

queensland  
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annual report  
and  
financial statement  
1973

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7.45 p.m.  
wednesday 14th november



# QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

## Principal Office-bearers for 1973

<b>President</b>	R.T. Burnett
<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	J.R. Forbes (Immed. Past Pres.) K.J. Crowe, G. Sheehan
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	J.E. Vance
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	D.W. Jowett
<b>Managing Committee</b>	R.T. Burnett (Chairman), K.J. Crowe, D.W. Jowett, J.E. Vance C.A. Waldron
<b>Assistant Sec./Treas.</b>	N. Clark
<b>Examinations Board</b>	B. O'Connor, R. Hilder, D. Paterson (resigned)
<b>Appointments Board</b>	K. Cowley (Chairman), J. Meehan, R. Tebay, J. Stevenson (resigned), G. Brittenden (resigned)
<b>Lectures Board</b>	K.J. Crowe (Chairman), J. O'Connor, G. Hogan, D. Paterson (resigned)
<b>Activities Committee</b>	C.A. Waldron (Chairman), A. Broad
<b>Finance Committee</b>	D.W. Jowett (Chairman), C. Stubbings, N. Clark
<b>Delegates to Q.R.U. Council</b>	J.M. O'Connor, G. Cavanagh
<b>Delegate to Q.J.R.U.</b>	C. Menzies
<b>Delegate to Sub-Districts Union</b>	I. Scotney
<b>Delegate to Judicial Committee</b>	R. Hilder
<b>Delegate to A.S.R.R. Registrar</b>	K.J. Crowe J.J. Meehan

## ANNUAL REPORT

### QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report for the 1973 Season which was again marked with progress and success.

The most pleasing feature was the willingness of all members to get behind and give their support to all aspects of the Association, both on and off the field. This willingness resulted in the Association's being held in the highest esteem by all bodies associated with the game of Rugby in Australia, a typical example being the Australian Society of Referees Annual Conference held in Queensland which was acknowledged as the best ever.

Coupled with successful functions as the above, was the continued willingness of members for fund raising. By these means, various improvements to our dressing room, together with the intercity, interstate and international visits of selected referees, were achieved. Whilst the liquidity of the Association as per the Treasurer's Report looks excellent, on a sober note I remind members that ordering of our new ties will require approximately \$500.

As mentioned earlier, several of our members were afforded exchange visits with various other unions. The undoubted highlight of these exchanges was the Interchange with Hamilton, New Zealand. John Vance was our appointee on this inaugural interchange and from reports that were received, did our Association honour. Ray Collett, our visitor from New Zealand, was also of the highest Rugby tradition and I feel sure that this interchange is here to stay and nothing but good for both bodies can result.

The Appointments Board again fulfilled their duties with zeal and efficiency. On your behalf, I thank them.

The J.D. Minter Memorial Trophy was awarded this year to John Meehan. I feel the members to a man, endorsed the Committee's choice and I congratulate John for his fine work for the Association.

The Junior Association continued to flourish, Grand Final day illustrating the growth and high standard of refereeing within this body.

Attendance at meetings was of a very high standard and this was undoubtedly inspired by the varied and interesting topics arranged by Lectures Committee Chairman Kev Crowe. I feel confident that such interest will continue next year.

The reports, enclosed herein, of the various Sub-committees give further details of the activities for the year. I feel that it was a most enjoyable and rewarding season for most members. It was an honour and a pleasure for me to serve the Association in the capacity of President. Finally, I wish to thank the members of my Committee for all their help during the season.

R.T. Burnett  
President



QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION JUNIOR REFEREES' ASSOCIATION  
AFFILIATED WITH  
QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 1973

Gentlemen,

In an Association as new as this one, there must be many "firsts".

We certainly had our share in 1973, as the following will show:—

- (a) An interchange of Referees with Eastwood District (Sydney) R.U.R.A. and Northern Suburbs (Sydney) R.R.A. That this was a tremendous success is undoubted, and the feeling, both in Sydney and here, is that it must become an annual event.
- (b) The appointment of Referees to Under 8, 12 (2nd Division), 16 and 17 Q.J.R.U. Competition matches. This was a start in what we hope will be a continuing expansion of our activities. Taking into consideration State Championship matches, Grand Finals, etc., as well as our normal week-end games, we appointed forty-two (42) referees to threehundred and fifty (350) games. Of these, fourteen (14) referees handle twohundred and thirtyeight (238) matches so you will appreciate the dedication of some of our members. It should also be borne in mind that these gentlemen often travelled across Brisbane twice a week-end to control fixtures that last a total of thirty or forty minutes, and on no occasion did we fail to honour our commitments. This, we feel, takes real dedication, and shows a true love of the game and of refereeing.
- (c) Preparation of a booklet on the Laws of Rugby. We donated two copies to every team in the competition, and then distributed several hundred copies to various Clubs and Schools as far away as Mt. Isa. We hope that everyone who obtained a copy of the booklet gained some benefit from it. Our thanks to Cec Menzies for his work in producing this brochure.
- (d) Introduction of field testing towards the latter part of the Season. This procedure is now firmly established, and will apply to all new members from now on. We are sure that this will help raise the standard of members, with benefit to players and referees alike.
- (e) The awarding of the "Trevor Henry Memorial Trophy". This award is not envisaged as an annual event. It will be awarded at the discretion of the Managing Committee to any member who has given outstanding service to the Association.

