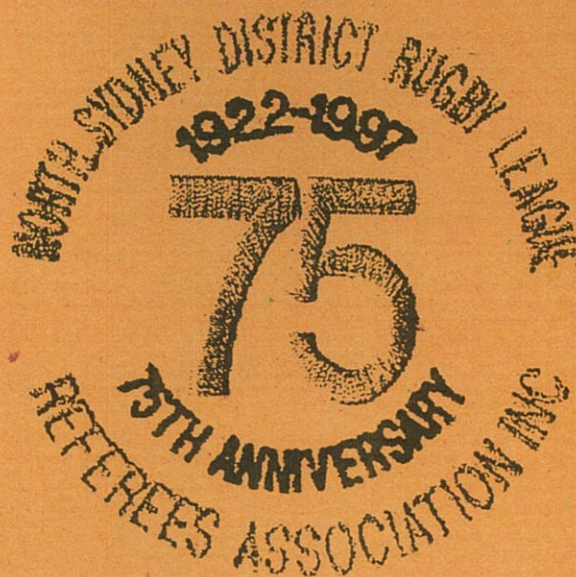


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ASSOCIATION INC.



ANNUAL REPORT  
1997





**NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES'  
ASSOCIATION INC**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE  
1997 SEASON

&

THE ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR SEASON 1998

TO BE HELD AT

**NORTH SYDNEY LEAGUES CLUB LIMITED**

12 ABBOTT STREET,  
CAMMERAY

KAMARAIGAL ROOM

ON

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 1997**

**AT 7-30 PM**

**AGENDA**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

1. A MINUTES SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR FELLOW REFEREES
2. VISITORS
3. APOLOGIES
4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET
7. NOTICE OF MOTION
8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:
  - . PATRON
  - . PRESIDENT
  - . HONORARY SECRETARY
  - . HONORARY TREASURER
  - . MINUTE SECRETARY
  - . HONORARY SOCIAL SECRETARY
  - . SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
  - . VICE PRESIDENTS (2)
  - . DELEGATES TO NSW REFEREES ASSOCIATION
  - . DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE
  - . HONORARY AUDITORS
9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE NAME OF MARTIN RYAN BE PLACED BEFORE THE MEMBERS  
FOR CONSIDERATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 1997.
10. GENERAL BUSINESS
  - . ELECTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES

**BRIAN MINNETT**  
**PRESIDENT**

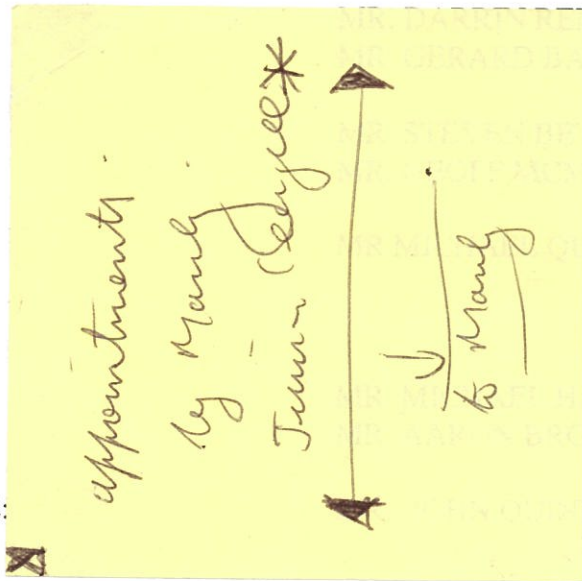
**JOHN BOYLE**  
**SECRETARY**



# OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEES

## FOR 1997

PATRON:	MR. BILL LALOR
PRESIDENT	MR. BRIAN MINNETT
HONORARY SECRETARY:	MR. JOHN BOYLE
HONORARY TREASURER:	MR. ROBERT KIDDLE
MINUTE SECRETARY:	MR. JIM NEAL (Resigned. 17/7/97)
VICE PRESIDENTS:	MR. COLIN JONES
SENIOR:	MR. STEPHEN CLARK
INTERMEDIATE:	MR. MICHAEL HAYNES
JUNIOR:	
DELEGATES TO NSW REFEREES:	MR. STAN WATSON MR. DARRIN REDGATE
DELEGATES TO JUNIOR LEAGUE:	DELEGATE DAVID BAILEY
HONORARY AUDITORS:	TS ANNUS
CONTROLLER OF PAYMENTS:	BAILEY
PUBLIC OFFICER	HAYNES WYNLOW
GEAR STEWARD:	
DELEGATE FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE:	N
COACHING CO-ORDINATOR:	MR. JIM NEAL (Resigned 17/7/97)
COACHING PANEL:	MR. BRIAN MINNETT MR. JOHN BOYLE MR. MICHAEL QUAILY MR. ROBERT KIDDLE MR. MARK MURRAY (JNR)



## COMMITTEES

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

MR. BILL LALOR  
MR. GEOFF McMANUS  
MR. JOHN QUINN

### BOB PURCELL TROPHY COMMITTEE:

MR. COLIN JONES (CHAIR)  
MR. STEVEN BETTS  
MR. BILL LALOR  
MR. GEOFF McMANUS  
MR. JOHN QUINN  
MR JOHN BOYLE

### SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE:

MR. SILVIO DELVECCHIO  
MR. MARK MURRAY

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

MR. GERARD BAILEY  
MR AARON BROWNLOW  
MISS. SKYE EDWARDS  
MR.DAVID LOMBARDO  
MR. NATHAN SMITH

### CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

MR. COLIN JONES  
MR. JOHN BOYLE  
MR. MICHAEL QUAILEY

### 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

MR BRIAN MINNETT  
MR BILL LALOR  
MR JOHN BOYLE  
MR MARTIN RYAN  
MR ROBERT KIDDLE  
MR COLIN JONES  
MR MICHAEL QUAILEY  
MR MICHAEL HAYNES  
MR JIM NEAL (Resigned 17/7/97)  
MR A E BROWN  
MR JOHN QUINN  
MISS ILANA BUDAI  
MR BRIAN BARRY  
MR STEVEN BETTS

### GOLF CAPTAIN:

MR. STEPHEN CLARK



## COMMITTEES

### JUNIOR LEAGUE COMMITTEES

APPOINTMENTS BOARD:

