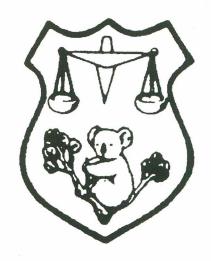
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QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC

Queensland Rugby Referees Association Inc.

Annual Report 1997

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1997

My first year as President of the Association has been very challenging as well as rewarding. The Management Committee worked very well with their portfolio responsibilities and were able to introduce new policies. The more important being the Association By-Laws, Referee Coaching and Development and Referee Interchange in South-East Queensland.

The introduction and approval of the By-Laws has proven successful as these statutes have been utilised already this year. Much work was done by Chris Newton to develop and implement these Buy-Laws and many thanks are extended to him for his time and effort.

Through liaison with the Queensland Rugby Union Board, the Queensland Referees Appointment Board changed their title to Queensland Referees Development Board to suit the extended objectives of this committee. Those objectives being the identification, coaching, development and appointment of referees throughout Queensland to a higher level of competition. Games appointed to are the Incitec Country Championships and other representative games controlled by the QRU.

The Q.R.R.A. and this Board are looking for opportunities to develop referees and have selected Gold Coast Schools Carnival week as an ideal avenue to further develop referees from all Queensland branches. It is intended to have a number of Referee Coaches residing with the referees during the week to enable more discussion time for critique on their performance.

Interchanging of referees has occurred in previous years and during 1997 our policy was to expand on this by developing better links with the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and Darling Downs. With these links in place, it is intended in 1998 to develop a system that will see a regular interchange of referees within the South-East Queensland area that will be a benefit to all involved.

Congratulations are extended to Cole Barrett on his appointment as the Referee Coaching Director with the QRU and we wish him well in his job. Cole took over from Berney Fienberg when he accepted a Coaching Directors position with Hong Kong Rugby Union in August.

This year the Association took back the responsibility for the ordering and sale of referees gear that had previously been done by the QRU. While the Committee recognises that there were initial problems with the sale of uniforms, 1998 will be much more organised. I must thank Andrew Connor who took on this portfolio for his time and effort.

Looking back over the year, there were many highlights and personal goals achieved. The Woodlands Camp was highly successful and the theme and focus made for a very enjoyable weekend. Credit goes to Kim Buchanan for his organisation of the many challenging topics.

Our Australian panel referees are to be congratulated on their achievements throughout the year. Major achievements were Andrew Cole's appointment to his First Test as well as his selection as touch judge for tests in NZ and in England later this year and the appointment of Barry Leask to the Women's test in Brisbane. To all other referees who were selected to referee at Australian carnivals and those who were selected for Grand Finals, my congratulations on your efforts.

Congratulations must also go to all referees who were appointed games in the Incitec Cup. Hopefully 1998 will bring a new direction in the development of country referees who aspire to this level. Identification, training and planning for next years referees who will be involved has already started and our new Coaching Director, Cole Barrett, will be assisting here.

Finally, I wish to thank the Myer Centre, our Major Sponsor, for their continued support of Refereeing in Queensland and the QRU for their administrative support. I also wish to thank all members of the Management Committee for their dedication, efforts and support throughout the year. A special thanks to Frank Mieklejohn for standing in as Secretary while Terry O'Connor was absent. Last, but not least, to Peter Grofton, Cole Barrett and Tony Mellick, our appointment officers, many thanks and congratulations on the way you carried out your duties during 1997.

Geoff Pegg President

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREE'S ASSOCIATION INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Year Ended 30th September 1997

	30/9/97	30/9/96
INCOME	\$	\$
Sponsorship & Donations	6,400.00	26,598.40
Equipment (uniforms etc.)	8,455.00	0.00
Entertainment	90.00	0.00
Subscriptions	5,040.00	3,895.00
Interest	246.39	103.88
Fund Raising Lunch (net of cash expenses)	11,677.00	3,540.00
Room's Committee Donation	590.35	500.00
Merchandise - ties etc.	28.00	105.00
Annual Dinner	1,446.00	2,735.00
Referee Room Bar Takings	3,726.00	4,407.40
Annual Camp	5,255.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	42,953.74	41,884.68
EXPENDITURE		
Auditors Remuneration	295.00	275.00
Affiliation Fees	110.00	100.00
Annual Dinner	4,545.00	5,308.60
Bank Charges	159.48	58.65
Courier	44.05	33.60
Cost of Uniforms sold & uniform expenses	4,616.76	2,240.00
Equipment - mobile phones, tables & chairs	1,076.28	0.00
Entertainment Expenses	2,900.37	1,556.31
Fund Raising Lunch	11,479.00	0.00
Fees & Permits	136.00	74.50
Insurance	367.20	298.38
Merchandise	240.00	1,100.00
Match Tickets	0.00	660.00
Official Dinners	200.00	0.00
Postage	347.20	163.50
Printing and Stationery	637.40	3,948.76
Pre Season Camp	7,783.00	866.60
Referees Room Purchases	1,660.85	0.00
Sundry Expenses	398.72	524.00
Trainining & Fitness	2,000.00	1,250.00
Telephone Expenses	4,397.71	1,651.81
Travelling Expenses	4,825.70	6,857.30
Trophies & Gifts	1,234.75	235.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	49,454.47	27,202.01
	10,101.17	
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(6,500.73)	14,682.67

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREE'S ASSOCIATION INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Year Ended 30th September 1997

	Note	30-Sep-97 \$	30-Sep-96
MEMBERS FUNDS		Ψ	\$
Accumulated Profits - Beginning of Year		19,856.82	5,174.15
Net Profit/(Loss) this year		(6,500.73)	14,682.67
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		13,356.09	19,856.82
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Represented by:			
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		9,286.59	14,358.42
Term Deposit		-	5,498.40
Stock on Hand - at cost	1	4,069.50	-
Total Assets		13,356.09	19,856.82
LIABILITIES	•		
LIABILITIES	2		
NET ASSETS		13,356.09	19,856.82

OUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to provide accounts which satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981. The management committee has determined that the Association is a non-reporting entity and therefore there is no requirement to apply Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of these statements.

These statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981. The statements are prepared on a cash basis, whereby items are brought to account as money is paid or received, from the records of the association. They are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuation of non-current assets.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies adopted by the Queensland Rugby Referees Association Inc in the preparation of the Financial Statements:-

(a) Income Tax

No provision has been made for Income tax as the association is exempt from Income Tax under the provisions of Section 23 (g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(b) Stock on Hand (Uniforms)

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(c) Equipment

All equipment are expensed as purchases when incurred due to immateriality. During the year ended 30 September 1997, the association has purchased equipment totalling \$1,076.28 comprising of two mobile phones (\$817), table and chairs (\$150) and other miscellaneous equipment (\$109.28).

