

QUEENSLAND
RUGBY REFEREES
ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT

1987

PRESENTED AT BALLYMORE

THIS ANNUAL REPORT IS DEDICATED
TO THE MEMORY OF MURRAY MCNAE,
A SERVING MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION.
HE IS SADLY MISSED BUT FONDLY
REMEMBERED.

1987

PRESIDENT	PETER BECHTEL
PAST-PRESIDENT	CHRIS OXENFORD
VICE-PRESIDENT	TED APTED
SECRETARY	MARTIN DAUBNEY
TREASURER	JOE CARTER
ASSISANT SEC/TREASURER	CEC MENZIES
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	SEAN CUFFE
	TIM HARLAND
	PHIL JONES

HONORARY AUDITORS	Horwath & Horwath, 27 Turbot Street, Brisbane Qld 4000
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HONORARY SOLICITORS	McCafferty, Waters & Ward, 300 Queen Street, Brisbane Qld 4000
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I believe 1987 was the most important year in the history of the association. It was certainly the busiest. Not only did we play our part in the inaugural World Cup and indeed, provide the referee for the final, but we also experienced significant development in a number of important areas.

Our first major achievement for 1987 was the announcement of our official sponsors for the season, Hardy's Wines. Thanks to some good ground work by Bernie Fienberg, we were able to negotiate this generous sponsorship, our first, and one we hope will continue for many years to come. We thank Jim Hardy and Mike Evans of Hardy's Wines for allowing a young, enthusiastic executive to go about their business, in this, the association's busiest year, without having to allocate valuable time in that continual pursuit of fund raising. We hope our association has responded to your generosity by supporting your great wines and beverages.

Thanks once again to Allan Goad and Adidas for again donating 12 full "strips" including boots and tracksuits. We hope that every member of the association will have received a "free kit" within the next 2 years.

Thanks to Norbert Byrne and Terry Doyle for ensuring our new referee's rooms, opened early in the season, were as amenable as our old ones. Our relationship with the QRU has never been better and that is due in no small way to the efforts of these two men.

Ces and Tim and his team did a great job in "manning" the bar in the room during the year and special congratulations go to Sean Cuffe for organizing our magnificent new honour board. This board has not yet been paid for and any donations would be most welcome.

For the first time we ran our pre-season referees course alongside the National Coaching Panel's coaching course at Mooloolaba on the long weekend in January. Thanks to Ted Apted and his committee, as this weekend proved to be a successful learning exercise, as well as a lot of fun for all who attended.

Further to this pre-season course, another group of referees were selected to attend at advanced referees seminar in Sydney, organized by the Australian Society in co-ordination with the A.R.U. From all reports this proved to be an excellent seminar. Congratulations to Bernie Fienberg who joined Kerry Fitzgerald, Col Waldron and Barry Leask on the Australian Panel at this time.

May/June saw the pace quicken dramatically with rugby people from around the world arriving for the World Cup. I think many of the visiting referees declared Brisbane as the highlight of their trip and all credit for this should be given to Phil Jones and his hard working World Cup sub-committee. Thank you Phil and thank you to all who assisted in making the impression you did on the rugby world. Special congratulations to our own Kerry Fitzgerald on a great display in the final of the World Cup.

As if things weren't hectic enough at this time, we accommodated referees from the U.S.A. (2) and Canada, both "on and off the paddock" as well as our usual regular exchanges from Hamilton and Canterbury and a rather large contingent of non-english speaking Frenchmen!

Congratulations to our exchange referees, Mike Eastwood and Mark Powell, who visited Hamilton and Christchurch respectively and to Richard Bendeich and Gordon Johnstone who made the trip to Sydney later in the season. We also responded, hosting 2 Sydney referees as well as a ref from Papua New Guinea and, of course, our usual visitors from our own country areas.

On a more sombre note, we were saddened during the year at the death of Mrs. Daubney, our hard working secretary's mother, and Murray McNae, a senior member of our classification's committee. Our sincere sympathy to Martin and Ethel and their families at their sad loss.

