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QUEENSLAND
RUGBY UNION
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

Annual Report
and
Financial Statement
1977✓

To be presented at Q.R.U. Ballymore — 23rd November, 1977

QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1977

President:

J. O'Connor ✓

Hon. Secretary:

C. Stubbings (resigned)

K. Fitzgerald

G. Hogan

Hon. Treasurer:

I. Scotney ✓

Committee Members:

K. Crowe, G. Hogan

G. Golding

Examination Board:

G. Hogan, M. Turrell,

C. Oxenford

Appointments Board:

M. McNae, D. Last, B. Mulheran

Q.R.U. Council Delegates:

K. Crowe, J. O'Connor

✓ Q.J.R.U. Delegate:

C. Menzies

Judicial Comm. Member:

N. Clark

Delegate to A.S.R.R.:

K. Crowe

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I felt that the 1977 season was in all a good season for the Association, and probably from the point of view of the degree of commitment obtained from the maximum number of people, as successful a season as I can recall in the Association. That is not to say of course that there is not a very considerable margin for further improvement.

I thought that the most satisfying aspect of the season was an improvement in the overall standard of Refereeing both in positional play, fitness and to a certain, if smaller degree, in grasp of the laws of the game.

I felt that the improvement of standard was a result of more help obtained from all members of the appointment board than I can ever recall before and some help obtained from some members of the classification committee from time to time. As well I felt that greater attendance at lectures and a good lecturing programme contributed.

I think that we are still behind the improvement in standard achieved on the field by the players and if I continue as President in the 1978 season it will be my intention to place greater emphasis on lecturing and field examination and special help for new referees to endeavour to obtain further improvement in our standard.

I feel that our relations with the clubs and Rugby Union are still not as harmonious as I would like them to be and once again if I were to continue as President I would hope to obtain greater co-operation with the National Coaching panel and with the Grades Committee and with the clubs generally to improve our profile within the Union. I think that way it is likely we are going to encourage more players to join us when they cease playing and there will be less criticism and hostility to the Association when the inevitable mistakes are made.

To deal in more detail with the activities of the Association in 1977 I speak firstly of the members of the Executive Committee who worked particularly well. I do not keep figures on attendances at Committee meetings but every member of the Executive Committee had almost a 100% attendance record. Kerry Fitzgerald very kindly filled Col Stubbings vacancy when Colin had to resign late in the season and I thanked Colin for his services at the time and thank Kerry for helping us out at that time and regret that he is unable to help us again next year.

The Appointment Board co-operated well with the Executive and as I have said performed in my opinion a record number of very constructive field examinations and certainly distributed more cards on referees' performances than ever before. I do thank each of those men for their energy throughout the year.

As members would be aware there was a greater number of referees refereeing first grade this year than probably ever before and this was because of the Executives desire to see a wider

spread of more responsible games for more members of the Association than has been a case in previous years. As of next year I would think that there would be some period of consolidation as far as appointments are concerned and gradings would be more strictly observed.

The executive is generally happy with the initiative of the Appointments Board as far as these movements were concerned.

There was some criticism throughout the Rugby Union of some appointments throughout the season, however, the Executive stood behind the appointments as strongly as possible but next year it may be necessary for the Executive in conjunction with the Board to take a more active roll in some appointments if we are to resist outside interference in our affairs. The Committee received a letter of commendation from the G.P.S. Sports Master Association who were particularly pleased with the appointment of referees for this season. Overall the appointment Board had a difficult year and discharged its obligation to the Association in my opinion particularly well.

The Classification Committee which was made a constitutional this year consisted of Messrs. Crowe, Burnett, Forbes and Jowett and functioned, with respect, erratically. This was probably due to the fact that the first Chairman of the Committee had to resign shortly after his appointment and the Committee probably lacked leadership. Individual members of the Committee did carry out some field examinations but little of the personalised coaching that I hoped would occur did in fact occur and I hope next year to be able to organise the Classification Committee to a more co-ordinated role.

The Promotions Committee which was responsible for social functions, the hosting of visitors, raffles, doubles and ushers, worked consistently throughout the season and I do thank the members thereof, Messrs. Clarke, Bechtel, Cunliffe and Muir-McCarey. There is room for greater liaison between that Committee and the Executive in future, however.

