

*NORTH SYDNEY
DISTRICT
RUGBY LEAGUE
REFEREES'
ASSOCIATION INC*



*ANNUAL REPORT
1998*

**North Sydney Rugby League Referees'
Association Inc**

Notice of Annual General Meeting

**For the Presentation of the
Annual Report and Balance Sheet for
1998 Season**

To be held at

North Sydney Leagues Club Limited

**12 Abbott Street,
Cammeray**

Kamaraigal Room

On

Thursday, December 3rd, 1998

AT 7.30pm

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
 - *SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
 - *VICE PRESIDENT (2)
 - *DELEGATES TO NSW REFEREES ASSOCIATION
 - *DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE
 - *HONORARY AUDITORS (2)
 9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT NO MEMBER BE PLACED BEFORE THE MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 1998
 10. GENERAL BUSINESS
- *ELECTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

JOHN BOYLE
PRESIDENT

MICHAEL HAYNES
SECRETARY

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1998

PATRON

Mr Bill Lalor

PRESIDENT

Mr John Boyle

HONORARY SECRETARY

Mr Michael Haynes

HONORARY TREASURER

Mr Michael Quailey

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Mr Colin Jones

VICE PRESIDENTS

Messrs: Martin Ryan & Brian Minnett

MINUTES SECRETARY

Mr Stan Watson

DELEGATE TO NSW REFEREES

Mr Stan Watson

DELEGATES TO JUNIOR LEAGUE

Messrs: Michael Quailey & Michael Haynes

HONORARY AUDITORS

Messrs: Steven Betts & Geoff McManus

DELEGATE FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE

Messrs: John Quinn & Jim Brannigan

CONTROLLER OF PAYMENTS & PUBLIC OFFICER

Mr Michael Quailey

COACHING COORDNIATOR

Mr Brian Minnett

GEAR STEWARD

Mr Aaron Brownlow

COMMITTEES

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Messrs: Bill Lalor, Geoff McManus & John Quinn

BOB PURCELL TROPHY COMMITTEE

Messrs: Colin Jones (Chairman), Steven Betts, Bill Lalor,
Geoff McManus, Brian Minnett & John Quinn

COACHING PANEL

Messrs: Brian Minnett, Michael Quailey & Martin Ryan
& Mark Murray (Junior)

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Messrs: Silvio Del Vecchio & Martin Ryan

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Messrs: Colin Jones, John Boyle & Michael Quailey

GOLF CAPTAIN

Mr Gerard Bailey

JUNIOR LEAGUE COMMITTEES

APPOINTMENTS BOARD

Messrs: John Quinn (Chairman) & Michael Quailey

ADVISORY BOARD

Messrs: Brian Minnett & Martin Ryan

REPRESENTATIVES ON JUDICIARY

Messrs: Brian Barry & Bill Lalor

DICSTRICK CLUB COMMITTEES

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

Mr John Boyle

PATRON'S REPORT

Just a few short words from me this year to congratulate the people who endeavoured to enhance the Association's image over the past year. It was a pretty "testy" year but they handled it very well

Congratulations also to all members who achieved grade status, to those who achieved junior representative honours and those who handled the junior league final series. A job well done

I would also like to welcome all the new members who joined our ranks throughout the year. I hope their days with us will be numerous, fruitful and enjoyable.

With you in sport

Bill Lalor
Patron



Our Patron Bill Lalor with wife Val.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I reflect on 1998, especially as it is my first year as President, it should be said that it was a year of change for the Association. Events not only on but also off the field, within the North Sydney area and outside it, had a major impact on the Association. I am sure Michael in this report has covered all the major happenings and events that have occurred to or in the Association for season 1998. I would like to touch on some of the events, which I believe were significant for our Association in season 1998.

The major event of 1998 was the compromise between Super League and the ARL. This led to the NRL Competition and has more importantly helped lead to North Sydney District Club to move up to the Central Coast. With this development there has been a great deal of work done by the Junior League to ensure their survival as a viable entity in the future. They are very confident that with the support of the Leagues Club, other District Junior Leagues, the Junior League will survive well into the next century. How will this effect our Association? We have received strong support from the NSW Referees Association and there is no reason this will not continue and as long as we help in keeping the Junior League viable the Association should be able to be strong and viable also.

On the Association front we saw the innovation of hiring a Trainer to help out on the physical side of training. Although not fully supported by all members it was evident that the idea of bringing a trainer from outside the Association was successful. Special thanks to Chris Hayes in helping to find our trainer.

The Association in 1998 went through a new look both on and off the field. On the field we saw the active referees wearing a new strip. This was well received by both spectator and player alike. Nathan Smith and Aaron Brownlow and the time spent in designing and obtaining the gear and effort shown by them is greatly appreciated by all the Referees.

Off the field saw a significant change in the Executive Committee of the Association. The retirement of Brian Minnett as President, Robert Kiddle as Treasurer and Stephen Clark as Vice President were a significant loss to the Association. It was nice to see Brian returned as Vice President, it was also important that we did not lose these members wealth of experience to the Association.

The work done by the members who replaced them was outstanding. To the members of the Committee thank you for your time, support and friendship: -

- Treasurer – Michael Quaily. A tireless worker who with the advent of computers has brought the Association into the world of computers.
- Secretary – Michael Haynes. Discovered the life as Hon. Secretary is not an easy one but has handled it with great success.
- Senior Vice President – Colin Jones. A great support and guide to me as I learned the ropes.
- Vice President – Martin Ryan. Has worked tirelessly this year on social.
- Vice president – Brian Minnett. His experience was greatly appreciated.
- Minute Secretary – Stan Watson. A valuable helper.
- Patron – Bill Lalor. Hard year for Bill, but always there when needed.