In view of the considerable contribution made by Murray over the years, it was decided to change the John Minter Award to the Murray McNae Award. This award was presented to Chris Cohen at a gala "end of season" cocktail party at my house on 29th August. The other awards presented this evening were for the Most Improved Referee and the Association Member who contributed most during the year. The respective winners were Mark Powell and Don Duffell. Pewters were also presented to members of the association who have refereed 100 games or more. It is envisaged that these pewters will be displayed in a suitable cabinet in the referee's rooms and that they will be put to good use by the recipients from time to time when the occasion warrants!!

The Association Newsletter "In Club" kept us on our toes during the year, and proved to be a great success. We thank Richard Bendeich and Sean Cuffe for their contribution in this regard, as well as for their great work in keeping "The Board" up to date.

I was particularly pleased with the mighty effort put in by Chris Cohen in his role as Appointments Officer. It was his first attempt at this difficult job and he gave it everything. I must also congratulate Phil Jones and his Classifications committee for the enormous amount of time which they put into their brief during the season. It was pleasing to see Peter Galloway join this committee later in the season, as well as heading up our new Coaching Committee.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our executive Ted Apted, Martin Daubney, Joe Carter, Phil Jones, Tim Harland, Sean Cuffe and Cec Menzies for their outstanding contribution during the year. I most certainly appreciated your efforts and I know the members did also.

I hope you all, whether refereeing 4th grade or 1st grade, enjoyed the 1987 season and that you are looking forward to a bigger and better 1988.

PETER BECHTEL

TREASURERS REPORT

The Association enjoyed a profit of \$448.44 with a turnover of \$14,485.15.

This turnover was attributed to the Association obtaining a major sponsor, namely Hardys Wines and the members usage of the Adidas clothing sponsorship. Total sponsorship and donations contributed \$4,150.00 of our turnover and this reliance on "outside" support, whilst most welcome, forms 29% of our income, a percentage which I consider needs to be addressed by the incoming committee. The sponsorships are negotiated on a year to year basis and it is hoped will continue for the 1988 season.

The Association incurred a number of one off expenses namely, the centurian pewters and the new honour board and incorporation expenses, and it is anticipated there will be no major expenditure during the 1988 season.

Financial membership continues to grow as demonstrated below:-

1985	62 members
1986	77 members
1987	86 members

Contribution of only \$300.00 from the Rooms Account was disappointing and discussions with that committee have taken place to improve their contribution to the Association.



J.E. CARTER
TREASURER

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST OCTOBER, 1987

<u>1986</u>		<u>1987</u>
\$17,437.08	RECEIPTS	\$14,485.15
<u>16,855.89</u>	PAYMENTS	<u>14,036.71</u>
\$ 581.19	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	\$ 448.44
\$ 650.37	ADD CASH AT BANK 31.10.86	\$ 407.28
<u>1,152.81</u>	ADD CASH AT INVESTMENT A/C	
	31.10.86	\$1,977.09
\$ 2,384.37		<u>\$ 2,832.81</u>

REPRESENTED BY

407.28	CHEQUE ACCOUNT	\$ 505.06
<u>1,977.09</u>	INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	<u>\$ 2,327.75</u>
\$ 2,384.37		<u>\$ 2,832.81</u>

The Association has debtors of \$209.50 owing by members for purchases of clothing and recovery of these monies is expected in full.

A creditor is owed approximately \$1,600.00 for the replacement and sign writing to the Honour Board. The account is yet to be received, however the Association is in a position to satisfy the account.

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

<u>1986</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1987</u>
\$ 1,540.00	Subscriptions	\$ 1995.00
216.00	Sales - Cloth Badges	269.00
30.00	- Lapel Badges	20.00
00.00	- Manuals	130.00
39.00	- Whistles	21.00
190.00	- Ties	436.00
210.00	- Jumpers	470.00
125.00	- Shirts	00.00
791.00	- Adidas	3,534.47
.00	- Photos	120.00
.00	- Postage	6.50
21.00	- Play the Whistle	00.00
.00	- Video	35.00
990.00	Functions	
100.00	- Annual Dinner	2,928.02
1,629.00	- Life Members	00.00
3,500.00	- Visiting Referees	00.00
	Sponsorship	3,100.00
	Donations	
818.00	- General	800.00
	- Honour Board	250.00
166.00	Interest	300.16
.00	Contra	70.00
1,725.00	Art Union	00.00
25.00	Affiliation Fees	00.00
400.00	ASSR Advertising	00.00
360.00	ARU Reimbursement	00.00
<u>\$12,875.00</u>		<u>\$ 14,485.15</u>

