

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

Annual Report

Season 2001

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

For the Presentation of the

Annual Report and Balance Sheet for
2001 Season

To be held at

North Sydney Leagues Club Limited

12 Abbott Street,
Cammeray

Kamaraigal Room

On

Thursday, December 13th, 2001

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 2001.
10. GENERAL BUSINESS

MICHAEL QUAILEY
PRESIDENT

ADAM DEVCICH
SECRETARY

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2001

PATRON

Mr Bill Lalor

PRESIDENT

Mr Michael Quailey

HONORARY SECRETARY

Mr Adam Devcich

HONORARY TREASURER

Mr Gerard Bailey

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Mr Brian Minnett

INTERMEDIATE VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr Martin Ryan

JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr Aaron Brownlow

MINUTES SECRETARY

Mr Nathan Smith

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr John Stone

DELEGATE TO NSW REFEREES

Mr Stan Watson

DELEGATE TO JUNIOR LEAGUE

Mr Nathan Smith

HONORARY AUDITORS

Mr John Boyle & Mr Martin Ryan

CONTROLLER OF PAYMENTS & PUBLIC OFFICER

Mr Michael Quailey

COACHING OFFICIALS

Mr Brian Minnett - Accreditation

Mr Gerard Bailey - Skills

Mr Stan Watson - Skills

Miss Kate Watson - 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: Michael Quailey (Chairman), John Boyle, Bill Lalor, Brian Minnett, John Quinn, Nathan Smith and Jim Brannigan

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr Nathan Smith

Mr Luke Ayres

Mr John Stone

Mr Scot Murray

GOLF CAPTAIN

Mr Gerard Bailey

JUNIOR LEAGUE COMMITTEES

APPOINTMENTS BOARD

Messrs: John Quinn (Chairman), Michael Quailey

ADVISORY BOARD

Messrs: Adam Devcich, Brian Minnett, Martin Ryan, Nathan Smith, Colin Jones and Stan Watson

REPRESENTATIVES ON JUDICIARY

Messrs: Brian Barry, Bill Lalor and John Quinn

PATRON'S REPORT

So we have come to the end of yet another season and a successful one at that which culminated with a well patronised and thoroughly enjoyable Presentation Night which I'm sure was a pleasant outing to all who attended.

Congratulations to all members of the Association on your performance over the year. Congratulations to:

- The executive officers, some being in their positions for the first time, for handling the Associations affairs.
- The active members for handling their on-field and off-field requirements in an exemplary manner
- The grade members for upholding the Association name and traditions to the NSWRLRA
- All other members for their ongoing support in developing our Association

A special mention goes to Adam Devcich for being awarded the Bob Purcell Trophy, a well earned effort and to Nathan Halliday for gaining the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award in his first year as an active referee. I hope and trust that these efforts will be emulated in the years to come.

Yours in sport

Bill Lalor
Patron

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

It gives me great pleasure to write these few words for our 2001 Annual Report.

It was with immense pride that I assumed the role of your President for 2001. My predecessors in this position have left an indelible mark on the history of the Association and I thank them for the contributions they have made. The responsibilities are many and as I found, so are the rewards.

We can reflect on our efforts in 2001 with a great deal of satisfaction. Again, North Sydney Referees' made positive contributions to the game of Rugby League both at a local level and in Grade.

Our referees in the Junior League continue to improve and this is a direct result of our Coaching & Development strategies that have been instigated over the last few years. It is most rewarding to see our referees develop but the Association can only do so much. If members want to improve their refereeing and achieve their goals then it requires personal commitment to attend training and meetings. This needs to be matched by a professional attitude whenever we are on the field or at a ground.

Our Grade and Junior Development members are an example to us all. Steve Clark and Tony Archer in the NRL ranks were visible most weekends on our TV screens and Steve was appointed to a Semi-Final despite a number of weeks on the sideline through injury. In the unseen department in the NSWRL First Division were Martin Ryan and Colin Jones, who once again proved themselves the top Touch Judges with appointments to the Metro Cup and First Division Grand Finals.

Special mention must be made of Martin Ryan who won the NSWRL Referees' Association's George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy (the equivalent of our Bob Purcell Trophy). This prestigious honour can only be attained once and Martin is the first person from North Sydney to win this award. A great achievement Martin and congratulations from all of us.

Our Junior Development Squad members also did well with Gerard Bailey earning top honours with his Touch Judging appointment to the SG Ball Cup Final. Well done Gerard. Adam Devcich and Aaron Brownlow gained centre appointments while Jon Stone and Cameron O'Riordan impressed in their first season at this level. This augurs well for next year.

In 2001 we welcomed a few new faces. Joining us from other Districts were Vic Rulewski (Manly), Cameron O'Riordan (St George) and Stuart Kidd (Newcastle). We trust you enjoyed your first of many seasons with us.

Through the tireless efforts of our Accreditation Provider Brian Minnett, we gained a number of new Preliminary Referees. Welcome to Anthony Smith, John Kay, Daniel Ruhan, Mark Irwin and Nathan Halliday.

After many years absence, we were able to gain sponsorship this year. Maytag became our sleeve sponsor and we are proud to wear their logo on our uniforms. We trust that an arrangement can be made for 2002.

It would be remiss of me not to thank the NSW Rugby League Referees Association continued 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 your support and for making grants to cover some incidental costs that arose during the year.

To Rob Peard and our friends at Manly, thanks also for your efforts. We have come a long way in a few short years. Our aim is to develop our relationship further in 2002. I trust our members winning your Mad Monday Golf Day will not hinder this.

Now to our Committee Members:

- Patron Bill Lalor: a great stalwart and supporter of all our members.
- Secretary Adam Devcich: for his first year as Secretary, did an outstanding job while maintaining a high standard on the field. The Bob Purcell Trophy was a fitting reward for your efforts.
- Treasurer Gerard Bailey: was on a steep learning curve but gained the nuances of his job as the year progressed.
- Senior Vice President Brian Minnett: his efforts as Accreditation Provider are vital to the ongoing success of our Association.
- Intermediate Vice President Martin Ryan: had his hands full with his young family and Grade but gave the Association what time he could (including appointments) which was most welcome.
- Junior Vice President Aaron Brownlow: capped his year with the A Grade Grand Final appointment and started his own business. Congratulations!
- Minute Secretary Nathan Smith: was hampered by illness for most of the year but he is ready to bounce back in 2002.
- Social Secretary Jon Stone: took on what is really the most difficult of jobs and found out just how frustrating it can be. Learned a great deal and did a great job with our Presentation Evening and the fabulous Wine Weekend (is that why you jumped out of the plane?).