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

2. TRADE CREDITORS

Accounts Payable	\$
QRU – Airfares	1,200.00
Other	48.65
Total	1,248.65

3. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

As at 30 September 1997, the Association had the following commitments:-

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1997 Annual Dinner	5,800.00
Uniform Stock Order	2,000.00
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4 TRADE DEBTORS

As at 30 September 1997, the Association had the following income outstanding:-

Accounts Receivable	\$
Sponsorship – Myer Centre	16,000.00
Sponsorship – GPS	2,000.00
Uniform Sales	755.00
Subscriptions	75.00
1997 Camp Fees	170.00
Total	19,000.00

Less: Doubtful Debts (subscriptions/camp fees)	_(245.00)
NET ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	18,755.00

AUDIT ADJUSTMENT JOURNALS TO ACCOUNTS SUBMITTED BY TREASURER

	Dr.	Cr.
_	\$	\$
Equipment	1,076.28	
Uniforms		487.28
Telephone Expenses		589.00
(reallocate purchase of misc. equipment and		
mobile phone to separate equipment a/c)		
Stock on Hand (B/S) Closing Stock (P&L)	4,069.50	4.040.70
(closing stock on hand @ 30/9/97)		4,069.50
Bar Takings *	2,250.00	
Purchases – drinks **	2,250.00	2,250.00
(elimination of cash floats from gross takings &	& nurchases)	2,230.00
*Cash floats have the effect of overstating gros ** Cash floats are not expenses/purchases	ss takings when re	banked

C.DONOVAN (B.Bus. AASCPA, Com. Dec.) Treasurer QRRA

CAIRNS AND DISTRICT RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

The executive of President Leigh Martin, Secretary John Jekyll and Treasurer Peter Falk was elected in 1997.

Early season competitions of the Hogs Breath Tens and the Tableland Sevens were successful events.

Soon after President Leigh Martin resigned as President and RDO for personal reasons and Russell Waghorn was elected President and Gordon Johnstone took over as RDO.

The appointments for the first round of the Incitec Cup were next; when no local referees were appointed some senior referees took offence and withdrew their services until further notice. With the unavailablity of these referees and with other referees occasionally unavailable due to business or personal reasons, those who officiated had to do multiple games each week to keep the schools and senior rugby alive.

To help this a referees Level I course was conducted on June 17 with 8 people attending. But the CDRURA was benefited by not one person joining the ranks. A resolution with our absent referees was reached in July and we headed into the final series with all available people on deck.

Women's Grand Final was done by Peter Dryden from Innisfail and was won by Innisfail over Centrals. Reserve grade Grand Final was done by Chris Leeson from Innisfail and won by Brothers over Cities. A grade Grand Final was done by Gordon Johnstone and won by Cities over Brothers.

We have had exchange referees arrive from interstate, New Zealand, UK and Japan as well as members from neighbouring Unions. This year our referees have officiated in other areas such as Townsville, P.N.G., Japan and Hong Kong.

Overall, 1997 was positive year where Rugby consolidated under a new CDRU committee. Our growth is primarily from new arrivals who come into town, because the local players won't risk being intimidated or assaulted by a local faction of the rugby crowd, but we continue to encourage anybody who wishes to become a referee.

Russell Waghorn President

DARLING DOWNS RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

The 1997 season has been somewhat of a rollercoaster ride for referees on the Downs. We commenced the season with around 33 referees and finished with the same number, which can be looked on a good result. This is in addition to a small but loyal group who assist with junior and school games, particularly in overload situations, and we extend our special thanks to those. A Level 2 course was conducted mid-year, both to upgrade some referees to the next level, and as a refresher for others who attended.

Unfortunately, the season was marred by several serious injuries to players (including one fatality) and, whilst any refereeing action was connected with these, any referee who has been involved in a game in which a serious injury occurs will attest to the reaction that is felt by all concerned. Nevertheless, the general standard of refereeing on the Downs was maintained at a high level, with the following members selected to handle Country Championship matches:

David Doherty Ian Forbes James Anderson

Congratulations to those, and to the following members who controlled the local Grand Finals:

C Grade

Stephen Connolly

B Grade

Ian Forbes

U/19

Brodie Bassingthwaighte

A Grade

David Doherty

We also congratulate the winning clubs, in particular University Rugby Club, who won the Risdon Cup for the third consecutive year.

A special "Thank You" is extended to our major sponsor, CottCo (Qld Cotton Corp) for their assistance with shirts and financially. Without their help, we would be severely restricted, particularly in terms of referee development. The BIG news for next season is that they have agreed to continue as our sponsors, and have committed \$5000 towards equipment etc. for 1998, with further support over a three year period. We are honoured to promote their business.

Finally, we thank the Association Executive (President - Marcus McManus, Treasurer - Rob Imray, and Secretary - James Anderson) for the time they have contributed. We look forward to a most successful 1998 season.

James Anderson Secretary

GOLD COAST BRANCH QRRA

The Branch had a successful season despite struggling with numbers of the majority of the season. A recruitment drive during the season has seen a number of new referees gain their Level 1 accreditation. Their involvement during 1998 should release the pressures on our current members.

The committee consisted of

President Royd Wallace
Vice President Terry Daysh
Secretary/Treasurer Ed Marconi

We were fortunate this season to have the sponsorship of the Coomera Lodge Hotel and General Insurance Brokers of Mermaid Beach. The Gold Coast and District Rugby Union also came to the party with financial assistance. The support of these three was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations of the Grand Final appointments to

Colts Andy Date
Thirds Ross Mitchell
Seconds Mick Eastwood
Firsts John Ferris

Due to injury, Ross Mitchell withdrew from the Thirds and was replaced by Andy Date. Peter Lingard then controlled the Colts game. Andy date also needed to take control of the Seconds after only 25, minutes due to Mick Eastwood sustaining an injury. Thankfully John Ferris lasted the distance in Firsts with a very polished performance.

Our annual dinner was well patronised, not only by our own members and their spouses, but also Gold Cost and District Rugby Union officials and club representatives. A feature of the night was the awarding of Life Membership to Phil Casey.

Our thanks must go to our President Royd Wallace for his efforts this season especially in the very difficult task of weekly appointments. The shortage of referees and last minute changes made his job even more difficult.

In conclusion, my thanks go to the members of our branch who, week in and week out, refereed games and/or backed up to "run touch". Their efforts were outstanding. Appreciation is also extended to their spouses who supported them in their efforts for rugby on the Gold Coast.

Ed Marconi Secretary

MACKAY RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Mackay referees were at a loss early this year having lost the overwhelming enthusiasm of our guru Kev O'Halloran to the "Shakey Isles". However this setback did not deter our intrepid contingent of masochists. This year began with the Airlie 10's but to the local association's amazement, direct communication was late and affected the number of Mackay refs who could make the trip. The few who did were well supported by Townsville and our thanks go to our comrades from the north.

The Incitec Cup saw three of our local members given a jersey. Damian Eales who had several games including the semi-final between Mt Isa and Townsville, Neil Sharp who travelled to Cairns and Emerald and myself who went to Rockhampton. We all agreed that these games benefited our refereeing skills. I look forward to a better prepared cup in 1998 particularly with respect to communication so a little local hospitality can be sampled.

Our local scene was disrupted by several clubs being unable to finish the season in both grades. We were fortunate to have Steve Hodge join us from Rockhampton this year and a few local players and explayers have swelled our ranks.