<u>1986</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>1987</u>
\$ 100.00	ASSR - Affiliation	100.00
390.00	- Seminar	600.00
	Functions	
50.00	- QRU	00.00
1,603.00	- Annual Dinner	2,673.25
139.00	- Pre Season	841.20
.00	- Special	145.59
2,800.00	- Visiting Referees	
.00	- Exchanges & Sponsors	2,008.20
.00	- Life Members	400.00
105.00	Printing & Stationary	494.90
350.00	Secretarial Expenses	348.00
13.00	Bank Charges	24.45
1,190.00	Art Union Disbursement	00.00
79.00	Advertising	00.00
	Purchases	
.00	- Photos	290.00
219.00	- Jumpers	495.40
545.00	- Cloth Badges	00.00
1,792.00	- Ties	00.00
44.00	- Whistles	00.00
533.00	- Classification Board	120.00
.00	- Video	30.00
.00	- Pins	162.50
998.00	- Adidas	3,901.44
.00	Contra	70.00
209.00	Trophies & Gifts	1,000.73
.00	Incorporation Expenses	246.05
.00	Honour Board - Lights	35.00
.00	Floral Tributes	50.00
1,000.00	QJRRRA - Ushering	00.00
50.00	Donations	00.00
85.00	Signwriting	00.00
<u>\$12,294.00</u>		<u>\$ 14,036.71</u>
<u>\$ 581.00</u>	Excess of Receipts over payments	<u>\$ 448.44</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that I have examined the accompanying Receipts and Payments Statement prepared from the transactions recorded in the books of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association for the Year ended 31st October, 1987.

In my opinion the Receipts and Payments Statement gives a true and fair view of the recorded transactions of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association for the year ended 31st October, 1987.

HORWATH & HORWATH
A.R. TAYLOR
PARTNER.

CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

No report could commence satisfactorily without reference to the passing of Murray McNae in July. His membership of this Committee goes back many years and he was still active at the time of his death. In fact he was due to watch referees at Kenmore the following day. Always forthright, often dogmatic, he was a stickler for keeping strictly to the Laws of the Game. He could antagonise those he counselled but his advice was always worth listening to and difference of opinion never affected the friendship which we all enjoyed. One of his great assets, in recent years was his ability to recognise a referee's value and to place him in the order of classification. He was rarely proved wrong. His passing leaves a place on the Classification Committee which will not be easy to fill.

His passing also adds to the list of those who withdrew from the original list of ten members of this committee leaving only Nigel Clark, Don Duffell, John Forbes, Don Jowett and myself with the welcome addition of Peter Galloway midway through the season.

To those who are statistically minded the following may indicate something:

	REPORTS ON:				
	a. Members	b. Visting Refs.	c. Country Refs.	d. N.T.R.U. Refs.	e. Total
By Classificn. Comm.	237	15	16	12	280
By Others	12	5			17
By Country Assrs.			28		28
	249	20	44	12	325

However you look at them these figures represent a lot of work. Every member who handled more than four games during the season was reported on, most several times. There were numerous other occasions when referees were seen but not reported on. The total of 280 reports issued by members of this committee is, once again, a record.

During the year members of the Classification Committee visited Darwin, Townsville and Mt. Isa to assist in the development of referees while Jack Ezzy also visited Bundaberg on our behalf.

Overall, we feel the standard of refereeing by members of this Association has improved steadily with an almost embarrassing number of referees capable of refereeing at the higher levels. Without wishing to detract from Kerry Fitzgerald's performances in the World Cup Competition leading to his ultimate selection

as the No. 1, and to whom we offer our most sincere congratulations, we feel it is an indication of the strength of this Association when we report that several others are not so very far behind in ability. We feel a number of our members, although lacking the experience, compare very favourably with visiting referees, including the World Cup Panel, and only a lack of opportunity will retard their progress to the highest levels. We are also aware of the quality and potential of a number of our younger referees. We believe the future for them, and for the Association, look bright.