To John Quinn, thank you for all your help and support. Your support for our Association and the Junior League is greatly appreciated but sometimes I think we take your efforts for granted. We could probably all do a little more to make your life easier. During the off-season (December) John will celebrate his 80th Birthday. I'm sure all members will join me in congratulating John on this wonderful milestone.

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

And to all members, thank you for your help, support and thoughts during my sudden hospitalisation in late August (Stuart Kidd is not allowed to sing while riding in my car again). All of you contributed to a quick recovery and it was wonderful to spend all of Grand Final Day with you.

Our Association made great progress both on and off the field in 2001 but I am sure more challenges await us next year. I look forward to meeting them with you.

2002 will mark the 80th Anniversary of our Association (yes JQ is just a little older). This is indeed a cause for celebration, the first of which will be a new on field uniform for our Active Members. I hope all members partake in the year's events.

It is a proud history that we carry with us when we run out on the field.

Michael Qualey
President



Aaron Brownlow accepting the Erle Carroll Award for his appointment to the A Grade Grand Final. Congratulations Aaron!!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,

For the first time in a number of years the Association was fortunate to secure a sponsor for 2001, with Maytag agreeing to sleeve sponsorship. Their sponsorship allowed the Association to supply dress shirts, communication and training equipment to the members. Many thanks to Maytag, in particular Wayne Beckett and Paul Kelly, for their support which we hope will continue in 2002.

This season again saw the NRL without the Bears, with the responsibility of keeping North Sydney alive left to the Junior League. With the gradual decline in player numbers over recent years there is obvious concern among the stakeholders in the Junior League about the future of Rugby League in this district. However, this year steps were taken to address this, with strategy meetings held at the beginning and mid season on issues such as player recruitment and maintaining current players. Time will tell if they have been successful.

Once again the year began with the tradition Annual Golf Day, This years was held at Woolaware Golf Club. Thank you to the Cronulla Referees Association for hosting the day and Congratlautions to the NSW RLRA team who won the day.

2001 saw a continuation of the joint competition agreement with the Manly Junior League in most age groups. The A grade competition was extremely competitive with ten teams competing from Norths, Manly and Balmain districts. Once again this year, our thanks goes the Manly Junior league and Referees' Association, for successfully negotiating through the season with minimal disruption. Thank you particularly to Manly Junior league President, Col Burdon, Manly Referees' President and director of referees' Rob Peard. It is with the help of these people that the agreements are put into practice.

With Balmain having teams playing in our district this year we must also thank their Junior League and Referees' Association, in particular the Secretary of Balmain Referees', Scott Todd, in reaching agreement on the issues that are created when competitions are played across three districts. Of course none of these agreement would have been possible without the support of our own Junior league, so thanks to Kevin Nicholls, Gordon Thurgood and members of the Junior league committee.

As always the pinnacle of our season was Grand Final day (and night). With the Junior Gala Day a number of second division Grand Finals and the A grade Grand Final, it was an action packed day. Luke Ayres provided some "lightening" entertainment as he dashed off the field mid-half at the speed of 1000 racing

Giselles, to escape an electric storm that swept across the ground (thankfully the players followed!!). Congratulations to all members on their appointments to the respective Grand Finals. A special mention for our President who scaped himself out of his sick bed after having his gall bladder removed days before to get himself out to North Sydney Oval to enjoy Grand Final day with the members. We finished the day with beer and pizza at Gerard Baileys place. Thanks Bails.

The following day a small but determined group of North Sydney Referees' ventured to "Mad Monday" with the Manly Referees, which consisted of a rain filled round of golf, with the our team winning the day!! Thanks again to Manly for the invitation.

A great positive that can take out of this season was the great improvement in attendances at both training and at meetings. It has been terrific to see more members participating in the Association, which only helps to build friendship and unity. This has built a good base for us to expand upon next year.

Due to poor attendances in previous years, the dinner meeting was replaced with a convivial following our general meeting in July, which was highlighted by a discussion led by NRL referee, Paul Simpkins. Paul spoke about the development of his career, the path to reaching the NRL and what is required to get there. For many of our members this was a rare insight into what it takes to make to the NRL level. Thank you to Paul for passing on some his knowledge and experience.

Our Association was again well represented in the NSW Grade ranks in 2001. Steve Cark continued as one the top centremen in the NRL. Unfortunately, this was hampered somewhat with a mid season leg injury which saw him on the sideline for a couple of months. Tony Archer cemented a regular spot in the NRL which he will be looking to continue next year. After receiving life membership of the NSW Referees' Association, Steve Betts retired from active duties to take up a position on the advisory board for the Development Squad. It is certainly a positive to have his and Stan Watsons' (also a member of the Development squad advisory board) input at that level. Col Jones and Martin Ryan had a successful year in First Division with both members appointed as Touch Judges for the Interstate Metro Cup fixture, the First Grade Metro Cup Grand Final and the NSW First Division Grand Final. Congratulations once again.

Thank you to Tony Danks, Les Matthews and the NSW Referees' Association for the support this year. In particular, their recognition of the increasing costs of running a Referees' Association, leading to an increase in the Administration and Coaching Grants they provide.

Thank you to the North Sydney and Asquith Leagues Clubs for providing us with their facilities, which enable us to undertake our meetings and seminars.

Finally, this year has been the first year in which I have held an executive position in any club or Association and what a learning curve it has been!!! For the first time I learnt how much time is committed by a number of people to ensure the smooth running of the Referees' Association. Michael Quaileys' assistance has been paramount. His knowledge and experience of what is required to run the Association is a great asset to it. The time Brian Minnett takes to develop our young Referees is essential to ensure of the benefits to Rugby League in this district into the future. John Quinn seems to attend more meetings and is on more committees (both in our Association and at the Junior League) than there are days of the week. His commitment to Rugby league has been incredible for a number of years (it would be rude of me to say exactly how many years). Jon Stone too has done a great deal of work for the Association this year, including being Social Secretary, Gear steward (including organising a new a strip for next season) and standing in for Nathan Smith for a large part of the season as Junior League delegate. The efforts of these Gentlemen and those of their ilk, in previous years, are to be commended for their dedication to bring the Association to it's 80th season next year.