The award has been instigated by the Managing Committee as a mark of respect to our late colleague. Trevor was a most active, enthusiastic and competent member, who collapsed and died while refereeing a Junior match on the 14th July 1973. His tragic and untimely death came as a severe shock to all who knew him, and this Association has suffered a great loss with his passing. Requiescat In Pace — Trevor Henry.

This Season has been a most successful one for this Association. Twentyseven (27) new members joined us during the year, and our active membership at the end of the Season was sixty-six (66). We look forward to a similar increase in numbers next year.

Our thanks go to John Forbes, Kev Crowe and Bob Burnett for again giving us their valuable time, and passing on to us the benefits of their many years' experience. To the members of the Managing Committee, Delegates and Board Members, our thanks for all the time and effort they have given to the affairs of the Association. To all other members, and particularly those who made themselves available for appointment on a weekly basis, our sincere thanks for your support and co-operation during the year. To Paul Gair, indeed a man of many parts, our deepest thanks for a difficult job very well done. Without Paul our affairs would certainly not have run as smoothly as they did.

The 1973 Season was a time of growth for us, and a time when we assumed greater responsibilities and lived up to them. It has been a most satisfying and rewarding Season, and we look forward with pleasure to 1974.

John Meehan  
**PRESIDENT**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Financial statement for twelve months ended 30th September 1973 shows a surplus for the year of \$35. Cash at the Bank now shows at \$593.

At the commencement of the Rugby season a budget was drawn by the Finance Committee and with the projected expenditures of

1. Showers
2. New Zealand, Sydney and Toowoomba exchanges
3. Australian Society Convention
4. Annual Wyllie Dinner

it became apparent that a major drive for funds was needed. This was achieved to the satisfaction of the Executive and in all activities during the year costs were as budgeted for by the Committee.

A special word of thanks for my Committee of Col Stubbings and Nigel Clark who both performed extremely well in the fund raising department. Although we are quite healthy in funds the cost of ties for next year will seriously deplete our available money and therefore if the interchanges are to continue to New Zealand and New South Wales, a major effort in fund raising is required by all members in the coming season.

It should be noted that a stock of badges with a sale value in excess of \$200 is currently held by the Association.

D.W. Jowett  
**Treasurer**

It should be noted that the Financial Statement is for 12 months ending 30th September 1973 while comparing figures are for a nine month period ending 30th September 1972.



# QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1973

<u>1972</u>			<u>1973</u>
\$1478	Receipts (Schedule 1)		\$1456
<u>1267</u>	Payments (Schedule 2)		<u>1421</u>
\$ 211	Surplus for year		\$ 35
<b>Add:</b> Cash at bank at beginning of year —			
\$ 147	General Fund	\$358	
200	Term deposit	200	
—			558
<u>\$ 558</u>	Cash at bank at end of year		<u>\$ 593</u>

Comprising:

\$ 358	General Fund	\$593
200	Term deposit	NIL
<u>\$ 558</u>		<u>\$593</u>

**NOTE:** In addition to the cash at bank a number of badges are held for sale.

To the Members of  
Queensland Rugby Union Referees' Association

We have examined the summary of receipts and payments of the Queensland Rugby Union Referees' Association and the supporting schedules of receipts and of payments for the year ended 30th September, 1973. Our examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary and supporting schedules give a true and fair view of the cash transactions of the Association for the year ended 30th September, 1973.