With what we believe to be a record membership, there inevitably is a problem in sharing out the limited number of appointments so as to ensure progress at all levels while, at the same time, doing justice to the quality of the matches concerned. Equally, there is a problem in monitoring the progress of all members at one and the same time. Because of the need to make and promulgate appointments well in advance, up-to-date form could not be advised in time nor individual differences discussed. We are concerned, therefore, that, as was the case last season, we were not called upon to make a significant contribution until the final rounds, beyond producing periodic grading lists. We feel there is more to appointing referees than reference to grading lists. We are not convinced that it is possible or desirable to draw a strict or formal distinction between the function of classifying of referees and that of allocating them to specific matches particularly at the higher levels.

The formation of the Coaching Committee, under the chairmanship of a member of this committee, Peter Galloway, was welcomed and this should assist the work of this committee in assessing and counselling referees and in closely advising the Appointments Officer. We also see it as an introduction into the area of assessing and coaching for those senior referees who may be nearing the end of their active careers and who will be required to replace those of us who feel the need to lighten the load.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all members of this committee, senior referees and those members of the Country areas who regularly sent in reports, for their help during the year.

Q.R.U. Appointments Board

Three members of this committee served on the Q.R.U. Appointments Board which, because of the World Cup, was called upon to make fewer appointments than usual and, as most of those Representative Games took place in the first weeks of the season, almost all appointments were made before the season commenced.

The Fourx Cup Competition being predominantly a Country competition, appointments were given to Country referees and they appear to have acquitted themselves well.

P.A. Jones
Chairman

APPOINTMENTS OFFICER REPORT - 1987.

It is with regret that I cannot attend the Annual General Meeting due to work committments, please accept my appologies.

Beyond my expectations, the unique system of Availability Forms covering each round of the season, has been the most successful facet of appointments this year. Coupled with Terry Doyle's advanced draws of games, which I am indebted for, I was able to send out up to one month in advance. Practically this became no less than fortnightly in advance.

Flexibilty is undoubtedly the keynote to any Appointments system. To all my fellow referees, your flexibility and co-operation has made the 1987 season, comfortable for myself to perform the task. I thank each and every referee for your support and congradulate yourselves for making your Appointments system a success.

To Peter Bechtel and the Executive Committee congradulations on steering our Association to a new level of acceptance with the Q.R.U., Clubs and Schools. I have found yourself and the Executive to be totally supportive in the performance of my duties. Well done please keep it up next year!

I have tried to be totally fair, unbiased and subserviant (!) in my duties as Appointment Officer. The single aim of giving every referee equal numbers of games and a fair spread within the grades, subject to availability, was forever applied. I believe I have given my best and in return I was given your best - lets keep it up, with Peter during the 1988 season.

CHRIS COHEN.

EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Three new members successfully completed examinations this year - Peter Murphy, John Raukete and Christopher Leeson. Three other recruits have been unable sit for the examination this year but are keen to join us in 1988 (Matthew Dodson, Murray Forbes, John Osborne).

A search for new recruits was undertaken in the final stages of the season via an advertisement and a small news item in the sports section of The Courier-Mail (5/9/87) and five new members responded to an invitation to attend a meeting on 9/9/87. These were Keith Jennings, Greg Mitchell, Bernie Maume, Brad Lauder and Peter Miller. A series of coaching sessions have been organised with a view to having these people complete their examinations before the start of the 1988 season.

The Examinations Committee has been reviewing practices for assessing members' knowledge of law. The Chairman visited kindred associations in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland to explore their approaches. We hope to recommend changes to the Executive in early 1988 for improvements in this area.