In closing let me say to all the members, thank you for the opportunity to be your Secretary for 2001. It has been a pleasure and I have found it one of the most rewarding seasons in my Refereeing career. Thank you to you all. To you and all your family have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to kicking off in season 2002.

Adam Devcich
Honorary Secretary



The North Sydney members of the 2001 Development squad with President Michael Quailey and Senior Vice President and Coaching Co-ordinator Brian Minnett

District Club Report

For the second year the NRL competition was without the Bears. This appears to be the case for next season, however with the collapse of the Northern Eagles as a joint venture at the end of the 2001 season, there is hope yet that the NRL will, at some time in the not too distant future, again have a team from the Northern side of Sydney in the competition.

The North Sydney Representative teams performed well in 2001 with the Under 16's, 18's and 20's all making the quarter finals.

2002 will see a change in the coaching staff at the Bears. Congratulations to the following people on their coaching appointment for 2002:

- First Division – Greg Florimo
- Jersey Flegg – Mick Crawley
- SG Ball – Tony Brosnan
- Harold Matthews – Dennis Wagon
- Skills Coach – David Fairleigh
- Football Manager – Dave Warwick

Finally, Congratulations also to the following teams for their wins in their respective competitions:

- NRL Newcastle
- 1st Division St George/Illawarra
- Flegg Cup Canterbury

Leagues Club Report

This year the Leagues Club again provided the association with rooms to hold our meetings, including a convivial meeting we held in place of the traditional dinner meeting.

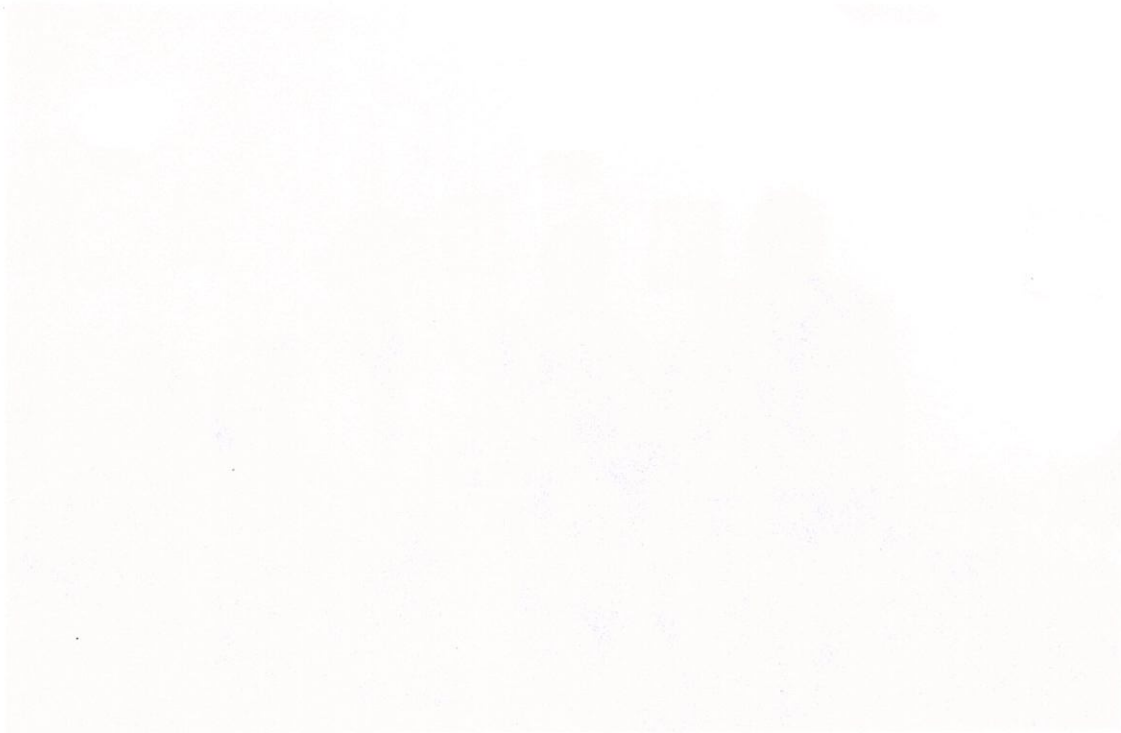
Our thanks to the Catering and Function staff for their help and support throughout the year.

Thank to Jim Henry and the Board of the Leagues Club for their assistance with the 2001 season. Thank you must also go to the Board of the Asquith Leagues Club for their support and assistance throughout the season.

Vale

Unfortunately, 2001 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.

This year saw the passing of one of our Associations our most decorated members. Tom Bellew joined the North Sydney District RLRA in 1946 and was a life member of the North Sydney District RLRA the NSWRLRA and the NSWRL. Throughout his time in Rugby League Tom refereed First Grade, was an International Touch Judge and perhaps is most remembered as one of the foremost authorities on the Laws of the Game. Tom passed away on the June 26th at the age of 79.



Meeting Dates 2002

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

February 21st

March 21st

April 18th

May 23rd

June 20th

July 18th

August 22nd

December 14th AGM 2002



Nathan Halliday accepting the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award from Colleen Smith and Brian Minnett. In an outstanding achievement Nathan won this award in his first year in refereeing. A bright future in refereeing awaits him.

Grade & Junior Representative Report

North Sydney Referees Association Inc is proud of the fact that a number of members are either graded or in the Development Squad. The break down and qualifications of those members and where they finished the season 2001 is as follows. First the graded members.

Steven Clark: Refereed in the NRL. Although Steven suffered a hamstring injury and was out of action for some time, Steven worked on and maintained his level of fitness and when he made a comeback he did so in First Division for a couple of games and then back into the NRL. Steven finished the season by controlling an NRL quarterfinal. Stand by for the NRL Final.

Tony Archer: Anthony refereed 25 of the 26 NRL competition games and was standby referee for the quarterfinals.

Colin Jones: Colin was touch judging in First Division and Metropolitan Cup. Colin ended the season on high note by being appointed to the First Division Grand Final as well as the Metropolitan Cup First Grade Grand Final earlier in the season.

Martin Ryan: Martin also finished the season on a high note, the same as Colin. Martin was also appointed to the First Division Grand Final as well as the Metropolitan Cup First Grade Grand Final. It appeared that toward the end of the season, Colin and Martin were teamed up and were appointed together as touch judges except for one game.

Just a short note to remind members that Colin and Martin were also appointed as touch judges in the First Division Grand Final of season 2001.