Brisbane,  
16th October, 1973

Arthur Andersen & Co.,  
Chartered Accountants  
E.P. Benson  
Partner

# SCHEDULE 1

## QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

### SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS

FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1973

<u>1 972</u>			<u>1973</u>
\$ —	Affiliation Fees — Qld. Junior R.R.A.	\$5	
—	Mt. Isa R.R.A.	5	
—	North Qld. R.R.A.	5	
5	Downs R.R.A.	<u>—</u>	\$ 15
275	Annual Subscriptions		271
—	Donations — Queensland G.P.S. Assn.		50
487	Sundry Subscriptions		493
—	Donations — Arthur Andersen & Co.		10
30	Australian Society of Referees (travel fund)		60
50	Queensland Associated Schools		25
20	Downlands College		—
23	Interest		41
75	Sales — Badges		81
6	Ties		6
173	Sales of Doubles		400
129	Receipts from — Members Dinner		—
70	Wyllie Memorial Dinner		—
135	Tom Jones (Dirty Dick's)		4
<u>\$1478</u>	<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>\$1456</u>



## SCHEDULE 2

### QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

#### SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1973

1972		1973
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\$ —	Audit Fees	\$ 10
147	Cost of functions — Tom Jones evening	—
174	Members Dinner	337
188	Wyllie Memorial Dinner	—
—	Christmas function	9
—	Convention A.S.R.R.	153
80	Coachs' evening	8
39	Visiting referees	44
25	Donations — Q.R.U.	25
25	Qld. Junior Referees Assn.	25
40	Doubles prizes	—
—	Blackboard	40
—	Showers	131
6	Presentation I. Gilmore	—
11	J. Minter Trophy )	—
14	Best and Fairest Trophy )	36
205	Postages, printing and stationery, telephone calls and sundries	134
203	Purchases — Badges	162
—	Subscriptions — Australian Society of Referees	21
110	Travelling expenses	286
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<u>\$1267</u>	<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>\$1421</u>

## AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF RUGBY REFEREES

The meeting held in Brisbane in February this year was one of the major successes of the Society's activities this year.

This was the first seminar of its kind held in Brisbane and the first time an overseas guest speaker had been invited — this being John Pring, top N.Z. referee. The success of this seminar can be gauged by the attendance — some 86 Rugby enthusiasts attended on the Saturday with 38 going to the Gold Coast on the Sunday.

The report back from the Society indicates this was the best organised meeting ever held and they will be looking for a repeat within the next couple of years. We had guests attending from North Queensland to Western Australia and all points in between.

The Ballymore venue could not be bettered for a seminar such as this and the comments from our visitors indicated that it is the best of its kind in Australia.

There are always the willing workers who come forward and assist when a seminar like this is held and I am hesitant to mention names for special thanks in case I miss someone, so to all — thanks a lot!

However, I would like to thank the Committee who helped me to organise matters from this end with special thanks to Chris Oxenford for his assistance on the Gold Coast.

The assistance given to me by the Society was invaluable; this help was given long term because we attended some four seminars in various states before I was prepared to commit my own Association. This allowed us to select the program which proved successful.

Lastly we thank the Q.R.U. and the Club for their assistance and their representation at the seminar, and also the guest speakers who put so much time into their papers to ensure the right message came across. The people who participated on the panel and those who were involved in the background recording the seminar and making our visitors comfortable and conveying them from point to point, I would also like to include in my thanks.

K.J. Crowe

## APPOINTMENTS BOARD REPORT FOR THE 1973 SEASON

The 1973 Season began with a reasonably new Appointments Board consisting of Brigadier J. Stevenson, G. Brittenden, J. Meehan and K. Cowley. During the early part of the season transfer of Brigadier Stevenson to Tasmania brought into the ranks Bob Tebay who had served on appointments boards in England. Graham Brittenden resigned from the Board due to business and other commitments.

As previously, the assistance of senior referees was sought to offer a constructive criticism as regards fitness, law interpretation and appearance of members in their groups.



Country referees were fostered as much as possible and requests were made to their Associations to advise of members' availability whilst in Brisbane. During country week Carnival as many country members as possible were appointed.

The interstate interchange was again in operation and Gary Hogan and Chris Oxenford were selected as Queensland appointees for travel to New South Wales.

Brother John Vance was the careful selection for a New Zealand interchange for a period of 10 days and Ray Collett was welcomed on the interchange basis.

A shortage of active referees was very noticeable since close to 1,000 games are played every season and many referees were forced to double up on either one or both weekend days.

Once again, a higher standard of refereeing was achieved and we are now able to boast another Test referee — Bob Burnett — in our ranks.

A complete detailed list of active members and of total appointments made is included later on, but mention should be made of upgradings to the following members: J. Vance, C. Waldron, G. Hogan and C. Stubbings.

An innovation was the selection of 3rd and 4th grade referees to cover their respective grand finals and to C. Stubbings and J. Nolan we offer our sincere congratulations on their first grand final. To all appointees either to finals or interstate games a word of thanks must be given for doing such a thankless but positive job.