MR BRIAN MINNETT  
MR MICHAEL QUAILEY  
MR JOHN QUINN  
MR JOHN BOYLE

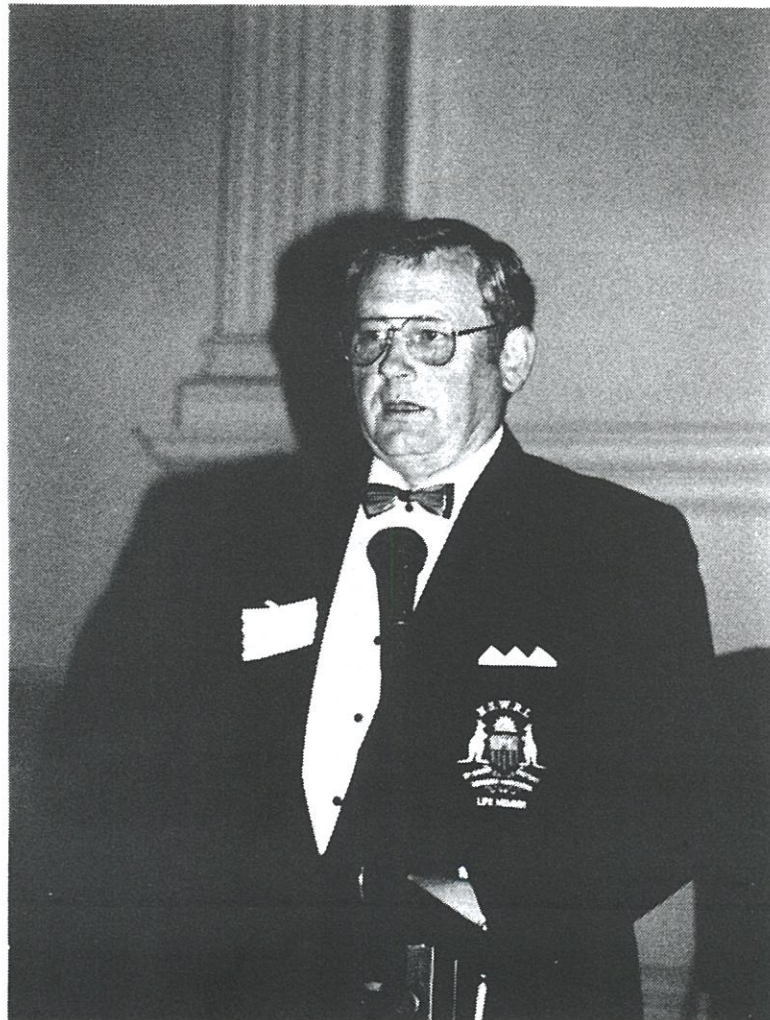
REPRESENTATIVES ON JUDICARY:

MR BRIAN BARRY  
MR BILL LALOR

### DISTRICT CLUB COMMITTEES

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT:

MR. JOHN BOYLE



*OUR PRESIDENT AT OUR  
75th ANNIVERSARY NIGHT*

## PATRON'S REPORT

When I first joined this Association in 1952, the then President, Mr Tom Bellew, welcomed me with a short speech that stated in part, that to be a good member I should always have neat and tidy gear, be punctual at all appointments and above all remember that to have any grievances is to say them at the meetings, do not go outside and speak about what should have been done.

Over the years I have heard this speech or one similar, spoken by different Presidents to many new members of the Association. However, it appears that many members have forgotten these words, as the large number who have been fined for untidy gear and late or non-attendance at fixtures shows. This is not just only new or junior members but also seniors and, I shudder to state, a Life member of the Association. There is also the case of a member being dissatisfied with an appointment and going outside to the Daily Press to complain and intimate that Sexual Discrimination was the cause for the non-appointment.

In my opinion these incidents bring the Association into disrepute and show that personal pride in the Association and also in oneself is sadly lacking. I have always been proud to say that I am a member/ Patron/ Life Member of the North Sydney District Rugby League Referees Association, which I consider was the best and friendliest Referee's Association in Rugby League but under the present circumstances and the way some members are behaving it is difficult for me to believe this to be still true.

I can only hope that all members get behind the incoming committee and once more instill the words "Pride" and "Friendship" into their actions and vocabulary.

Yours in Sport.

**Bill Lalor  
Patron**



**Our Patron, Bill Lalor with his wife Val**



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS

Well, the 1997 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season has come and just about gone, and I think all predictions said or made last year have come true. What a year!!!!

From the meeting early in the year with our District Club, it was down-hill all the way. It became a personal affair. Emotions ran high from the onset. Pressure was applied from certain quarters, but only one change came directly from the Super League affair, shall we say, and this put a deep wedge between some of our members, about which I became deeply concerned and personally was unable to correct. As we battled through, things didn't improve and criticism came from some senior members not always around or directly involved with everyday matters of our Association. This was no help and only made the wedge deeper.

My conscience and my feelings want me to put this Association back up there where it belongs, and try again, but, I feel, that for the Association's best interest, we need a "*new team*" to guide it into a "*new beginning*".

The prospect of a bigger district and the probable joining of warring forces will make for exciting times ahead.

I do hope wounds will heal. We have a small Association - it is personal - we have a great bunch of people.

Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hight in June was in all respects a great night - the venue was wonderful, food was great and the people who attended had a great night. Our MC, Mr Frank Hyde, added to an excellent evening. The Committee worked hard to put everything together. Mary and Martin Ryan took some things into their own hands and worked exceptionally well. Thank you to you both. Martin was rewarded with the Bob Purcell Trophy on 22 November - Congratulations.

The Representative Panel again had a busy year with the lengthened season. They all worked well. To Stan Watson, Michael Haynes, David Lombardo, Gerard Bailey, Skye Edwards and one of our new Representative hopefuls, Aaron Brownlow in his baptism of fire in that trial early in the season - well done to you all.

Training was well attended. Jim Neal and Robert Kiddle put a lot of work into the sessions, until Jim found what he thought was a loss of support and resigned. Jim, over the past years, he put a lot of work and time into all the referees who asked for help, and, to the disbelievers, he did work for this Association.

On the Junior side of things, we were helped this year by Ken Heggaty, who put a lot of time and effort into coaching our young hopefuls.

One of our young referees - Matt Kelk - is finally making good progress - he is receiving intensive physiotherapy and is able to walk with support. Matt hopes to be home for a short Christmas break and then for good not long after. There will be a fund raising benefit early in the New Year and I hope the referees will become heavily involved.