The following members were in the Development Squad and finished the season as follows:

Gerard Bailey: Finished the season on a high. Gerard was appointed as touch judge in the SG Ball Grand Final. During the season Gerard was touch judge in the Jersey Flegg competition.

Adam Devcich: Adam was appointed mainly as a referee although occasionally he would be appointed as touch judge. Adam refereed mainly in the SG Ball but

toward the business end of the season was appointed to referee in the Jersey Flegg.

Aaron Brownlow: Aaron was appointed mainly as a touch judge although was appointed to referee a few SG Ball games and a Jersey Flegg game.

Nathan Smith: Nathan began the season as a touch judge in the Harold Matthews but due to illness was unable to complete the season. I'm sure Nathan will put his ill fortune behind him and bounce back in season 2002.

Jon Stone: In the Development Squad ranks, this lad is known as son of Michael. Jon started the season as a touch judge in Harold Matthews and SG Ball before moving to the Jersey Flegg competition as a touch judge. This was Jon's first year in the Development Squad.

Cameron O'Riordan: Cameron joined North Sydney from St George just after the domestic started. This also was Cameron's first year in the Development Squad and was appointed to touch judge in the Harold Matthews and SG Ball competitions. Cameron also suffered from illnesses during the season but bounced back and I'm sure he will also have a good year in season 2002.

Apart from their routine appointments, the Development Squad members and First Division graded members also had to officiate for the limited interchange.

One name that is missing this year from the honour roll is that of Steve Betts. Steve received his Life Membership with the NSWRA Inc last year and decided to retire this year. Steve joined the illustrious ranks of the Referees Advisory Board, the same as yours truly. Like Steven Clark said to me when he discovered that I was on the Advisory Board "You joined the opposition?"

I have visited a few Associations during the year adjudicating on prospective referees for the Development Squad and can honestly say that North Sydney has a good stable group of young guns that show a lot of potential. Only season 2002 will reveal how strong the depths of referees are in this Association.

Stan Watson.
Delegate NSWRA Inc.

Coaching Report

Accreditation Report

In this year - 2001 - we saw the continuation of the New Referees Training Scheme, starting with my first NRAS weekend back in February when we were informed of the new technology that was to be introduced. This is where candidates would be doing little face to face training but tending towards your own personal CD Rom to learn and test yourself from your own computer and at your own pace. This was to me a frightening thought and fortunately at this stage it has not been introduced.

Our new candidates this year all attained their level one ticket, namely :- Steve Dayeian, Anthony Smith, Nathan Halliday, Greg O'Brien, Daniel Ruhan, John Kay and Mark Irwin. All these young referees attended courses and training on Monday nights. We had one more person, a current Grade player, namely Hokie Lau, who we hope will start these courses again next season.

On the coaching side, with the help of our trainer Kate Watson, and the good attendances, all worked hard. Stan Watson and Gerard Bailey gave a great deal of their time to teach and give their experience, and also Nathan Smith, whose assistance during the year was much appreciated, especially when he was going through a very difficult time with his health.

My sincere thanks to all the above people for their hard work and dedication. I am sure that everyone improved greatly as the season progressed.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the referees for listening, and I hope some of you gained something out of the season. Without you, I wouldn't have enjoyed myself as much.

To all the Grand Final Referees and their Touch Judges, your efforts were rewarded for a long and difficult season. Our Grand Final Referee, Aaron Brownlow is an inspiration to all our young referees, showing that you can make it if you work at it. Best of luck to all of you.

For me, I believe the time has come to retire and let some new, young and motivated person take over. I will not be seeking or accepting any positions next year. I will be contacting all referees in due course.

Again, my sincere thanks to all of you, and best of luck for next year.

BRIAN MINNETT
NRAS Coordinator

Skills Training

Season 2001 showed the continued improvement of all of our active referees due to the positive view members took at training. The attendance at training was consistently good, and all members were willing to participate and listen to ways to improve their ability.

We conducted many sessions throughout the year building on the solid base established last year. We would like to thank Martin Ryan and Col Jones for their input throughout the year. Their input into the skills sessions were a valuable asset to the Association.

At the outset of the season, three of our members, Michael Quailey, Jon Stone and Stan Watson attended a Train-the-Trainers Coaching seminar at the Academy of Sport at Narrabeen. This seminar, held by Mick Stone provided us with tools on what to look for in referees which was a benefit to Advisory Board members.

Our fitness coach, Miss Kate Watson who had us all working exceptionally hard, took up the major part of training and I am sure the results showed on the field. Kate did an excellent job and I am sure all the members appreciated the variety she added to our sessions.

North Sydney Referees have established a very strong reputation for providing quality referees, this was highlighted with a total of six members picked in the NSW Junior Representative Squad, in addition to our existing graded members. The other members of our association were able to benefit from these members who also helped run skill sessions

The level of skill and professionalism was often commented on by visiting teams and those teams that travelled to Manly and Balmain for their respective games.

Our Coaching Coordinator, Brian Minnett was able to arrange a visit from Mr Jack Harris who attended training and took us through the art of whistle blowing. I am sure everyone involved learnt something and gained from the experience.

Referees, regardless of experience are always able to learn something new or add to their ability. Therefore it is paramount that skills coaching remains a vital part of our season and I strongly urge all members to attend each session.

We have thoroughly enjoyed this year, and hope to be involved again next year. Thank you for your support.

Stan Watson & Gerard Bailey
Skills Coordinators

Treasurer'\$ Report

Dear Members,

It has been a pleasure to serve as Association Treasurer and submit to you the financial accounts of the Association for the 2001 season.

This year we were very fortunate to secure a sponsor in the form of Maytag, who generously agreed to be a sleeve sponsor. The financial contribution was a welcome addition to the Association funds. Part of the sponsorship went towards purchasing Polo Shirts, which our members wore to and from games on match days. Thank you to Maytag and especially Wayne Beckett who enabled us to secure the deal.

My brief at the commencement of the year was continue and improve the sound financial position of the Association. From the attached financial statements, I am sure you will agree we have met this objective. Next year the Association celebrates our 80th Anniversary and we are in a good position to fund the celebrations that are planned.

As many of you are aware I have no formal accountancy training, so this year has provided a challenge I certainly underestimated when I accepted the position. I would like to thank our President, Michael Quailey for his ongoing support and assistance throughout the year, without this support, this report would not have been presented here for you.

The Association met all of our obligations under the GST and each Business Activity Statement and Return was lodged on time. Once again I need to thank Michael for his assistance with this.

