

North Sydney
District Rugby League
Referees' Association Inc.

Annual Report

Season 2000

Notice of Annual General Meeting

For the Presentation of the

Annual Report and Balance Sheet for

2000 Season

To be held at

North Sydney Leagues Club Limited

12 Abbott Street,
Cammeray

Kamaraigal Room

On

Thursday, December 14th, 2000

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
 - ❖ INTERMEDIATE VICE PRESIDENT
 - ❖ JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT
 - ❖ 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 2000.
10. GENERAL BUSINESS

JOHN BOYLE
PRESIDENT

MICHAEL HAYNES
SECRETARY

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2000

PATRON

Mr Bill Lalor

PRESIDENT

Mr John Boyle

HONORARY SECRETARY

Mr Michael Haynes

HONORARY TREASURER

Mr Michael Quailey

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Mr Colin Jones

INTERMEDIATE VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr Martin Ryan

JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr Silvio Del Vecchio (Resigned 17/2/2000)

Mr Nathan Smith

MINUTES SECRETARY

Mr Stan Watson

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr Anthony Osborn

DELEGATE TO NSW REFEREES

Mr Stan Watson

DELEGATE TO JUNIOR LEAGUE

Mr Nathan Smith

HONORARY AUDITORS

Messrs: Michael Haynes and Steve Ellis

CONTROLLER OF PAYMENTS & PUBLIC OFFICER

Mr Michael Quailey

COACHING OFFICIALS

Mr Colin Jones - Co-ordinator
Mr Brian Minnett - Accreditation
Mr Gerard Bailey - Skills
Mr Stan Watson - Skills
Miss Nadine Smith - Physical

GEAR STEWARD

Mr John Stone

DELEGATE FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE

Mr John Quinn

COMMITTEES

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Messrs: Bill Lalor, Brian Minnett and John Quinn

BOB PURCELL TROPHY COMMITTEE

Messrs: Colin Jones (Chairman), John Boyle, Michael Haynes, Bill Lalor, Brian Minnett, Michael Quailey and John Quinn

SPONSORSHIP

Mr Martin Ryan

GOLF CAPTAIN

Mr Colin Jones

JUNIOR LEAGUE COMMITTEES

APPOINTMENTS BOARD

Messrs: John Quinn (Chairman), Michael Quailey

ADVISORY BOARD

Messrs: John Boyle, Adam Devcich, Michael Haynes, Brian Minnett, Martin Ryan, Nathan Smith and Stan Watson

REPRESENTATIVES ON JUDICIARY

Messrs: Brian Barry, Bill Lalor and John Quinn

PATRON'S REPORT

Once more I put pen to paper to congratulate the officials and members for their efforts over the past season.

Referees, both young and old, junior and senior carried out their duties in a most commendable manner, with few complaints but many compliments. The joint competitions with Manly gave some of our members the opportunity to broaden their skills and many good reports were given on their ability, especially from some Manly officials and supporters.

Congratulations to all whom officiated in the final series, both senior and junior. Congratulation to Nathan Smith on winning the Bob Purcell Trophy and Curtis Dowel the Junior Encouragement Award. Well Done

Special thanks to the Executive and members of the various committees, whose efforts made for a successful year.

Hoping next season will be just as fruitful.

Yours in sport

Bill Lalor
Patron



Bill and Val Lalor announce the winner of the Bob Purcell Trophy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, the 2000 season has come and just about gone. Our Secretary, Michael, has covered all the major happenings and events that occurred to or in the Association for season 2000. I would like to touch on some of the events, which I believe were significant for our Association in season 2000.

After all the problems of 1999 with our disagreement with Manly Referees and the Junior League, it was a high priority that this would not be repeated this year. To the credit of all sides a meeting was held prior to the start of the season to thrash out a solution. The result was an amicable solution and more importantly for our Association greater opportunities for our members. It gave our members more exposure to other competitions, which in the long run must help our standard of refereeing. It was great to see on Grand Final Day those extra games, which in the past would have been unavailable to our members.

The 2000 season saw our referees experience the technology of the 21st Century. With the help of the North Sydney Junior League we saw our Referees and Touch judges wired up for sound in the Semi-finals and Grand finals. After a few teething problems I believe it was a great success and will be a useful tool in the seasons to come.

On the Association front we saw training continue on Monday night. On behalf of the Association thank you Nadine for your work throughout the year, by all reports the members enjoyed all the sessions. Congratulations also to Stan and Gerard for their work in the skills area and to Brian for his huge effort in running the Accreditation Scheme for the Association.

On the field with the retirement & unavailability of a number of our senior referees and the advent of the exchange system with Manly, this gave us more games to referee with fewer referees. It gave our younger referees and opportunity to progress, and they grabbed it with both hands and helped meet all our commitments. Also with the adviser system, this allowed every senior referee to be watched each week. A lot of credit should be given to Michael Quailey, John Quinn and their team of advisers.

It would be remiss of me not to make mention of the special achievement of one of our long-standing referees and Life Members, Steven Betts. Steven was made a Life Member of the NSWRLRA this year. It has been a long time since one of our members has been given this honour and on behalf of our Association I would like to congratulate him and his family.

To our Committee:

- Treasurer Michael Quailey: a tireless worker for the Association. Ensuring the spirit of North Sydney stays alive. Worked well in partnership with Michael Haynes throughout the year to ensure smooth sailing.

- Secretary Michael Haynes also worked tirelessly for the Association. Thanking you for your friendship, good luck and Bon Voyage in your travels over the seas, you will be missed immensely.
- Senior Vice President: Colin Jones, invaluable back stop while I was away due to work commitments. Always prepared to pick up the ball and run with it in my absence.
- Vice President: Martin Ryan an interesting year for Martin, but was always available when needed, we wish him and his wife Mary, good luck on the his continuing adventure with life with the advent of twin girls.
- Vice President: Nathan Smith first year on the committee worked hard and looks to have a long future as an officer of the Association.
- Minute Secretary: Stan Watson had a busy year, being on the board for NSW as well as North Sydney. Thank you for your hard work.
- Patron: Bill Lalor always supportive of the Association and a tower of strength throughout the season.

