



QUEENSLAND
RUGBY
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

Annual Report
and
Financial Statement
1978

To be presented at Q.R.U. Ballymore – 25th October, 1978

1. The Annual Subscription of the Q.R.R.A. will be \$10.00 for the 1979 season.

2. Attendance at Meeting.

No member who has not attended two-thirds of the total scheduled meetings for the current season can be graded "LST GRADE", or be appointed to any final game (including semi finals, finals and grand finals) at any level, or be appointed to representative matches.

QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1978

President:	J. O'Connor
Vice Presidents:	N. Clark, G. Sheehan.
Hon. Secretary:	G. Hogan (resigned) K. Fitzgerald
Hon. Treasurer:	I. Scotney
Asst. Secretary / Treasurer:	C. Menzies
Committee Members:	K. Crowe, G. Colditz
Examination Board:	C. Waldron, G. Colditz, M. Turrell
Appointments Board:	M. McNae, J. O'Connor, D. Jowett, B. Mulherin (resigned)
Q.R.U. Council Delegates:	K. Crowe, J. O'Connor
Q.J.R.U. Delegate:	C. Menzies
Judicial Comm. Member:	R. Hoskins
Delegate to A.S.R.R.:	K. Crowe
Grades Committee:	D. Gately
S.D.R.U.:	K. Fitzgerald

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Considering the difficulties faced by the Association in the 1978 Season I can say very confidently that we acquitted ourselves well.

Early disappointments were the resignation of our Secretary, Gary Hogan and the resignation of two of our three members of the 1977 Appointment Board and then the resignation of one of their replacements, all of which happened well before the Season began. These resignations were all for unquestionably good reasons but nevertheless made the year more difficult as the Association has never been over burdened with administrative talent. In fact we were unable to bring the Appointment Board to its normal strength of three this year and Murray McNae, the Appointment Board Chairman must be thanked for taking more than his usual share of responsibility this year which was for that reason his busiest yet. I believe his general criticism and advice to have been of great benefit to us both this year and in the previous years that he has been active in our Appointment.

As well as our administrative losses our numbers were further depleted by the loss of nine active experienced members of the Association from 1st Grade down, all again for undeniably good reason but in a small Association such as ours those losses are keenly felt particularly as our recruitment programme for this year was not as successful as in previous years and as a result of these losses most members were doing two games per week end prior to the commencement of the school season and during the school season all members were getting two games per week end and it was not uncommon for some members to be doing three. It was necessary on occasions for Referees to do successive games, on the same day. This of course posed a great strain on members and no doubt their families but the additional responsibilities were taken without complaint and I do thank each and everyone for the manner in which they co-operated often at short notice in filling the gap. It seems unlikely that we will have the same difficulty next year as many of those who left in 1978 took only temporary leave and are expected back next year.

As well as additional responsibility on the field I felt that this year, was the greatest degree ever of involvement of members in Sub-Committees or activities off the field and this of course is very gratifying and it helped in some way compensate for the other problems to which I referred. I thank everybody concerned and without this general increase in Committee activity our general productivity and the quality of it would have been much lower and the atmosphere at meetings and activities would not have been anywhere near as friendly and happy as it certainly was.

As far as the Executive of the Association is concerned I thank our Secretary and Treasurer for their hard working contribution to our Season and thank Cec Menzies for his work as Assistant Secretary when he agreed to be co-opted early in the Season to relieve Kerry Fitzgerald of some of the pressure. We all felt the benefit of Cec's presence and do hope he will be able to assist us in a similar fashion next season.

One of the best developments of the season was the manner in which the Classification Committee performed to a man. There have never been anywhere near as many reports on observations of Referees as there were in 1978 and the Appointment Board certainly did not contribute as many as in previous years for the reason to which I have already alluded and the slack was well taken up by the Classification Committee and I extend my thanks to Kevin Crowe, the Chairman, Bob Burnett, John Forbes, John Meehan and

Don Jowett when he was approached from time to time and I do look forward to their continuing support in that role, and although the Classification Committee did not get down to actually classifying this year, they certainly tackled their responsibilities as far as coaching, advising the reporting extremely well.