I congratulate where appropriate and thank where appropriate members of our Association who travelled away this year and I refer to Messrs. Colditz (Hamilton), McCarthy and Broad (Sydney), Bechtel (Mt. Isa, twice), Turrell (Townsville) and Burnett (Lismore). The reports that were received from each of these men after their trips were thoughtful and the impression that they were good Ambassadors for our Association was invariably confirmed subsequently.

I thank the people who attended Newcastle for the Seminar of the Australian Society of Rugby Referees early in the season and do hope that there will be greater interest and activity from members of the Association in the affairs of the Australian Society in 1978. I hope to organise a contingent of at least the same size to go to Canberra early in next season. Those functions are informative and certainly socially enjoyable.

The Committee's motion to the Council of the Rugby Union concerning our appointee to the Test Referees' Panel, Murray McNae will come before the Council at its next meeting in approximately one week's time and it is hoped that we will be

successful, however, there is considerable opposition in the Council to be overcome.

I thank Colin Waldron for his initiative with the lecturing programme and look forward to a similarly constructive programme in 1978.

The people who hosted and entertained our visitors from New Zealand for the Grand Final did a first class job and for the expense involved and the inconvenience the Association is very grateful.

We have to keep up our recruitment campaign and retain the interest of the people who joined us last year and look as far as possible to more recruits for 1978. I thank members for their manner in which they implemented the changes to the laws during this season. That was an unusual problem and I felt that the Association handled it well.

To the lecturers to the various schools and clubs, we thank them for their efforts and particularly those people who otherwise associated themselves closely with a club and gave more than the usual degree of liaison.

The social functions I thought were well attended throughout the season. I do regard that as an important part of the Association's activities and thank those concerned for their planning and foresight and thank members generally for their support particularly as far as fund raising is concerned. Our bank account is reasonably healthy.

Difficulties such as those experienced with Fifth Grade last season are always with us unfortunately but we will be watching the forfeit position closely again next year and will take similar action if necessary.

Meetings were well attended throughout the season and that is a matter of great importance to the Association.

I would also like to congratulate our Juniors on their years progress and their very successful staging of the Interstate Under 16 Carnival.

To all people who co-operated with me and the Executive throughout the season I extend my thanks and do look forward to continued co-operation and greater activity in 1978 following a very relaxed and enjoyable off (Festive) season.

JOHN O'CONNOR,
President.

AUSTRALIAN LAWS COMMITTEE

The Laws Committee met on two occasions last February to discuss the law changes submitted by the International Board countries. It is pleasing to note that the changes that took place were strongly supported by the Australian Rugby Union and in some cases were the original suggestions of the A.R.U.

Since February, as you all know, Law changes were implemented. This transition moved smoothly with a visit from Roger Vanderfield and our members activities with the club. Since these Law changes, there has been a review on some aspects of the Laws, in particular Law 24. This has been implemented to remove the ambiguity that appeared in the peeling

off movement in the Lineout. These aspects will be fully discussed at our first meeting next year.

K. J. CROWE.

A.S.R.R. REPORT

This Society met on two occasions during the season. The first was the Annual Seminar at Newcastle in February of this year. This was attended in force and to all those who attended I pass on the thanks of the Society.

The next meeting was to make final arrangements for Dick Byers trip to the U.K. to represent the Society and to create uniformity among the various bodies. This is a follow-up of the visit by Johnnie Johnson two seasons ago. There are strong developments in the interchange areas and this will be discussed fully at our next meeting.

K. J. CROWE.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Financial Statement for the year ended 30th September, 1977, shows a surplus for the year of \$1920.32. Cash at the Bank and Building Society is \$2956.92.

The following accounts were rendered and paid after 30/9/77.

Queensland Rugby Union Club (Annual Dinner)	\$817.09
Queensland Rugby Union (Air Fares Messrs. McCarthy and Broad to Sydney, Mr. Turrell to Townsville)	\$360.40
Waterloo Hotel ("Stubbie" Raffle)	\$356.04

Deposits of \$149 have been received since 30/9/77. Actual balance in all accounts at date of this meeting is \$1572.39.

All commitments were comfortably met due to the increase in Annual Subscriptions from \$5 to \$15. I would recommend that Subscriptions remain at \$15 for the coming year. Accordingly we were able to subsidize social functions to the extent of \$595.