Finally I would like to thank my wife, Karen, and family for all the support and help they have given me.

In conclusion, as you read through this Annual Report you will see that this Association as it moves into the 21st Century is travelling along as well or better than it has in the past. We do not know what the future has in store for us, but we do look forward to the Association continuing with great fervour and expectation. I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual General Meeting in December.

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 2001.

John Boyle
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It gives me great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the season 2000. The year 2000 was successful for the Association and I hope this report accurately portrays our achievements. The Association again was without a major sponsor hopefully 2001 will see the Association with a sponsor. Thorough sound financial management the Association has returned a surplus, as you will see in the Treasurer's report.

The 2000 season saw the District without the Bears for the first time in ninety-two years. It was left for the Junior League and our Association to fly the North Sydney flag. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our members and the Junior League for keeping North Sydney alive this year.

Canterbury hosted the Annual NSW Referees golf day at Bankstown Golf Club on the Australia Day Holiday. Congratulation to Canterbury on winning the day. I have been questioned by members of our Association as to the score of a certain member on the winning team. Thank you to Colin Jones our Golf Captain for leading the side.

Junior League teams again diminished in the 2000 season. This is certainly a worrying time for Rugby League in the North Sydney area. This year saw the loss of three A grade teams to the Manly competition, Asquith, Hornsby and Pennant Hills. The North Sydney A grade competition comprised of seven teams and no reserve grade. This would be the first time in many years that the district did not have two open age competitions. However, we did receive a boost in West Ryde/Denistone joining North Sydney from Balmain. West Ryde performed competitively throughout the year and made the Grand Final. I hope for the sake of Rugby League and North Sydney they return next season.

The joint competition was again held with Manly in the U/11s and the U/13s to U/19s age groups. North Sydney ran their own competition from U/6s to U/10s and U/12s. The A grade competition saw seven teams compete. As mentioned in my report last year our Association had a demarcation dispute with the Manly Junior League and Referees' Association. John Boyle and I attended a meeting with Phil Brown and Rob Peard of the Manly Referees' Association. An agreement was reached which gave our members an extra two open age games each week by allowing our referees' to referee in the Manly A grade competition. This gave our members a tremendous opportunity to experience tough open age football. It just goes to show when reasonable people sit down to solve a problem anything can be achieved. Thank you to Phil and Rob and the members of the Manly Referees' Association for a successful season. I hope our Associations can work as successfully next year as we did this year.

With the diminishing number of teams it was looking as though there may have only been three grand finals for our members to officiate in this season. Luckily the junior league struck a deal with Manly to hold second division grand finals. This gave our members additional five grand finals.

North Sydney teams came first and second in the under 14s age group. This gave North Sydney a first division grand final.

Once again grand final day was the highlight of the season. Rugby League returned to its home in North Sydney to "Bear Park". Again another early start to the day with the under 6s kicking off at 8:00am. Our duties did not finish until 9:00pm. Congratulations to all members who gained grand final appointments and the way your behaviour was conducted throughout the season. Grand final day finished with a late evening barbecue at the Quailey household. A big 'thank you' to Michael and Di for their hospitality.

This season saw the dawning of the twenty first century as the Association members were wired for sound. Unfortunately it took some time to receive the communication equipment. One problem was it was delivered to a house five doors away from where it should have been received. The other problem was the GST, trying to figure when the most opportune time to purchase the equipment was also a factor. The equipment arrived in time for the semi finals and was put to effective use straight away. The use of the equipment became a contentious issue at times but luckily everything fell into place by grand final day. Thank you to the Kevin Nicholls and the Junior League for helping to finance the cost of the equipment. This will only help referees and as well as players to improve the standard of football in the district.

Unfortunately meetings this year were held in poor attendance. The same old faces were always there. It is disappointing when members complain about their appointments, or incidents that concern the Association and offer their opinion outside the meeting. Your opinion will be noted at the meeting and debated. It is up to the younger members once they finish their commitments with the Higher School Certificate to take an active role within the Association.

This year the dinner meeting was held once again at the Asquith Leagues Club, our guest speaker was Mr Michael Ryan from the NSW Rugby League Referees' Association. Mick is also the current NSW first division referees' coach. Mick gave an interesting talk about the opportunities that refereeing presented as well as the expected standards that referees must meet to achieve their goals of being graded. Thank you to Mick for giving up his time to talk to our member.

Congratulations again this year to our graded members who represented North Sydney with great honour and pride. Steve Clark was again a regular centre man in the NRL, with Tony Archer making a few appearances in the centre as well as on the line. Steve Belts regained his spot on the first grade line and ran well. Colin Jones and Martin Ryan spent the year in first division. Both Colin and Martin should consider themselves very unlucky not to be in the top grade, let's hope their talents do not go to waste in 2001. It would be remiss of me not to mention the North Sydney trifecta on 28 August. Congratulations to Tony Archer, Colin Jones and Martin Ryan for being appointed to the first division grand final at Stadium Australia. Congratulations must go to Steve Clark on being appointed to the World Cup tournament. Finally congratulations to Steve Belts on gaining Life Membership to NSW Referees' Association. This is a fine achievement and a great honour the Association is just as proud as you are.

North Sydney will again face an uncertain future next year. It will be up to the incoming committee and the junior league to work together to encourage and promote rugby league. A vision and a plan must be put in place to ensure that North Sydney will continue to foster the growth of this game we

all love. In saying this I'd like to thank Malcolm Woodcock and Kevin Nicholls and the Junior League Board of Management. After three years as being Secretary the great divide is closing rapidly between our two bodies, lets hope next season the gap will continue to narrow.