The Examinations Board worked well and I thank the members thereof not only for their efforts but for their constructive suggestions with respect to constitutional amendments to be introduced early next year relating to the Induction of Members to the Association and their Examination. The Promotions Committee discharged its portfolio well and probably Michael Grant-Taylor should be especially thanked.

We travelled widely again this year visiting such places as Mt. Isa, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Murwillumbah as well as the traditional appointments on the Darling Downs and the Gold Coast and we received the fullest co-operation on almost every instance when members were approached to travel.

The very heavy onus placed on us this year by such a heavy representative season was extremely well discharged and I compliment all the Referees who participated in the representative games both in Brisbane and in the Country centres visited by the Junior All Blacks. Similarly Referees who officiated at the Grand Final turned in first class performances and fully justified the Associations' and the Union's confidence.

Our profile at the Grades Committee has to be maintained in an outspoken manner and Denis Gately acquitted himself more than adequately at the meetings of the Grades Committee this year.

I do not think we have the space to individually thank each member who worked on a Committee or Sub-Committee or in some other sphere for the Association however, I do collectively and most sincerely thank all concerned for a job very well done.

Our relationship with the Queensland Rugby Union I am pleased to say has shown a significant improvement. Firstly we welcome the Rugby Union's decision on the allocation of \$1,000.00 for the 1979 season to assist in travel both within Queensland and for the purposes of our exchanges with New South Wales and New Zealand and I would observe in passing that grant is going to mean a greater responsibility for us as far as the various Country Sub-Unions and Referees Associations are concerned however, one of our problems with this travel has been finance and with that removed I am sure we will have no difficulty as far as personnel to travel is concerned.

Secondly the Rugby Union has suggested a scheme for the coaching of a small panel of most promising Referees by means of closed circuit television with advice and criticism from three of our senior men and we welcome their initiative in that regard.

Thirdly affiliation fees that we have had to pay in previous seasons to the Queensland Rugby Union have been a matter of continual friction between us as it is not in line with the practice of Referees Associations in other States and we welcome the Rugby Union's decision to waive those affiliation fees.

Fourthly we thank the Rugby Union and its Delegates to the Australian Rugby Union and Mr. Joe French for their support of Bob Burnett in the controversy which raged over his appointment to the first Welsh Test in Brisbane this year and we congratulate Bob on the very cool and efficient manner in which he ultimately refereed the game.

Meetings were reasonably well attended bearing in mind that our active membership was noticeably down on 1977 and participation in discussions at meetings was greater and the lecturing standard was consistently good and members overall contribution to general discussions on policy and day to day problems showed a keen interest in the Association's affairs.

Before getting on to policy for 1979 I would like to extend my congratulations and thanks to the Junior Referees Association on their seasons activities and the manner in which so many of their members have supported the Senior Association throughout 1978. Without their support we would certainly have not been able to fulfil our commitments and I would like to see a closer liaison with the Juniors during 1979 and I will make reference to this later in this Report.

Michael Lalor's continued organisation of the Touch Football Competition earns the Association's undying thanks.

Improvements which I would recommend to your incoming president and executive in 1979 would be firstly with a view to greater emphasis on recruitment from all members early in the season and consequential greater attendance and involvement at meetings with attendance at meetings and involvement in discussion being reflected in appointments. Attendance at meetings is not always a factor which can be taken into consideration when making appointments for various good reasons and although note was taken of these matters by the Appointment Board in this year's appointments and gradings if we are to improve our standards, attendance at meetings must be almost compulsory because the lectures and comment are of invaluable assistance as far as uniformity of standards and development are concerned.

Secondly, I would look to greater liaison between the Appointments Board and Classification Committee as they can certainly complement each other's functions greatly and although each worked extremely well this year, I think the time has come when we must see them together in more regular consultation with each other.