Finally I would like to thank my wife and family for the support they showed through the year.

It would be remiss of me not to congratulate two of our older members, John Quinn and John Montgomery, on attaining 50 Years as a Rugby League Referee. These two men have seen many highs and lows over the last 50 years but it is important for all our members to remember how much they have contributed to the Association over that time.

In Conclusion, regardless of what some people may think or be misinformed the Association is travelling along as well or better than it has in the past. We look forward to the Association continuing into the new millennium with great fervour and expectation.

I would like to wish all the members and their families a Holy and Joyous Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

John Boyle
President



President John Boyle

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It gives me great pleasure in presenting the 1998 Annual Report and Financial Statements. 1998 has been a year of significant change for the Association and also for Rugby League. This year saw the beginning of a new era with Rugby league coming back together after a year of division. Again, the Association was left without a major sponsor. As you will see from the financial statements the Association is in a financially sound position.

The start of 1998 saw a change to the committee of the Association. Unfortunately not all positions were filled at the Annual General Meeting. Luckily at the first General meeting of the year all but one position was left unfilled. The Association's strength lies in its cooperation and support of its members. Lets hope this support can be strengthened in the coming season.

The Monday after the Annual General Meeting, a number of our members attended the Annual General Meeting of the District Club. At this meeting 80% of the Club's members passed a resolution to move to the Central Coast as from season 1999.

As usual, 1998 kicked off with the Annual NSW Referees golf day held over the Australia Day weekend. Thank you to Gerard Bailey, our Golf Captain for organising the team.

Representative trials were held again for the District's representative teams. Thank you to those who officiated in them. As most of us know, it is a challenging time of the year to referee.

1998 again saw the number of Junior League teams diminish. This was particularly noticeable in the open age grades where only five positions were available to referee. Again, 1998 saw a joint competition with Manly, this year the competition was extended from U/14s to U/19s to include the U/13s age group. Unfortunately the Manly Junior League again went back on an agreement made at the beginning of the season where, if a North Sydney team finished higher on the competition table than a Manly team, the semi-final and or the Grand Final would be played in North Sydney. This again denied our members of semi-final experience. Hopefully next year an agreement between the two leagues will be set in concrete to avoid another backflip. This will not only be a benefit our members but also an added bonus to the Junior League come finals time.

This year saw the recruitment of a number of Junior Referees to the Association, most of who are footballers within the District. It is pleasing to see them embrace refereeing and the Association with such enthusiasm. The enthusiasm by which these new recruits embraced the Association was evident in the attendance at our final meeting, Life Member's night and the Annual Presentation Dinner. These members are the future of the Association; it is now up to the future committees and senior members to guide them in the right direction.

A number of social events were held throughout the year. These events will be reported in greater detail later in this report. One event that I would like to mention was the Life Member's appreciation night. This night was held after the final general meeting of the year. Unfortunately it could not be held in the same week as the Junior League Grand Finals. I had a fantastic response from a lot of Life Members who all supported the night. What was very disappointing was the non-attendance by the active referees. In a year of reconciliation within the game, it is these events that can bond and strengthen people and also learn from those who have come before us. Special thanks for this event must go to Messrs John Quinn, Monty Hodges of the District Club and Jim Henry of the Leagues Club.

1999 will be an uncertain time in the future of the North Sydney District. With the District Club moving to the Central Coast, the Leagues Club has made the decision to the support of the Junior League in the district. It will now be up to the Leagues Club, the Junior League and this Association to work and plan together for the future of Rugby League in the North Sydney District. The challenge of the new committees of each organisation is to have a vision for the future development of Rugby League in this area.

I would like to thank the following people and organisations for their help throughout this year:

To Malcolm Woodcock, Kevin Nicholls and the Junior League Board of Management, congratulations on a successful year. The Association looks forward to strengthening our relationship for the coming year.

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

To the staff of the North Sydney Leagues Club, thank you for the use of the clubs facilities and accommodating the last minute changes that occurred regarding meeting dates and the catering.

As my first year as Secretary, coupled with studies and being active only part-time, the season has been extremely busy to say the least. I would like to thank the outgoing Committee. I believe the Committee worked extremely well together and all put their hand up when required. This year the Committee was one of the closest I've been associated with while I have been a Committee member. Thank you to:

- John Boyle, serving his first year as President.
- Bill Lalor, our Patron.
- Colin Jones, Senior Vice President
- Brian Minnett, Vice President and Coaching Coordinator.
- Stan Watson, Minutes Secretary.

I would like to make special mention of to the following people following:

Michael Quaily, for his tireless work as Treasurer, Controller of Payments and Junior League Delegate. Your friendship, guidance and hardwork are an example to us all. Thank you to you and Di for your support you have given me throughout the year.