To my Committee:-

John Boyle with all his work commitments, put in what time he had;

Robert Kiddle (our Treasurer) - always there to help, together with his wife Kellie - they both gave us great support during the year.

Colin Jones (our Senior VP), always there when he could be and Stephen Clark, Michael Haynes -always learning through experience.

Bill Lalor (Our Patron) helped me and the Association whenever called on.

Jim Neal (Minute Secretary before he resigned) did a lot of work in this position and as Coaching Director. Jim, as I said before, worked hard for this Association while acting in these positions, contrary to some people in the past. Jim has been a strong stalwart for this Association and he will be missed. Thanks Jim for all those years .

Finally, Gerard Bailey from his refereeing to the position of Social Secretary, Gerard worked hard. He is little over-exuberant at times, but his heart is in the right place. This is just an outline of our Committee. My sincere thanks to them all for their tolerance and work.

In the lead up to the Annual Meeting, there will be a lot of thought into what can and has to be done in 1998. I hope the Committee elected will continue to work hard and get the support it needs to do a difficult job.

And again, thankyou to my wife, Dymphy, who sees and endures. Without her support it would not have been possible for me to have been involved in this Association for the last 30 years.

Best wishes for 1998

## **BRIAN A MINNETT PRESIDENT**



**Our President Brian Minnett**



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It is with great pleasure I present to you, the 1997 Annual Report and Balance Sheet. In this report I have tried to compile an accurate reflection of the state of the Association. Unfortunately, as like last year the Association was left without a major sponsor but as you will see from the Balance Sheet later in the report the Association is financially sound. Hopefully in the New Year we may have news of a new sponsor.

The year got off to a flying start with the Annual NSW Referees Golf Day over the Australia Day Holiday. Thanks should be given to our Golf Captain, Stephen Clark, for his hard work in getting a team together.

As has been the practice over the last few years the on- field side of refereeing started early this year with Representative Trials held at Macquarie University. Thank you to all the referees who made themselves available, especially considering the weather factors.

1997 saw the continuing trend in the North Sydney Junior League of a fall in the amount of sides competing in the age groups U/7's to U/19's. This caused the Junior League in the age groups U/15's to U/19's to send the sides down to play in the Manly area. 1997 saw a number of changes to the Junior League competition. The most significant being the transfer of Sunday football to Saturday, i.e A Grade to U14, the exception being joint competitions where they were played as per usual. Also A grade was reduced from 40 minutes each way to 35 and A Res from 35 to 30 minutes each way. This left Sunday with mainly what ever home games North Sydney teams had from the Manly competitions. This unfortunately meant some referees had to miss out on a centre, but on the bright side led to more active competition and I believe and improvement in standard of our referees.

I will say only a few words about 'Super League' and its effect on the Association in my report. I believe enough has been said by others in their reports. This Association is in the situation of having referees participating in both competitions. It has been always the wish of this Association not to favour either side but to look after the best interests of all of its members regardless of where they are refereeing. Even though our District Club is ARL aligned, the Association disagreed with it and the Junior League when they excluded certain members from refereeing and holding committee positions, as we believed it disadvantaged **all our members**. The composition of our Committee I believe reflected this attitude with both ARL and Super League aligned referees being elected to hold senior positions with the Association. Unfortunately certain members felt the Association was not working hard enough in this area and were not supportive enough, I do not believe this was true. Hopefully with a hint of a compromise in the wind all the experiences of this year can be put behind us and the Association can continue on bigger and better.

I again state as I did last year:

“Regardless of affiliation we are **ALL NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT REFEREES.**”

This year saw the Association hold a number of Social Events which are written in more detail later in the report, but I believe one should be mentioned here, "The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner". This saw us break from tradition and hold the function at Curzon Hall. Although numbers were slightly down from the 60<sup>th</sup> dinner a great night was had by all. It was great to see some of the old and not so old faces from the past mixing with the current generation of members. The sight of two of our young Juniors in earnest conversation with one of our oldest members and Past President, Ray Smyth, was a great sight to see. The memorabilia at the back of the hall with old photos shows us what a great history and pride this Association has and how hard we have to work to keep it. Thanks should be given to all the members involved in planning and making the night a great success. Special thanks to Mary Ryan, although not a member of our Association, Mary spent many an hour working towards making sure this night would be a great success.

At this time I would like to thank a few people and organisations for their help throughout this year and proceeding ones:

To Malcolm Woodcock, Wayne Lambkin and the Board of Management of the Junior League, congratulations on the completion of a successful year.

To Ian McCall, Les Mathews and the Executive of the NSW Referees Association thank you for your support and assistance throughout the year.

On a personal note this year has been very busy year for me. It has been a lot easier with the help of a very supportive Executive:

Brian Minnett, Our President, thank you for your help and friendship.

Robert Kiddle, again provided the Association with a great deal of Professionalism in his role of Treasurer.

Our Vice Presidents: Colin Jones, Michael Haynes and Stephen Clark who are always there when the Association needs a hand.

Bill Lalor, Patron, thank you for your guidance and support.

Gerard Bailey, our Social Secretary worked hard year and in my opinion did a fine job.

Michael Quailey, what do you say about this man, it was a difficult year for Michael with all the ruckus about appointments etc but whenever I needed a hand or advice Michael was always there.

To John Quinn as always thanks for your support and hopefully you will up and running soon..

And finally to my wife, Karen, thank you for being there to listen and support me.



Finally don't be afraid to nominate yourself for a Committee or Office Bearer if you think you can offer something to the Association. If you miss out, that doesn't mean you are not wanted, there are many other ways you can help the Association through training, attending meetings etc.

**Do not ever forget the Association is there for all members.**

I look forward to seeing you all in 1998.

**John Boyle**  
**Honorary Secretary**



**John and Karen Boyle**

## DISTRICT CLUB REPORT

Our congratulations are extended to the following clubs for their competition wins in 1997:

- \* *Newcastle*                      *First Grade*
- \* *Parramatta*                      *Reserve Grade*

Lets hope that we see the name of North Sydney at the top of that list at the end of the 1998 season.

Our thanks are extended to President Ray Beattie, Chief Executive Bob Saunders, Development Officer Kevin Nicholls and his staff, Matt Sears, Paul Conlon, Greg Florimo and Billy Moore and Pat Baker for their help and support throughout the year and we look forward to working with you in 1998.

## LEAGUES CLUB REPORT

This year the Leagues Club again provided us with rooms to hold our monthly meetings, and as always the Club looked after us with their usual efficiency.