The promotion of the Convention of the Australian Society of Rugby Referees is a matter which is going to be our first priority in 1979 and is the reason that this Annual General Meeting is called earlier than usual in order that the incoming committee can take full responsibility for the Convention. Arrangements are well advanced thanks to the Sub-Committee concerned but particularly thanks to Chris Oxenford who has done the majority of the work to date however, there is still a great deal to be done and I look forward to every member of the Association extending the maximum possible co-operation to the incoming President and the Convention Sub-Committee in the preparations for the Surfers Paradise Convention.

We must take a more active role in the affairs of the newly formed Country Referees Association particularly with a view to dissemination of up to date material, exchanges and lecture programmes and that is going to mean some demands on our Senior members however, that is no doubt the price of success on the field.

I did endeavour to engage the Junior Referees Association in some joint meetings with our Association this year however, for various reasons we did not manage to have anyone of these joint meetings come to fruition but for the sake of uniformity of standards and easier movement between the associations it is imperative that we have all members of both Associations together at certain lectures on basic subjects next year and this must demand the closest co-operation of the executives of both associations.

We must press on with negotiations with the Rugby Union which have already been commenced with a view to the construction of our own Club House at Ballymore.

I would like to see Ian Scotney's proposal for the production of an Association jumper completed by the incoming Committee and recommendations submitted to an early general meeting of the Association in 1979.

Our constitution must be retyped with all amendments inserted after the proposed amendments relative to examination and induction of new members are approved.

Finally there will have to be further negotiations with the Rugby Union on the question of the representative appointments Board and the way it is to work in future seasons.

Once again, I thank all concerned for their assistance and co-operation with me and the Executive in the season just past and wish everybody a very happy few months' rest.

JOHN O'CONNOR,
President.

AUSTRALIAN LAWS COMMITTEE

There has been very little to report in this area. Most work this year has been to create uniformity in the application of the differential penalty, and other changes introduced in 1977.

There was a meeting held this year. Unfortunately your delegate was away. The main points discussed were:—

1. Differential penalty;
2. New Law Changes and other signals;
3. Simple introduction of the notes and guidance to referees in the new Law Book.

Another meeting has been called for October 13th, 1978 and a further report will be given at the Annual General Meeting.

K. J. CROWE.

A.S.R.R. REPORT

The Society held the 1978 convention at Canberra in March this year and it was attended by a strong Queensland contingent.

These conventions are proving to be one of the highlights on the referees' calendar and the success of the Canberra convention was no exception.

The next convention will be held in Queensland on the Gold Coast, early in 1979. Dates to be confirmed. Venues have already been decided; guest speakers and the agenda for the convention have not yet been finalised. This and the dates of the convention will be announced at the Annual General Meeting followed up soon after with a brochure outlining the full convention procedure.

All members are requested to support the President and the Committee to make this Gold Coast convention a huge success.

K. J. CROWE.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Financial Statement for the year ended 30th September, 1978 reveals that cash at the Bank and Building Society at that date was \$1,200.30.

In addition we have paid a deposit of \$500.00 for convention facilities at the Gold Coast for the 1979 A.S.R.R. Convention which should be recouped.

Only outstanding account is the Stubbies Raffle prize to Graham Colditz. You might note that payments exceed receipts this financial year. The reason being some \$1,500.00 in accounts incurred in 1977 season being paid after 30/9/77 e.g. (Annual Dinner 1977). This has not occurred this year with the exception of the Stubbies Raffle prize.

I would particularly like to thank Michael Grant-Taylor for his efforts in double selling, the Activities Committee and the Touch Football referees for their contribution to our funds.

The Associations fund raising appears to be on a sound basis and with the additional money promised by the Q.R.U. for interchanges, \$1,000.00, I would move that Annual Subscriptions be reduced to \$10.00 from the present \$15.00.

Financial Members this year totalled 51 against 75 last financial year.

I. J. SCOTNEY,
Treasurer.

EXAMINATIONS BOARD REPORT FOR THE 1978 SEASON

This season saw a marked fall off in the number of new referees examined for Senior Membership, however, a large number of country and school referees successfully completed associate examinations. Members of the Board visited Rockhampton and Mackay in order to coach referees and conduct examinations.