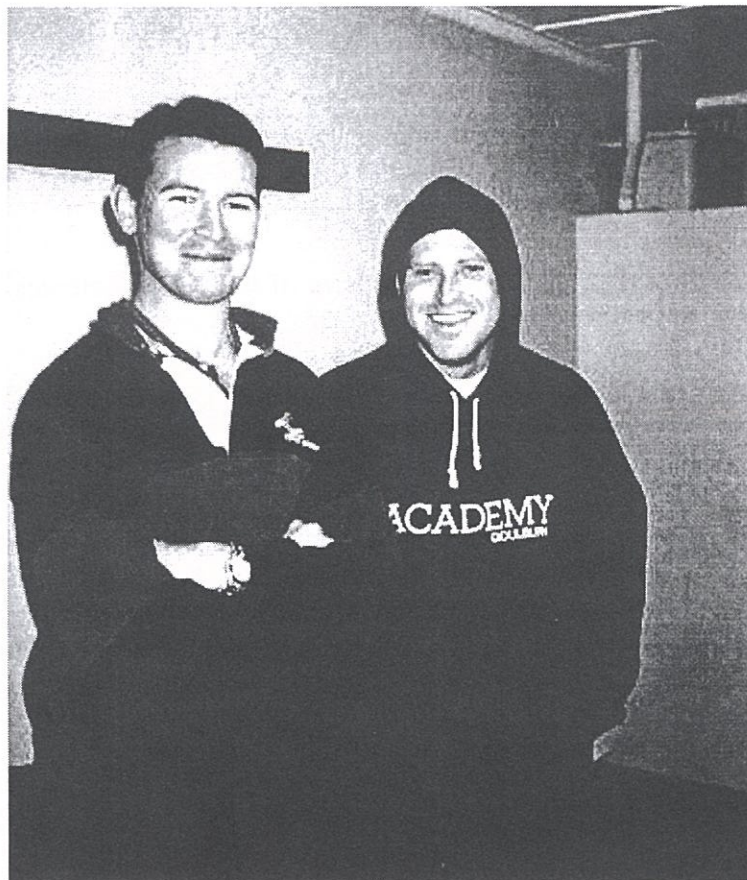
Martin Ryan, Vice President, thank you for your hard work and the many cap's you wore throughout the season. The friendship and support from both you and Mary were invaluable.

To all the members for their support, thank you. Thank you to Brian Barry and John Quinn for your support and guidance throughout my first season as Secretary.

Finally to my parents Cliff and Helen. Your support and advice through what has been a stressful season with study, work and football has been invaluable. Thank you.

As said every year, don't be afraid to nominate yourself for a member of a committee or office bearer. The Association needs everyone. It is your association, if you believe you can make a difference put your hand up and be counted. Everyone is wanted; it is up to you as a member to make the Association stronger.

Michael Haynes
Honorary Secretary



Secretary Michael Haynes with Adrian Lewis

DISTRICT CLUB REPORT

Our congratulations are extended to the following clubs for their competition wins in 1998:

- * Brisbane First Grade
- * Canterbury President's Cup

Congratulation to the North Sydney U/19s for winning the clubs first Jersey Flegg Cup.

Our thanks are extended to President Ray Beattie, Chief Executive Bob Saunders and the club board and the Development committee.

LEAGUES CLUB REPORT

This year the Leagues Club again provided the association with rooms to hold our meetings and also accommodated us at short notice when meetings need to be rescheduled.

Our thanks to the Catering and Function staff for their help and support throughout the year

With the Leagues Club taking over the financing of the Junior League for 1999, we hope to have successful relationship with Jim Henry and the Board of the Leagues Club.

VALE

Unfortunately, 1998 did not pass without our families and friends losing loved ones. Our deepest sympathies are extended to all that have suffered a bereavement during the last year.

1998 saw the passing on of two former members of the association, Adrian "Huck" Boyd and John McKinn. Those that went to the judiciary on Monday nights will remember John as the highly respected Chairman. John will be a great loss to North Sydney Rugby League.

Our sympathies a extended to both the Boyd and the McKinn families.

MEETING DATES 1999

Would all members take note and make them in your diaries **NOW!!** All meetings will be held in the Kamaraigal or Harry McKinnon room at North Sydney Leagues Club.

February 18th

March 18th

April 22nd

May 20th

June 17th

July 22nd

August 20th

October 21st spare date December 2nd AGM 2000

GRADE & JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

What a year that was. North Sydney Referees showed them what for. Training commenced in the second week in January and finished one week before the Grand Final. The junior Representative Squad held their annual seminar at the Breakers Resort at Fairy Meadow (a suburb of the 'Gong) at the end of January. The Graded members held their annual seminar on the weekend before the start of the NRL competition.

At the Junior Reps seminar, the camaraderie was great. A cricket game was played with the members and the coaches participating. Even the locals joined in, with one young buck looking like a very young Fatty Vautin. The cricket game even had a streaker.

This is how our Graded Members and Junior Representative Squad performed during the year. There were six Graded members and three Junior Representative Squad members who started the season

The Masters and the Apprentices all performed well. At one stage during the competition, five of the six Masters were appointed to NRL fixtures for a period of about five weeks.