Our thanks to the Catering and Function staff for their help and support on that night and throughout the year.

## VALE

Unfortunately, 1997 did not pass without our families and friends losing loved ones. Our deepest sympathies are extended to all who have suffered a bereavement during the last year.

## MEETING DATES 1998

**Would all members please take note of these dates and write them in your diaries NOW! All meetings are either booked in the Kameraigal or Harry McKinnon Rooms at North Sydney Leagues Club.**

<u>March 5th</u>	Gen. Meeting	<u>July 2nd</u>	Dinner Meeting
<u>April 9th</u>	Gen. Meeting	<u>August 20th</u>	Gen. Meeting
<u>May 21st</u>	Gen. Meeting	<u>October 8th</u>	Spare Date
	<u>December 3rd</u>	AGM 1999	

# GRADE AND JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

1997 saw a new competition in the Optus Cup with only 12 teams competing. As far as the Junior Representative Squad was concerned, their season only lasted 13 weeks with only two grades, the Harold Mathews Cup and the S.G.Ball competing.

Our Junior Representative squad had a great year although the season being short, training was still compulsory until the beginning of September. Our members finished the season in the following grades:

Stan Watson:

Started the season in Harold Mathews for a period of 3 weeks and then in the S.G.Ball, and when the semi-finals arrived he was Standby Touch judge for the Harold Mathews Cup in 4 Semi Final games.

Michael Haynes:

Ran most of the season in the S.G.Ball and for a while ran with Stan Watson for a period of 5 weeks.

David Lombardo:

Ran the entire season in the Harold Mathews Cup.

Skye Edwards:

Ran the entire season also in the Harold Mathews Cup.

Gerard Bailey:

Ran the entire season also in the Harold Mathews Cup.

Our Graded members had a slightly better year. I dare say that the good work put in by our Junior Representative Squad members must have rubbed off onto our graded members. They finished the season in the following way:

Steve Betts:

Late 1996 travelled to Japan where he officiated in an exhibition game between Easts and Manly. In 1997 officiated in the State of Origin No.2. in Melbourne. Finished the year Touch judging the Reserve Grade Grand Final.

Colin Jones:

Officiated in the Country-v-City metro in Newcastle as Touch judge and finished the season Touch judge in the Reserve Grade Semi Finals.

Martin Ryan:

Had the honour of being appointed as In-goal judge in the State of Origin game No.2 in Melbourne. Then finished off the season as In-goal Judge in the Reserve Grade Grand Final. Couldn't stay away from Steve Betts by the looks of that.



Tony Archer:

Ran most of the year in Reserve Grade but finished strongly by being appointed to the University Shield Grand Final as Referee and then being appointed to referee the Aussie Home Loans Schoolboys Semi Final.

So to say the least, North Sydney Referees Association stood out among the rest.

Well done lads and lasses and keep up the good work.

As far as the author of this report is concerned compared to last year this year has been a fantastic year for himself.

## **Delegate to NSW Referees Stan Watson**



Two of our Grade members working together at the SFS.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

It is the Life Membership Committee's recommendation that:

*"The name of Martin Ryan be placed before the members at the Annual General Meeting for consideration of Life Membership for the year 1997."*

### MARTIN RYAN

JOINED ASSOCIATION:	1979 JUNIOR 1982 SENIOR
ELIGIBLE:	1989
JUNIOR MEMBER:	1979-80-81
ACTIVE MEMBER:	1982-91
GRADE MEMBER:	1992-93-94-95-96-97

### POSITIONS HELD AND STOOD FOR

TREASURER	1990
SOCIAL SECRETARY	1987-88
DELEGATE - NSW REFS	1989
DEPUTY DEL - NSW REFS	1985-87-88
DEP DEL - JUN LEAGUE	1989
GEAR STEWARD	1986

### COMMITTEES

SOCIAL	1984-85-86-87-88-89-90-91
SPONSORSHIP	1984-85-86
STANDING ORDERS	1985-86
BOB PURCELL TROPHY	1991
75th ANNIVERSARY	1996-97

### OTHER

BOB PURCELL TROPHY WINNER	1990
ATTENDED DIST REFS SEMINAR	1986-1990

### REFEREEING ACHIEVEMENTS

JUNIOR REP FIXTURES	1983-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91
INCLUDES: BALL CUP REF	1987-90
FLEGG CUP FINAL TJ	1989-91
GRADE TJ	1992-93-94-95-96-97
METRO CUP FIRST GRADE GRAND FINAL TJ	1996
INGOAL TOUCH JUDGE 2 <sup>ND</sup> STATE OF ORIGIN	1997
INGOAL TOUCH JUDGE FIRST GRADE	
SEMI-FINAL SERIES	1997
INGOAL TOUCH JUDGE RESERVE GRADE	
GRAND FINAL	1997



**REFEREEING ACHIEVEMENTS (cont)**

APPOINTED TO JUNIOR LEAGUE FINAL SERIES 1979-91 WHICH INCLUDE:

A/RES GRADE GRAND FINAL REF	1989-90
B GRADE GRAND FINAL REF	1985
U/17 GRAND FINAL REF	1986
U/15 GRAND FINAL REF	1987-88
A GRADE GRAND FINAL TJ	1984-88
A/RES GRADE GRAND FINAL TJ	1987
NTH SYD SHIELD FINAL REF	1985
NTH SYD SHIELD FINAL TJ	1980
HARRY McKINNON SHIELD FINAL TJ	1980

**MARTIN RYAN - ATTENDANCE**

YEAR	MEETINGS HELD	ATTENDED	L/A	APOL	TOTAL
1979	10	1			1
1980	11	8			8
1981	10	1			1
1982	11	11			11
1983	11	3			3
1984	12	9		1	10
1985	9	7	1	1	9
1986	11	11			11
1987	13	12		1	13
1988	11	10		1	11
1989	9	7		2	9
1990	12	10		1	11
1991	9	4	2	3	9
1992	7	5	2		7
1993	8	4	4		8
1994	9	4	5		9
1995	9	5	4		9
1996	8	5	3		8
1997	8	5	3		8