Bert Hayes has improved greatly this year and will be pushing for a more expansive role particularly after his and Steve's experience with the State Secondary Schools Championship held at Proserpine this year. School rugby continues to grow and several teachers have now qualified as Refs so another dedicated group of Rugby enthusiasts will have to shut up on the sidelines from now on.

Our finals Refs were U/19 Steve Hodge who had a splendid open running game which saw Proserpine defeat Kuttabul. Reserve grade Damien Eales who had a cliffhanger with Brothers edging out Proserpine 14-13 in the last minute of the match. The A grade where Slade Point held out a determined Bretheren outfit 17-10 was refereed by myself. We have maintained contact with the Kiwis and hope to have a trip one day to New Zealand to help sort out their refs.

My thanks on behalf of our association go to Steve Ryan as Secretary for his consistent up to date minutes, Rod Leach, our Treasurer, for making sure our funds were adequate for the end of season grop up. Grant Liddell for his invaluable titbits on how to help us all be better human beings instead of blind f*** dickheads. Thanks to all our local team members who helped keep the season rolling.

Guy Greenhill President

ROCKHAMPTON QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

The 1997 competition in Rockhampton covered an area from Rockhampton to Gladstone to Bioela and Moura. It also took in Mount Morgan, Gracemere and Capricorn Coast. We started the year with 10 active referees (for 12 games a weekend) and with the addition of 4 additional active members, we made it through the year. With one of the new referees slightly younger than our stalwarts, we managed to keep our average age at about 46 years of age. We are hoping to attract some younger whistleblowers next year to lower that even further.

The season for the Rockhampton District Rugby Union was successful. From a competition with 7 Senior teams, 6 Reserve Grade teams, 6 Under 19 teams and 6 Sub-District teams, 7 clubs were represented in the Grand Finals. In the Sub-Districts competition, City played Gracemere. Paul Hoolihan was the referee for this game. It may be his swansong as his half century has caught him up. The game was a very high standard and City played excellent rugby to run out winners by 22 to 10.

The Under 19 Final was played between University and Rockhampton Grammar School. Barry Vains refereed this game. The game went into extra time after being drawn at full time. University kicked a penalty in extra time to win by 21 to 18. The Reserve Grade between Frenchville Bulls and Colts was covered by Wayne Carolan. Wayne handled things well and Colts ran out winners by 8 to 7. The Senior Final was between Brothers and Frenchville Bulls. Trevor Hulme was the man in control of this game between two long time adversaries. At the RDRU presentation night on the 6th September, Trevor received a well deserved trophy voted by the Senior Coaches for Referee of the Year. Because of the expertise of Trevor, the game was a tribute to the two clubs who played. Brothers ran out winners by 23 to 15.

Our association has had the benefit of a sponsorship by The Morning Bulletin, the Capricornia region morning daily. Hopefully this sponsorship will continue in 1998. With the exception of one very experienced Touch Judge for the Sub-Districts final, our association was pleased to be able to provide fully qualified referees as touch judges for all finals.

The saddest aspect of Rugby as it is probably with many team sports is the irrational abuse and vitriol heaped on referees. Most people who volunteer (who has made any profit from refereeing district Rugby) become involved because they wish to contribute something to the game. We have a good core of very capable and experienced referees in this District who will continue to endeavour to provide support by ensuring that trained whistleblowers will continue to control games.

The best part of being involved in refereeing in Central Queensland is being part of the close knit group of athletes who constitute the Rockhampton branch of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association.

Yours in Rugby, (the game they play in heaven)

Paul Hoolihan

SUNSHINE COAST AND DISTRICTS

Season 1997 can be best described as one of contrasts. On the one hand a Junior and a School Competition are going ahead in leaps and bounds and on the other a disappointing and disjointed Senior Competition.

Throughout the year our members performed with great distinction culminating in the finals with Maroochydore in A Grade, Noosa B, Maroochydore Colts and Maroochydore Open Juniors being successful.

Appointments for the Finals being;

Noel Stockwell

A Grade

David Shing

B

Mark Johnson

Colts

Dan Kalle

Open Juniors

Congratulations on excellent performances.

Some of our members participated in exchange visits to Brisbane and New Zealand and in Carnivals on the Gold Cost and Toowoomba where they not only brought honour to themselves but also upheld the respected name of the Association of Referees.

We, as an Association have had our troubles on the Coast with numbers, mainly encouraging younger people to participate, also with crowd abuse, but we will continue to work in cooperation with clubs to forge forward and again make a day at the Rugby, a family day.

To all members, sincere thanks and with further Junior and School development, a hard working Senior Body and a revamped Country Championship offering a chance of Representative Honours, we can look forward to a positive 1998.

Yours in Rugby,

Ray Lewis President

TOWNSVILLE DISTRICT RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

1997 has been what I would describe as a year of change.

The season commenced with a possible under 13 competition on the cards. This threw panic into the camp, with thoughts of not having anywhere near enough referees to fill all games.

After some serious recruitment we managed to increase our numbers to 38 active referees, this now meant that we had a shortage of games. On average this meant one game per fortnight, which in some ways was a blessing in disguise as we now had the numbers to appoint touch judges to most Hugh St games.

During the season we had some complaints that the refereeing was at a poor standard. This was fully to be expected in that with so many new referees it was natural that we would have inconsistencies in some of the lower grades.

One problem which arose mid-season was the directive from Brisbane that anyone found punching would be sent directly off the field of valour. This caused many problems in numerous send-offs; my main point being before we act on any further directive we should consider it very seriously before we implement it. I believe that sometimes we forget that Rugby is a contact sport.

Rucking for the ball has also become a thing of the past and needs to be addressed pre season 98 so as refs and players alike understand exactly what rucking is, as opposed to stomping.

We were lucky enough to secure a sponsorship with Freedom Furniture for 50 shirts for the 1997 season. The usual few whingers were at their best complaining that the shirts were too hot although they haven't as yet organised an alternate strip for next year.

Overall we've had to change our refereeing style to keep the game flowing as opposed to a stop start million penalties scenario which has been achieved effectively.

It has been a pleasure to be President over the past 3 seasons and look forward to a huge season in 1998.

Stefan Mussap President

WESTERN QUEENSLAND

This year was a fairly trying year for referees. Even though we only had three refs, some games proved difficult to referee. I feel it was a case of players becoming frustrated with some interpretations made by us and also the referees becoming frustrated with the players for not just getting on with the job and playing the game. Towards the end of the year the games tended to run more smoothly which made for a better spectator game.

Because there were only four teams in the competition we had enough referees for each week. However that is all we could do. It would be nice to have more people involved so that we could do reports on each other and take down statistics etc.

Mention has been made to Clubs about the referees weekend next year so hopefully we will get a few people willing to help out and make our job of reffing a little easier.

There really is not a lot that happened during the year, hence the shortness of the report. In conclusion I would like to thank Dave Fuller and Mick Hayden for their time and effort during this year and hope that they are keen to continue blowing the whistle next year.

Regards

Andrew King President

WIDE BAY REFEREES

The 1997 year began as usual with the Hervey Bay sevens. This tournament was again well run and all the management of the club should be congratulated for the way which they conduct this event each year. All our referees were in attendance and had a solid work out for the start to the season.