I would like to express my thanks to those who helped with the fund raising for the Association, especially Mick Lalor and his helpers who contributed \$440 through refereeing Touch Football Matches, and the Activities Committee for their efforts in the "Stubbie" Raffle, Doubles, etc.

The Association is in a sound financial position for the 1978 season. Current financial members total 75.

I. J. SCOTNEY,
Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We report that we have checked the summary of receipts and payments of the Queensland Rugby Union Referees' Association for the year ended 30th September, 1977, to the books maintained by the Association. 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 truly reflects the entries in the books of the Association.

FORGE AND PARTNERS,
Chartered Accountants,
A. R. TAYLOR,
Partner.

QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for 12 months ended 30th September, 1977

1976		1977
\$		\$
3260	Receipts (Schedule 1)	3772.95
3201	Payments (Schedule 2)	1852.63
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59	Surplus for the year	1920.32
825	Add Cash at Bank at beginning of year	34.36
33	Metropolitan Permanent Building Society	912.86
	Plus Interest Accrued to 30/9/77	89.38
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\$917	TOTAL FUNDS	\$2956.92
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N.B. — In addition, a number of ties and badges are held for sale.

RECEIPTS

1976		1977
\$		\$
10	Affiliation Fees (other Associations)	5.00
348	Annual Subscriptions	1130.00
359	Donations	105.00
165	Sales — Badges	130.00
530	Doubles	235.93
	Photographs	27.00
67	Ties	41.00
209	Publications (Play the Whistle, Rule Books etc.))	87.50
	A.S.R.R. Raffle	90.00
	"Stubbie" Raffle	820.50
49	Receipts — New Members Function	84.00
415	Annual Dinner	460.00
15	Mixed Function	
	Touch Football Refereeing	440.00
20	Sundry Subscriptions	12.46
	Q.R.U. Development Committee Subsidy	
	Mt. Isa Trip	100.00
204	Reimbursements	
795	Silver Circle	
15	Interest — General Account	4.56
59	M.P.B.S.	
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\$3260		\$3772.95
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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for 12 months ended 30th September, 1977

PAYMENTS

1976		1977
\$		\$
100	Affiliation Fees Q.R.U.	100.00
	Affiliation Fees A.S.R.R.	60.00
714	Functions — Annual Dinner	
208	Meetings, New Members	63.35
64	Visiting Referees	259.00
	Appointments Board	90.00
	Executive Function	52.60
250	Purchases — Badges	135.00
	Photographs	104.40
160	Play the Whistle and Signals for Refs.	92.00
44	Presentation — Minter Award	18.29
142	Postage, Stationery, Sundries	60.19
50	Donations — Q.R.U. N.Z. Tour	
11	Miss Referee	
15	Floral Tribute	
	P. G. Bickinsale (Decd.)	20.00
	Q.J.R.R.A.	100.00
	Qld. Rugby Schools Union	25.00
761	Travelling Expenses, Exchanges N.Z. Tour etc.	363.30
50	Doubles	35.50
	Aust. Soc. of R.R. Raffle	90.00
10	Audit Fees	
241	Delegates to Aust. Soc. Meeting	
375	Silver Circle	
6	Registration Justice Dept.	
	Printing: Annual Report, 1976/Menus	184.00
<hr/> \$3201 <hr/>		<hr/> \$1852.63 <hr/>

APPOINTMENT BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past season has been my third as Chairman of the Board and I have much pleasure in stating it has been very successful so far as the Board is concerned.

Brian Mulherin and David Last, both non-active referees did an excellent job which naturally made my job easier than in the past two years, because they were non-active referees.

A world wide problem with refereeing is that it is a very jealous form of relaxation. Unfortunately it should not be, but always has and always will be. We are very much aware of this fact by comments by referees regarding fellow referees. Most prominent would be from the third year up.

Referees are not judged entirely on how well they know the laws. There are many other aspects: Fitness, Appearance, Whistle Signals, Approach, Advantage and Positional Refereeing, which is by far the worst aspect of all referees. We understand that many QRU officials do not share our view, but may I point out they only appoint representative referees and none of them have ever been active referees. We consider the situation as ridiculous. After all, we make the appointments every week for all the season and when the time arrives to appoint Representative Referees we are deprived of our knowledge.

