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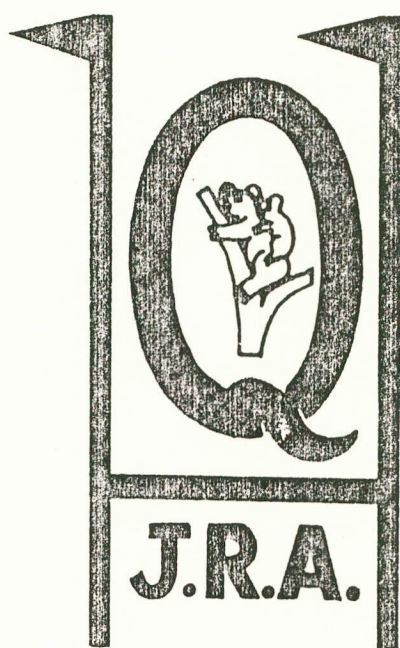


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## PRESIDENT' REPORT--

The 1986 season has been one which the members of our Association can look back upon with a great deal of pride and satisfaction for a job well done. The circumstances for some of our members and officials during the season were at times a little trying but I would like to think that we triumphed overall. The Registrar has informed me that the Association has appointed to over 700 games during the season and the number of complaints regarding referees has been an alltime low which speaks volumes for the quality of our members. This however is not a reason for complacency and as all Presidents in the past I urge members to participate in continuing education on the Laws of the game and in improving their on field performance. This of course requires regular attendance at meetings, and while attendances were up this year there are still too many of our members who are not participating in an improvement program, and I think that everyone would agree that improved fitness and education can only help referees to enjoy their game more.

The highlights of the season were as usual the interchanges which this year entered a new and exciting stage with the accompaniment of Cheryl Toohey with Brian to Taranaki. Their reports are included elsewhere in this report, and I hope that everone in the Association will aspire to the level where the can be rewarded with one of the exchanges. The cost for the referee's wives travel is bourne by the Association which has put a considerable financial burden on it. The new committee will need to look at some additional fund raising activities in the next year to ensure that the Association remains financially viable and able to provide the benefits for the members that they deserve.

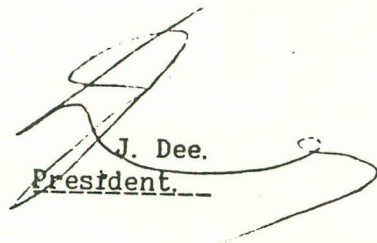
Roy Smith was the Taranaki exchange referee this year this year who I am lead to believe had a most enjoyable time depite the lack of games due to school holidays and the restructuring of the Under 13 and Under 15 carnival from the Queens Birthday weekend and along with the referees from Paramatta and Eastwood broke new ground with the battle of Tangalooma which was an extension of the Queensland - New South Wales match on the previous day. I think that next year if there is another game at Tangalooma it should be before the partipants retire for drinks.

Next years Taranaki exchange referees have already been nominated and I would ask all members to be prepared to offer as much hospitality as the would like to receive when their turn to go to New Zealand comes.

The annual dinner was held at the Capital Hotel this year and as a function I think all who came enjoyed themselves, particularly the food. The evening coincided with a large number of other events which meant the attendance was not as large as I would have liked and next years dinner may be held in a less formal manner more in keeping with the resources of the Association. That decision is of course for the incoming Committee.

I would like to conclude with a personal vote of thanks to the memebbers of the Committee for their time and effort in the the 1986 season and in particular to Frank Meek and Cec Menzies for

all the time and effort they have expended during the season.  
I would also like to wish Kathy Wilde all the best for her stay  
at Cambridge and to congratulate her on being the first of our  
lady members to be appointed to a grand final.



J. Dee.  
President.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1986

<u>1985</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1986</u>
255.00	Subscriptions	407.00
62.00	Sales - Dress Jumpers	112.00
634.00	- Jerseys	650.00
197.00	- Sox	259.00
70.00	- Ties	70.00
40.00	- Cloth Badges	114.00
10.00	- Metal Lapel Badges	15.50
40.00	- Shorts	20.00
932.00	Members Functions	656.00
70.00	Touch Football	-
1,250.00	Ushering	1,000.00
84.80	Referees Room (See Expenditure)	-
300.00	Donations - Toowoomba Grammar School	300.00
150.00	- Sunnybank	-
50.00	- Brothers R.U.F.C. Jnr. Division	50.00
50.00	- Souths/St. Laurence's College	-
50.00	- Ipswich Grammar School	50.00
3.00	- J. Rivett	-
200.00	- Referees Room	500.00
29.68	Interest on Cheque Account	41.55
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\$4,477.48		\$4,245.05
782.80	Closing Stock	1,549.40
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\$5,260.28		\$5,794.45