The preseason competition was again troublesome with yet another trial which was not as successful as it might have been. The preseason suffers each year from the same problem; that its relevance is questioned and therefore the commitment of players is down. Referees on the other hand were always willing and were disappointed with forfeits which plagued the competition.

The Incitec Country Championship plays an important role in our district in establishing players and promoting the game in what is largely a League stronghold. We hosted Central Highlands in Bundaberg providing the touch judges for the occasion. Gary Craig carried our flag in the championship refereeing in the Final of the Incitec Country Championship.

The club competition this year was played in fine hard style this year. Congratulations to South Burnett on their Grand Final win and to Greg Myers who officiated. We approach the competition with six active referees which at times is difficult to organise over the region. For most matches we are able to muster a referee and touch judge which is creditable as there is often only a scratch match for the other players and the reserve ref to adjudicate on. We can not play contact sport without some niggles but the general fair play and absence of foul play is a credit to our game in this area and something that we must all foster.

Thanks to Gary Craig for his efforts to get people to matches and to keep us all informed about the laws of the game.

Schools competition this year was largely run in the High Schools with matches being played between Gympie, Maryborough, Hervey bay, Kingaroy and Bundaberg schools. Thank you to all the teachers who organise the matches. I believe that we must strive to get more qualified refs in this level of competition.

We were successful in getting a full team from Wide Bay, the XXXX Golden Oldies carnival in Brisbane this year. The Bundy Rum Ruckers fielded 15 players for the day and had a great weekend and brought two refs with them. Thanks to all concerned in the organisation of this facet of our region and I am sure that in the future we will attract past players back to the game and some will also get the urge again to become involved in a more active role.

We are targeting high schools in 1998 and trying to get more people interested in rugby and by offering referees courses we will develop a greater skill base in the schools competition and hopefully encourage some of the teachers to have a go in our club competition.

In an earlier conversation with a QRRA official I was disappointed with the attitude expressed, that blokes in the bush could not make it to the top. I, like he, realise that if referees want to make it to top level matches they must be exposed to a greater level of player skill that is not often available in local bush competition. There should be actively promoted opportunities for country referees to travel to Brisbane to gain experience, be assessed and coached by the QRRA. There is talent in the bush and identification and opportunity for these referees to develop their skills should become an important element in QRRA referee development.

Another disappointing comment was that the age of a referee mattered in whether they would be considered for development. It is this sort of limited thinking by certain individuals across all areas of the code that continues to stifle our game. In rural areas the major pool of refs come from ex player who retire from contact around 35 or 40. So long as they are fit enough to get around the paddock efficiently to administer the law should be the only criteria by which a referee is assessed for talent identification. Sure, we want 20 year olds but we must not limit ourselves.

If those that hold sway in the QRRA or QRU continue to put barriers up for the more difficult problems facing the code outside metropolitan Brisbane hoping that they will simply go away, then it will be our game that will simply go away. The metropolitan areas are not the be all and end all of the game: time, effort and ENERGY have to be expended across all of Queensland. Great players come from the bush, QRRA develop some great refs as well and if you are already doing this blow your trumpet loudly.

Yours in Rugby

Mick Brennan

PORTFOLIO REPORT - LEGAL

It is perhaps a regrettable sign of the times that I was co-opted onto the QRRA committee this year to assist with what were broadly defined as legal issues. It perhaps is an inevitable part of developing professionalism within the sport, but worth noting a number of issues have been addressed and dealt with from that perspective during the year.

Obviously the most significant legal event which has happened in the past couple of years was the successful suing of a United Kingdom referee who had inadequately managed the scrum engagement and was joined as a party in civil litigation by a neck injured player. The court found for the player against, inter alia, the referee on the basis that he had not administered the laws of the game in controlling that particular scrum. This highlights the importance each of us faces, not only to know our rules but to apply them, particularly where safety issues are concerned.

This of course raises issues relating to insurance. While all members should have received a mailing about this subject, it is appropriate to remind everyone that we are generally covered by an ARU compulsory insurance scheme which will provide indemnity in the event of any referee being sued and a death and disablement cover for death and serious injury. It does not provide any income protection and does not provide any gap insurance for medical expenses in lesser injuries and cover for this optimum additional benefit is a matter for individual referees.

The association is governed by a set of rules and for the protection of individual members is incorporated under the Associations Incorporated Act which provides limited liability in the same way as a company incorporation does. The net result of that is that amending the rules themselves can be a fairly cumbersome process, but the rules do provide for the management committee to make by-laws not inconsistent with the constitution for the proper and efficient management of the association. A major task undertaken this year was to adopt a set of by-laws and importantly, to spell out a complaints and disputes procedure. Again, with the advent of professionalism and the growth in the game, regrettably complaints made against referees are becoming more frequent and while these are dealt with where possible on a one-to-one coaching basis, there are times where it is necessary to have in place a proper procedure to protect all parties and to ensure natural justice is applied in dealing with the complaint. To that extent, the by-laws have set up a pre-determined procedure so that all parties know the requirements and this is in everyone's interest. The by-laws also spell out issues relating to membership and define the awards which are made by the association on an annual basis.

Having made these advancements in the past year, the legal portfolio will hopefully become somewhat unnecessary, Membership of the QRRA committee is a fairly time consuming process which, when added to refereeing and referee coaching, creates time constraints particularly with family life. I have indicated a willingness to be on call to assist the committee should any legal issues in terms of the rules or by-laws arise or to ensure natural justice in any complaints procedures, but otherwise will not be seeking re-election to the committee. I have enjoyed my years on the committee and trust the members will continue to support those members who so willingly give up so much of their time to perform the ever-growing work of the association.

Chris Newton

PORTFOLIO REPORT - REFEREE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The 1997 season saw a change in focus and direction for the new coaching director of referees and hence a change in focus for the referee's meeting nights. Since the referees selected in the Intensive Coaching Unit (I.C.U.) formally known as the Development Squad, and the QLD based members of the Australian Panel, receive their own specialised coaching program, the meeting night programme was designed to focus on the needs of those referees not in either of these squads. This is the bulk of the membership. Therefore, the direction of the training was of a more basic nature, designed to help the average referee by concentrating on the "nuts and bolts" of good refereeing.

To assist in the development of those referees in the I.C.U., and the Australian panel, they were used as instructors for the meetings. Other instructors included Cole Barrett, Terry O'Connor, Ian Robertson, and myself. To all the instructors, thanks for your assistance in the training of our referees.