**OVERALL: MEETINGS HELD 1979 TO 1997 - 188**

ATTENDED	122		
L/A	24		
APOLOGIES	<u>10</u>		
TOTAL	156	PERCENT	82.98%

**LAST 10 YEARS: MEETINGS HELD 1988 TO 1997 - 90**

ATTENDED	59		
L/A	23		
APOLOGIES	<u>7</u>		
TOTAL	89	PERCENT	98.89%

# MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS ATTENDED -1997

<b>MEETINGS HELD:</b>	AGM	1
	GENERAL	7
	TOTAL	8

## LIFE MEMBERS

B. BARRY	4	4L/A
T. BELLEW	-	
S. BETTS	7	1A
J. BOYLE	5	3A
A. E. BROWN	3	
J. BYRNE	2	
R. CAREY	-	
H. CARRICK	-	
B.DAVOREN	-	
R.HAMMOND	1	
M.HOGAN	-	
R.KIDDLE	8	
C. JONES	6	2A
W. LALOR	8	
G. MCMANUS	4	4A
B. MINNETT	8	
S. MORRIS	-	
J. QUINN	8	
J. MONTGOMERY	-	
R. SMYTH	-	
E. TINSLEY	-	
M.QUAILEY	8	

## SENIOR ACTIVE

N.ANDERSON	5	3A
G.BAILEY	7	1A
R.BALZER	2	
A.BROWNLOW	6	2A
S.DELVECCHIO	6	2A
A.DEVCICH	3	5A
S.EDWARDS	7	1A
F.FRIGERIO	2	
M.HAYNES	6	2A
S.LAING	4	
D.LOMBARDO	3	4A
M.MILHAM	5	
D.REDGATE	7	1A
N.ROBINSON	3	
S. SIMMONS	4	4A
B. TALBOT	4	1A
S. TRUELOVE	4	3A
K. TRUELOVE	4	3A
S. TULINSKY	4	
S. WATSON	8	
B. WILSON	3	

## HONORARY MEMBERS

J. BRANNIGAN	3	5A
J. ANDERSON	5	3A
Fr. T. BELL	5	3A
J.NEAL	4	1A (Resigned 17/7/97)
C.HAYES	3	
M.MURRAY	6	1A
M.JACOBSON	1	
A.LEWIS	2	
I.SMITH	-	
S.CLARK	6	2A

## GRADE MEMBERS

M.RYAN	5	3L/A
T.ARCHER	2	

## JUNIOR MEMBERS

P.DALEY	4	
J. STONE	-	
M. KELK	-	
M. CLAY	-	
N. SMITH	6	2A
A.OSBORNE	-	
S. MURRAY	-	
T.AMMINN	-	
B.KALCINA	-	
I.BUDAI		8L/A

A= APOLOGY

L/A = LEAVE OF ABSENCE



# HONOUR ROLL

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1935	S. MORRIS (SENIOR) *	1967	B. BARRY
1939	M. HOGAN	1969	J. QUINN
	J. TURNER *	1975	G. MCMANUS
1942	J. BURDEN*	1977	J. PORTEOUS *
1945	R. SMYTH	1978	B. MINNETT
1950	A. GALBRAITH *	1980	E. CARROLL *
	A. LEANE *	1981	R. HAMMOND
1951	D. HALDEMAN *	1983	B. DAVOREN
1953	H. CARRICK	1985	S. BETTS
1955	T. BELLEW OAM	1986	A.E.BROWN
1956	A. JONES *	1989	C. JONES
1959	B. COWLEY*	1990	J. BYRNE
	S. MORRIS (JUNIOR)	1991	W.LALOR
1960	E. TINSLEY	1992	J. BOYLE
1963	R. CAREY	1993	M.QUAILEY
1966	J. MONTGOMERY	1994	R. KIDDLE

\* Denotes Member is deceased.

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## BOB PURCELL TROPHY

1962	B. BURKE	1980	E. CARROLL
1963	J. MONTGOMERY	1981	D. HABERMAN
1964	K. HUBBUCK	1982	C. JONES
1965	G. McMANUS	1983	J. BOYLE
1966	B. BARRY	1984	E. CARROLL
1967	J. QUINN	1985	M.QUAILEY
1968	B. DAVERON	1986	J. BOYLE
1969	B. MINNETT	1987	M.QUAILEY
1970	J. PORTEOUS	1988	J. MELVILLE
1971	E. CARROLL	1989	S. CLARK
1972	J. QUINN	1990	M. RYAN
1973	R. ATKINSON	1991	NOT PRESENTED
1974	E. CARROLL	1992	J. NEAL
1975	F. PAYNE	1993	R. KIDDLE
1976	A.E. BROWN	1994	S. WATSON
1977	D. HABERMAN	1995	J. BOYLE
1978	R. HAMMOND	1996	S. EDWARDS
1979	S. BETTS	1997	M. RYAN

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## ERLE CARROLL MEMORIAL AWARD

1985	J. NEAL	1992	P. GUILBERT
1986	J. NEAL	1993	M. GUILBERT
1987	S. CLARK	1994	J. BOYLE
1988	S. CLARK	1995	D. LOMBARDO
1989	J. BOYLE	1996	D. LOMBARDO
1990	P. GUILBERT	1997	D. LOMBARDO
1991	P.GUILBERT		

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## VINCE SMITH MEMORIAL

### JUNIOR REFEREE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

1990	DAVID LOMBARDO	1994	AARON BROWNLOW
1991	SKYE EDWARDS	1995	ILANA BUDAI
1992	MICHAEL.HAYNES & STEVEN MAMARI	1996	NATHAN SMITH
1993	NATALIE THURGOOD	1997	JONATHON STONE

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

- Steve Betts, Colin Jones, Tony Archer & Martin Ryan on being re-graded.
- All grade members on their respective appointments.
- David Lombardo on refereeing the A Grade Grand Final.
- Steve Betts on his State of Origin Appointment
- Martin Ryan on his State of Origin Appointment
- Robert Kiddle on his Super League, Telstra Cup First Grade Touch judge Grand Final Appointment
- Steve Betts on his Optus Cup Reserve Grade Touch judge Grand Final Appointment
- Martin Ryan on his Optus Cup Reserve Grade In-Goal Touch judge Grand Final Appointment
- Jonathan Stone on receiving the Junior Encouragement Award
- Newcastle on winning the Optus Cup.
- Parramatta on winning the Reserve Grade and Balmain the Presidents Cup.
- Martin Ryan on winning the Bob Purcell Trophy.

## APPRECIATION TO:

- All our Junior Members for the hard work that they have done.
- All our ladies; wives, mothers and girlfriends for preparing plates of food for our various social functions and for your help and support during the year.
- All Junior League Clubs who have looked after our members at various grounds throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- All kindred Associations for their kind invitations to attend their various functions.
- The Executive of NSW Referees Association for their help and support throughout the year.



