON _____

PRESIDENT _____

HON. SECRETARY _____

ASSISTANT SECRETARY _____

HON. TREASURER _____

SOCIAL SECRETARY _____

VICE PRESIDENT - SENIOR _____

DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES ASSOCIATION _____

STEVE BETTS,
Social Secretary

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE _____

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ORGANISATION _____

DELEGATES TO UNIVERSITY CUP _____

HON. AUDITORS (2) _____



Jim Anderson, Joe Ticehurst, John Quinn, Erle Carroll, Brian Barry and Chris Leahy in front at Annual Interstate Journalists Match.



At August 1952, the photograph which
shows the man in the dark suit and tie
with the woman in the light dress and
the children in the foreground.



THE NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

WISHES TO THANK

THE N.S.W. REFEREES ASSOCIATION SPONSORS

THOMAS NATIONAL TRANSPORT

FOR THEIR FINANCIAL HELP DURING 1979

OUR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS SINCERELY APPRECIATED IT