Training Programme:

Date Feb. 5 Feb. 19 Mar. 5 Mar. 19	Topic Refereeing 7's and 10's Law 26/Foul Play Kickoffs and Restarts Match Preparation	Instructor B. Leask M. Mellick T.O'Connor C. Barrett
Apr. 16	Touchjudging	P. Marks
Apr. 16 Apr. 30 May 14 May 28 Jun. 11 Jun. 25 Jul. 9	Address by CEO of the QRU Sin Bin Judiciary Sendoff Reports Post Match Recovery Rucks and Mauls Lineouts	A. Cole H. Shand P. Smith R. Brockett G. Hinton F. Meicklejohn
Jul. 23 Aug. 6 Aug. 20 Sep. 3 Sep. 17	Scrums 3 Phases of the Game Review - Laws of the Game Touchjudging (Finals) Dealing with Finals Pressure	C. Barrett P. Smith T. O'Connor I. Robertson A. Cole

As you can see a wide variety of topics were covered. The lessons were designed to be simple, entertaining, 30 minutes long, and assist the development of the average referee. It is hoped that in following seasons other topics such as:

- Psychological Skills for Refereeing
- Running Lines
- Preventative Refereeing
- Whistle and Signals
- Drills to improve refereeing (Physical and Mental)

• Effective Refereeing Communication can be incorporated into the meeting night programme.

The physical side of training was directed by our trainer Jay Sanderson. It was particularly successful and given the attendances, very popular. Regular monitoring of fitness, and feedback from coaching reports, indicate that fitness levels are very high. Congratulations to all referees for their professional approach and dedication to this aspect of your refereeing.

The 1997 season also saw the coaching panels set up and administered in a different manner. The effectiveness of these panels depends on the enthusiasm of the coaches and coordinators involved. There was, hence, mixed success. Some referees received a number of reports, while others received none. The system of coaching panels we setup can only be successful if all coaching panel coordinators ensure their coaches see the referees. It requires the coaching coordinators to be in weekly communication with their coaches, and for coaches to be proactive with the coordinators. Hopefully a change in some key personnel in the panels will see coaching become more effective next season. With new coaching director Cole Barrett appointed, (who has been given a change in direction and policy), and a formal setting up of accreditation for referees by the ARU, it is envisaged that a coordinated approach to the development of all referees in Queensland will continue. This combined with an effectively administered coaching panel system will see the standards of refereeing improve across all grades of referees.

The 1997 season was a particularly successful season for Brisbane referees. Highlights include:

- Andrew Cole refereeing his first test,
- Barry Leask and Andrew Cole refereeing in the Super 12,
- Mikel Mellick, Greg Hinton, and Rod Brockett being selected in the Australian Panel,
- Paul Marks, Mikel Mellick, Rod Brockett, and Terry O'Connor refereeing at the Australian championships
- Barry's "farewell" test, USA v. Australia (Women).

It might be wise to remember that in refereeing, "success is never final, failure is never fatal, courage always survives". Congratulations to all referees for another successful season. To all referees and coaches who assisted me through the year, thanks for helping improve the standard of refereeing in Brisbane.

See you next season,

Peter Smith

QRRA Management Committee

Ballymore – October 1997

INTERCHANGE REPORT

The 1997 season saw a less than normal number of interchanges both inward and outward. The table below lists the details -

OUTWARD

Nil

ASSOCIATION/LOCATION

Roger Masters

Simon Scoble

Luke Spence

Cole Barrett Frank Mieklejohn

INWARD

Nil

Bill Heslop

Nil

Kelvin Deaker

Robert Tosswell John McKinnion

Michael Cleary Yoshimaru

North Harbour, Auckland,

Hamilton, Hamilton, NZ

Taranaki, New Plymouth. NZ & Victoria, Melbourne Canterbury, Christchurch,

NZ

NSW, Sydney ACT, Canberra

North Harbour, Auckland,

NZ

Hamilton, Hamilton, NZ

Taranaki, New Plymouth.

NZ

Canterbury, Christchurch,

NSW, Sydney

Victoria, Melbourne

ACT, Canberra Miyazaki, Japan

There were also useful exchanges between the Gold Coast, Darling Downs and Sunshine Coast Associations, plus interstate and overseas referees for the Queensland and Australian matches. The following QRRA referees attended National Championship carnivals -

> Carnival Location Women's Adelaide

Under 16 Sydney

Under 19 Canberra Schoolbo Perth

Referee

Terry O'Connor

Paul Marks Mikel Mellick

Rod Brockett

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I would like to thank the following members for their help in billeting our visiting referees - Trevor Cichero, Wayne Coutts, Greg Cree, Roger Masters, Frank Mieklejohn, Terry O'Connor, Simon Scoble, Peter Smith, Peter Talbot. Also, thanks to the Mellick's for hosting a social evening at their place when several of the visitors were in town.

Keith Jennings - Convenor

HAMILTON - ROGER MASTERS

I left for the 'land of the long white cloud' on a late flight on Sunday night, May 16, 1997, arriving in Auckland at midnight. After cruising the airport, I was picked up by the first of my hosts and driven down to Hamilton, my final destination, arriving at 2.00am. This was the beginning of a ten day interchange including two weekend games, a mid week game and some touch judging.

The wake up call was at 7.00am the next morning to get ready for the first XV school game between Mata Mata High School and St Pauls Collegiate - a tri-colour game with a trophy at stake. The school teams were the size of the All-Blacks, perhaps some had wives on the sideline, but the rugby was fast and quite exciting. It was a tidy game with good ball handling skills, no back chat - a pleasure to referee. Mata Mata got up - the team that came across to the schools 10 a-side at the Gold Coast later in the year. The afternoon was spent touch judging the main game at the Park.

The next day we travelled to Lake Taupo for discussions with the development squad and a three kilometre speed trial. Not being built for speed, I joined the time keeping squad and recovered from the previous night.

The next few days were my own, with some entertainment by my hosts, one of whom managed a breeding stud. The artificial insemination collection process was a highlight - a job I wouldn't recommend to anyone! The mid week game was an intermediate school game (12 year old's) - a lot of fun with a serious parent contingent.

Another break of a few days and while I was commenting upon the wonderful (cold) weather, I found they were in the middle of a veritable drought. Well, that cracked the next day, and I found myself refereeing my first Senior B game (equivalent to 3rd/4th-grade standard) in driving rain. My status as a rainmaker grew, but, my God, the weather was not pleasant. Your boots turned into suction caps, as the forwards ground the ball up and down the pitch. The game included sending a player off for an unlawful facial massage, but the weather really precluded it from reaching great heights.

What I did learn from the interchange, was the extent of organisation that rugby and refereeing has in New Zealand. Their manuals and teaching aids I have not seen in Australia, and no doubt they could benefit our coaching area. Their game seems to be played more 'off the ground', which involves a different readiness at the breakdown for the referee. My thanks to the Association for this opportunity.

TARANAKI - SIMON SCOBLE

This year's Taranaki interchange began with a 2:30 am start. Leaving Brisbane for Wellington (via Sydney) then on to New Plymouth. With Doug Baynes pulling out just 5 days before departure, I was on my own, and covering his share of games. I finished with 9 games in 8 days. Thanks Dougie.

The Taranaki Association is split into four divisions for meeting and administration purposes, so my first 3 days were with the secretary of Western Division, Barry Harvey. On Saturday morning I had an under 11 match to wake me up before refereeing the 3rd Grade Semi-Final in the afternoon. Coastal defeated Spotswood 14-8. This was one of the better matches I refereed and was a little lower in standard than a Brisbane 3rd grade game, but extremely enjoyable none the less. That evening the Western Division had their annual dinner and awards presentation, which was a very pleasant, though late, evening.