Another snub towards the Appointment Board is that of Grand Final Referees. We do not agree with the system and should the same apply in the coming season the Q.R.R.A. will have difficulty in maintaining an Appointment Board.

I believe the past seasons board did function successfully. We changed the system of actual appointing from Sundays to Friday evenings. In this manner we were able to watch more referees. The classification and card system was quite good but there is plenty of room for improvement.

Once again we endeavoured to give all referees a "Fair-Go" but I don't think all referees were reciprocal. The statistics on non-availabilities will prove my point, plus the fact that 80% of these were made after the appointments came out, many as late as the day before the game.

It was most unfortunate that David Last had to move on. He was an excellent man on the board and would have been most beneficial in years to come. We are still most adamant regarding the board consisting of non-active past referees. No doubt there will be plenty in a year or two.

First year referees were not really plentiful. There appeared to be a hold up somewhere after introduction at a meeting. We were also concerned regarding our Association with the Q.J.R.U. Referees. There isn't any.

We thank Max Turrell for his efforts during the season for organising referees coaching, lectures and literature written by him.

We hope we will continue on the same lines as 1977. There is one major point I wish to pass on to the incoming board, which has been quoted by us for the past two seasons but never put in black and white.

We are looking for referees who will apply the international law — not their own interpretation or that of the coaching panel, local clubs or officials of the Q.R.U. It is most obvious that the laws of the game are not universal in Australia.

Our congratulations to all referees who controlled major games and to those selected to go to N.Z. and N.S.W. Also referees who went to Associations outside Brisbane. I understand that there were some of which we were not informed.

Our thanks to John Nolan whom you will see heads the total number of games refereed. He was never too busy to help out even at one hours notice.

Hope for 1978 Season:—

More lectures on Law — not referees personal law.

Papers as Gary Hogan presented.

Ways and means for referees to become fit so as to referee for 80 minutes not only 40.

Statistics:

These are correct according to my records although I realise many exchanges took place unbeknown to me. Touch judges are not shown because there were so many appointments dishonoured I did not consider it worthwhile. To those who did honour the appointments, many thanks. Many referees consider touch judging as a thankless job. Utter rubbish. It is just another part of refereeing and you can learn something from observing the referee.

In conclusion, the board sincerely thanks all referees for their co-operation even though some caused frustration at times. Thanks to Max Robins and staff for your support and co-operation. To the management committee and President John O'Connor — thank you for supporting us in the manner in which you have. Without your acceptance of us as a board we could not have operated successfully. We only hope the incoming committee and appointment board give a little thought to our suggestions in this report.

K. M. McNAE,
B. MULHERIN,
D. LAST.

MAJOR APPOINTMENTS

State Trials	R. Burnett
State Trials	J. Forbes
Qld. v. N.Z. Baba's	K. Crowe
Qld. v New England	J. Forbes
Brisbane v Qld. Country	M. McManus
Possibles v. Probables	C. Waldron
Teachers Nths. v Far Nth. Coast	C. Oxenford
Combined 2nd. Div. v. Glen Innes	G. Colditz
Brisbane U/19 v. Victoria	K. Fitzgerald
Qld. U/23 v N.S.W.	C. Waldron
Combined 2nd Grade v.	
Far Nth Coast (N.S.W.)	J. McCarthy
Qld. Sub-Dist. v N.S.W. Sub-Dist.	G. Colditz
Qld. v. N.S.W. Country	K. Crowe
Qld. v. Sydney	C. Oxenford
Qld. U/18 v. N.S.W.	I. Scotney
Qld. v. N.S.W.	R. Burnett
Qld. v. Aust. Combined. Services	C. Oxenford
State School Boy Trials	A. Bromley

Sydney

Aust. School Boy Carnival A.S.T. v. S.A.	A. Bromley
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Visiting Referees

Neil Waite	Rockhampton	1 Game
K. Jackson	Toowoomba	1 Game
N. Congdon	New Zealand	5 Games
Brian Collins	Sydney	2 Games
Brian Kinsey	Sydney	2 Games

First Grade

Grand Final	Bros. v. Wests	R. Burnett
Prelim. Final	G.P.S. v. Wests	J. Forbes
Semi Final	Uni. v. T-Nths.	K. Crowe
Semi Final	G.P.S. v. Uni.	R. Burnett
Semi Final	Bros. v. Wests	C. Oxenford
Semi Final	Wests v. G.P.S.	J. Forbes