At the start of the year, the executive agreed to remove the annual Dinner Meeting from our calendar, due to falling attendance over recent years. The added cost to members was not justified, and our Social Secretary Jon Stone was able to come up with an excellent alternative in having current NRL Referee, Paul Simpkins speak at a meeting followed by a convivial. Well done Jon.

Once again the Association was fortunate to receive our grant from the NSWRL Referees Association. This is a welcome assistance to the financial costs involved in running the Association. Thank you for your continued support. We also received further support from the board of the Junior League and North Sydney and Asquith Leagues Clubs to further add to the communications gear purchased last year. Thank you to Kevin Nichols, Junior League Administrator for your continued assistance.

2001 saw the introduction of the training bond for active members. The objective of this was so much as to raise funds, but to ensure members attended training. Those members who failed to attend training and not let the Secretary know helped raise a further \$550 for the Association.

As with season 2000, the sound financial position of the Association allowed us to cover the cost of Professional Indemnity Insurance for our members. The Annual Presentation Night was once again our major expense for the year. This years evening was exceptionally well attended by both our members and many kindred associations, and as such the financial commitment of the Association was much higher than in previous years.

To all of my friends and fellow committee members, thank you for your assistance this year.

I believe the Association is in a strong position to meet a challenging future. Should any members have any questions in relation to the financial statements', detailed accounts are available if required.

I hope all members have a safe and Happy Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Regards

Gerard Bailey
Honorary Treasurer

North Sydney DRL Referees's Assoc Inc Balance Sheet
As of 31/10/2001

Assets	2001	2000
Current Assets		
Bank Account	\$14,225.56	\$10,929.17
Deposits	\$55.00	\$55.00
Inventory	\$943.00	\$1,224.10
GST Paid	\$370.52	\$764.95
Prepayments	\$424.20	\$0.00
Receivables	\$260.56	\$80.55
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Total Assets	\$16,278.84	\$13,053.77
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	\$2,482.75	\$1,198.05
Payments in Advance	\$1,355.82	\$322.20
GST Collected	\$282.37	\$1,487.67
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Total Liabilities	\$4,120.94	\$3,007.92
Member's Funds	\$12,157.90	\$10,045.85

This is the annexure of 3 pages marked "A" referred to in the Annual Statement for an Incorporated Association signed by us and dated December 2, 1999.

Income and Expenditure Statement
01/11/2000 Through 31/10/2001

Income Categories	2001	2000
Donations Received	\$536.62	\$392.12
Fines	\$25.00	\$182.00
Function Income	\$3,965.53	\$2,490.00
Gear Sales	\$3,533.60	\$833.60
Grants	\$2,918.18	\$3,160.00
Interest	\$113.93	\$31.27
Match Payments		
Received	\$24,333.00	\$25,300.00
Membership Fees	\$2,623.30	\$2,918.00
Other Income		\$872.00
Raffle Income		\$740.00
Sponsorship	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Training Bond (Net)	\$550.00	\$0.00
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Total Income	\$41,099.16	\$36,918.99
 Expense Categories		
Administration Expenses	\$534.92	\$418.53
Affiliation Fee NSWRLRA Inc	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bank Charges	\$98.90	\$94.86
Coaching & Training Expenses	\$996.00	\$510.00
Cost Of Gear Sold	\$3,373.60	\$313.60
Function Expense	\$6,761.84	\$4,141.84
Gear Purchase	\$1,258.00	\$3,522.45
Insurance Premiums	\$543.15	\$438.41
Match Payments Paid	\$24,333.00	\$25,300.00
Other Expenses	\$605.53	\$394.22
Presentations/Gifts	\$437.05	\$122.03
Raffle Prizes		\$185.00
State Govt Taxes	\$35.12	\$38.41
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Total Expense Categories	\$38,987.11	\$35,489.35
 Net Profit/(Loss) For Year	 \$2,112.05	 \$1,429.64
 Member's Funds At 1 November	 \$10,045.85	 \$8,616.21
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Member's Funds At 31 October	\$12,157.90	\$10,045.85

Note 1: Functions	Income	Expense
Annual Dinner	\$3,000.00	\$5,409.64
Convivial	\$105.00	\$123.69
Golf Day	\$127.28	\$309.10
BBQs	\$52.00	\$33.50
Head Body Dinner	\$409.05	\$613.71
Other	\$272.20	\$272.20
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Total Function Income	\$3,965.53	\$6,761.84

Note 2: Administration Expenses

Filing Fee	\$37.00
Freight	\$20.00
General	\$175.41
Printing	\$218.18
Telephone	\$84.33

Total Administration Expenses	\$534.92

Note 3: Match Payments

Net Payments To Members	\$13,140.86
Affiliation Fees	\$2,433.30
Gear Sales	\$3,075.60
Fines	\$25.00
Social	\$4,093.95
GST	\$1,014.29
Training Bond	\$550.00

	\$24,333.00

Note 4: Gear Purchase Directly Expensed

Communication Gear	\$400.00
Polo Shirts	\$858.00

Total	\$1,258.00

Note 5: Sponsorship

Balance Carried Forward	\$437.55	
Received	\$2,500.00	

	\$2,937.55	
Less:		
Polo Shirts		\$858.00
Sponsor Tags		\$484.00
Rule Books		\$200.00

Sub Total	\$1,542.00	

Net Balance	\$1,395.55	

Note 6: Grants

Administration Grant	\$1,500.00 (NSWRL Referees' Assoc)
Coaching Grant	\$1,000.00 (NSWRL Referees' Assoc for 2000)
Comms Gear/Charge Books	\$418.18 (North Sydney Leagues Club/Junior League)

Total	\$2,918.18

Auditor's 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 "present fairly" the state of affairs of the Association as at October 31, 2001 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.