Thank you to Ian McCall and Les Matthews and the Executive of the NSW Referees' Association, your support and assistance throughout the season was once again appreciated.

To the staff of the North Sydney Leagues Club, thank you for the use of the clubs facilities and accommodating for those last minute catering requests.

For those of you who don't know, I will not be standing as your Secretary for the season 2001. I made a decision earlier in the season to travel overseas at the completion of my university degree. I have learned a lot since being elected as Secretary in 1998 and I hope the member who takes over my role gains as much enjoyment as I have. I would like to congratulate all members on a successful season and I hope the Association will continue to grow.

To the outgoing committee, once again it was great pleasure and honour to work with an outstanding group of people. I would especially like to thank Michael and Di for their continued support and friendship through some tough times for the Association. To Colin Jones thank you for valuable support and guidance since I have been on the executive.

To all members I wish you all the best for the future, especially those who are sitting the HSC this year good luck. I hope you get as much joy out of refereeing as I have.

Finally to my biggest supporters, my parents Cliff and Helen thank you for your support throughout the last three years with football and study, words can't say how much I appreciate your advice and guidance. Yes mum, I'll get rid of all the football junk before I leave.

I wish all members and their families a very merry Christmas and a safe a prosperous New Year. As General Douglas Macarthur said "I shall return".

Michael Haynes
Honorary Secretary

District Club Report

2000 marked the debut of the Norths/Manly joint venture the Northern Eagles in the NRL. Both clubs continued to field sides in the NSWRL competitions. Some erratic performances saw the Eagles finish well out of semi-final contention.

Norths First Division side made the semi-finals while the other grade were competitive.

Our congratulations are extended to the following clubs for their competition wins in 2000:

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| ❖ Brisbane | First Grade |
| ❖ Canterbury | NSWRL first division |
| ❖ Canterbury | Flegg Cup |

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

Thank to Jim Henry and the Board of the Leagues Club for their assistance with the 2000 season. Thank you must also go to the Board of the Asquith Leagues Club for their support and assistance throughout the season.

Vale

Unfortunately, 2000 did not pass without our families and friends losing loved ones. Our deepest sympathies are extended to all that have suffered bereavement during the last year.

Early February saw the passing of a Life Member and former President of the Association, Mr Ray Smyth. Ray was also a Life Member of the NSW Referees' Association. The Association passes on its deepest sympathies to the Smyth family.

Meeting Dates 2001

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

February 15th

March 15th

April 19th

May 24th

June 21st

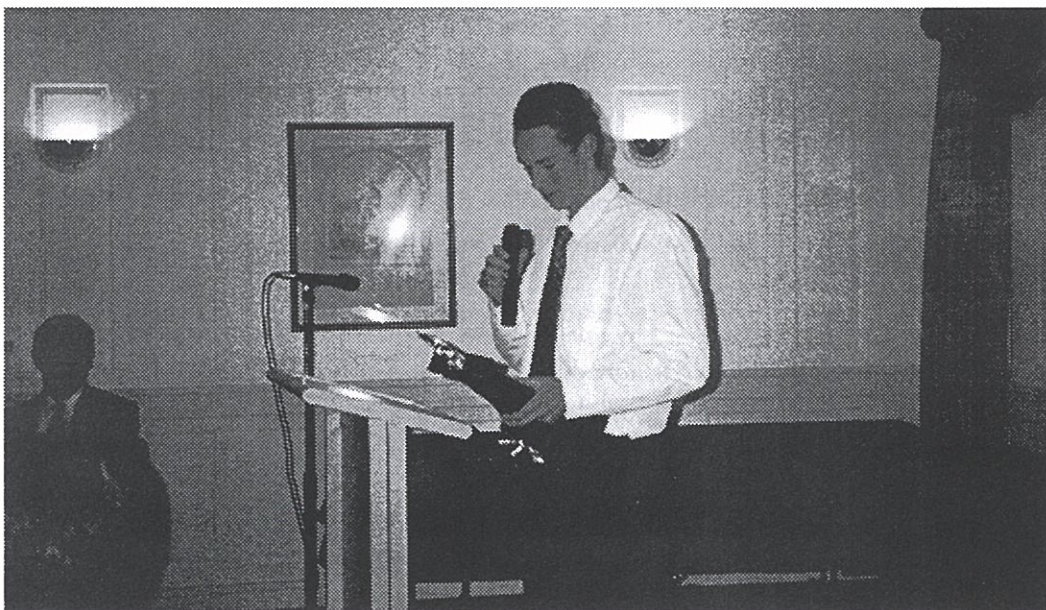
July 26th

August 23rd

December 13th AGM 2001



Colleen Smith presents Curtis Dowel with the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award



Curtis makes his acceptance speech.

Grade & Junior Representative Report

Well this year seemed to come and go real quick. The season started in early February and concluded in late August. One thing is certain, that the referees will have an extra 4-6 weeks down time.

Although this year did not pass without some type of controversy, graded members did their Association proud as did the Junior Development Squad members

North Sydney Referees' Association had five graded members and four junior development squad members flying the North Sydney flag with pride. This is how our graded members finished this year:

Stephen Clark: Refereed NRL competition fixtures.
Refereed NRL Quarter Finals
Refereed NRL Semi Final
Stand by referee in NRL Semi Final.

Steven Betts: Touch Judge in NRL competition fixtures.
Touch Judge in NSWRL first division competition fixtures.

Tony Archer: Refereed NRL competition fixtures
Touch Judge in NRL competition fixtures
Refereed NSWRL first division competition fixtures
Refereed NSWRL first division Quarter Finals
Refereed NSWRL first division Semi Final
Refereed NSWRL first division Grand Final.