Second Grade

Grand Final	Bros. v. T-Nths.	K. Crowe
Prelim. Final	T-Nths. v. Surfers	Andrew Taylor
Semi Final	Uni. v. Bros.	J. McCarthy
Semi Final	Sths. v. Surfers	J. O'Connor
Semi Final	Surfers v. Uni.	J. Nolan
Semi Final	T-Nths. v. Bros.	I. Scotney

Third Grade

Grand Final	Bros. v. Uni.	C. Oxenford
Prelim. Final	Easts v. Uni.	A. Broad
Semi Final	Uni. v. Easts	P. Galloway
Semi Final	T-Nths. v. Sths.	M. Lalor
Semi Final	Sths. v. Easts	J. O'Connor
Semi Final	Bros. v. Uni.	G. Colditz

Fourth Grade

Grand Final	Bros. v. Uni.	J. O'Connor
Prelim. Final	Sths. v. Bros.	K. Fitzgerald
Semi Final	Uni. v. Sths.	R. Cunliffe
Semi Final	Easts v. G.P.S.	A. Gough
Semi Final	Bros. v. Uni.	A. Frisby
Semi Final	G.P.S. v. Sths.	B. Walden

Fifth Grade

Grand Final	Bros. v. Uni.	B. Leask
Prelim. Final	Bros. v. Q.I.T.	F. Meek

U/18 First Division

Grand Final	Uni. v. Easts	M. Grant-Taylor
Prelim. Final	Sths. v. Wests	A. Bromley
Semi Final	Bros. v. Wests	C. Oxenford
Semi Final	Sths. v. Uni.	A. Broad

U/18 Second Division

Grand Final	Bros. v. Police	A. Bromley
Prelim. Final	Police v. Easts	D. Gately
Semi Final	Easts v. Bros.	K. Fitzgerald
Semi Final	Police v. Clairvaux	I. Scotney

U/19 First Division

Grand Final	Bros. v. Uni.	I. Scotney
Prelim. Final	Uni. v. Sths.	G. Hogan
Semi Final	T-Nths. v. Uni.	C. Waldron
Semi Final	Sths. v. Bros.	C. Stubbings

U19 Second Division

Grand Final	Bros. v. Gold Coast	G. Colditz
Prelim. Final	Gold Coast v. Ipswich	R. Cunliffe
Semi Final	Uni. v. Gold Coast	Andrew Taylor
Semi Final	Ipswich v. Bros.	M. Grant-Taylor

Sub. Districts

Grand Final A	Comm. Bank v. A.M.P.	G. Colditz
Grand Final B	Law v. Comm. Bank	C. Oxenford
Grand Final C	Kedron v. Medicals	M. Turrell