This is how the Masters performed:

Steven BETTS:	Touch Judge in the NRL Touch Judge in the State of Origin II Touch Judge in the NRL Grand Final
Colin JONES:	Touch Judge in the NRL Touch Judge in the State of Origin III
Stephen CLARK	Referee in the NRL Stand by Referee in all Three State of Origin games Referee in NRL Final series Stand by Referee in the NRL Grand Final
Martin RYAN	Touch Judge in the NRL Touch Judge in President's Cup In Goal Judge NRL
Robert KIDDLE	Touch Judge in the NRL Touch Judge in President's Cup
Tony ARCHER	Referee in President's Cup Referee U/19's NSW Vs Queensland Referee in the Aussie Home Loans Cup Final

This is how the Apprentices performed:

Stan WATSON: Touch Judge in Jersey Flegg
Touch Judge in the Harold Matthews quarterfinal
Touch Judge in the S.G.Ball quarterfinal
Touch Judge in Presidents Cup (half game)
Professional interchange in Presidents Cup

Gerard BAILEY: Referee Harold Matthews
Touch Judge in the S.G.Ball
Touch Judge in the Jersey Flegg

Adam DEVCICH Referee Harold Matthews
Touch Judge Harold Matthews
Touch Judge S.G.Ball

Stan also officiated as Touch Judge in the First Grade trial match between Manly Vs Central Coast. The reason for this was the graded members were at their seminar that weekend. The big unit broke down on ANZAC Day with a hamstring injury whilst officiating the Manly Vs Newcastle match and was out injured for a period of two weeks.

When Stan returned from injury he was appointed to the Jersey Flegg Newcastle Vs Balmain game at Marathon Stadium. During the President's Cup game between Newcastle Vs Souths, a graded Touch Judge broke down with a hamstring injury. Dennis Spagarino came into the dressing room and wanted to know who was doing the interchange and who was the replacement for the injured touch judge. Yours truly, dripping wet after just stepping out from the shower put his hand up ran the second half and had a blinder, copping a V/G from Phil Elliss. So look out Steve Betts, I'm on your tail trying to catch up to you. This year we've done a Grand Final each.

Gerard was in the squad until round 13 when he decided to pull up stumps and head south in his chosen career.

Out of the 19 weeks Jersey Flegg competition, yours truly travelled to Marathon Stadium three times and to Seiffert Oval three times. Well that's another season over. Time to think about next season and start training for it as we have been put on notice regarding fitness.

I had a good time this year. I enjoyed the season and had fun officiating as a Touch Judge this like I have every other year.

Stan Watson.
Head Body Delegate.

JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT

To say that the last year has been difficult for the Junior League would be an understatement. With the District Club's move to the Central Coast, there was a great deal of uncertainty surrounding all facets of Junior League in this District. Many clubs found it difficult to recruit players because of this uncertainty.

The man charged with the running of the ship was Kevin Nicholls who was appointed as the Junior League Administrator in late 1997. Kevin did an admirable job in the running of the League.

With the dramatic drop in open age fixtures, it was at times difficult to find suitable games for all our members. We were looking at entering an exchange program with Manly but this could not eventuate until we had suitable professional indemnity insurance. This cover has now been arranged so such a venture will be possible next season.

The wet weather played havoc with the scheduling late in the season, especially the semi-finals. Great cooperation from all quarters, clubs Junior League and Referees, ensured that all matches were finally played.

Already plans are well under way for next season. Thanks to North Sydney Leagues Club, the League will survive for 1999 as the Club is funding the League (which includes our match payments).

Open age football will return to Sunday's next season. There may be some games played on Friday nights or Saturday afternoon, but the majority will be played on Sunday.

The joint competition with Many did have its ups and downs. On the up side, we did get more matches throughout the regular season and this helped to a certain extent in covering the loss of open age fixtures. The down was that North Sydney did not host a single semi-final match, even when two North Sydney teams were playing. The lack of post season fixtures was of great concern to me as it was to our Active Members. You can be assured that our feelings were made known to the Junior League on this matter and you can be assured that all avenues will be explored next year to ensure we receive our fair share of the big matches.

Michael Quailey
Junior League Delegate.

MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS ATTENDED - 1998

MEETINGS HELD:	<i>AGM</i>	1
	<i>GENERAL</i>	5
	<i>EXTRAORDINARY</i>	1
	TOTAL	7

LIFE MEMBER			SENIOR ACTIVE		
B.BARRY	3	4A	G.BAILEY	4	
T.BELLEW	-		R.BALZER	-	
S.BETTS	5	1A	A.BROWNLOW	4	2A
J.BOYLE	6	1A	I.BUDAI	2	
A.E BROWN	2		S.DELVECCHIO	4	
J.BYRNE	1	1A	A.DEVCICH	1	
R.CAREY	-		S.EDWARDS	6	
H.CARRICK		1A	S.ELTIS	1*	
B.DAVERON	-		G.FIELD	1	
R.HAMMOND	-		F.FRIGERIO	1	
M.HOGAN	-		M.HAYNES	7	
R.KIDDLE	2		S.LAING		1A
C.JONES	5	2A	A.LEWIS	2	
W.LALOR	5	2A	D.LOMBARDO	1	5A
G.MCMANUS	1	2A	M.MILHAM	2	1A
B.MINNETT	5	1A	M.MURRAY	3	
J.MONTGOMERY	-		D.NOON	1	
S.MORRIS	-		N.ROBINSON	-	
M.QUAILEY	7		S.SIMMONS	-	
J.QUINN	6	1A	S.TRUELOVE	1	
M.RYAN	6	1A	K.TRUELOVE	1	
R.SMYTH	-		S.TULINSKY	-	
E.TINSLEY	-		S.WATSON	7	
HONORARY MEMBERS			GRADE MEMBERS		
J.ANDERSON	1	1	T.ARCHER	2	
N.ANDERSON	1		S.CLARK	4	2A
J.BRANNIGAN	3				
Fr T.BELL	-		JUNIOR MEMBERS		
C.HAYES	-		T.AMMANN	-	
D.REDGATE	1		M.CLAY	-	
I.SMITH	-		P.DALEY	1	
R.TALBOT	2		C.DOWLE	1*	
			B.MCKIBBONS	1*	
			S.MURRAY	-	
			D.NAUGHTON	1*	
			A.OSBORN	5	
			N.SMITH	5	2A
			J.STONE	4	
			A.WHIDDON	1*	