The committee has proposed a new system of examination which was introduced this season after approval from the Management Committee. It involves the introduction of a new category of membership — Probationary Member. When a new member joins the Association, he sits for the Association's written examination. On successful completion of this, he then is eligible for Probationary Membership (Associate Badge) and is appointed to games, the first of which is a field test conducted by the Examinations Board. After refereeing for one season and after the Appointments Board classifies the referee as being capable of refereeing senior Rugby, he is presented with his Senior Badge.

I would like to thank Max Turrell, the previous Chairman, for the excellent work he has performed in preparing the examination papers and the orderly manner in which he presented his files, and also to Graham Colditz for taking on the extra work load as a result of Max's transfer.

COLIN WALDRON,
Chairman.

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for 12 months ended 30th September, 1978

1977		1978
\$		\$
3772.95	Receipts (Schedule 1)	3844.93
1852.63	Payments (Schedule 2)	5283.75
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1920.32	Cr. Surplus or deficiency for the year	Dr. 1738.82
34.36	Add Cash at Bank at beginning of year	1954.68
1002.24	Metropolitan Permanent Building Society (Plus Interest Accrued to 30/9/78) Q.R.R.A. 1979 Convention A/c	584.44
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2956.92		100.00
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RECEIPTS

1977		1978
\$		\$
5.00	Affiliation Fees (other Associations)	15.00
1130.00	Annual Subscriptions	780.00
105.00	Donations	100.00
130.00	Sales — Badges	24.00
235.93	Doubles	277.48
27.00	Photographs	—
41.00	Ties	44.00
87.50	Publications (Play the Whistle, Rule Books etc.)	128.00
90.00	A.S.R.R. Raffle	—
820.50	"Stubbie" Raffle	860.00
84.00	Receipts — New Members Function	56.00
460.00	Annual Dinner	396.00
440.00	Touch Football Refereeing	405.00
12.46	Sundry Subscriptions	
100.00	Q.R.U. Development Committee Subsidy	74.00
	Q.S.R.R. Canberra Convention	160.00
4.56	Interest — General Account	25.45
	Transfer from M.P.B.S. to provide for Deposit 1979 Convention	500.00
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PAYMENTS

1977		1978
\$		\$
100.00	Affiliation Fees Q.R.U.	—
60.00	Affiliation Fees A.S.R.R.	30.00
—	Functions — Annual Dinner	1497.37
322.35	Meetings — Various	548.25
90.00	Appointments Board Function	90.00
52.60	Executive Function	121.70
135.00	Purchases — Badges	116.30
104.40	Photographs	
92.00	Publications	173.00
18.29	Presentation — Minter Award	29.64
60.19	Postage, Stationery, Sundries	134.50
145.00	Donations — Various	145.00
363.30	Travelling Expenses, Exchanges	718.40
35.50	Doubles	40.00
90.00	Aust. Soc. of R.R. Raffle	—
—	Audit Fees	10.00
184.00	Printing	401.55
	Players Insurance	48.00
	Honan Matting Refs. Room	36.50
	Stubbie Raffle	356.04
	Rothman's Advance Course	37.50
	Canberra Convention - President's Travel & Expenses	150.00
	Deposit 1979 Convention - Gold Coast	500.00
	Transfer to 1979 Convention Account	100.00
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APPOINTMENT BOARD – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The board of the past season consisted of myself for several weeks and then the president John O'Connor who co-opted himself to the board. His assistance was most valuable, it did relieve the pressure of stormy appointments on my own.

There was an influx of referees who were not available during the past season, many not being so until after the appointments came out. The changes were much higher than in the past four seasons and naturally put the pressure on the willing ones. Many thanks to those who did two and three games per week. Also to those referees who controlled mid week games, R. Burnett and C. Waldron being the most willing in this respect.

The classification panel operated quite successfully in fact the best since my chairmanship. I am sure had there been three on the appointment board the situation would have been better. My apology for not having seen more referees, entirely my fault.