Barrie O'Connor (Chairman)
Chris Cohen
Dennis Woodman

NAME	DEBUT YEAR	NO OF YEARS	TOTAL GAMES	1987 TOTAL	I	II	III	IV	V	SDA	SDB
M. Abel	1979	9	151	20	-	4	5	1	-	1	-
E. Apted	1981	7	156	24	6	-	-	-	-	4	-
G. Austin	1986	2	9	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
P. Bechtel	1976	12	231	26	-	10	-	-	-	3	-
D. Beirne	1987	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
R. Bendeich	1978	11	217	32	6	5	-	-	-	1	-
L. Bingham	1981	7	100	9	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
D. Boyle	1981	7	71	14	-	-	1	1	1	-	2
A. Broad	1970	16	314	26	8	-	-	-	-	3	-
J. Brown	1987	1	18	18	-	-	-	3	-	-	1
A. Watson-Brown	1986	2	17	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
K. Buchanan	1984	4	34	10	-	-	1	-	3	-	-
C. Burnett	1985	3	43	22	-	-	5	2	-	-	3
N. Carmody	1986	2	22	18	-	-	-	3	1	-	-
J. Carroll	1987	1	8	8	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
J. Carter	1982	6	130	24	5	4	1	-	-	5	-
P. Casey	1986	2	17	17	-	2	1	2	-	1	1
G. Clark	1986	2	16	15	-	-	3	2	-	2	1
C. Cohen	1982	6	212	24	-	-	6	2	2	6	1
A. Cole	1984	4	83	22	-	7	-	-	-	3	1
S. Cuffe	1984	4	91	40	-	1	7	9	1	1	2
M. Daubney	1984	4	53	6	-	-	1	3	-	-	2
M. Daubney	1984	4	24	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
R. Davies	1984	4	50	14	-	-	-	2	5	-	-
J. Dee	1985	3	47	12	-	-	2	3	1	-	1
P. Dempsey	1986	2	26	21	-	-	-	3	3	-	-
A. Dunne	1986	2	41	28	-	7	2	-	1	4	1
M. Eastwood	1986	2	34	18	-	6	3	1	-	3	-
D. Edwards	1986	2	26	16	-	-	-	1	5	-	1
J. Ezzy	1981	7	155	34	4	1	-	-	-	6	-
B. Fienberg	1975	13	223	24	7	1	-	-	-	-	-
K. Fitzgerald	1976	12	278	32	11	-	-	-	-	1	-
M. Gahan	1983	5	65	23	-	2	4	5	-	2	2
P. Galloway	1978	10	192	15	-	3	-	-	1	2	-
G. Gardiner	1985	3	40	19	-	-	1	3	1	-	2
T. Harland	1981	7	77	23	-	-	10	1	-	1	3
G. Howard	1978	10	215	26	5	-	-	-	-	2	-
B. Howden	1987	1	14	14	-	-	2	1	4	2	1
A. Iveson	1984	4	54	4	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
G. Johnstone	1986	2	36	22	-	1	3	2	-	1	3
M. Kiley	1987	1	25	25	-	-	-	2	2	1	-
K. Kleinschmidt	1986	2	11	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
G. Lawson	1981	7	124	19	-	6	-	-	-	1	1
M. Lalor	1972	15	240	12	-	-	-	4	1	-	-
C. Leeson	1987	1	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
B. Leask	1977	11	249	31	10	1	-	-	-	1	-
D. Lindsay	1986	2	32	16	5	-	-	-	-	1	-
F. Meek	1977	11	147	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
T. Mellick	1986	2	33	17	-	-	1	2	2	-	1
K. Muir-McCarey	-	-	16	16	-	-	-	2	3	-	1
C. Mills	1987	1	17	17	-	2	6	1	-	-	1
P. Murphy	1987	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
B. O'Connor	1967	21	184	20	-	5	-	1	1	1	-
C. Oxenford	1966	22	451	17	9	-	-	-	-	2	-
G. Palmer	1982	6	54	23	-	4	5	-	-	2	4
T. Parsons	1987	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
G. Pegg	1987	1	10	10	-	-	2	3	-	-	1
M. Powell	1980	8	80	25	4	5	-	-	-	3	-
J. Raukete	1987	1	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
S. Riley	1986	2	34	20	-	4	2	-	-	1	1
P. Roush	-	-	9	9	-	-	3	3	1	-	-
D. Simpkins	1982	6	97	19	-	-	4	3	2	-	3
G. Smith	1985	3	29	7	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
N. Smith	1982	6	102	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
L. Thomas	1983	5	55	17	-	-	1	4	-	-	1
A. Twigg	1986	2	25	16	-	-	-	6	1	-	-
M. Vincent	1981	7	75	16	-	5	1	-	-	2	3
C. Waldron	1968	20	500	26	10	-	-	-	-	2	-
M. Yeates	1986	2	13	7	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
S. Young	1987	1	24	24	-	-	-	5	2	-	1
D. Woodman	1985	3	56	30	-	-	2	1	2	-	2
B. Meehan	1984	4	57	11	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