A=APOLOGY

L/A=LEAVE OF ABSENCE

*=ATTENDED FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR WHERE MEMBERSHIP WAS ATTAINED

HONOR ROLL

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1935	S. Morris (senior)*	1969	J. Quinn
1939	M. Hogan	1975	G. McManus
	J. Turner	1977	J. Porteous*
1942	J. Burden*	1978	B. Minnett
1945	R. Smyth	1980	E. Carroll*
1950	A. Galbraith*	1981	R. Hammond
	A. Leane*	1983	B. Davoren
1951	D. Haldeman	1985	S. Betts
1953	H. Carrick	1986	A.E Brown
1955	T. Bellew OAM	1989	C. Jones
1956	A. Jones*	1990	J. Byrne
1959	B. Cowley*	1991	B. Lalor
	S. Morris (junior)	1992	J. Boyle
1960	E. Tinsley	1993	M. Quailey
1963	R. Carey	1994	R. Kiddle
1966	J. Montgomery	1997	M. Ryan
1967	B. Barry		

* Denotes Member is deceased

BOB PURCELL TROPHY

1962	B. Burke	1981	D. Haberman
1963	J. Montgomery	1982	C. Jones
1964	K. Hubbuck	1983	J. Boyle
1965	G. McManus	1984	E. Carroll
1966	B. Barry	1985	M. Quailey
1967	J. Quinn	1986	J. Boyle
1968	B. Daveron	1987	M. Quailey
1969	B. Minnett	1988	J. Melville
1970	J. Porteous	1989	S. Clarke
1971	E. Carroll	1990	M. Ryan
1972	J. Quinn	1991	Not Presented
1973	R. Atkinson	1992	J. Neal
1974	E. Carroll	1993	R. Kiddle
1975	F. Payne	1994	S. Watson
1976	A.E. Brown	1995	J. Boyle
1977	D. Haberman	1996	S. Edward
1978	R. Hammond	1997	M. Ryan
1979	S. Betts	1998	M. Quailey
1980	E. Carroll		

ERLE CARROLL MEMORIAL MEDAL

1985	J. Neal	1992	P. Guilbert
1986	J. Neal	1993	M. Guilbert
1987	S. Clarke	1994	J. Boyle
1988	S. Clarke	1995	D. Lombardo
1989	J. Boyle	1996	D. Lombardo
1990	P. Guilbert	1997	D. Lombardo
1991	P. Guilbert	1998	D. Lombardo

VINCE SMITH MEMORIAL JUNIOR REFEREE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

1990	D. Lombardo	1995	I. Budai
1991	S. Edwards	1996	N. Smith
1992	M. Haynes & S. Mamari	1997	J. Stone
1993	N. Thurgood	1998	S. Murray
1994	A. Brownlow		



Scot Murray receives this years Vince Smith Memorial Award.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

- ✓ Tony Archer, Steve Betts, Steve Clark, Colin Jones, Robert Kiddle & Martin Ryan on being re-graded.
- ✓ All grade members on their respective appointments.
- ✓ David Lombardo on refereeing his fourth consecutive A grade Grand Final.
- ✓ Martin Ryan on his First Grade debut as a touch judge.
- ✓ Steve Betts on his State of Origin Appointment
- ✓ Colin Jones on his State of Origin Appointment
- ✓ Steve Clark on being appointed to all Three State of Origin games as Stand by Referee.
- ✓ Tony Archer on being appointed to U/19s NSW Vs Queensland and the Aussie Home Loans Cup Final.
- ✓ Steve Betts on his appointment to the inaugural NRL Grand Final as a Touch Judge.
- ✓ Martin Ryan on receiving Life Membership.
- ✓ Michael Quailey on winning the Bob Purcell Trophy.
- ✓ John Quinn completing 50 years of service to the Association.
- ✓ John Montgomery completing 50 years of service to the Association.
- ✓ Scott Murray receiving the Junior Encouragement Award.

APPRECIATION TO

- ✓ All our Junior Members for the hard work that they have done.
- ✓ Our wives, girlfriends, mothers and fathers for your help and support during the year.
- ✓ The Junior Leagues Clubs who have looked after our members at various grounds throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.
- ✓ All kindred Associations for their kind invitations to attend various functions.
- ✓ The Executive of the NSW Referees Association for their help and support throughout the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

It gives me great pleasure to submit for your approval, the financial accounts of the Association for the 1998 season.

The main objective for the year was to ensure the financial stability of the Association and I believe this has been achieved.

Before commenting on the results, I would first like to cover some of the initiatives that have been implemented this year.

Firstly, the accounting method. In previous years, the method of accounting used by the Association was a mixture of both the Cash and Accrual methods. This was not satisfactory. I might add that while it was not satisfactory, it is in no way a reflection of previous Treasurers' as they carried out their duties with distinction. This year we moved to purely Accrual accounting.

Secondly, the old paper based journal was dispensed with and the Association's financial records are now kept on a computer ledger. This, I believe was a major step forward and allowed for the timely preparation of data throughout the season for presentation at meetings and simplified the final reconciliation of accounts.