Colin Jones Touch Judge NSWRL first division competition fixtures
Touch Judge Metropolitan Cup Reserve Grade Grand Final
Touch Judge U/19 NSW v Queensland curtain raiser to State of Origin III
Touch Judge NSWRL first division Quarter Finals
Touch Judge NSWRL first division Semi Final
Touch Judge NSWRL first division Grand Final

Martin Ryan: Touch Judge NSWRL first division competition fixtures
Touch Judge NRL competition fixtures
Touch Judge U/17 NSW v Queensland curtain raiser to State of Origin I
Touch Judge Metropolitan Cup First Grade Grand Final

Touch Judge NSWRL first division Quarter Finals

Touch Judge NSWRL first division Semi Final

Touch Judge NSWRL first division Grand Final

That was how the tradesmen performed this year. Now we look at how the apprentices performed.

Gerard Bailey: Touch Judge in the Harold Matthews competition fixtures
Touch Judge in the S G Ball competition fixtures
Touch Judge in the Jersey Flegg competition fixtures.
Touch Judge in Metro Cup competition fixtures.

Adam Devcich: Referee in Harold Matthews competition fixtures.

Aaron Brownlow: Touch Judge in the Matthews Cup competition fixtures.
Touch Judge in the Flegg Cup competition fixtures.
Refereed a Matthews Cup Fixture.

Nathan Smith: Touch Judge in the Matthews Cup competition fixtures.
Touch Judge in the Jersey Flegg competition fixtures.

The delegate was put out to pasture this year but accepted an offer to be on the advisory board. This year I saw a lot of the junior representative fixtures and some first division and NRL matches although I was only writing reports on the junior development squad.

I congratulate our graded members, Tony Archer, Colin Jones and Martin Ryan for their appointment to the first division grand final. That kind of appointment is earned and not just given out.

It would be remiss of me not to congratulate Steven Betts for attaining Life Membership of the NSW Referees' Association. As the report shows, all our members performed very well during the season 2000.

Here's hoping that our members again perform well in the 2001 season, which should be back to normal by then. The Olympic Games being held in Sydney is like daylight saving. Everything is put forward, but next year is a different story.

Stan Watson
Delegate NSW Referees' Association

Coaching Report

Accreditation Report

We started 2000 season by assembling our probationary referees, namely Mathew Claridge and Steve Dayeian, and successfully got them up to the preliminary level.

We then proceeded to get the present Preliminary Level Referees to Level One - namely Messrs Shane Beckett, Curtis Dowel, Cameron McKay, Brendon McKibbons, Damien Naughton and Andrew Whiddon. All of these members successfully completed the course. Mr Ken Hagarty, from the Manly Referees Association, gave his assistance, which I greatly appreciate. I also was helped and assisted by Nathan Smith and Gerard Bailey for a couple of nights, which also was very much appreciated.

All these young men attended classes at the Asquith Leagues Club every Monday night for a number of weeks. The complexity now of the courses can create more time with studying all the contents of the manuals supplied. This is a lot different to the earlier years when the Brian Barrys, the John Quinns, the Bill Lalors and I were given a small book to read and/or were told to attend a class at the old NSW Leagues Club. You would then sit for an oral exam (pass it), then told to go out and Referee but I have to agree with all concerned the new Referee today will be better equipped to handle most situations.

I then proceeded to get the Level one referees' a step further, namely Messrs Matthew Clay, Paul Daley, Scott Murray and Anthony Osborn. John Stone has yet to complete this because of his HSC priorities.

All looks well for the coming seasons with these young men and hopefully we should, with help, keep these young Referees in our ranks and watch them progress.

Finally I would like to thank Mr Ray Agostino of Asquith Leagues Club and his staff for their help and their generous support in allowing us to use the club for our meetings.

Brian Minnett
NRAS Coordinator

Skills Training

During the season 2000, various skills were introduced to the referees at training. These skills were The 10 metre drill, Concentration, Control, Communication, Positioning, Touch Line, Corner Post, Dead Ball Line, Goal Post, Back Play Reporting and Peripheral Vision

The skills training commenced into the fourth round of the competition proper. Each training night, after the hard physical training session, the referees would be put through their paces with two or three different skills.

The majority of the skills are also used in training the junior development squad and graded members.

During the year a small-dedicated bunch of referees attended and underwent both physical and skill training sessions. Although at times skills training could not be conducted due to inclement weather, therefore training was held at St Leo's College gymnasium.

Of the referees who did attend training, the benefit of the skills training reflected on their appointments and their performances at those games. After a few sessions of skills training, praise and comments were passed on to me from various members of both North Sydney and Manly Junior Leagues. Most of these members being managers, secretaries and coaches of the various clubs in both junior league competitions.

The comments that were passed on to me were that the North Sydney referees showed professionalism.

Apart from the physical and skills training, a video session was also conducted. Our thanks to Aaron Brownlow who organised a copy of a tape of various referees and touch judges in the NRL and first division competitions. This tape had various facets of play from positioning, advantage play, back play reporting, communicating with players and general rulings.

One last thing that was introduced late this year, just in time for the semi finals was communication equipment. Again, a training session was put aside so members could be brought up to speed with the use and the operation of the equipment.

We would like to thank the referees who did attend the physical training and the skills training. Once again it reflected on your appointments due to your performance as a result of your dedication and commitment. You all put in. Thank you once again.

Stan Watson & Gerard Bailey
Skills Coordinators

Treasurer's \$ Report

"Things will never be the same again."

Fellow Members,

It gives me great pleasure to submit for your approval, the financial accounts of the Association for the 2000 season.

The objective at the commencement of the season was to continue the sound financial stability of the Association of previous seasons. I believe this has been achieved. With our 80th Anniversary looming large in 2002, it is important to have reserves to help meet whatever celebrations are planned for this milestone.

Of course, the major challenge for 2000 was the implementation of the GST. Things will never be the same again. Members will notice two new additions to the Balance Sheet - GST Paid (Asset) and GST Collected (Liability). Shortly after our balance date, the Association completed its first BAS return and made its first GST payment to the ATO.