Wesley Cup Final

Bros. v. Uni.	J. Forbes
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						MAJOR and 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	U/18	U/19	G.P.S. and T.A.S.	SUB. DISTRICTS			TOTAL NUMBER OF GAMES	N/A	MEETING ATTENDANCE	TOTAL 16
														A	B	C				
R. BURNETT	.....	.....	.....	.....		12	4	1		1		2	7	1	1		28	3	9	
A. BROAD	.....	.....	.....	.....			6	1			4	3	1			1	16	5	11	
P. BECHTEL	.....	.....	.....	.....			5	5	1		3	2	1	1	1		19	6	12	
A. BROMLEY	.....	.....	.....	.....			4	3	3		1	1	1	3	1		17	6	1	
G. BRITENDEN	.....	.....	.....	.....			2	1	5		3	2	1				14	11	4	
A. FRISBY	.....	.....	.....	.....			2	1	5		3	4	2	1		2	20	Nil	8	
K. CROWE	.....	.....	.....	.....		12	2				1	2	3				20	5	9	
N. CLARK	.....	.....	.....	.....			6	2			2	5	6	1	1	1	24	3	9	
G. COLDITZ	.....	.....	.....	.....		6	3	1			1		4	1	1		17	4	12	
R. CUNLIFFE	.....	.....	.....	.....			2	3	1		2	4	3	3	1	2	21	4	12	
B. CAHILL	.....	.....	.....	.....				1	1		1	2			1		6	Finis	2	
R. DOUGLAS	.....	.....	.....	.....				1	3	1		2				2	9	Finis	Nil	
G. BROWN	.....	.....	.....	.....				1	2		1	1					5	2	2	
J. FORBES	.....	.....	.....	.....		10	3				1		4	1			19	5	9	
D. FINLAY	.....	.....	.....	.....		2	6	1	1				1	1			12		2	
K. FITZGERALD	.....	.....	.....	.....			5	3			1	5	3			1	18	5	11	
S. JOHNSTON	.....	.....	.....	.....				2	1	1	3					1	8	15	9	
M. GRANT-TAYLOR	.....	.....	.....	.....			4	5			1	7	1	2	1		21	2	13	
A. GOUGH	.....	.....	.....	.....			1	7	3	1	4	4			2		22	3	1	
P. GALLAWAY	.....	.....	.....	.....				10	1		3	2			2	1	19	3	11	
P. GAIR	.....	.....	.....	.....			2	2			1	3			2		10	Finis	Nil	
G. HOGAN	.....	.....	.....	.....		8	3					3	5	4			23	5	12	
K. PRATT	.....	.....	.....	.....					3		3	1				2	9	Finis	5	
R. HOSKINS	.....	.....	.....	.....			2	3	2	2	1	5	1	1		2	19	3	12	
D. GATELY	.....	.....	.....	.....			1	4	3		3	4		1	1	6	23	5	5	

	MAJOR and 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	U/18	U/19	G.P.S. and T.A.S.	SUB. DISTRICTS A B C	TOTAL NUMBER OF GAMES	N/A	MEETING ATTENDANCE TOTAL 16
M. LALOR		1	5	3		3	4	3		20	3	11
T. LEWIS		5	2				1		2 4	14	Finis	
B. LOGAN			4	5	1	1	1		1 2 1	16	2	6
B. LEASK		2	2	4	1	4	3	2	1	19		7
R. McKERNON			2	2		2	3			9	Finis	2
M. McMANUS	4	3	1						2	10		2
J. McCARTHY		8	4	1		2	2	5	1	23	Nil	8
K. MUIR-McCAREY			7	1		4	4		3 3	22	2	10
D. HIGGINS				2		3	1		1 1	8	4	3
F. MEEK			1	4	2		1		1 1	10		7
C. MENZIES			2	4	3	3	1		3 1	17	4	14
J. NOLAN	6	6	3	1		2	5	6	2 1	32	Nil	13
J. O'CONNOR	7	6	4			1	2	3	2 1	26	Nil	11
C. OXENFORD	13	3	2			1	2	4	1	26	1	12
J. QUINN			3	4		4	5	1		17	7	8
P. ROUSH		1	4	7		2	2			17	5	1
R. OBREN		1	5	1		7	3		1 1	19	4	6
R. SHERWOOD			1	2	2	3			1	9	Finis	4
I. SCOTNEY	4	7	2			3	4	3	1	24	2	10
C. STUBBINGS	5	6	1			1	2	3	1	19	6	12
G. SHEEHAN		4	4			4	3	1	1 1	18	4	11
P. MILLER		1	2	2		4	2		1 1	13		6
M. TURRELL	3	6	1			4	2	3	2 1 2	24	2	13
ANDREW TAYLOR		4	1			3	5	3		16	7	
ALLEN TAYLOR			5	7		2	1		1 1 2	19	1	

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EXAMINATION BOARD REPORT FOR THE 1977 SEASON

The end of the 1977 season resulted in another successful year with 30 new members, compared with 32 for the 1976 season, which was the best season for recruitment in the history of the Association. Of these new members, 25 qualified for our association senior badge. It is of significance that the Queensland Junior Rugby Union Referees Association provided us with 5 of these new members.

From the G.P.S. schools, ten new members were from Gregory Terrace, and Nudgee College in providing 6 and 4 respectively. In being active referees for their schools on week-ends, their availability was rather limited during the season and unfortunately their experience could not be fully utilised by the Appointments Board.

Following the Examination Board's report in 1976, the management committee reintroduced the Associate Badge of which 9 were awarded during the season. The awarding of this badge requires passing a written test on the laws of rugby only which is of a similar standard to qualification for our senior badge. The difference being that an associate member is not field tested, does not require to be a member of our association, and is at least 16 years old.