Thirdly, the Association purchased the Commonwealth Bank's Quickline program. Quickline allows for instant access to the Association's Bank records including up to date statements with out the need to visit the Bank. Most importantly, it allowed for the electronic processing of match payments to members and the paying of the Association's other bills direct to a nominated bank account. This had benefits for members and the Association in general. Members received their payments as clear funds in their account without the need to wait for cheques to clear. The Association benefited from a simplifying of the payment process and reduced costs. While the Bank charges for the service (they even changed the fee structure during the year), this cost is more than covered by the savings in other areas such as time, postage and State Government Taxes. While 1998 and 1997 figures for Taxes are comparable, it should noted that the 1997 State Government Taxes figures hardly include any match payments as almost all of 1997 payments were made by cheque in November and December (the current financial year).

Onto our results. You will see that we recorded a loss for the year of \$612-59. While this may appear to be disappointing, some other factors need to be taken into account. Added back onto this figure should be the non-cash expense of the write off of the old gear (\$413-60) and the loss incurred on the 1997 Annual Dinner (and related expenses such as presentations) which was held in November and therefore in the current accounting period (\$971). When these items are added back, we show an underlying surplus of \$772-01 for the year, which is commendable under the circumstances.

The reduction in Junior League games, especially in the open age groups affected our Members and therefore the Association's earning capacity. You will notice a reduction in match income of \$9,581 that equates to reduction in the Association earnings of \$958-10. The fact that we were still able to record an underlying surplus with this dramatic reduction in income is commendable to all members in the ability to keep costs down.

We again suffered through the slow payment of our Match Fees from the District Club throughout the early part of the season. In fact, we were not able to make the April and May payments until the end of August. This was particularly embarrassing for the Association as we were unable to pay for our new gear until these payments had been received, much to the chagrin of the supplier. However, things turned around towards the end of the year and all payments were received to enable the final payment to be made before October 31.

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting the supplemental coaching grant of \$400 from NSWRL Referees. As this is a grant, the amount has not been included in receivables.

Should any member have questions regarding the accounts, the Secretary holds a detailed Profit and Loss statement.

Many thanks to all my fellow committee members for their help and support throughout the year.

Finally, to my wife Di goes the biggest thank you of all. Your help and dedication to my jobs are the only reason I get through.

Michael Quailey
Honorary Treasurer



Michael Quailey

North Sydney DRL Referees's Assoc Inc Balance Sheet
As of 31/10/98

Assets	1997	1998
Current Assets		
Bank Account	\$10,207.03	\$4,098.24
Deposits	\$0.00	\$55.00
Inventory	\$413.60	\$1,665.70
Misc Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prepayments	\$200.00	\$0.00
Receivables	\$19,861.00	\$391.60
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Total Assets	\$30,681.63	\$6,210.54
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	\$23,895.50	\$37.00
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Total Liabilities	\$23,895.50	\$37.00
Member's Funds	\$6,786.13	\$6,173.54

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1: Functions

	Income	Expenses	
Annual Dinner 1997	\$625.00	\$1,484.00	-\$859.00
Annual Dinner 1998	\$1,320.00	\$2,164.00	-\$844.00
Dinner Meeting	\$480.00	\$571.70	-\$91.70
Golf Day		\$300.00	-\$300.00
Indoor Cricket Night	\$108.00	\$104.90	\$3.10
Xmas BBQ		\$132.00	-\$132.00
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Total Function Income	\$2,533.00	\$1,108.60	-\$2,223.60

Note 2: Administration Expenses

Computer Software	\$79.00
Filing Fee	\$35.00
Freight	\$10.00
General	\$210.66
Postage	\$473.23
Printing	\$100.00
Telephone	\$280.92
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Total Administration Expenses	\$1,188.81

Note 3: Match Payments

Net Payments To Members	\$16,215.20
Affiliation Fees	\$2,401.00
Gear Sales	\$2,946.60
Fines	\$29.00
Social	\$1,776.00 (Includes Sweepstakes)
Insurance Premiums	\$428.40
Other	\$213.80
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	\$24,010.00

Income and Expenditure Statement
01/11/97 Through 31/10/98

	1997	1998
Income Categories		
Chocolate Sales	\$2,723.85	\$52.00
Donations Received	\$1,639.70	\$407.80
Fines	\$155.00	\$29.00
Function Income	\$3,566.00	\$2,533.00
Gear Sales	\$2,361.50	\$3,053.70
Grants	\$2,000.00	\$1,600.00
Interest	\$85.13	\$15.64
Match Payments Received	\$33,591.00	\$24,010.00
Membership Fees	\$3,399.10	\$2,521.00
Other Income	\$112.00	\$757.70
Raffle	\$1,483.70	\$0.00
Sweepstakes 1998	\$0.00	\$1,024.00
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Total Income	\$51,116.98	\$36,003.84
Expense Categories		
Administration Expenses	\$1,317.10	\$1,188.81
Affiliation Fee NSWRLRA Inc	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$45.90
Chocolates	\$2,160.00	\$0.00
Coaching & Training Expenses	\$165.00	\$830.00
Cost Of Gear Sold	\$3,333.00	\$3,053.70
Donations Given	\$0.00	\$200.00
Function Expense	\$9,755.60	\$4,756.60
Insurance Premiums	\$437.75	\$428.00
Inventory Valuation Adj (Dec)	\$623.40	\$413.60
Match Payments Paid	\$33,591.00	\$24,010.00
Other Expenses	\$188.05	\$30.00
Presentations/Gifts	\$38.12	\$1,053.84
State Govt Taxes	\$105.68	\$95.98
Sweepstakes Prizes	\$0.00	\$500.00
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Total Expense Categories	\$51,724.70	\$36,616.43
Net Profit/(Loss) For Year	-\$607.72	-\$612.59
Member's Funds At 1 November	\$7,393.85	\$6,786.13
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Member's Funds At 31 October	\$6,786.13	\$6,173.54