John Boyle
Hon. Auditor

Martin Ryan
Hon. Auditor



The clan ready for action on Junior Finals Day under the watchful eyes Mr. Quinn, Brian and Stan

Honour 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	1982	C. Jones
1963	J. Montgomery	1983	J. Boyle
1964	K. Hubbuck	1984	E. Carroll
1965	G. McManus	1985	M. Quailey
1966	B. Barry	1986	J. Boyle
1967	J. Quinn	1987	M. Quailey
1968	B. Daveron	1988	J. Melville
1969	B. Minnett	1989	S. Clarke
1970	J. Porteous	1990	M. Ryan
1971	E. Carroll	1991	Not Presented
1972	J. Quinn	1992	J. Neal
1973	R. Atkinson	1993	R. Kiddle
1974	E. Carroll	1994	S. Watson
1975	F. Payne	1995	J. Boyle
1976	A.E. Brown	1996	S. Edwards
1977	D. Haberman	1997	M. Ryan
1978	R. Hammond	1998	M. Quailey
1979	S. Betts	1999	M. Haynes
1980	E. Carroll	2000	N. Smith
1981	D. Haberman	2001	A. Devcich

Erle Carroll Memorial Medal

1985	J. Neal	1994	J. Boyle
1986	J. Neal	1995	D. Lombardo
1987	S. Clarke	1996	D. Lombardo
1988	S. Clarke	1997	D. Lombardo
1989	J. Boyle	1998	D. Lombardo
1990	P. Guilbert	1999	A. Lewis
1991	P. Guilbert	2000	A. Devcich
1992	P. Guilbert	2001	A. Brownlow
1993	M. Guilbert		

Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award

1990	D. Lombardo	1996	N. Smith
1991	S. Edwards	1997	J. Stone
1992	M. Haynes & S. Mamari	1998	S. Murray
1993	N. Thurgood	1999	M. Clay & A. Osborn
1994	A. Brownlow	2000	C. Dowel
1995	I. Budai	2001	N. Halliday

Congratulations To

- ✓ Tony Archer, Steve Clark, Colin Jones & Martin Ryan on being Regraded.
- ✓ All grade members on their respective appointments.
- ✓ Aaron Bownlow 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 First Grade Grand Final Lines.
- ✓ Adam Devcich on winning the Bob Purcell Trophy.
- ✓ Nathan Halliday on receiving the Junior Encouragement Award.
- ✓ The Field family on the birth of their daughter Emily
- ✓ The Ryan family on the birth of the twin daughters Fiona & Maeve

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.



Adam Devcich during his acceptance speech after receiving the Bob Purcell Trophy

MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS ATTENDED - 2001

MEETINGS HELD:	AGM	1
	GENERAL	7
	TOTAL	8

LIFE MEMBER

SENIOR ACTIVE

B. BARRY	2	3A	1L/A	L. AYRES	6	
S. BETTS	-			G. BAILEY	6	2A
J. BOYLE	1	1A		R. BALZER	-	
A.E BROWN	-			S. BECKETT*	-	
J. BYRNE	-			A. BROWNLOW	5	2A
H. CARRICK	-			I. BUDAI	2	1A
B. DAVERON	-			M. CLAY	-	
R. HAMMOND	-			S. DAYEIAN	1	
M. HOGAN	-			A. DEVCICH	8	
R. KIDDLE	-			C. DOWEL	3	2A
C. JONES	4	1A		W. EDWARDS	3	
W. LALOR	5			G. FIELD	-	1A
G. MCMANUS	-			M. HAYNES	-	8A
B. MINNETT	6	2A		S. KIDD	6	
J. MONTGOMERY	-			B.J McKIBBONS*	1	1A
S. MORRIS	-			S. MURRAY	5	
M. QUAILEY	7	1A		D. NAUGHTON*	-	
J. QUINN	7	1A		C. O'RIORDAN	2	1A
M. RYAN	8			A. OSBORN	6	
E. TINSLEY	-			V. RULEWSKI	5	
				A. SMITH	3	
				N. SMITH	3	5A
				J. STONE	8	
				S. WATSON	8	
				A. WHIDDON*	5	1A

HONORARY MEMBERS

Fr T. BELL	-		
S. DELVECCHIO	-		
M. MURRAY	1		
R. TALBOT	-	1A	

GRADE MEMBERS

T.ARCHER	1		
S.CLARK	-		

JUNIOR MEMBERS

M. CLARIDGE	-
N. HALLIDAY	2
M. IRWIN	-
J. KAY	-
D. RUHAN	-

A=APOLOGY

L/A=LEAVE OF ABSENCE

*=BECAME A SENIOR MEMBER DURING THE SEASON

Junior League Report

Dear Members,

2001 saw another year of great football in our District. This was once again made possible by a very dedicated group of people made up of the Committee of the North Sydney League and the Club officials who work so tirelessly to have their teams involved.

As in previous years many of our competitions were joined with Manly and this year we also had teams from Balmain involved. This not only added to the number of teams but it also allowed our referees further opportunities to officiate with different teams.

I was again fortunate to be our delegate to the Junior League however, due to illness I was not able to meet all of my obligations. I would like to thank Jon Stone who stepped in for me and ensured we were represented at the Junior League level.

This year the Junior League decided to implement some pro-active measures to arrest the declining number of young people playing Rugby League in our District. These strategy meetings were conducted throughout the year and we all hope that we see some of the results from these with an increased number of teams next year. All those involved should be congratulated for taking the necessary steps to move forward and start working in a positive manner towards rebuilding Rugby League at the grass roots level.

Kevin Nicholls again a commendable job in his role as Junior League Administrator and I would like to thank him for his continued support of our Association. The Junior League had a new President in 2001. Gordon Thurgood, who has been involved in our District for many years did a great job in his initial year as President.

I would like to congratulate West Ryde/Denistone for winning the A grade competition along with all of the other teams who won their respective Grand Finals.

Gary Larson filled the role of skills development officer and the school children in the District were privileged to have an International player introducing them to Rugby League. Gary has recently accepted a coaching position in the Queensland Cup competition and therefore, has resigned his position in North Sydney. Thank you Gary for the work you have done this year.

With the Bears, no longer being represented in the NRL it is up to the players, their parents and the officials to ensure Rugby League continues to be supported in our District in the years to come.

Wishing you all a happy and safe festive season and look forward to kicking off in 2002.

All the best

Nathan Smith
JUNIOR LEAGUE DELEGATE.