SDC	SD U/21	C1	C2	C3	COLL	GPS 1st XV	TAS 1st XV	OTHER	REP
-	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	-	-
-	-	3	-	-	-	6	-	2	3
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STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

Statistically speaking 1987 was a significant year. Emphasis was placed on the need to keep accurate records and the new executive committee resolved to create the position of "Club Statistician" to accurately record, collate and present the stats in a workable format.

Recording the statistics was made easier this year due to the accuracy of the records kept by the Appointments Officer Chris Cohen. I would like to thank him for his diligence and co-operation in this area. Thanks also to Phil Jones for his efforts in keeping us up to date on the activity of his "spies". He is hampered somewhat in that there is a time lag on his receipt of reports. His efforts in collating information are significant and my thanks go to him.

Collating and presenting the statistics was done week by week, and entered on the board for display. Members were able to monitor their progress and point out any discrepancies if they arose. This board has proved to be a resounding success.

Thanks go to my scribe Richard Bendeich, who instigated the changes in format at the end of 1986 which proved to be invaluable this year. The job of recording the data on the board is tedious and laborious, and many hours go into the presentation of the data. My thanks to Richard for perservering with his task for the year.

Looking forward to next year, things can only grow from here. We have made significant progress with the whole mechanism for recording, collating and presenting statistics, and look forward to further growth in this area.

Sean Cuffe
Club Statistician

JUDICIARY

The 1987 season proved to be a busy one for the Judiciary Committee. The Committee met on twenty-five occasions during the thirty week season. The most players cited to appear on the one night was seven on the 1st July, 1987.

Three players are yet to appear for offences committed. All three are serious in nature.

As the referees' appointed member, I am disturbed at the number of appeals that are lodged and are relatively successful in that a surprising number of sentences are reduced.

There are four members on the Judiciary Committee. Three have now served two years together and two five years. I wonder if the members and referees on occasions are just wasting their efforts.

Reports in grades are as follows:-

	<u>SENIOR</u>				<u>SUB DIST</u>			<u>COLTS</u>		
1.	II	III	IV	V	I	II	III	I	II	III
2.	13	5	4	2	3	1	2	9	8	5
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My thanks to Mr P. Bechtel for his assistance on the occasions I could not attend.

G.J. SHEEHAN O.A.M.,

We believe it has been the most dramatic year in the Rooms history. At the beginning of the season the Q.R.U. almost presented us with a *fait accompli* by evicting us from our old Room and providing us with a new one half the size. Had it not been for some quick action and top-level negotiation particularly by Peter Bechtel, Tim Harland, and Cec Menzies we would not have anywhere near the extremely spacious home we now possess.

Unfortunately as a result of this changeover the Association was without its H.Q. until the week before the World Cup in early May. It was necessary for us to meet in the variety of venues around Ballymore quickly organised by Cec Menzies and naturally there was no income from the Room in the first few months of the season. Just prior to the World Cup a working bee managed to get the Room into some sort of presentable working order to get us through the season thanks to Cec Menzies, Sean Cuffe, Richard Bendeich, Bernie Fienberg and Tim Harland who assisted. A special thank you to Hardy's Wines for their generous donations which have assisted to decorate the Room.