The Association made the decision to register for the GST to protect Active Member's match payments. While registering has meant additional paper work, learning how to account for the tax, Members incurring GST on membership fees and social functions, these were small prices to pay when faced with the reality of Active Members losing 48% of their payments.

The changeover to the tax was not without an amusing side (my postman may not think so) when the ATO registered us twice and issued the Association with two ABNs. While we attempted to convince the ATO to cancel one of the ABNs, we received every piece of correspondence twice. If anyone was involved with registering for the GST, they will realise just how much extra paperwork we received.

While still on the GST, many thanks go to our Secretary Michael Haynes for all his help. An Accountant by trade, Michael was of great assistance during the implementation of the GST and was always there to answer any annoying questions that I may have had.

Before commenting on the results, it would be remiss of me not to thank the NSW Rugby League Referees Association and their sponsor FAI for their continue support in providing grants which greatly assist in easing the financial burden of running our Association.

Also, many thanks to Junior League Administrator Kevin Nicholls, the Board of the Junior League and North Sydney Leagues Club for making a substantial grant to cover the majority of the cost of our new communication equipment.

Sweepstakes was not run this year and was replaced by a Training Raffle and a Meeting Raffle, the purpose of which was to encourage members to attend meetings and training. The results were mixed

but I'm sure that the members who won prizes and received a free trip to the movies thought they were good ideas.

Members will note that the Association recorded a surplus of \$1,429-64 for the year ending 31 October 2000. While this is down on last year, as at yearend we had not received the Coaching Grant from NSW Referees. Nonetheless it is a very pleasing result being ahead of our projected budget surplus.

As was the case last year the main contributing factor to the result was keeping expenditure in check. Given that our revenue base is small, expenditure must be watched closely at all times.

Should any member have questions, detailed accounts are held and are available for perusal.

Such was our strong position towards the end of the season, the Association decided to meet Insurance costs (Professional Indemnity) that are normally passed onto members. And, as was the case last year, it was decided to expand the menu and cover the entire costs of drinks at the Presentation Night.

Again, some members expressed their concern at the cost for the presentation night being increased to \$45 plus GST. While increasing the cost of anything is always regretted, members should note that the cost per member attending the night was nearly \$92. Given this scenario, the cost of \$45 is really a bargain in the circumstances.

It is disappointing to note that members were fined a total of \$182 during the season. Being a referee involves discipline and commitment. Without either of these, everyone's job is made that much harder, the image of the Association suffers and you will not reach the pinnacle of what all referees hope to achieve, be it at Grade or District level. A few of our members failed in these areas and paid the price. I trust that they have learned from their mistakes, becoming better members for it.

To my fellow Committee Members, thank you for assistance.

Finally, to my wife Di goes the biggest thank you of all. Your help and support keep me going.

Our Association made wonderful progress both on and off the field in 2000. We are well placed to meet the challenges of the first year of the 21st Century in 2001. I look forward to meeting these challenges with you.

Michael Quailey
Honorary Treasurer

North Sydney DRL Referees' Assoc Inc
 Balance Sheet
 As of 31/10/2000

Assets	1999	2000
Current Assets		
Bank Account	\$7,852.71	\$10,929.17
Deposits	\$55.00	\$55.00
Inventory	\$1,537.70	\$1,224.10
GST Paid	\$0.00	\$764.95
Receivables	\$64.00	\$80.55

Total Assets	\$9,509.41	\$13,053.77
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	\$872.00	\$1,198.05
Payments in Advance	\$21.20	\$322.20
GST Collected	\$0.00	\$1,487.67

Total Liabilities	\$893.20	\$3,007.92
Member's Funds	\$8,616.21	\$10,045.85

Income and Expenditure Statement
01/11/1999 Through 31/10/2000

Income Categories	1999	2000
Donations Received	\$87.53	\$392.12
Fines	\$40.00	\$182.00
Function Income	\$2,980.00	\$2,490.00
Gear Sales	\$608.00	\$833.60
Grants	\$2,000.00	\$3,160.00
Interest	\$7.26	\$31.27
Match Payments Received	\$24,942.00	\$25,300.00
Membership Fees	\$3,038.42	\$2,918.00
Other Income	\$550.50	\$872.00
Raffle Income	\$0.00	\$740.00
Sponsorship	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Sweepstakes	\$750.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$36,203.71	\$36,918.99

Expense Categories		
Administration Expenses	\$901.53	\$418.53
Affiliation Fee NSWRLRA Inc	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bad Debts Written Off	\$33.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$98.80	\$94.86
Coaching & Training Expenses	\$540.00	\$510.00
Cost Of Gear Sold	\$608.00	\$313.60
Function Expense	\$5,126.90	\$4,141.84
Gear Purchase	\$0.00	\$3,522.45
Insurance Premiums	\$413.00	\$438.41
Match Payments Paid	\$24,942.00	\$25,300.00
Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$394.22
Presentations/Gifts	\$690.75	\$122.03
Raffle Prizes	\$0.00	\$185.00
State Govt Taxes	\$37.06	\$38.41
Sweepstakes Prizes	\$360.00	\$0.00
Total Expense Categories	\$33,761.04	\$35,489.35

Net Profit/(Loss) For Year	\$2,442.67	\$1,429.64
Member's Funds At 1 November	\$6,173.54	\$8,616.21
Member's Funds At 31 October	\$8,616.21	\$10,045.85

Note 1: Functions	Income	Expense	Net
Annual Dinner	\$1,485.00	\$3,022.00	(\$1,537.00)
Dinner Meeting	\$690.00	\$614.09	\$75.91
Golf Day	\$110.00	\$360.00	(\$250.00)
BBQs	\$205.00	\$145.75	\$59.25
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Total Function Income	\$2,490.00	\$4,141.84	(\$1,651.84)

Note 2: Administration Expenses

Filing Fee	\$37.00
Freight	\$30.00
General	\$77.32
Postage	\$141.15
Telephone	\$133.06