K. Cowley

## APPOINTMENTS FOR 1973 SEASON

Referees appointed to five or more games were:

C. Waldron 28; R. Burnett 27; N. Clark 26; G. Cavanagh 25; K. Crowe 25; J. Forbes 24; J. O'Connor 23; C. Oxenford 22; C. Stubbings 22; J. Nolan 21; I. Scotney 21; J. Broughton 20; J. Vance 20; A. Broad 20; P. Gair 19; G. Hogan 19; M. Lalor 19; J. Meehan 19; C. Menzies 19; J. McCarthy 18; B. O'Connor 18; J. Quinn 18; G. Sheehan 18; F. Brown 16; J. Doyle 16; D. Jowett 16; N. Kerr 16; L. Quinlivan 16; M. McGovern 16; P. Honan 13; I. Beames 12; R. Douglas 12; B. Walden 12; J. Moffat 11; D. Randall 11; T. Wiber 11; R. Boyle 10; R. Carroll 10; R. Croft 10; G. Colditz 8; D. Cotterill 8; K. Cowley 8; W. Joukhadar 8; P. Spranklin 8; R. McKernon 7; W. James 6; R. Hilder 5; J. O'Neill 5; C. Kinniburgh 5.



## MAJOR APPOINTMENTS

**R. Burnett** City I v City II; Qld v Vic; Aust Unis v NZ Unis; Aust v Tonga (2nd Test) U. 18 Qld v NSW; Qld v Nth Auckland; Qld v NSW (Sydney)

**K. Crowe** Qld v Sydney; Qld v Tonga; Qld v NSW (Schoolboys); Grand Final 1st Grade (First Division)

**J. Forbes** Darling Downs v Tonga; Grand Final U. 18 (2nd Division); Grand Final Sub-Districts (Second Grade)

**G. Hogan** Brisbane Sub-Districts v Sydney Sub-Districts; Grand Final 1st Grade (Second Division); Grand Final Reserve Grade (First Division)

**J. Nolan** Grand Final 4th Grade (First Division)

**B. O'Connor** Brisbane v Qld Country

**J. O'Connor** Brisbane v Sydney (Second Division); U. 18 Qld v NSW; Grand Final Sub-Districts (First Grade)

**C. Oxenford** Brisbane v Sydney (Second Division); Qld v Aust Combined Services

**G. Sheehan** Grand Final U. 19 (Second Division)

**C. Stubbings** Grand Final 3rd Grade (First Division)

**J. Vance** Qld Services v NSW Services; Grand Final 2nd Grade (Second Division); Grand Final U. 18 (First Division)

**C. Waldron** Grand Final U. 19 (First Division)

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The social calendar commenced with the now traditional Coaches' Evening after a pre-season meeting. As usual, mutual benefit was gained from this gathering. A continuation of this function will help referees gain a valuable insight into the intricacies of coaches' minds — and possibly vice versa.

All members who attended the mixed dinner, this year at 'Dirty Dick's Restaurant', enjoyed themselves thoroughly. This function is surely a must for the incoming Committee; if a similar venue is chosen, however, perhaps singing lessons could be taken by certain members. We were pleased to welcome Ray Collett, our New Zealand guest, and he assured us he had an excellent evening.

The most heartening event of the season was the end-of-season Wyllie Memorial Dinner. Forty-two members and nineteen guests attended and enjoyed excellent cuisine, quality ale and wine. The Committee would like to congratulate John Meehan who received the J.D. Minter Award and also Mick Freney, the player receiving the coveted Referees' Best and Fairest Award. Prior to the dinner a photo of members — the first in many years — was taken.

We now have achieved a satisfactory balance for social functions. This appears to be confirmed by the excellent attendances this year.

Finally, I urge all members to attend the Annual Cricket Match on Sunday, November 18th, either in a playing capacity or as spectators. This will certainly be as entertaining a function as in the past.

C.A. Waldron

## **EXAMINATIONS BOARD**

There were few examinations required this year. Three candidates from the Country were examined for the Associate Badge and two candidates were successful in examinations for the Senior badge. The lack of candidates was offset somewhat by the number of enquiries from prospective members at the end of the season. These will be followed up at the appropriate time.

We were unfortunate to lose the services during the season of the Chairman of the Examinations Board, Doug Paterson who transferred to Sydney in his employment.

As in previous years, a team of experienced referees made themselves available to schools on an individual basis, and it was gratifying that many schools took advantage of this opportunity for coaching in the Laws not only of their masters who referee matches but also of team coaches and players.

It is our hope that members will do their best to recruit prospective members for the 1974 season and that thus the number of candidates for examination will increase sharply.

B.A. O'Connor

## **LECTURES BOARD**

The 1973 Lecture season proved interesting with all Laws being covered and some new ones being uncovered.

Some interesting thoughts on fitness, treatment of injuries and judiciary aspects were also discussed.

If one is to measure the success of these lectures, one must look at the feed back or response got from the meeting and on some occasions we had a riot.

I must sincerely thank the people who participated, particularly in their presentation and sound knowledge of Law and also all members who were willing to contribute to the success of these lectures.

K.J. Crowe