AUDITORS REPORT

TO: MEMBERS OF THE NOTHR 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, 1998 and the loss of the Association for the year ended on this date;
- (b) Have been drawn up in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and the relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

Steve Betts
Hon. Auditor

Geoff McManus
Hon. Auditor



Stan Watson

1998 GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

A GRADE: ASQUITH Vs PENNANT HILLS



REFEREE: DAVID LOMBARDO
TOUCH JUDGES: AARON BROWNLOW & SILVIO DELVECCHIO
IN-GOAL JUDGES: SKYE EDWARDS & STEVE TULINSKY

A/RESERVE GRADE: WEST PYMBLE Vs ASQUITH



REFEREE: ADRIAN LEWIS
TOUCH JUDGES: STEVE TULINSKY & GRAHAM FIELD
IN-GOAL JUDGES: MATTHEW CLAY & JON STONE

UNDER 12s: LANE COVE Vs BEROWRA



REFEREE:

MICHAEL HAYNES

TOUCH JUDGES:

MATTHEW CLAY & SCOTT MURRAY

IN GOAL JUDGES:

PAUL DALEY & TAMMA AMMANN

UNDER 11s: BEROWRA Vs BROTHERS



REFEREE:

MARK MILHAM

TOUCH JUDGES:

NARRELLE ROBINSON & TAMMA AMMANN

UNDER 10s: ASQUITH Vs PENNANT HILLS



REFEREE: JON STONE
TOUCH JUDGES: PAUL DALEY & ANTHONY OSBORN

UNDER 9s: PENNANT HILLS Vs BEROWRA



REFEREE: MICHAEL QUAILEY
TOUCH JUDGES: ILANA BUDAI & CURTIS DOWEL

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



REFEREES: TROY OLLERTON, BRIAN MINNETT, CURTIS DOWEL, DAMIEN NAUGHTON, BRENDON McKIBBINS, ANDREW WHIDDON & SHANE BECKETT (NOT PICTURED)



A Grade Grand Final Referee David Lombardo takes time out to relax with Bronwyn.

COACHING REPORT

This year we started with a new training venue and a new physical trainer - Andrew Carriage, who proved to be very capable. He put the referees through a vigorous session. The cost of the trainer would have been worthwhile if we had had a better roll-up.

I still do not believe the night chosen (or the venue) was best, but then no night is great to all people. I, unfortunately, was unable to attend on a Tuesday evening due to other commitments. So few referees attended (particularly seniors) that we may have to look at other possibilities next season, like going back to the original training night. There are moves afoot to revert back to Sunday football next year, so a lot of thought will have to be put into training nights - when and where.

The insurance problems between Manly Association and ours have been resolved and next year there could be opportunity for referees to go between districts to give them more experience.

Testing of new candidates became a problem, but again Ken Hagarty helped us out. He put his time and effort into getting seven fellows through. These sessions were held in the Asquith Leagues Club, who donated the cost of using the facilities through its Manager, Ray Agostino.

Referees to gain tickets this year are: Brendon McKibbins, Andrew Whiddon, Damian Naughton, Cameron McKay, Troy Ollerton, Curtis Dowel and Shane Beckett. Congratulations!!!

Referees to go move further on are: Anthony Osborne to Level 1; Matthew Clay and John Stone progressing to Level 2; and Nathan Smith who actually gained his Level 2.

Congratulations to you all after many long hours of study.

We held two Seminars during the year, one at Waitara Oval and the other again at the Assquith Leagues Club. These could not have been held without the help of Robert Kiddle, Martin Ryan, Mark Murray, Steve Clark and Ken Hagarty. Thank you very much to all these people. These seminars appear to have been a success, with good attendances.

Best wishes for Christmas - see you in 1999.

BRIAN MINNETT
COACHING COORDINATOR



Silvio Del Vecchio kept us amused with his anticdotes at the Presentation Evening



Steve Simmons

SOCIAL REPORT

The total number of social events was limited this year because the office of Social Secretary was not filled. Attendances were also limited compared to prior years. However those events that did take place were all well received by those who chose to attend. This year's social calendar included our regular events, the Annual Presentation Night and Dinner meeting, plus two quite different events, the indoor cricket and climbing night. Here are some notes on what took place.

INDOOR CRICKET

This event is always a good one for building teamwork, which is so important between referee and touch judge on the field. We saw some excellent examples of teamwork between batsmen, and bowler and fielders.

The match took place between the seniors, led by Michael Quailey, and the juniors, led by Damien Naughton. The juniors won the toss and elected to bat on a very flat pitch. The juniors showed good form, with Anthony Osborn showing a lot more enthusiasm for cricket than what he has for training. Mary Ryan demonstrated the unconventional Irish bowling action. The juniors amassed 150 runs in quick time, and so confident were they of victory that they gave the seniors 75 runs at the start of the innings. This made for a close finish. With some strong batting from Narelle Robinson and zealous work from Steve Simmons behind the scoreboard, the match ended in a tie on the last ball.