After less than an hour's sleep we were up at 3:00am to watch Peter Marshall have a blinder in the NZ Vs South Africa Test. We then went straight out to feed and milk the cows, before another hours sleep, then another game. This time Touch Judge for the 2nd Grade Semi-Final. An unpleasant match which saw one player in hospital for 3 days, after being stomped on the head. The far side Touch Judge identified Number 1 Red as the culprit. Problem - two Number 1's on the field for Red.

Monday was one of only two days off, however an intermediate (Level 2) referees course was being held, so Barry and I both attended. Tuesday's game was a 1st XV match between Hawera High School (52) and Spotswood College (13). In this match a spectator sitting too close to the sideline was cleaned up by cover defence and also spent a night in hospital. After this match we went straight to the Southern Division referees meeting and a new host family, the Paterson's.

Wednesday brought another 1st XV match between Stratford HS (25) and Inglewood HS (18). Thursday, the 2nd XV's were in action with New Plymouth Boys HS (Who's 1st's are so good they play in the 1st Grade Competition) defeating Francis Douglas College 1st XV 52 - 15.

Friday morning was an opportunity to relax with some sightseeing, bushwalking and morning tea in a country cafe before my afternoon match. The 43rd annual S.F. Shield, played between The Stratford School (7) and St. Josephs Stratford (20). It was an intense match played in abysmal conditions.

A tough draw on Saturday involved an Under 14 Grand Final between New Plymouth Boys HS and Francis Douglas College. Yes... You guessed it... a 22 all draw. After an hours break, the 1st XV match between Spotswood College and New Plymouth Boys HS. But, try as I

might 16 - 15 was as close as I could get to the daily double. Jokes aside...both were great games of running rugby, after which I received some fantastic feedback from one of the Taranaki Appointments Board.

Saturday night we watched the Test Match between Australia and Sean Fitzpatrick. Sunday was Grand Finals day at Rugby Park and for a small rural community with a population of 45, 000, drawing a crowd of 20, 000 was a big achievement. The day was a fantastic end to a wonderful learning experience, for which I must thank all those in Taranaki who supported and looked after me and the QRRA executive for selecting me for exchange.

Finally, on behalf of the Taranaki Rugby Referees Association, I extend an invitation for any Queensland referees visiting Taranaki to arrange a game. Speaking from personal experience 'Queensland referees are always welcome in Taranaki'. Thanks again.

PS On my way home (via Melbourne) I was fortunate to referee Victorian Schools vs Campion School from England, courtesy of John McKinnion, who was the VRRA interchange to Brisbane in May.

CANTERBURY – LUKE SPENCE

From the moment I awoke, I had a strange feeling that this trip to New Zealand would be full of memorable (and even forgettable) experiences. I wasn't far wrong. It all started with my transport to the airport being around 30 minutes late. Being late is not all together foreign to me as many players could vouch for. Arriving at the International Airport safe and sound was an achievement to say the least. But more was to follow. As my friend drove off, I realised that I had left my backpack on the front seat of the car and it included my plane ticket, passport and all my money. Clever move Spencey!! It only took me around 20 minutes to contact her and get my life back in order. I proceeded to the check-in counter and this is where God must have been on my side. Spinning the young lady a story about being a high profile rugby referee (ha ha ha) and mentioning that Qantas sponsor us, she upgraded me to First Class for my entire journey. It was the toughest flight I have ever experienced!!!! The choice of menu was extraordinary with the flight attendants only to willing to indulge your thirst for fine wine and anything else your pallet desired.

Arriving in Christchurch, I was greeted by the Acting President Phil Turnock. From the airport, we headed straight for the home of Canterbury rugby, Lancaster Park. Even though there was not a single person at the ground itself, it was an awesome experience to walk on the hallowed turf. In two weeks time, it would end up being an All Black killing field for the woeful Wallaby's. After a short meeting with the

Canterbury Referee's RDO, Phil Turnock and I headed to a pub for a few quiet drinks and this is where my first billet Kelvin Deaker would pick me up. Kelvin was running late but that made no difference to me as the Canterbury hospitality was in full swing. It was here that I found out that I had the top of the table Colts I match the following morning between Christchurch and High School Old Boys (HSOB) at 11am.

This match was the start of the end of my rugby refereeing career in New Zealand. The ground had the same consistency as running through the mud flats at Wellington Point. It was a very close but open encounter with both sides playing an extremely physical brand of rugby but with little foul play. I say little foul play because the only penalty I gave for foul play accompanied a send off. I had one of only two send offs in Canterbury that weekend and wouldn't you know it, word travels very quickly around here. I had just finished having my shower after the match when the former All Black great (and one of Canterbury's proudest son's) Graeme Bachop, came up to me and asked me what I had done. To say I was shitting bricks is an understatement but he and I both managed to have a laugh over the incident.

All rugby on Test match day, whether the test is in your city or not, stops at 1.30pm for the 2.30pm kick off. We all migrated back to the clubhouse of HSOB to watch the test between the All Blacks and Argentina. After the All Blacks totally white-washed the hapless Argentinians, Kelvin and I headed back to the Referee's Room at Lancaster park for a drink or two mixed in with a few funny yarns. Later that evening, around 10 referee's and their wives along with myself went to an excellent restaurant in the city. This was a great opportunity to meet many of the top referees in Canterbury and we talked about many of our interesting rugby experiences. Sunday was spent down at Kelvin's parents farm around an hours drive south-west of Christchurch.

On Monday morning, I was off to Dave Berry's place for the next two nights. Monday and Tuesday were spent seeing the sights of Canterbury. Both Dave Berry and Phil Turnock provided excellent commentary on the scenery and I met a number of interesting people along the way. Tuesday night brought the dreaded judiciary hearing. In Canterbury, the offending player as well as the referee must front the committee and example the situation. In my seven years of refereeing, I have never had a player suck up to me as much as this player did, and his team manager, coach, mother and his 16 year old sister. The meeting was fairly brief and the player was suspended for 8 weeks for attacking the head of an opponent with his boot. Rather justified I felt. Later that evening, Dave Berry took me to see Alan Stead referee the Possible verses Probables for the Canterbury team playing in the NPC. This match again highlighted the extremely good foundation work the New Zealand teams possess, particularly at set phases.

I arrived back at Dave's place to be greeted to the news that I had to return to Brisbane for medical treatment ASAP. My flights had been changed for me to return home on Thursday afternoon, cutting my stay short by two days. I was extremely disappointed but I managed to make the best of my remaining two days. On Wednesday morning, I refereed Shirley BHS verses Nelson College that again proved to be a very physical and demanding game. But it was my afternoon match that was the highlight of my tour. It was between two schools that I do not remember their names or how old the boys were. I think they were about 13 or 14 and very few of them had ever played rugby before. I initially had doubts about refereeing this match as I thought I had not come all this way to do some silly game with a bunch of kids who had no idea about rugby. However, it is here that I fully appreciated why I referee. Some do it to get a power kick out of blowing a whistle and people obeying them, others referee because they were never any good at playing, and some do it to get away from their wives or girlfriends. But to see the overwhelming enjoyment these kids got when the ran with the ball, or tried to kick it, or run backwards and think they have scored a try but they have really only forced a touchdown was the most satisfying experience I have had with rugby in a long time. No controversy, no egos, no nothing, just a bunch of kids out to enjoy themselves and experience what rugby has to offer.