For four seasons now I have been listening to members criticise the part played by the Q.R.U. regarding representative appointments. There have been suggestions, motions, all manner of ideas put to the committees re the situation but never any results. Why?

From this point on I must reiterate my words of the past. Referees are not appointed to games just because they have one attribution such as being fit, knowing the law, or being dressed smarter. They must have a combination of all aspects of refereeing.

I am also still of the opinion that many of the lower grades are better to referee than many of the 1st and 2nd grades.

The association is very short of referees and I suggest a real effort by the incoming committee to start now for recruits.

The lectures, I thought were much better controlled last season but some very dry. Any referee can read from the law book at home. What is required is more illustrations by the use of the blackboard.

Congratulations to all referees who controlled major games (especially R. Burnett for controlling Aust. v Wales 1st Test) and those selected to go to N.Z. and N.S.W. also referees who visited associations outside Brisbane.

Statistics:

These are correct according to my records although there were many referees controlled games outside the official appointments plus some who refereed two games after the appointments were made and I have no record of these.

In conclusion the board sincerely thanks all referees for their co-operation.

Max Robins and staff thank you for your support and co-operation.

K. M. McNAE,
J. O'CONNOR.

MAJOR APPOINTMENTS

Qld. v. Counties (N.Z.)	R. Burnett
Qld. U/19 v. District School Boys	C. Waldron
Barbarians School Boys v. Downs U/19	R. Hoskins
Qld. Uni. v. New England Uni.	K. Fitzgerald
Qld. v. Victoria	C. Waldron
Qld. Services v. Sth. Qld. Area	J. McCarthy
Qld. Country v. Victoria	C. Oxenford
Qld. v. N.S.W.	K. Crowe
Qld. v. Canterbury (N.Z.)	R. Burnett
Qld. "B" v. Canterbury (N.Z.)	C. Oxenford
Qld. v. Wales	R. Burnett
Brisbane U/19 v. Country	C. Oxenford
Qld. v. Junior All Blacks	R. Burnett
Qld. v. Junior All Blacks	K. Crowe
Qld. U/19 v. Sydney Colts	I. Scotney
Gold Coast v. Counties (N.Z.)	K. Crowe
Brisbane v. Qld. Country	G. Colditz
Qld. v. Otago (N.Z.)	J. Forbes
Townsville v. Junior All Blacks	R. Burnett
Country Carnival — Mt. Isa	C. Oxenford
Mt. Isa v. Junior All Blacks	I. Scotney
Combined Country v. Junior All Blacks	M. McManus
Central Qld. v. Junior All Blacks	C. Waldron
Downs v. Junior All Blacks	C. Oxenford

Sub District Semi Finals

G. Sheehan, C. Stubbing, K. Fitzgerald, J. Nolan

Sub District Preliminary Finals

D. Gately, C. Oxenford.

Sub District Grand Finals

B. G. Sheehan, A. J. Nolan.

Semi Finals

1st Grade

R. Burnett	J. Forbes
C. Oxenford	K. Crowe

3rd Grade

R. Hoskins	G. Sheehan
A. Bromily	A. Gough

Preliminary Finals

1st Grade	R. Burnett
2nd Grade	C. Oxenford
3rd Grade	N. Clarke
4th Grade	K. Fitzgerald

2nd Grade

K. Fitzgerald	M. Grant-Taylor
B. Waldon	C. Waldron

4th Grade

B. Fienberg	I. Worrell
P. Galloway	J. Quinn

Grand Finals

1st Grade	K. Crowe
2nd Grade	C. Waldron
3rd Grade	I. Scotney
4th Grade	G. Colditz

Grand Final

U/18	M. Grant-Taylor
U/19"B"	P. Galloway
U/19"A"	J. Forbes

Wesley Cup Final

K. Crowe

Q.R.U.R.A. ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Activities for the season were once again supported by a minimum number of members, but those who did participate enjoyed the various outings organised.

Start of season function for 1978 was a pleasant get-together, but the format needs to be developed more, to entice the new members that the Association requires.