Then suddenly the World Cup was upon us and we didn't think any of us fully realised what a huge strain that was going to place on us. We were proud to play hosts to International World Cup Referees from Australia, France, England, Scotland and Ireland, along with a host of other visitors from French Federation Rugby Officials to Tongan and Canadian referees to a variety of U.S., Canadian and English Rugby touring sides. The actual World Cup Match days were bedlam and we feel an apology at this time to our Members for the conditions they found in their Room is appropriate. We hope you all however were able to enter into the spirit of the occasion and your generous attitude to hosting and assisting our many visitors did you proud. We must place on record our special thanks to those Members who assisted to keep the Room running at full steam during that incredible period and in particular Sean Cuffe, Richard Bendeich, Mark Powell and Paul Dempsey. Thanks also to Barry Leask for operating the Bar on Meeting nights.

After we came out of the state of shock from the World Cup we have slowly commenced working towards making our Room a real showpiece. The installation of the new Honours Board for Grand Final Day is an indication of the quality of look and appointments that we eventually plan for the Room. Currently on the drawing board is the installation of our Trophy Cabinet where our many valued gifts etc. can be displayed along with the special Century Pewters awarded to all current referees who achieve the 100 games and over categories. Other innovations in the pipeline include curtains to cut off the blinding setting sun through our western windows, the purchase of new bar glasses and other necessary items etc. and consideration of rejuvenation of the old Honours Board for some other practical use.

On the financial side profits have not been high. Despite the huge turnover in liquor sales from the middle of the season on there have been a couple of factors which have influenced the

end of year results. Our audited financial year is enclosed with this report and it can be seen that the Room currently has \$1,185.00 profit in the bank. We were pleased to donate \$300.00 to both the Senior and Junior Association to assist with their annual end of year functions. As stated earlier our profits were not perhaps as high as some may have expected. The reasons are quite simple (I) we maintained the same price sales structure from 1986 and our profit margins from our sales to you our Members is quite minimal (II) during the World Cup period we made some huge purchases (including some from Hardy's Wines) and it would appear that our costings on some items were probably too low resulting in little or no profit at all despite high turnover. However we hope all Members will be a little indulgent when considering the great fun we all had, which also included 2 or 3 functions where free drinks were provided to Members.

However in conclusion we would again like to place on record our belief that your Room should be run for the benefit and enjoyment of Members and not as a high profit-making venture. We hope all Members are happy to endorse this policy and that it is continued in future years.

For and on behalf of the Rooms Committee

TIM HARLAND
Chairman

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1987

1986		1987
<u>INCOME</u>		
959.14	Gross Profit from Trading	1412.71
40.00	Room Hire	-
204.00	Raffles	130.30
43.23	Interest on Cheque Account	26.98
-	Interest on Bank Term Deposit	37.97
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1246.37		1607.96
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
137.52	Insurance	147.52
263.85	Repairs to Refrigeration Compressor	101.00
-	Repairs to Refrigeration Glass Door	28.00
4.85	Federal Debit Tax	5.85
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406.22		282.37
840.15	Net Income/Surplus	1325.59
	Less Transfers to	
500.00	- Q.R.R.A.	300.00
500.00	- Q.J.R.R.A.	300.00
	less Purchase of 24 Chairs	168.00
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1000.00		768.00
<u>(\$159.85)</u>	Cash Surplus/Deficit	<u>\$557.59</u>

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1987

1986		1987
1036.05	Cash at Bank 30/9/86	1015.51
3503.23	Receipts	5193.38
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4539.28		6208.89
3523.77	Disbursements	5050.69
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1015.51	Cash at Bank 30/9/87	1158.20
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\$1015.51	Balance as per Bank Statement	\$1158.20

TRADING STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1987

3216.00	Sales	4998.13
	less Cost eg Sales:	
187.48	Stock on Hand Previous Year 30/9/86	48.17
1879.50	Purchases - Beer, Spirits & Wine	3840.22
238.05	- Soft Drinks	160.10
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2305.03	Cost of Goods Available for Sale	4048.49
48.17	Stock, on Hand Current Year 30/9/87	463.07
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2256.86	Cost of Goods Sold	3585.42
\$ 959.14	Gross Profit from Trading	\$1412.71
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WORLD CUP

The Society had a very busy year hosting referees from all parts of the world. It was a great experience to host referees of all levels and to give our referees the opportunity to swap ideas and experiences. The Society would like to thank all referees and associations who helped host these referees and make the World Cup such a great success.