## TREASURERS REPORT

I wish to apologise to our referees for the delay in issuing cheques this year. Unfortunately, the full years match payments from the District Club were not received until after 31 October 1997. As at the time of writing we are still awaiting a further cheque to complete the years payments.

The largest expense this year was of course the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner. Thanks to the fundraising of our members, we managed to finish this year with a fairly healthy balance in the account. Thanks also to the NSW Referees Association for their donation towards the night.

This year the Association also received a Coaching Grant of \$1000.00 from the NSW Referees as well as our our annual grant from the FAI Insurance funds.

Thank you to all members who showed their support during what has been a very difficult year. A special thanks to Brian for his continued support and endeavours to keep the Association together.

In the interests of the Association I will not be seeking re-election as Treasurer in 1998.

**Robert Kiddle**  
**Treasurer**



**Our Treasurer, Robert Kiddle with his wife Kelly**

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES  
ASSOCIATION INC

BALANCE SHEET AS AT OCTOBER 31 1997

<u>1996</u>		<u>1997</u>
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>		
5586.85	CASH ON DEPOSIT	10,207.03 ✓
1027.00 ✕✕	INVENTORY (GEAR)	413.60
270.00	DEBTORS:	19,861.00
	Members 112.00 ✕	188-05
	Match Fees 19749.00	20049-05
500.00	CURZON HALL DEPOSIT	0.00
-----	HORNSBY RSL DEPOSIT	200.00 ✓ ✕
7393.85		-----
		30,681.63
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>		
0.00	MATCH PAYMENTS	23,895.50 ✕
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7393.85	TOTAL NET ASSETS	6,786.13
<b><u>MEMBERS FUNDS</u></b>		
7393.85	RETAINED PROFITS	6,786.13
7393.85	MEMBERS FUNDS	6,786.13





NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING AS AT OCTOBER 31 1997

NOTE 1: FUNCTIONS

FUNCTION	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
Quarantine Station	306.00 ✓	340.00	(34.00) ✗
Golf Day	100.00 ✓	300.00 ✓	(200.00)
75 <sup>th</sup> Dinner	3,160.00 ✓	8,399.25 ✓	(5,239.25)
Meeting Convivial	0.00	91.35 ✓	(91.35)
Xmas BBQ 1996	<u>0.00</u>	<u>125.00</u> ✓	<u>(125.00)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,566.00</b>	<b>9,255.60</b>	<b>(5,689.60)</b>

3566  
5689.60

NOTE 2: ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Postage, Printing and Stationary	853.75	JO FF INC.
Telephone	<u>433.35</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,287.10</b>	

Jo  
1317.10

NOTE 3: MATCH PAYMENTS

Paid to members	27,119.40
Affiliation Fee	3,309.10
Gear	2,121.50
Fines	155.00
Social	<u>866.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,591.00</b>

2680  
866  
3546

## AUDITORS REPORT

TO: MEMBERS OF THE NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE  
REFEREES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

In our opinion, the accompanying accounts:

- (a) Have been properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at October 31, 1997 and of the profit of the Association for the year ended on that date;
- (b) Have been drawn up in accordance with applicable accounting standards and relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

**Steve Betts**  
Hon. Auditor

**Geoff McMannus**  
Hon Auditor



**A BLAST FROM THE PAST !  
REMEMBER WHEN**

**REV. TERRY BELL**

**WAS REFEREEING ?**

## COACHING REPORT

A rather mixed year on the coaching front. As usual, Waitara Oval on a Monday night was the venue and at the start of the year the attendance and commitment from the referees was excellent.

Initially, training was in preparation for the upcoming season and therefore was very much physically base. We attempted to build a strong endurance base for the start of the competition with most sessions consisting of longer runs over distances ranging from 150m to 300m.

As the season progressed, the sessions were changed to consist mostly of shorter sprints to increase speed. I consider variety to be very important in the interests of maintaining enthusiasm and hopefully this was attained. Having said that, the only way to increase and maintain fitness is via hard work and naturally, the majority of drills we do are designed to simulate conditions in the game.

The actual coaching side this year was a little disappointing. We didn't do as much coaching this year as we have in the past. Circumstances during the year didn't help and the coaching side of things isn't really a job for one person to do on their own.

Many of our referee did work hard during the year and I thank them for their commitment. It was disappointing therefore to see little emphasis placed on training when it came to the end of year appointments, Whilst there are many criteas for selecting referees, attendance and performances at training should be considered.

Unfortunately, attendances did not drop off towards the end of the year and this was most disappointing. I acknowledge that Monday is not the best night however excuses seemed to be easy to find.

Unless we can guarantee reasonable attendances and unless attendance and commitment at training is acknowledged at the end of the year, there seems little value in continuing with formalised training.

Robert Kiddle



# 1997 GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

## A GRADE: HORNSBY V BROTHERS

REFEREE: DAVID LOMBARDO  
TOUCH JUDGES: SKYE EDWARDS & SCOTT TRUELOVE  
IN-GOAL TOUCHJUDGES: STEPHEN SIMMONS & MICHAEL HAYNES

## A/RESERVE GRADE: BROTHERS V ASQUITH

REFEREE: NORMAN ANDERSON  
TOUCH JUDGES: STEPHEN TULINSKY & STEPHEN SIMMONS  
IN-GOAL TOUCHJUDGES: AARON BROWNLOW & ADAM DEVCICH

## UNDER 14: BROTHERS V PENNANT HILLS

REFEREE: AARON BROWNLOW  
TOUCH JUDGES: ADAM DEVCICH & MICHAEL HAYNES  
IN-GOAL TOUCHJUDGES: NATHAN SMITH & MATHEW CLAY

## UNDER 13: HILLS HAWKS V PENNANT HILLS

REFEREE: GERARD BAILEY  
TOUCH JUDGES: NATHAN SMITH & MATHEW CLAY  
IN-GOAL TOUCHJUDGES: SCOTT MURRAY & JONATHON STONE

## UNDER 12: HORNSBY V HILLS HAWKS

REFEREE: STEPHEN SIMMONS  
TOUCH JUDGES: SCOTT MURRAY & NARELLE ROINSON

## GRAND FINAL PHOTOS



A GRADE



A RES GRADE

1997 GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS  
(cont)

UNDER 11: PENNANT HILLS V LANE COVE (G)