2001 GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

A GRADE: WILLOUGHBY V WEST RYDE



REFEREE:

TOUCH JUDGES:

IN-GOAL JUDGES:

IMPOSTER:

AARON BROWNLOW

GERARD BAILEY & VIC RULEWSKI

CURTIS DOWEL & SCOT MURRAY

KATE WATSON (AKA OUR TRAINER)

UNDER 16 DIV 2: BELROSE V BURWOOD



REFEREE: ADAM DEVCICH
TOUCH JUDGES: SCOT MURRAY & JON STONE
IN-GOAL JUDGES: MATT CLAY & ANTHONY OSBORN

UNDER 15 DIV 2: BELROSE V AVALON



REFEREE: LUKE AYRES
TOUCH JUDGES: CURTIS DOWEL & MATT CLAY
IN-GOAL JUDGES: ILANA BUDAI & CAMERON O'RIORDAN

UNDER 14 DIV 1: BROTHERS V ASQUITH



REFEREE:

WAYNE EDWARDS

TOUCH JUDGES:

GRAEME FIELD & CAMERON O'RIORDAN

IN GOAL JUDGES:

STUART KIDD & ANTHONY WHIDDON

UNDER 13 DIV 2: BEROWRA V BROTHERS



REFEREE:

JON STONE

TOUCH JUDGES:

STUART KIDD & ANTHONY WHIDDON

UNDER 11: BROTHERS V ASQUITH



REFEREE: CURTIS DOWEL
TOUCH JUDGES: STEVE DAYEIAN & ANTHONY OSBORN

UNDER 10: HILL HAWKS V ASQUITH B



REFEREE: ANTHONY WHIDDON
TOUCH JUDGES: SHANE BECKETT & ILANA BUDAI

UNDER 9: BROTHERS V ASQUITH



REFEREE: ANTHONY OSBORN
TOUCH JUDGES: MATT CLARIDGE & JON STONE

UNDER 8, UNDER 7 & UNDER 6 GALA DAY



REFEREES: MATTHEW CLARIDGE, NATHAN HALLIDAY, SHANE BECKETT, DANIEL RUHAN, MARK IRWIN, STUART KIDD & JOHN KAY WITH BRIAN MINNETT

Social Report

At the beginning of the season I had big plans for the social calendar for your 2001, these plans slowly faded and in the end were pretty much non-existent. As has been the case in recent times, social functions have not really generated much interest, which is a shame as social events are very important for the morale of members. Social Secretary is a difficult job and is made especially hard when members don't show any interest or not even bother to reply to events.

In saying all of this we did eventually have some social events that did eventuate, these were mainly training BBQ's. There was however two highlights in the social calendar for year 2001.

The major one being the Annual Presentation Evening which was held at the Killara Inn. The evening was attended by an overwhelming 81 people, which is the largest attendance we have had in many years. The night was very successful and I am sure everybody enjoyed the evening. Lets try and get more people next year to our 80th anniversary!

To finish of the year a small group attended the Hunter Valley for a wine weekend. The weekend ran fairly smoothly and everybody enjoyed it thoroughly. We visited 5 vineyards in total and of course enjoyed many a glass of wine. However I must remind all members out there, try to think before you speak whilst under the influence of alcohol, because as I found out often things you say might end up happening and on the wine weekend this was the case. I foolishly made suggested (jokingly) that we go sky diving on the Sunday, hoping that nobody would take me up on it... well there is always one Thanks Matty Clay!!

Matt decided that it was a good idea and I was stuck with having to make a stupid decision of jumping out of a perfectly good plane at 10500 feet. Good old Andrew Whiddon was also convinced so we all made the trip and successfully made it back to safety. The weekend was great and would have be even better if we were able to get more members to attend, maybe next year we will be able to achieve better numbers.

I would like to thank everybody who helped me this year, as I said it is a difficult position and without the help I received I don't think I would have been able to do it. I would especially like to thank Di Chapman for all of her help with the presentation evening and the wine weekend, Di you're a legend!! And finally to the members that did attend the social function a big thanks, without you the events would not have happened.

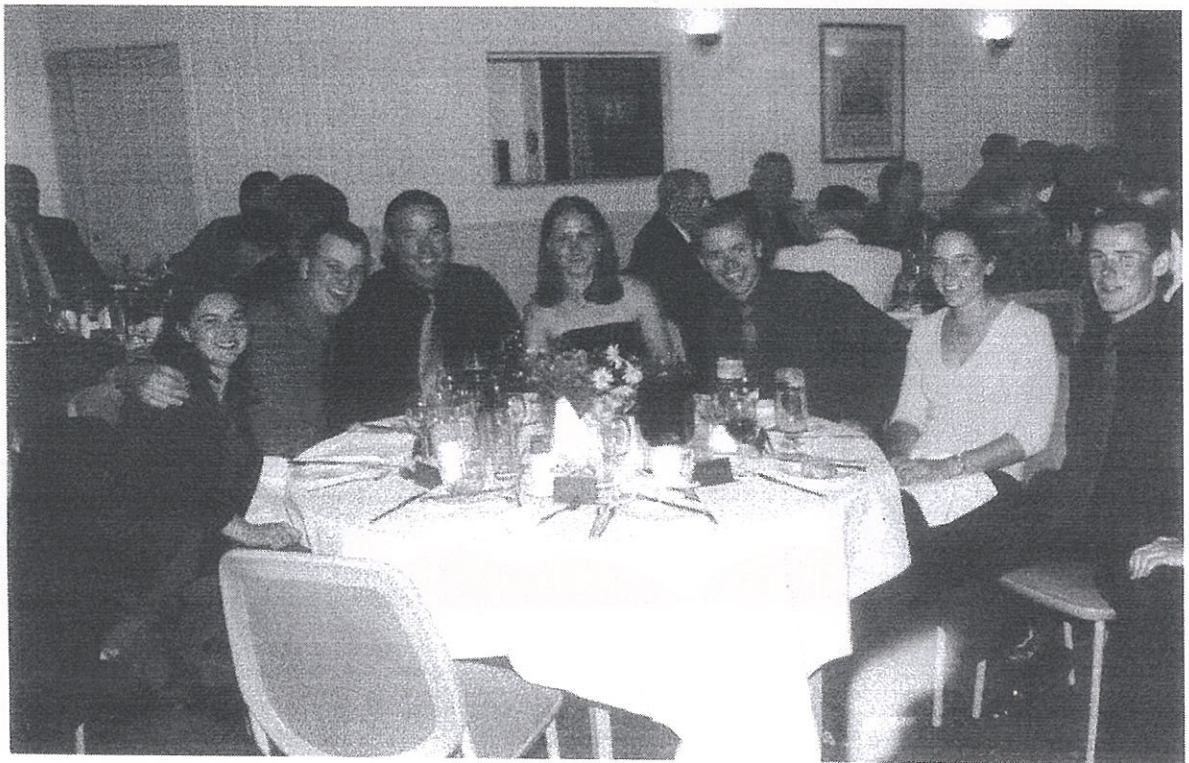
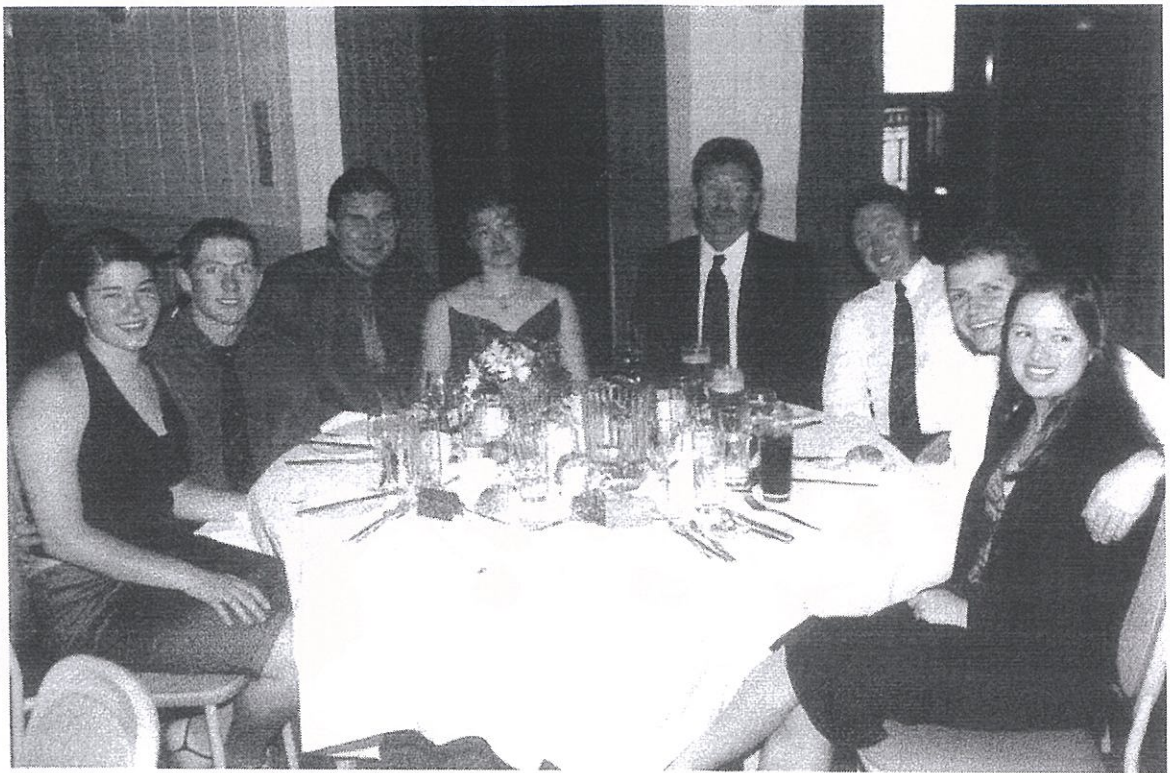
Jon Stone
Social Secretary