Doubles Sales

Doubles sales were held regularly, mainly through the constant efforts of Mike Grant-Taylor who co-opted various members from time to time, to keep up a steady influx of funds.

Interchanges this Year

We had our two visitors from Sydney, and once again very few members assisted in their entertainment, but the final night at the Allegro Restaurant was quite successful.

Brian Schneebl, our visitor from Hamilton, New Zealand proved quite an identity and he may never recover from his visit to the Gold Coast with Chris Oxenford.

A pleasant barbecue was had with Brian at Bribie Island — say no more about the attendance.

Stubbie Raffle

Graham Colditz won the stubbie raffle.

Several of our members have our gratitude as they excelled themselves with the selling of the tickets for this raffle.

Dinner Dance

Held at the Fiveways Restaurant — this was reasonably attended and everybody enjoyed themselves.

Annual Dinner

This was held at the Murrayfield Room and was well attended.

The Grand Final appointments were announced.

The success of this function was helped in no small part by the fact that our members were able to meet the recently returned Wallabies, Tony Shaw and Chris Handy.

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C. STUBBINGS

	MAJOR and 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	U/18	U/19	G.P.S. and T.A.S.	SUB. DISTRICTS		TOTAL NUMBER OF GAMES	MEETING ATTENDANCE TOTAL 16
	A	B									
R. BURNETT	16	1				3	2			22	5
A. BROMILEY		5	1		2	3	1		1	13	6
G. BRITTENDEN		1	6	1		4	2		1	15	4
G. BROWN				3	1	1			2	7	
R. BENDEICH			2	7	2	2			1	14	6
N. CLARKE	3	7	2			4	4			20	6
G. COLDITZ	8	5				3	1		1	18	10
K. CROWE	18					3	1			22	6
R. CUNLIFFE								6		6	—
D. FINLAY	1	2	1			2	2			8	—
A. FRISBY		5	1	2	2	5	2			17	10
K. FITZGERALD	3	6		1	1	3	1		1	16	16
J. FORBES	9					1	5		1	16	9
P. GALLOWAY		5	7	1	4		1		1	4	23
D. GATELY		1	4		3	8				2	18
A. GOUGH			5	2	6	4	1			1	19
M. GRANT-TAYLOR		9	2		1	5	3	21	23	11	—
M. HANLEY			2	5			1			4	12
G. HOWARD	July 15		2	1	1	1				5	4
R. HOSKINS		6	5	1		4	2	4	2	24	13
S. JOHNSTON		1	5		2	2	1			11	12
J. SIMSON	May 20			2	1					3	1
M. LALOR			6	1	9	2	5		1	24	15

B. LEASK		4	4	1	1	6	2	1	19	9	
C. MENZIES					1				1	13	
J. McCARTHY	3	4			1	1	3	2	1	15	6
M. McMANUS	6	1					1	1		9	
F. MEEK			4	6	2	2		1	4	19	16
P. MILLER			2	3	5	4	2			16	7
J. NOLAN	9	5		1		3	4	1	1	24	12
R. OBREN		5	2		3	4	2	1	2	19	5
J. O'CONNOR	NOT AVAILABLE										13
C. OXENFORD	14	1				2	3	2	1	23	8
K. PRATT				6	3					9	7
R. PRING	May 20	1	2			4	1			9	1
J. QUINN			5	4	2	2	2	1	3	19	7
I. SCOTNEY	8	6				4	2	1	2	23	7
G. SHEEHAN	1	5	2		1	2	3	1	2	17	16
B. SHORT		1	1				1		2	5	3
M. STANLEY				1				1		2	—
C. STUBBINGS	8	3				4	4	2		21	9
A. TAYLOR			3	8	2	1			1	15	5
M. TURRELL	2	1		1		1	2	1		8	9
B. WALDEN	9	3			1	3	3	1		20	3
T. WARRELL			3	7	3	5		2		20	5
F. WRIGHT		1	3	1	3	2		2		12	3
C. WALDRON	13	1	1			2	1	1		19	12
P. BECHTEL		1		1	1	3				6	4
S. ROWE				4						4	4
M. McNAE											16
J. MEEHAN											7
B. FIENBERG	Retired Fully			2	3				1	6	4

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ANNUAL REPORT — 1978

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I present the annual report for the 1978 season which again was marked with progress and success.