REFEREE: RICHARD BALZER  
TOUCH JUDGES: TAMMA AMMANN & KATE TRUELOVE

UNDER 10: BEROWRA V BROTHERS

REFEREE: MARK MILHAM  
TOUCH JUDGES: JONATHON STONE & KATE TRUELOVE

UNDER 9: PENNANT HILLS (W) V PENNANT HILLS (B)

REFEREE: NATHAN SMITH  
TOUCH JUDGES: ANTHONY OSBORNE & PAUL DALEY

UNDER 8, UNDER 7 & UNDER 6 GRAND FINAL GALA DAYS

REFEREES: JONATHON STONE  
MICHAEL QUAILY  
BRIAN MINNETT  
BOB TALBOT  
ANTHONY OSBORNE  
MATHEW CLAY  
NARELLE ROBINSON  
TAMMA AMMINN  
PAUL DALEY  
KATE TRUELOVE  
SCOTT MURRAY



GRAND FINAL PHOTOS (CONT)



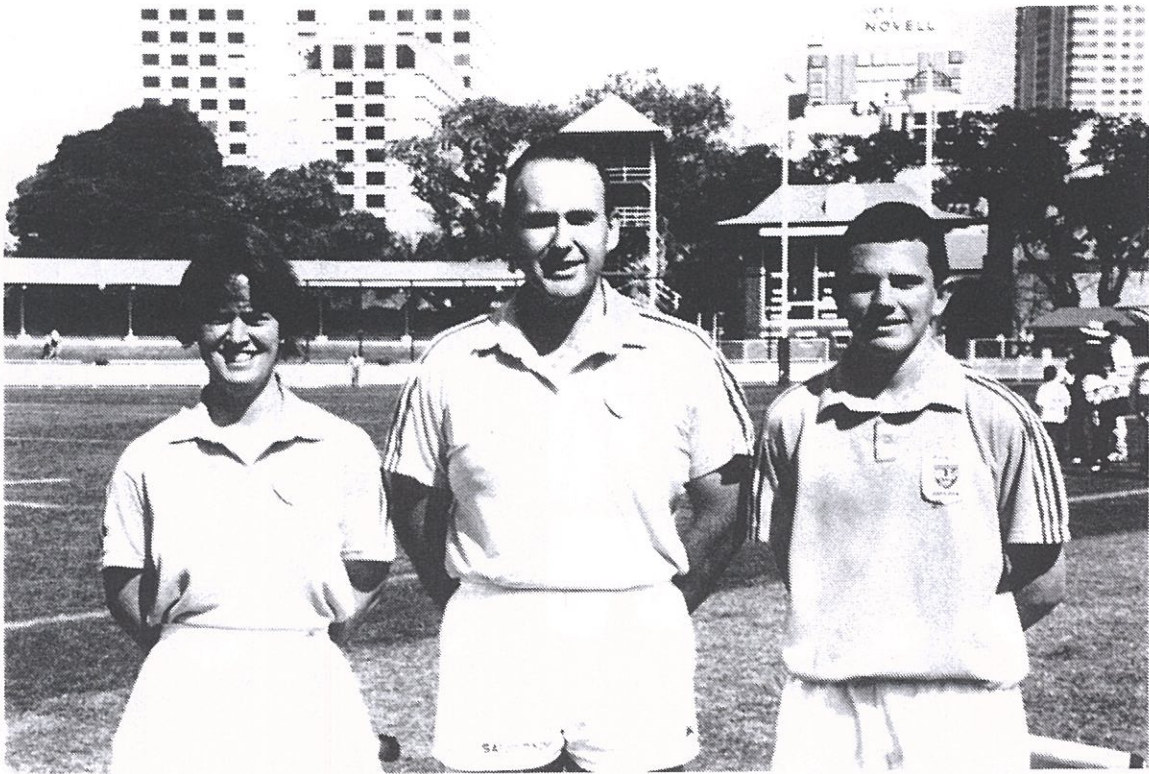
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GRAND FINAL PHOTOS (CONT)



UNDER 12



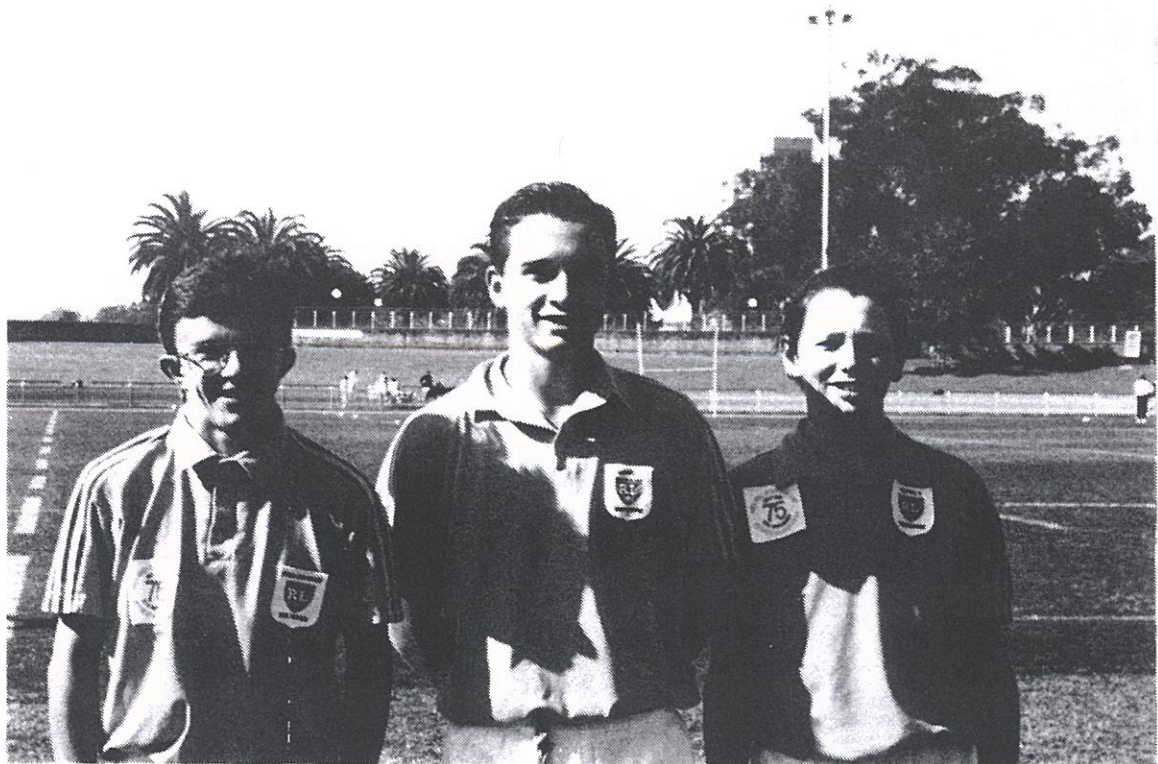
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GRAND FINAL PHOTOS (CONT)



UNDER 10



UNDER 9





## SOCIAL REPORT

The major event of 1997 was always going to be 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, with this in mind it was decided that the remaining social events of the Association be arranged around this.