DINNER MEETING

To add extra variety and interest to our July meeting, we invited partners and shared dinner during the meeting's proceedings. We invited Denis Spagarino as the guest speaker. Denis is perhaps best known as an NRL video ref, although he also refereed extensively in prior years.

Denis spoke about his experience as a video ref, about the changes occurring in the game at its various levels, and about the implications of this for North Sydney referees whose ambition it is to make the NRL squad.

CLIMBING

Well this was something completely different! And a good choice, for one of those nights of torrential rain which we had during August. The idea was to learn about rope safety, and then work in teams of two: one climbing the wall while the other ensured the climber's safety.

Damien Naughton and Brendon McKibbons were the first to get started, and soon Jon Stone, Michael Haynes and Martin and Mary Ryan were all climbing up the walls as well. Michael Haynes seemed to find the crevices more enticing than the plain walls, and Mary found it very amusing when she outperformed Martin on the Monkey

ladder. Performances steadily improved with climbers graduating from yellow toeholds through to smaller green and blue ones. Then forearm fatigue set in, and performances for the night had clearly peaked.

David Lombardo deserves special mention because his climbing was in a class of its own. David quickly graduated from plain vertical walls to ledges at 45 degree angles, and then incredibly, to crawling across the ceiling at a height of 10 metres above the ground! David would certainly have won the night's prize, had there been one.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

This year, our Presentation Night was held at a new venue: the Hunters Hill Club. Silvio Del Vecchio performed the role of MC and set a new standard with his research into the memorable events of the season, which he colourfully recounted. Tradition was maintained through the presence of Rev Terry Bell, who offered prayer before meal.

There were many awards to be made. David Lombardo received the Erle Carroll medal for his fourth successive A Grade Grand Final. Scot Murray received the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award, in recognition of his excellent progress during the season. Michael Quailey was revealed as winner of the Bob Purcell Trophy, which was well deserved, for his willing involvement in almost every aspect of the Association's responsibilities.

A special presentation was made to John Quinn, to mark his completion of 50 years of service to the Association, and to the success of Rugby League in the North Sydney District.

Finally, we presented the Life Membership blazer to the newest Life Member of the Association, Martin Ryan. Michael Quailey spoke ardently about Martin's contributions to the life of the Association over the past 20 years.

Martin Ryan
Vice-President Social Coordinator



The Ryan Party enjoy themselves



John Quinn responds after receiving his certificate for 50 years service to the Association.



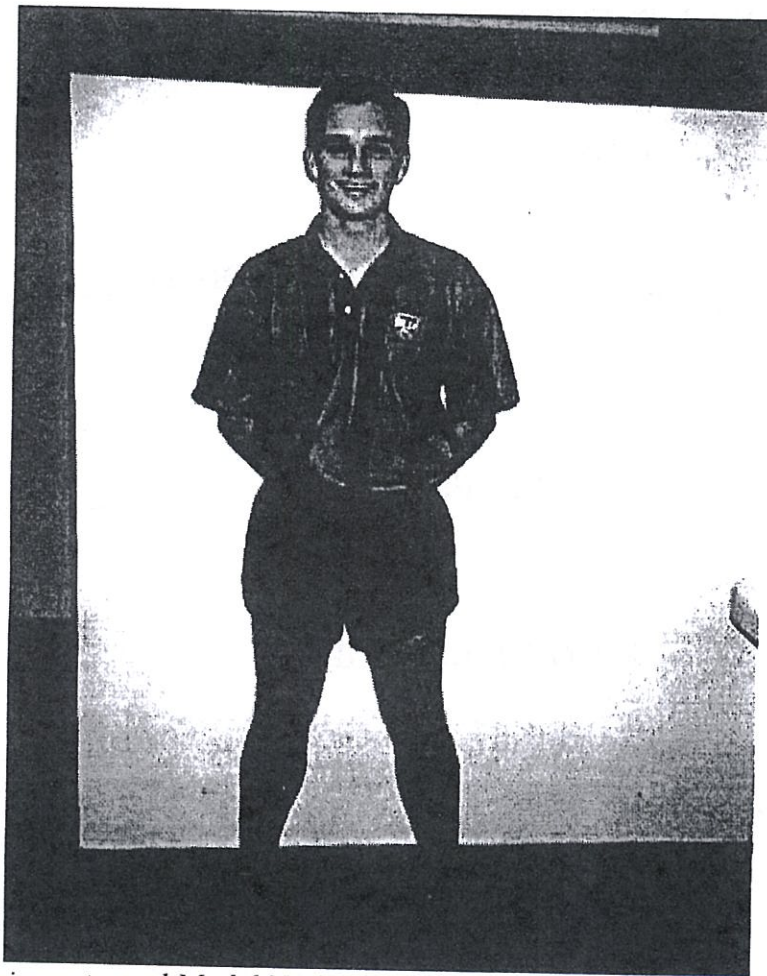
Mary Quinn receives a small token form the Association for putting up with John



Michael Quail receives the Bob Purcell Trophy



David Lombardo receives the Erle Carroll Memorial Award.



Designer turned Model Nathan Smith shows off our new uniform.

BALLOT RESULTS 1999

PATRON:

PRESIDENT:

HONORARY SECRETARY:

HONORARY TREASURER:

MINUTE SECRETARY:

HONORARY SOCIAL SECRETARY

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENTS:

INTERMEDIATE

JUNIOR

DELEGATES TO NSW REFEREES:

DELEGATES TO JUNIOR LEAGUE:

HONORARY ADUTIORS (2):