Total Administration Expenses	\$418.53

Note 3: Match Payments

Net Payments To Members	\$18,226.68
Affiliation Fees	\$2,783.00
Gear Sales	\$733.60
Fines	\$182.00
Social	\$3,035.00 (Includes Raffle)
GST	\$345.77
Other	\$15.00
Member Debit	(\$21.05)

	\$25,300.00

Note 4: Gear Purchase Directly Expensed

Communication Gear	\$3,360.00
Hats	\$162.45

Total	\$3,522.45

Note 5: Sponsorship

Balance Carried Forward	\$1,200.00
Less:	
Hats	\$162.45
Communication Gear	\$600.00

Balance	\$437.55

Note 6: Grants

Administration Grant

\$1,000.00 (NSWRL Referees' Assoc)

Communication Gear

\$2,160.00 (North Sydney Leagues Club/Junior League)

Total

\$3,160.00

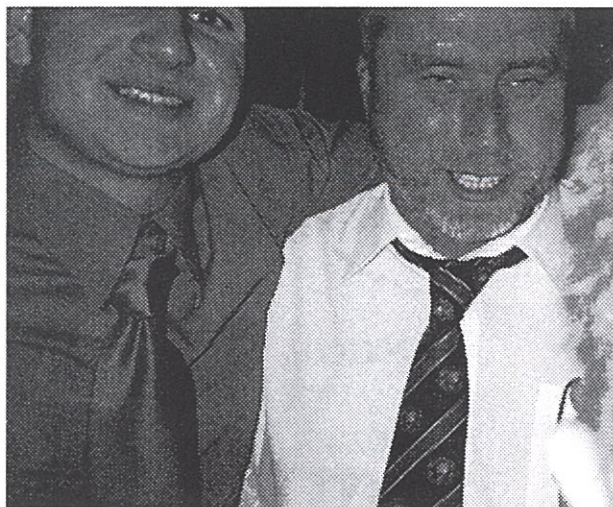
Auditor's Report

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

In my opinion, the accompanying accounts:

- (a) Have been properly drawn up so as to "present fairly" the state of affairs of the Association as at October 31, 2000 and the Surplus of the Association for the year ended on this date;
- (b) Have been drawn up in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards.
- (c) The Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Michael Haynes
Hon. Auditor



Our Treasurer relaxes at the Presentation Night with Andrew Whiddon

Honour Roll

Life Membership

1935 S. Morris (senior)*
1939 M. Hogan
 J. Turner
1942 J. Burden*
1945 R. Smyth*
1950 A. Galbraith*
 A. Leane*
1951 D. Haldeman
1953 H. Carrick
1955 T. Bellew OAM
1956 A. Jones*
1959 B. Cowley*
 S. Morris (junior)
1960 E. Tinsley
1963 R. Carey*
1966 J. Montgomery
1967 B. Barry
* Denotes Member is deceased

1969 J. Quinn
1975 G. McManus
1977 J. Porteous*
1978 B. Minnett
1980 E. Carroll*
1981 R. Hammond
1983 B. Davoren
1985 S. Betts
1986 A.E Brown
1989 C. Jones
1990 J. Byrne
1991 B. Lalor
1992 J. Boyle
1993 M. Quailey
1994 R. Kiddle
1997 M. Ryan

Bob Purcell Trophy

1962 B. Burke
1963 J. Montgomery
1964 K. Hubbuck
1965 G. McManus
1966 B. Barry
1967 J. Quinn
1968 B. Daveron
1969 B. Minnett
1970 J. Porteous
1971 E. Carroll
1972 J. Quinn
1973 R. Atkinson
1974 E. Carroll
1975 F. Payne
1976 A.E. Brown
1977 D. Haberman
1978 R. Hammond
1979 S. Betts
1980 E. Carroll
1981 D. Haberman

1982 C. Jones
1983 J. Boyle
1984 E. Carroll
1985 M. Quailey
1986 J. Boyle
1987 M. Quailey
1988 J. Melville
1989 S. Clarke
1990 M. Ryan
1991 Not Presented
1992 J. Neal
1993 R. Kiddle
1994 S. Watson
1995 J. Boyle
1996 S. Edwards
1997 M. Ryan
1998 M. Quailey
1999 M. Haynes
2000 N. Smith

Eple Carroll Memorial Medal

1985 J. Neal
1986 J. Neal
1987 S. Clarke
1988 S. Clarke
1989 J. Boyle
1990 P. Guilbert
1991 P. Guilbert
1992 P. Guilbert

1993 M. Guilbert
1994 J. Boyle
1995 D. Lombardo
1996 D. Lombardo
1997 D. Lombardo
1998 D. Lombardo
1999 A. Lewis
2000 A. Devcich

Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award

1990 D. Lombardo
1991 S. Edwards
1992 M. Haynes & S. Mamari
1993 N. Thurgood
1994 A. Brownlow
1995 I. Budai

1996 N. Smith
1997 J. Stone
1998 S. Murray
1999 M. Clay & A. Osborn
2000 C. Dowel



Nathan Smith makes his acceptance speech for the Bob Purcell Trophy

Congratulations To

- ✓ Tony Archer, Steve Belts, Steve Clark, Colin Jones & Martin Ryan on being Regraded.
- ✓ All grade members on their respective appointments.
- ✓ Adam Devcich refereeing the A grade Grand Final.
- ✓ Martin Ryan on his First Division & Metro Cup first Grade Grand Final Lines.
- ✓ Colin Jones on his First Division & Metro Cup Reserve Grade Grand Final Lines.
- ✓ Tony Archer on being appointed to referee the First Division Grand Final.
- ✓ Nathan Smith on winning the Bob Purcell Trophy.
- ✓ John Boyle on receiving an Australia Day Award through the Department of Defence. A fitting recognition for your years of work and all those trips away. However, why you kept it a secret has us all puzzled.
- ✓ Curtis Dowel on receiving the Junior Encouragement Award.
- ✓ Silvio Del Vecchio on being given the honour of carrying the Olympic Torch.
- ✓ Steve and Susie Ellis on the birth of their baby son Clayton James

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.

MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS ATTENDED - 2000

MEETINGS HELD:	AGM	1
	GENERAL	7
	TOTAL	8

LIFE MEMBER

SENIOR ACTIVE

B. BARRY	2	4A	L. AYRES	4	1A
T. BELLEW	-		G. BAILEY	7	
S. BETTS	1	2A	R. BALZER	1	1A
J. BOYLE	7	1A	A. BROWNLOW	4	3A
A.E BROWN	1		I. BUDAI	2	2A
J. BYRNE	-	1A	M. CLAY*	-	
R. CAREY	-		A. DEVCICH	3	2A
H. CARRICK	-		W. EDWARDS	7	
B. DAVERON	-		S. ELTIS	2	6A
R. HAMMOND	-		G. FIELD	1	1A
M. HOGAN	-		M. HAYNES	8	
R. KIDDLE	-		M. MILHAM	-	
C. JONES	7		1L/A S. MURRAY	-	
W. LALOR	7	1A	A. OSBORN	7	
G. MCMANUS	1		N. SMITH	7	
B. MINNETT	2	3A	2L/A J. STONE*	8	
J. MONTGOMERY	-		S. WATSON	8	
S. MORRIS	-				
M. QUAILEY	8				
J. QUINN	6	2A			
M. RYAN	6	2A	T. ARCHER	1	
R. SMYTH	-		S. CLARK	-	
E. TINSLEY	-				

GRADE MEMBERS

JUNIOR MEMBERS

HONORARY MEMBERS

F. T. BELL	-		S. DAVIEAN	1	
S. DELVECCHIO	1		S. BECKETT		
F. FRIGERIC	-		P. DALEY *	-	
A. LEWIS		1A	M. CLARIDGE		
M. MURRAY			D. NAUGHTON	-	
R. TALBOT	-		C. DOWEL *	1	
S. TRUETOVE	-		C. MCKAY		
K. TRUETOVE	-		B. MCKIBBINS	-	
J. BRANNIGHAN			A. WHIDDON	-	

A=ADCLCGY

L/A=LEAVE OF ABSENCE

*=BECAME A SENIOR MEMBER DURING THE SEASON

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Junior League Report

Greetings all.

This year was the first time that I have held such a position within the Association, and let me tell you, it was definitely an eye opener as to how the "internal clockwork" of the Association and North Sydney Junior League operated.

2000 was another difficult year for Rugby League in general. The negative affects that the NRL were experiencing in their competition were definitely filtering down to the grass roots of the game, the Junior League.

The North Sydney Junior League once again saw the omission of more teams from its competition, with traditional clubs like Hornsby, Asquith and Pennant Hills fielding their A grade sides in the Manly-Warringah competition. This "combining" of the two competitions worked its way down the ages and saw North Sydney have only 3 grades in which they ran their own competition. The rest of the grades were "combined" with the Manly Junior League.

At this stage I would like to pass on the Associations congratulations to the Northern District Knights for being the A Grade Champions for season 2000. Also, congratulations to Hills Hawks who won the U/9's and U/10's Grand Finals. Commiserations to all the Runners-up in season 2000.

Unfortunately, this capitulation is currently the way the game is going and there seems to be no "short-term" remedy for the dwindling numbers of boys and girls that want to play the game. It seems that the "tradition" of Rugby League has been sacrificed for the sake of making a dollar or two.

However, despite this predicament, the North Sydney Junior League has tried everything in its power to restore what is left of the game in the local area. My congratulations and best wishes must be passed on the Ashley Grimmond, who is the Junior Development Officer for the district, for all the hard work he has put in this year in encouraging and developing boys and girls, of all ages, to play the game of Rugby League. We trust that his efforts will be rewarded next season with an increase in players and teams.

The Associations thanks must also go the Junior League and its board, headed by Mr. Malcolm Woodcock, and assisted by League Administrator, Mr Kevin Nicholls, for the help and support the Referees Association received throughout the year. This support was spearhead by the Junior Leagues grant for partial funding of the new referees communication gear that we purchased this season. Without their financial help, the acquisition of the new communication gear would have been delayed.

The Associations congratulations must also be passed on to the North Sydney Junior Development Squads for the successful year they had in their "friendly" competition games against teams from other Junior League Districts. From this group of talented young men lies future "Green & Gold" players and we hope that they continue to play the game with enthusiasm and passion.

Our inter-district relationships were also developed in 2000 when we entered into a referee interchange program with the Manly-Warringah Referees Association. This program enabled our referees to experience different teams and player skill levels, which in turn develops our own refereeing abilities. It also gave us a chance to share skills and knowledge with our fellow Manly referees, helping develop friendships that will carry on in years to come. Our thanks must be passed on to the Manly Referees Association and the Manly Junior League for their help and support over the year and we look forward to open relations with them in season 2001.

Finally, I must congratulate all involved in Rugby League this year, from the Junior League, the Players, our Referees Association, right through to the Families and Spectators of the game. As I said earlier, it was another tough year for Rugby League, but the only way the game is going to survive is if we stick together and ride through this tough patch. To do this, we must stay loyal to the game. So on behalf of the North Sydney Rugby League Referees Association, I would like to thank you all for being involved in the game this year and we look forward to seeing you all next year, along with many more faces.

All the best,

Nathan Smith
JUNIOR LEAGUE DELEGATE.