Assistance by the board was provided to various Brisbane schools with the issue of coaching material relating to improvement of law knowledge. In addition, a member of the board visited Townsville and two other senior referees visited Mt. Isa to assist the local referee associations by observing their local referees and in conducting discussion sessions to offer technical and practical advice.

The Examination Board is conscious of the need for a suitable minimum standard of referee qualification and has concentrated on this aspect over the last two seasons. With our association being the senior referee association in Queensland and in the interest of rugby union in Queensland, the board would encourage wider use of and acceptance in qualifying for our Associate Badge. This applies in particular to active referees in schools and members of other associations. New members are always welcome to join our association and to qualify for our senior badge.

In addition, the board believes consideration should be given to the introduction by our association of a Queensland State Referees' Badge for referees of other associations. This proposal is to be discussed with the management committee before it is presented to members.

As chairman of the board, I express my appreciation for the efforts of my fellow board members.

M. TURRELL,
G. HOGAN,
C. OXENFORD.

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Gentlemen,

The current season has been a very successful one in many respects. The Association had the privilege in being invited by the Q.J.R.U. to officiate in the National Under Sixteen Carnival, which was a great success with the Association being complimented for the performances of all concerned. It is very heart warming to the founders of this Association to see the manner in which we are now accepted. . . . and all in six years.

The Interstate Carnival held over the Queensland Queen's Birthday Weekend was another milestone for the Association. The standard of Rugby and Refereeing was of a high order. Messrs. Roy Hoskins and Brian Cole carried the flag in Sydney and acquitted themselves excellently. Good reports were received from our counterparts on their performances. The Eastwood Representative, Mr. Geoff Bugden, had a most enjoyable weekend in Brisbane, as the second part of the interchange. Congratulations to those members of our Association who officiated in the Carnival's Finals and Grand Finals.

As will be seen in the Treasurer's Report the Association was able to pay its way and meet all commitments, thanks to the stirring effort by all who participated in our major Fund Raising Effort. It is envisaged that a similar effort early next year, would be in the best interest of all.

The Management Committee considered our commitments early in the year and were able to keep its promise that no one was asked to sell doubles. However, the Life Member's Crazy Raffle proved an amusing and helpful fund raising activity.

This year also saw a large intake of new members who passed examinations and it is pleasing to note that Nominations came from District Clubs, an avenue that has not born much fruit in the past. The only unpleasant note of our membership was the loss for various reasons, of some of our early members.

My thanks for a successful year go to the Management Committee for their assistance throughout, their counsel was always appreciated. We are most fortunate that some of them also held Executive Positions on the Q.J.R.U. and other Committees thus our views are able to be expressed ably when requested.

Any Association is only as good as the effort that members put into it and the success of our Association, I consider, revolves around the harmony between members. The greatest single factor I consider is the relationship and respect that is shown to each other, regardless of experience and length of service in the Association. This was clearly shown at our End of Season Function at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meehan, to whom we are indebted for making this fine facility available to the Association.

Two Honorary Members were elected throughout the year. The Association thank them both for accepting the positions. Mrs. Joyce Meehan who on so many occasions has supported the Association since its Foundation was belatedly elected. Miss S. Nolan, who so ably represented the Association in the "Miss Junior Rugby" contest. We were robbed!! Thanks to you both.

To the Q.J.R.U. we offer our thanks for the way you have accepted us and we will continue to provide the support and cement the relationship we now enjoy. It is nice to run our own affairs completely.

To those members of the Q.R.R.A. who provided their support in giving their time in lecturing to the Association and advice . . . Thanks. The fine Donation by that Association was greatly appreciated and helped solve our financial problems at that time. Five of our members transferred to that Association during the year.

I have left till last my praise to that hard working body, the Appointment Board. During the activities of a Rugby Season, this body travels many miles, sees more games and spends more time working than any other section of our membership. This they do so we the members may enjoy ourselves. An effective Appointment Board is probably second in my mind to the success of an Association. We all owe a special debt to our present Board. Until you are involved with them you will not know how much work they do. To chairman, John, and your members, it is hard to find enough praise.

Gentlemen, I thank you for the honour of being the Association's President for 1977.

G. J. SHEEHAN,
President.