The Annual Presentation Night 2001



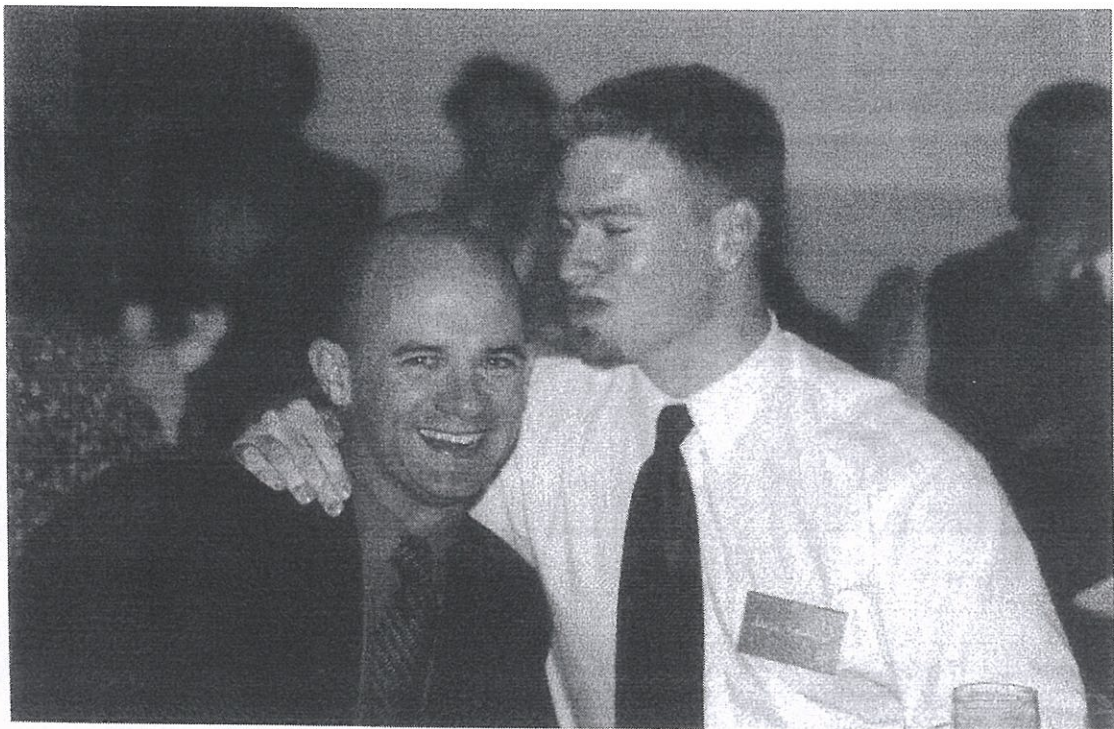








This was obviously taken later in the evening. Stoney when you give up refereeing you could always be a rapper!!



I love a man with a bald head!!(Heres hoping this was also taken later in the evening – under the influence).

Some of our new recruits in action



John Kay



Mark Irwin



Matt Claridge



Daniel Ruhan

Ballot Results 2001

PATRON: _____

PRESIDENT: _____

HONORARY SECRETARY: _____

HONORARY TREASURER: _____

MINUTE SECRETARY: _____

HONORARY SOCIAL SECRETARY _____

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT _____

INTERMEDIATE VICE PRESIDENT _____

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT _____

DELEGATE TO NSW REFEREES: _____

PROXY DELEGATE TO NSW REFEREES: _____

DELEGATE TO JUNIOR LEAGUE: _____

PROXY DELEGATE TO JUNIOR LEAGUE: _____

HONORARY ADUTIORS (2): _____