The most pleasing feature of our Junior Rugby Referees Association is the willingness of all members to give their support to each other and the association, regardless of age and experience. This relationship and common bond amongst members to further the association's standing and promote Junior Rugby has earned us the highest praise from the controlling body, the Qld. Junior Rugby Union. Our standing in rugby circles is accepted.

As our association grows, so does the workload of the various committees. It is the cherished hope of the founders of the association and the Q.J.R.U. that we eventually control all Junior fixtures. To do this we need more members. Unfortunately this year, like most others, we lost valuable and reliable members through various reasons. I ask you all to encourage new and former members to take up the whistle. This year we lost 24 financial members and gained only 12, which is a little disappointing when one considers the active recruiting and lecture programmes that were offered to all clubs and schools.

This year the association further conducted a successful raffle and kept its promise not to ask members to sell doubles but, a word of warning to all! As you can see from our treasurer's report, our expenses are increasing. Should we continue along the same lines as this year, we would not have been able to have had so many enjoyable functions, and a great grand final night if it had not been for the many donations received and the selling expertise of some, in our raffle. To those members we are deeply indebted.

The association lost two stalwarts through the year in the persons of P. Gair and N. Allen, both foundation members and previous executive members. At a function prior to his departure to the West, a Life Membership of the association was afforded to Paul for his unselfish devotion.

The football highlight of the year was the under-13 and 15 carnival and the Grand Finals. To those members who officiated, congratulations on your appointments and to Des Deighton and Bryan Meehan who toured to Sydney and Canberra respectively, we hope the experienced gained will benefit your career. The association hosted Anthony Kane from Eastwood in our established exchange system.

This season's award of the Trevor Henry Memorial Trophy won popular support when it was awarded to John Nolan. Another cup donated by the Bendeich Family was presented to the Major Grand Final appointee Paul Miller. Both these cups will now be awarded annually.

As president for 1978, I am grateful for the support of all committees, for without their determination and unselfish support we wouldn't function. The members do not realise the work done by the executive and, in particular, the appointment board who, each week in their own leisure time and on occasions at great inconvenience, travel many kilometers to watch, supervise, encourage, report on, and grade referees. As will be seen later, our foundation president, founder and life member has decided to step down from the chairmanship of the Appointment Board. John, please accept all the thanks possible from those who are here, and those who have gone, for your untiring

efforts, encouragement, constructive criticism and support when needed. We would wish you to stay. It is hard to pen enough praise.

In closing, I thank the Qld. Referees Association for their support and those members in particular who gave their time and experience and afforded us interesting lectures.

Finally, to the Q.J.R.U., our association is indebted for your support at committee and management level. Your foresight in encouraging referees and providing tour arrangements will be rewarded.

Gentlemen, I thank you for the honour of being the association's president for 1978.

G. J. SHEEHAN,
President.

Notes

The present work is a continuation of the author's previous work on the subject of the history of the English language. It is a study of the development of the English language from its earliest forms to the present day. The author discusses the influence of various factors on the development of the language, including the influence of other languages, the influence of social and cultural changes, and the influence of the individual. The author also discusses the development of the English language in different parts of the world, and the influence of these developments on the English language as a whole. The author's conclusions are that the English language is a living language, and that it is constantly developing and changing. The author also concludes that the English language is a language of the future, and that it will continue to play a major role in the world.

The author's study is based on a wide range of sources, including historical documents, literary works, and linguistic studies. The author also conducted extensive research into the development of the English language in different parts of the world. The author's findings are presented in a clear and concise manner, and are supported by a wealth of evidence. The author's conclusions are well-reasoned and are based on a thorough understanding of the English language and its history. The author's work is a valuable contribution to the study of the English language, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the English language.

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