Thursday rolled around and it was almost time to board the plane but I managed to fit one last game in. It was between Aranui HS and South Africa's top schoolboy rugby side. Another tough game that had everything including a pitch invasions by the around 200 students of Aranui HS when their team was down 2 points with about 5 minutes to go. It must have worked as Aranui scored two tries in this time to win the match. Once the game was over, I headed straight for the car and off to the airport.

To finish up with, I must thank the QRRA committee including Keith Jennings for the opportunity to experience rugby New Zealand style. The hospitality shown by Kelvin and Meghan Deaker, Dave and Karen Berry and Alan Stead was fantastic. I can highly recommend this interchange to anyone who wants to experience great rugby and even better off field activities as long as they remember the OP Bundy Rum!!!!!!!

SYDNEY - COLE BARRETT

On Friday 21 June I went to the big smoke of Sydney to referee Sydney Uni versus Easts that was the match of the round on TV! Stuart Dickinson whom I stayed with for the weekend met me.

It was a fine day but a lot of rain had fallen during the week and the field was very heavy under foot. Easts had several of their State

players back whilst Uni had won four games on the trot. The game was one of the fastest I have ever refereed. Easts won the game 33-20 with 4 tries to 2. I learnt a lot during the game about my positioning around the ruck and maul – getting too close and watching too much ball. I was also giving both sides two bites at advantage as well as penalising them for using hands in the ruck – something the referees in Sydney are encouraged to do to keep the game flowing.

After the game we had a few drinks at the Uni Clubhouse and then went to a Chinese restaurant for the visiting referees' function. The night was most enjoyable.

I would like to thank both the QRRA and NSWRRA for the interchange.

CANBERRA – FRANK MIEKLEJOHN

The interchange to the ACT was re-established this year after a break of a number of years and it was my pleasure to be asked to represent the Association. On a cold (-5 degree) evening in mid winter, I flew into Canberra to be met by Nick Long, a Canberra 1st grade referee who hosted me for the weekend.

The game I was appointed to was a 1st grade game between Norths and Queanbeyan, and while both teams were midfield in the local competition, they provided a solid challenge with some enterprising running rugby. The game was played at Queanbeyan and began at 2.30 pm on the Saturday. At that stage the weather was fine with no wind and a temperature of balmy 5 degrees; however by the end of the game the temperature had plummeted to - 4 degrees and it was blowing a gale. The game was won by the home side, a good result I was told, as they were good hosts and even better when they won.

We all adjourned to the Queanbeyan RSL for an after match function which included many drinks, pasta and curry and the obligatory speeches. having filled up on good ale and food I was informed that the Referees Association was hosting me and a number of other visiting referees at a local restaurant that night. The function was attended by about 10 of the local referees and 3 visiting referees (2 of which were from Canterbury). The weekend was of great value and we have been asked to send someone for a week next year if possible - to do several games and attend a meeting. Despite their proximity to Sydney the impression given was they do not enjoy many of the benefits of being so close, with most visiting Super 12 referees from Sydney leaving without any contact with the local Association.

All in all an enjoyable weekend, made better by a great host, which I would readily recommend we continue in the future.

SCHOOLS AND JUNIOR RUGBY PORTFOLIO

With the beginning of the schools rugby season, we saw an increasing demand on referees to administer their expertise to sometimes more than one game on the same day and then "back up" again the next, to alleviate our somewhat stretched numbers. We endeavoured to referee all school "A" games from the beginning of the season, but agreed to a request from GPS to allow their won schools to referee 13 and 14a games. Our services were in general well received by all GPS and TAS associations, noted by letters of thanks for a job well done.

The junior scene we refereed from U/11 to U/18.

During the year I attended numerous QJRU committee meetings and the judiciary. These I found interesting and a challenge, not because of any complexities but in the approach to dealing with junior "send offs" and problems perceived by parents. Many referee abuse problems I believe can be solved by bringing back the request to rope off the field, hence the saying, "No rope - no game". I also envisage for next year a marshall system supplied by clubs to oversee spectators and to welcome referees a factor in alleviating spectator problems.

I have enjoyed serving the association in this capacity for the past season.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Zingelman

POOL 2 & 3 APPOINTMENTS REPORT

This year has been a difficult year to manage with fewer referees in these pools being available to accept appointments. The decline in referee numbers has been attributable to a rise in injuries, a situation due in part to the greater workload being asked from referees, and little new blood joining the ranks to fill the void left by retirements. Exacerbating this precarious situation was the significant number of referees who elected not to meet their appointment commitments and not informing anyone. These events unfortunately left some fixture rounds in chaos. Cole Barrett and myself again headed the number of games refereed this season a situation forced upon us by referees not doing the right thing by the association. The current referee statistics sheet reveal that 43 of the 182 referees on the list did not referee a single game this season leaving the rest to handle the load. Without the welcome assistance of visiting referees the situation would have much worse. The average number of games refereed was 15 so those referees who did more are over achievers but your efforts are greatly appreciated. The new committee is urged to address the twin problems of referee recruitment and retention in addition to devising suitable disciplinary procedures for referees who elect not to fulfil their obligations.

On the brighter side Cole and I extend our thanks to those referees who worked tirelessly accepting appointments no matter what the game or how far it was from home. Special thanks are extended to messers Dilk, Petrie, McFerran, Mateer, Scoble, Tressider and Speechley without whose help many lower age Junior and school matches would have been played without an accredited referee in control. Their efforts are gratefully acknowledged not only by Cole and myself but also by the players, clubs and schools many of whom took the time to personally register their thanks. Additionally messers Pegg and Abell also stepped into the breach, frequently on very short notice, and their stirling efforts were very much appreciated. The association needs more active referees so its up to each of us to help recruit new blood into our ranks and extend to them a helping hand and encouragement during their first tentative steps.

See you ALL on the paddock next year.

Cole Barrett & Peter Gofton

Footnote.

Cole Barrett recently accepted the position of Referee Coaching Director with the QRU and as a result he will be relinquishing his role as Pool 2 Appointment Officer. Cole has worked ably fulfilling this largely thankless task for the past three years and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his assistance and help over the past two years that I have been doing appointments. His organisational skills and knowledge of individual referee's quirks and abilities will be sorely missed. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Cole every success in his new position.