Our first event of the year was something totally different. Many people had heard of a ghost tour of the Old Sydney Quarantine Station at North Head on Sydney Harbour, and recommended that we attend. Although no real ghosts were sighted, it was certainly an interesting and at times, anxious evening. One member thought he would add to the experience for who he thought were unsuspecting Nth Sydney Referees. Much to his surprise the group he chose to attempt to "entertain" were the following group and totally unknown to him. Everyone who attended the evening seemed to enjoy themselves, and it is certainly worth attending if you get the chance.

June was upon us very quickly, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Association was certainly a major event. Congratulations to all members of the committee for organising a great event to celebrate this milestone for the Nth Sydney Referees Association.

It has been some time since we had been able to enjoy the singing and entertainment qualities of our fellow referees. The Karaoke night was not as successful as previous years ( we will use a different venue next time), but the food was quite good and David Lombardo certainly tried to ensure that we all enjoyed ourselves.

For all the training regulars, the occasional BBQ after training was once again enjoyed. Thanks to all the social committee for helping on these nights, and to Kelly, Skye and Dymphy for cooking the BBQ.

Due to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner the 1997 Presentation was a smaller event than usual, however, this should make it no less important. It was very disappointing that more people were not able to attend, especially for those who received awards. On a more positive note, the 40 people who attended had a great time. Congratulations to David Lombardo on his 3<sup>rd</sup> successive Erle Carroll Award, to Johnathon Stone who won the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award and to Martin Ryan for winning the Bob Purcell Trophy.

Thank you to the members of the social committee, Aaron Brownlow, Jim Anderson & Norm Anderson. Any ideas for getting all the members of the association together on a social basis will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to approach any member of the social committee with new ideas, I'm sure they will be welcome. From the attendance levels at functions this year, it appears as though people are looking for a change. Please support next years committee and have the courtesy to reply on time, it does make a huge difference.

The final event of 1997 will be the Christmas BBQ at Skye Edwards' house at Berowra. We already have over 30 people attending so it looks as though it will be a great day. Please make the effort to attend.

Kind Regards

Social Secretary  
Gerard Bailey



SOCIAL REPORT

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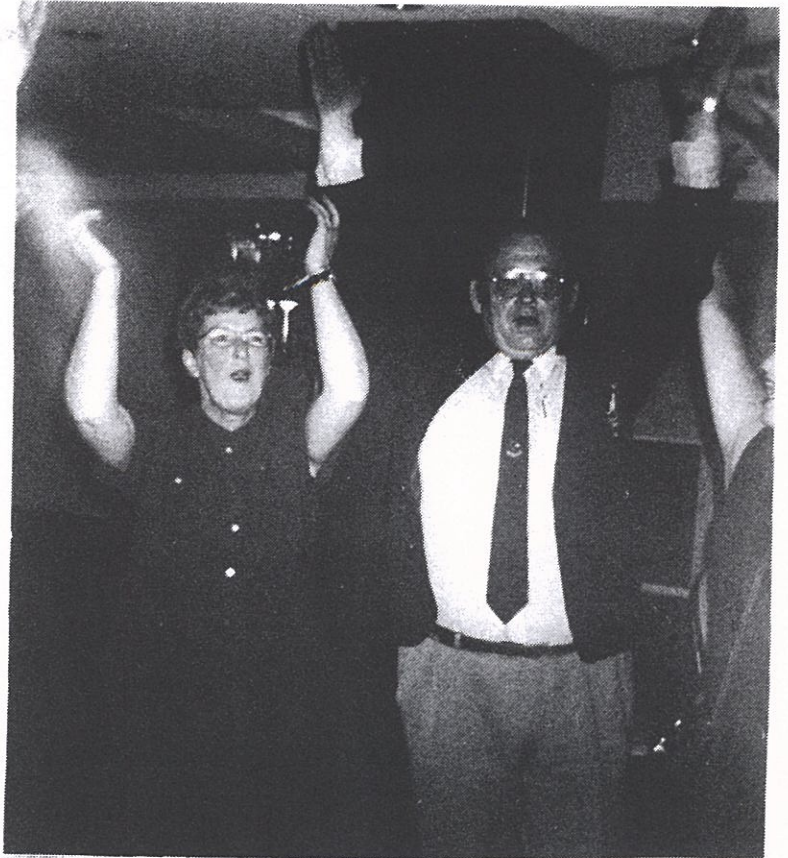
**KEN and VICKI HEGGATY  
ATTENDED OUR PRESENTATION NIGHT  
KEN SPENT A LOT OF HIS TIME  
WITH OUR JUNIORS ON MONDAY NIGHTS  
DURING OUR TRAINING RUNS**



**SOMEONE MUST HAVE BEEN A BIT BORED  
ON GRAND FINAL DAY.....  
NATHAN SMITH-ARRON BROWNLOW-  
ADAM DEVCICH-SHABY SIMMONS.**



**SOMETHING YOU DON'T SEE  
TO OFTEN.....**



**JOHNATHON STONE WITH THE VINCE SMITH MEMORIAL JUNIOR  
ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD**



## RESULTS OF BALLOTS - 1998

PATRON :

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PRESIDENT :

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HONORARY SECRETARY :

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HONORARY TREASURER :

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MINUTE SECRETARY :

\_\_\_\_\_.

HONORARY SOCIAL SECRETARY :

\_\_\_\_\_.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT :

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VICE PRESIDENTS :

INTERMEDIATE :

\_\_\_\_\_.

JUNIOR :

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DELEGATES TO NSW REFEREES :

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DELEGATES TO JUNIOR LEAGUE :

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HONORARY AUDITORS (2) :

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