<u>1985</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1986</u>
606.00	Purchases - Jerseys, Shorts, Sleeve	733.00
114.56	- Sox	285.20
216.40	- Metal Badges	-
-	- Cloth Badges	350.00
-	- Ties	503.25
76.80	Pennants	-
21.50	Trophies	40.00
55.50	Postage and Telephone	20.00
2,036.45	Members Functions	1,474.15
78.00	Panting	-
5.35	Federal Debit Tax	3.50
20.00	Mise	-
-	Airfare to New Zealand	858.00
84.80	Referees Room	-
50.00	Referees Life Members Day	-
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\$3,364.86		\$4,267.10
1,191.80	+ Opening Stock	838.80
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\$4,556.66		\$5,105.90
703.62	Income in Excess of Expenditure	688.55
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\$5,260.28		\$5,794.45

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1986

<u>1985</u>		<u>1986</u>
<u>MEMBERS FUNDS</u>		
6,682.04	Accumulated Funds as at 30/9/86	7,441.66
759.62	Surplus of Income over Expenditure	688.55
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\$7,441.66	Members Funds	\$8,130.21
<u>ASSETS</u>		
993.06	Cash at Bank	1,034.01
98.00	Sundry Debtors	-
360.00	Stock on Hand - Dress Jumpers	168.00
117.00	- Jerseys S/S	296.00
60.00	- Ties	550.00
-	- Cloth Badges	300.00
195.80	- Metal Lapel Badges	64.40
50.00	- Shorts	10.00
-	- Sox	105.00
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\$ 782.80	Total Stock on Hand	\$1,493.40
18.00	Beer Glasses	18.00
56.00	Souvenir Glasses (from Trading Stock)	56.00
28.80	Flags	28.80
5,500.00	Half Share in Referees Room	5,500.00
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\$7,476.66	Total Assets	\$8,130.21
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
35.00	Sundry Liabilities	NIL
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\$7,441.66	Total Members Funds	\$8,130.21

I have examined the books and accounts and verified the stock valuation of the Queensland Junior Referees' Association and in my opinion, the accompanying statement of receipts and payments for the financial year ended 30th September, 1986 and the Balance Sheet of that date gives a true and fair view of the results of this Association according to the explanation given to me in the books of accounts.

JOHN L. QUINN  
1/10/86



## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The 1986 season has proved to be long and hard for all our members with some 781 fixtures having been appointed to. Our complete list of appointments shows some 50 referees - 8 less than last year, with 14 members each refereeing 20 games or more. Some of the more notable achievements being 6 games by one referee during the course of a single weekend, 2 members refereeing 5 games and 3 members 4 games. Two of these members completing the feat twice and the other member on three occasions. Needless to say the Association never failed to appoint a referee on request throughout the season, a point which should give everyone a great deal of satisfaction.

Early in the season problems arose with the fixture list being constantly changed and various clubs not fulfilling their obligations and of course not informing anyone of such changes, a trend carried out by one club in particular throughout the season. There have also been problems with our mailing system, some referees not receiving their appointments from us. This is one area which will be looked at very carefully before next season.

Several new members have joined our ranks during the year, with several more promising to do so prior to the 1987 season commencing, always a healthy sign and one which we must try to encourage. Many of our members have been assessed during the season not an easy task with so many fixtures to appoint to. Also we have received many excellent reports from various clubs and colleges who have been most impressed with our member's expertise. I feel sure we will be asked to appoint to more fixtures in the G.P.S and T.A.S. competitions, again a healthy sign.