Peter Gofton

QRRA 1997 MATCH STATISTICS MILESTONES ACHIEVED IN 1997

750 GAMES	F. MEEK	350 GAMES	R. ZINGLEMANN
			C. BARRETT
			I. MCPHEE
700 GAMES	M. ABELL	300 GAMES	G. HOUGHTON
			G. PEGG
			S. YOUNG
			R. DAVIES
650 GAMES	R. BENDEICH	250 GAMES	P. GOFTON
		"	B. KENNEDY
			T. DUNNE
			J. RAUKETTE
	¥		L. MCCONVILLE
			T. O'CONNOR
600 GAMES	B. LEASK	200 GAMES	P. SMITH
	B. FIENBERG		G. HINTON
	R. HOSKINS		J. MURDOCH
			G. GARDNIER
			R. KERSNOVSKE
			T. HARLAND
		-	BR. I. ROBERTSON
			M. SMEATON
			M. MELLICK
			E. MARCONI
			C. DONOVAN
			A. DINNEN
450 GAMES	C. WALDRON		
400 GAMES	J. DILK		
	D.TRUE		
	A. COLE	7	
	R. BROCKETT		

QRRA 1998 MATCH STATISTICS

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Name	Joined Assoc.	Rep	Other	1	2	3	4	Women	1	2	3	Suburban	School	Junior	1998 Games	Total Games		
M. Abell	1979		1			2	1			4		6	1	1	16	759		
G. Acton	1994		3		9	1			1			3	3		21	121		
M. Agnew	1994				5	1			3			4	3		16	105		
N. Allen	1994											2	5	9	16	115		
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M. Backstrom							2	2			3	2	6		17	35		
P. Backstrom	1997		meth _							1	3	6	7		17	31		
T. Barker			1				4			1	4	3	3		12	38		
Cole Barrett	1988		5		4	1	1	2	4				5	2	24	406		
D. Baynes	1995														-	142		
R. Bendeich	1976		1		1			1	5		5000	5	4		17	706		
R. Bonar	1997							3						2	8	27		
R. Brockett	1988	1		11	2				4				4		22	431		
P. Burnett	1995				-	-					-	1	6	13	20	93		
D. Carter	1997				<u> </u>								2	1	3	10		
M. Chalmers	1997		8	21 2				2			1		15	7	33	51		
B. Christensen	1994		1							3	2	4	5		15	71		
J. Cichero	1997		4								2	15	4	5	30	57		
T. Cichero	1990												4	6	10	136		
B. Clark	1997						T							2	2	16		
A. Cole	1984			12									2		14	431		
R. Collins	1990					2				2			1	3	8	137		
A. Connor	1989		1	1	5	1	1		3		-	1	5		18	211		

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		Gı	ade				Colts									
Name	Joined Assoc.	Rep	Other	1	2	3	4	Women	1	2	3	Suburban	School	Junior	1998 Games	Total Games
M. Cosgrove			1										15	13	29	123
W. Coutts	1993		1			3	6			1		7	3		20	128
G. Cree	1995		2			3	1				2	10		5	22	105
S. Cuffe	1995						1:					17		1	18	59
M. Daly					٠.							6		3	9	44
R. Davies	1984				1	4				1		4	1		11	317
G. Dearlove	1995					3	1			2	2	2	2	1	13	80
J. Dilk			3										1	28	28	422
A. Dinnen															-	205
C. Donovan	1995		2			5	1			2		1	12	8	31	238
D. Elphick	1993														-	147
N. Fawcett	1994		1							3	1	5	15		25	65
B. Fienberg	1975														-	623
D. Fox	1993												1		1	37
M. Gaffney	1995													6	6	76
G. Gardnier	1985		1			5	2			2	3		3	4	20	257
J. Garrard	1995											5	2		7	51
P. Gofton	1993		3			9	3	3	3	6	4	5	6	19	61	342
*																
D. Grogan	-1		1							4	1		7		13	40
P. Harding	1991		1			2	2		1			4	2		10	150
T. Harland	1981										2		3	1	6	239
B. Hartley	1993						1			1	2	1	1		6	83

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				Gı	ade				Colts							
Name	Joined Assoc.	Rep	Other	1	2	3	4	Women	1	2	3	Suburban	School	Junior	1997 Games	Total Games
P. O'Neill	1997		7									14	4	2	20	20
G. O'Rourke	1993														-	16
D. Parks															-	14
G. Pegg	1987	1	4	11	1			2	7			1	3		30	314
R. Perriman	1996	1 2 1													-	2
M. Petrie	1995		5					5					4	24	38	60
N. Prasser													8		8	142
J. Quinn													2	14	16	47
P. Quinn	1992					1		1		1	4	1	3		11	117
E. Rabaglino	1994										- 1	8	4	2	14	79
J. Raukette	1987				1	4	1	1	1	5	3	4	4	1	25	262
P. Rea	1995			1		1	2	1		4	2		3		12	38
D. Reece	1996					1	3			4	2		4.		14	30
N. Rees	1995				1										os.	21
R. Reid	1989					1	1			3	3	3	5		16	143
C. Riddle	1996	1											9		9	29
Br. I. Robertson	1989		2	1	2				3				3		10	227
S. Rudlin	1996													13	13	14
T. Ryan	1994		2										3	8	13	118
S. Saini	1997	1									N.		1	11	12	12
D. Saint	1996												1	1	2	10
D. Sanders	1989						1					= 1			-	178
M. Sayers	1992									1		3	2		6	50
S. Scoble			5							1	1	5	4	17	33	139
D. Seipel													1	830.1	1	47
R. Sen	1994			1										111	-	38
S. Sharman	1994															52
M. Smeaton						1				4	1		6		11	224
P. Smith	1988	1	. 11 24	13	4				1			2	3		23	244
M. Speechley	1996	4-11-	2											19	21	35
K. Snell	1997				1								2	1	3	3
L. Spence			1		7	1	11		2		1		2		13	132

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				Grade					Colts						-	
Name	Joined Assoc.	Rep	Other	1	2	3	4	Women	1	2	3	Suburban	School	Junior	1997 Games	Total Games
D. Stokes						1	2			1	4		2		10	193
R. Swanwick	1994												1		1	126
T. Taito	1992						1	2		1	3	4	1		12	153
M. Talbot	1993					3	3	1		2	1		3		13	94
P. Talbot	1996		3		6				5			8	3		25	47
T. Tressider	1994		2									8		19	29	122
D. True	1988			1									1		2	421
T. Tuiloma	1993							1			2	3	3		9	66
S. Ucsinski	1995															15
D. Viles	1994		11 11												_	111
L. Wagner	1996												1	10	11	12
C. Waldron	1978															471
R. Ward	1991					2	2	2		3	5	5	3		22	152
M. Warren	1990														_	178
G. Widdowson	1996															12
M. Wiggins	1995					2				2	4		2		10	52
B. Williams															-	12
Dan Williams															-	32
S. Williams	1997													3	3	3
Joe Wright															-	29
R. Young	1994														_	78
S. Young	1985															309
R. Zingelmann			1						1	2		2	6	1	13	399
VISITORS			2	4	5	4	2	1	5	4	2	3	4	19		49

Notes on the compilation of match statistics for the season ended 1997.

- 1. As in previous years only fixtures sanctioned by the QRU, QJRU, GPS & TAS competitions were used to compile the 1997 match statistics. Pre-season trial games, corporate 7's and the like were not counted.
- 2. Referees who have not refereed during the past two years have been eliminated from the list.
- 3. Although every care has been exercised in compiling these statistics some errors and oversights are bound to creep in. These errors are regretfully acknowledged. Regards

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