2000 GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

A GRADE: NORTHERN DISTRICTS V WEST RYDE



REFEREE: ADAM DEVCICH
TOUCH JUDGES: MICHAEL HAYNES & GERARD BAILEY
IN-GOAL JUDGES: JON STONE & SCOT MURRAY

UNDER 17 DIV 2: BELROSE V BEROWRA



REFEREE: AARON BROWNLOW
TOUCH JUDGES: JON STONE & GRAEME FIELD
IN-GOAL JUDGES: DAMIAN NAUGHTON & MATT CLAY

UNDER 15 DIV 2: NARRABEEN V FORESTVILLE



REFEREE: NATHAN SMITH
TOUCH JUDGES: DAMIAN NAUGHTON & MATT CLAY
IN GOAL JUDGES: ILANA BUDAI & PAUL DALEY

UNDER 14 DIV 2: BELROSE V AVALON



REFEREE: WAYNE EDWARDS
TOUCH JUDGES: MICHAEL QAILEY & ILANA BUDAI

UNDER 13 DIV 1: BEROWRA V BROTHERS



REFEREE: JON STONE
TOUCH JUDGES: PAUL DALEY & GRAEME FIELD

UNDER 10s: HILLS HAWKS V ASQUITH

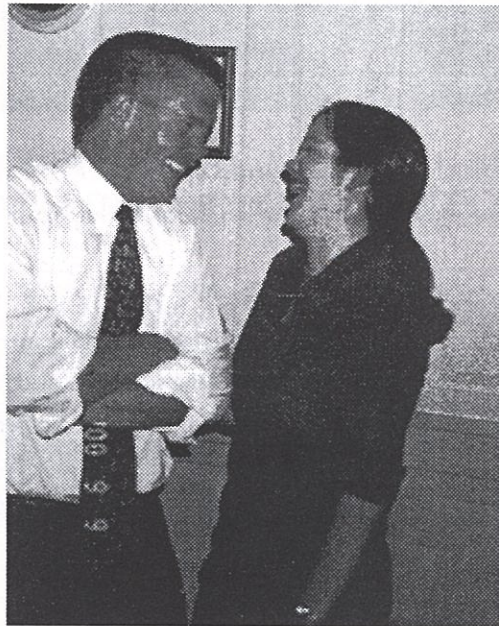


REFEREE: SCOTT MURRAY
TOUCH JUDGES: CAMERON MCKAY & M MILHAM

Presentation Night Highlights(?)



Matthew Clay, Adam Devcich and Gerard Bailey



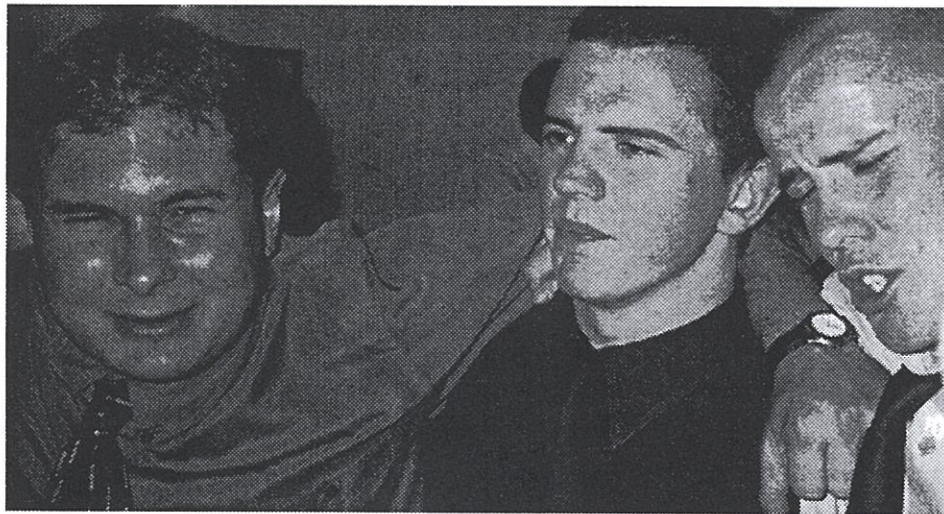
The much-travelled Richard Balzer returned home in time for the night.



Wayne Edwards, Nathan Smith and Scot Murray get down.



A ticket to the North Sydney DRL Referees' Association Presentation Evening -
\$49 (Inc GST)



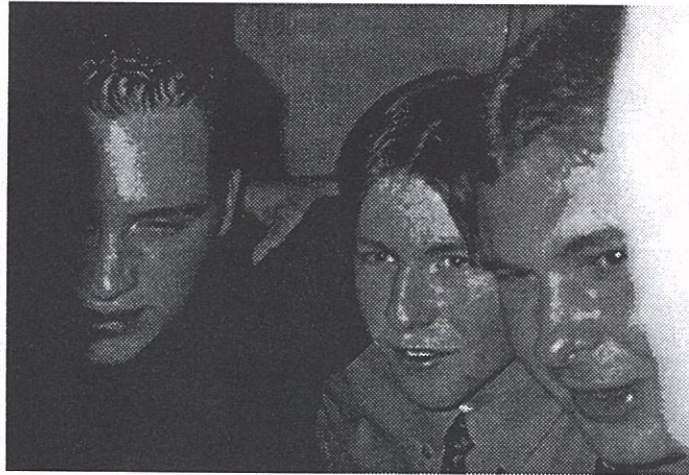
A chance to go out, have a few beers and sing-a-long with your mates - Included in the
above price.



The chance to see JQ rocking and jiving on the Dance Floor - Priceless



Dancing the night away.



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Adam

Billy Results 2000

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LALOR.

HONORARY SECRETARY:

QUAILEY/

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DEJCICH.

MINUTE SECRETARY:

BADLEY

HONORARY SOCIAL SECRETARY

SMITH.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

STONE.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

INTERMEDIATE

~~MINNETT~~ MINNETT

JUNIOR

RYAN.

DELEGATES TO NSW REFEREES:

BROWNLOW

DELEGATES TO JUNIOR LEAGUE:

WATSON/STEELE

HONORARY ADUTIORS (2):

SMITH/STONE.

BOYKE

RYAN