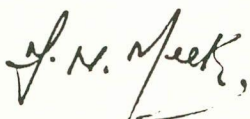
One of the disappointments of the season has been the ongoing abuse of referees by spectators a trend which I feel is on the increase. The sad part about it is the majority of the abuse is stemmed from sheer ignorance, ignorance of the laws of the game. During the past two years the laws have changed dramatically and this season we had changes half way through. In one recent semi-final an under 16 club coach was unaware that the team in possession of the ball in a maul situation being on the move or stationary got the feed at the ensuing scrum. If the teams are not coached in the proper manner, then what chance has the referee of enforcing the laws, and is it any wonder abuse is poured forth when the coaches themselves do not understand a basic law. Other than clubs printing amendments to the laws or handing out Law Books, up to date editions of course. I fail to see whatever else can be done to educate these people. Perhaps every club and college should hold a pre-season seminar on 'The Laws of Rugby Football'. I am sure we could provide plenty of volunteers to go along and lecture.

Our member's continue to achieve personal mile stones - amongst which were the following:

Christopher Burnett	150 games
Michael Lalor	150
John Dee	100
Frank Meek	100
Ross Mewett	100
Brian Toohey	100
John Bishop	50
Rod Brockett	50
Darren Breuer	50

I hope the members continue to chalk up the numbers in 1987. Congratulations.

On conclusion I wish to thank all those referees who did that 'extra' game usually at very short notice, through no fault of anyones other than the club concerned. To member's of the executive committee and to all who contributed in anyway large or small to making our association the best in 1986.



F.N. Meek  
Registrar.



### NEW ZEALAND INTERCHANGE - 1986

My wife and I left Brisbane on Tuesday 22nd July and arrived in Auckland at about midnight. Next morning we flew to New Plymouth and were met by Clive Wheeler. My first game was not until Saturday so there was plenty of time to see the sights of Taranaki.

On Saturday I refereed an U21 club game between Stratford and Opunake with Stratford winning 18-3. The weather was very cold, wet and windy but ball handling by both sides was most impressive.

The next day I refereed the Dean Cup, which is the oldest rugby trophy in New Zealand. I was quite honoured to be appointed to this match as it held great importance to the competing teams of Whangamomona and Strathmore. The cup was retained by the home side Whanga, after winning a very close match by 6-3.

On Thursday we drove to New Plymouth where I refereed a first grade schoolboy game between New Plymouth Boys High and Palmerston North Boys High. This was a highly spirited game which saw Palmerston victors with a score of 12-0.

The standard of rugby which I experienced in Taranaki was very high. I was most impressed with the manner in which rugby was played. The game was very rugged, skilful and serious, yet once the match was over, all associated with the game were most pleasant and sociable.

This attitude was evident particularly in the hospitality shown to my wife and myself. The referees and their families who looked after us during our stay made us feel much more than welcome.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to experience the standard and friendliness of New Zealand rugby and would strongly encourage others who are offered this interchange to accept it at all possible. It really is a trip to be experienced to be believed.

Brian Toohey.



## WIFE'S REPORT - NEW ZEALAND 1986

I thank the QJRA for this opportunity to officially report on my trip to New Zealand. As I was accompanying Brian on a refereeing trip I was fully prepared to spend my twelve days living and breathing rugby. However, on the contrary, the trip was filled with not only rugby but sightseeing, shopping, dinner parties, meeting the local people and even a little farming.

It had been arranged for us to spend our time in New Zealand with three families, namely Mr and Mrs Clive Wheeler, Mr and Mrs Murray Dombroski and Mr and Mrs Roy Smith. The hospitality shown to us by each family was truly excellent. We were made to feel part of the family and were invited to participate in many activities associated with their family life, be it rugby or something else. It can be demanding entertaining a visitor let alone a married couple and I can honestly say that at no time did Brian or myself feel unwelcome. It appeared almost customary for our hosts to organise a trip sightseeing or a dinner party or something special so that we might enjoy our trip to the fullest.

The ladies we met through rugby added another dimension to our trip. When Brian had refereeing commitments I was always well looked after and enjoyed another side to rugby that perhaps we Aussie wives could well adopt when it's our turn to reciprocate. I watched all of the games Brian refereed and participated in all of the post-match functions. In doing so I had the opportunity to meet some of Taranaki's top ranked referees (and their wives) which was one highlight of the trip.

It is hard to convey in words what Brian and I felt in spirit without this letter becoming too long but I would like to thank the QJRA on their decision to sponsor a husband/wife referee exchange. I certainly enjoyed the experience and feel wives of future touring referees will undoubtedly enjoy themselves and participate in another facet of rugby not yet realised in Brisbane.

In closing, Brian and I would like to congratulate in advance, the husband/wife team making the trip in 1987 and hope that their trip will be as rewarding and enjoying as ours.

CHERYL TOOHEY