COACHING

The referee coaching course this year, being allied closely to the playing of the game, appears to have been a success. It is important for referees to always consider the players requirements and their difficulties.

MANUAL

The manual printed this year seems to have been well received. The manual has been produced with the aim of being current for at least 3 years and is available from the Treasurer.

ADVANCES REFEREES COURSE

The course was held early this season with promising referees participation from each state. The Society realizes the importance of maintaining our high standard of refereeing as such courses will be part of this plan in the future.

SPONSORSHIP

TNT once again very generously supported the Society. Our coaching efforts and the coverage of all parts of Australia would not be possible without their support. Also extensive financial and logistic support was received from the Australian Rugby Football Union and the Australian Government.

1988 CONVENTION CANBERRA

ACT are going to great efforts to make it the best convention to date. Start the season on an enthusiastic note and attend the conference.

UNIFORM

The Society socks have been changed to Green with Gold hoops. These should be worn for Australian Panel appointments. Negotiations are being held with clothing manufacturers for a general uniform.

N.Z. CONVENTION

Lindsay Smith represented the Society at this year's N.Z. Convention. We feel this official exchange is important for maintenance of close relationships with New Zealand referees.

PANEL SYSTEM

A revised grading system is being formulated. The aim of the changes is to provide a clearly defined system which will ensure referees at the International level will maintain their standard and referees from all states or territories, with the ability, can achieve the highest standard.

C.A. WALDRON

AUSTRALIAN LAWS COMMITTEE

As there was a moratorium on Law changes until after the World Cup, the committee addressed itself mainly to questions of law interpretation.

During 1988 I feel there are some important issues that the committee and all people interested in Rugby should consider.

1. Ruck, maul, tackle and player laying on the ground. This part of the law should be simplified. It should be worded so that it can be interpreted uniformly by referees, coaches and players. At present there are variations of interpretations between individual referees, between referee associations within Australian and also between countries.
2. Lineout. The lineout law is too complicated. Again it is too open for a referee to police his favourite lineout law and ignore the rest. In fact, he must do this if we are to have any play from lineouts.
3. Laws for juniors and seniors. Every effort must be made to have one uniform Book of Rugby Laws.

C.A. WALDRON

1987 GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

1st Grade	K. Fitzgerald
2nd Grade	B. Leask
3rd Grade	J. Carter
4th Grade	P. Casey
5th Grade	S. Cuffe
Colts I	E. Apted
Colts II	G. Lawson
Colts III	M. Eastwood
Sub-Dist. A	J. Ezzy
Sub-Dist B	A. Cole
Sub-Dist C	C. Burnett
Sub-Dist U/21	T. Harland

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE PANEL MEMBERS:

K. Fitzgerald
C. Waldron
B. Leask
B. Fienberg

1987 SUB-COMMITTEES

CLASSIFICATIONS:	P. Jones (Chairman), N. Clark, D. Duffell, J. Forbes, P. Galloway, D. Jowett
Q.R.U. APPOINTMENTS:	P. Jones, D. Duffell, D. Jowett
APPOINTMENTS OFFICER:	C. Cohen
JUDICIARY:	G. Sheehan
LECTURES:	E. Apted
Q.R.U. COUNCIL:	P. Bechtel
A.S.R.R.:	P. Bechtel, C. Waldron
A.R.U. LAWS COMMITTEE:	C. Waldron
Q.R.U. LAWS COMMITTEE:	E. Apted, K. Fitzgerald, C. Oxenford, C. Waldron
Q.J.R.R.A.:	C. Menzies
Q.J.R.U.:	C. Menzies
SOCIAL:	T. Harland, S. Cuffe
CLUBROOM:	T. Harland, S. Cuffe, B. Leask
Q.R.U. DEVELOPMENT:	M. Daubney
BILLOTS:	P. Bechtel, P. Dempsey
EXAMINATIONS:	B. O'Connor, C. Cohen, D. Woodman
STATISTICS:	S. Cuffe

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