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Office Bearers 1998

President:

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Treasurer:

Committee:

Geoff Pegg Paddy O'Brien Terry O'Connor Chris Donovan Michael Backstrom Neil Fawcett Mike Hurley Keith Jennings Paul Martinez Simon Maddrell Peter Smith Ray Zinglemann

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC

PRESIDENTS REPORT - 1998

It is with much pleasure that I present the President's Report. Prior to reviewing the year just past, I take this opportunity, on behalf of all members, to extend the gratitude of the Association for the continuing support of our Major Sponsor - The Myer Centre - Brisbane. Furthermore, I am delighted to advise the successful completion of negotiations with Mr David Clare, the General Manager of the Myer Centre - Brisbane, which will again see The Myer Centre - Brisbane as our Major Sponsor for 1999.

1998 has again seen an increasing number of games and the consequent increase in the demands on the time and commitment of our members throughout Queensland. With pre-season games being scheduled as early as late January, our referees are now required to commence training in late November - and we can anticipate a similar schedule in 1999.

The pre-season camp at Woodlands was very successful and is now seen as the starting point of our season. Plans for next season's camp are well in hand, with a venue on the Sunshine Coast being investigated. As in previous years, the programme is designed to be informative, interesting, challenging and enjoyable for all who attend.

In Brisbane, the Wednesday night training and General Meeting schedule has been most successful. To Jay Sanderson, for his commitment and his dynamic training programme and to Peter Smith, for his innovative lecture programme, our thanks.

The Development and Coaching Board, under the Chairmanship of Ian Scotney, continued its work of guiding the programme of development for referees throughout Queensland. The Board's support with the selection and appointment of referees to National, State, Regional and Age Championships, provided a great development opportunity for many referees in the Association.

The achievements of our referees at State, National and International level reinforces the strength of our Association and the development policies undertaken over the past years. Of particular note are the Test Match appointments of Andrew Cole and Scott Young, Greg Hinton's appointment to the Western Samoa 7's, the appointment of Andrew Connor, Laurie Monoghan, Steve Leszynski, Paul Marks and Michael Jennings to National Championships, the appointment of Carolyn Warren to the Women's World Cup, the appointment of Damien Eales to the Final of the Incitec Queensland Country Championships and the appointment of the many country referees to each round of the Incitec Championship. In addition, Elizabeth O'Brien - nominated by the Darling Downs Branch, was awarded the Darling Downs Women in Sport Award 1998 - Referee/Umpire of the Year surpassing many other nominations received from a variety of sports. On a sadder note, 1998 sees the retirement of two of our senior referees, Barry Leask and Peter Smith. To you both, many thanks for your dedication and the contribution you have made to refereeing over many years.

I congratulate all those referees in Queensland who were appointed to Semi Finals and Grand Finals. I have no doubt that you performed well. I also extend congratulations to those referees who were presented with awards for their contribution and excellence during 1998. Mention of those recipients is made in the Branch Presidents' Reports. Special congratulations go to Andrew Cole, who, for the second year in succession, was chosen as the Best and Fairest 1st Grade Referee in Brisbane; Andrew was presented with the Kerry FitzGerald Medal at the recent QRRA Annual Dinner. Other major QRRA awards for 1998 were:

The Clubman Award The Murray McNae Award The Richard Andrew Memorial Award The Cec Menzies Award The R.M. Bendeich Award The Trevor Henry Memorial Award Peter Gofton Andrew Connor Jarrad Webb Martyn Chalmers Chris Donovan Tom Ryan

During the year, the Association has received tremendous support from the Queensland Rugby Union. To Steve Thornton, Geoff Shaw, Luke Wyatt, Gavin Head, Gabreille Davidson and Andrew Plastow, I extend our sincere thanks for their assistance, time and support in so many areas. To Cole Barrett, the QRU Coaching Director - Referees and also a member of the Association, our thanks for his specialist contribution.

As we look forward to next year, we must focus on the importance of our principal role - to provide capable and competent referees for each game scheduled by our Union or Sub-Union. To do that, we must continue to provide the means to develop each referee to his/her maximum potential. As well as providing development programmes designed for the "up and Comings", we must also cater for the person who wants to be the best 3rd Grade referee in the Branch, or the best Under 13E referee on a Saturday morning. Your Management Committee has already had discussions with various bodies to try to put such development programmes in place. For example, the Incitec Country Championships, the Gold Coast Schools Carnival and the various School Age Championships are venues which have been identified as development opportunities for many of our country based referees.

To members of the outgoing Management Committee, my thanks for your dedication, efforts and support throughout the year. To Terry O'Connor, who is standing down to concentrate on his Master's Degree, my special thanks. To all who spent agonising hours working out appointments (and trying to change them as late as the morning of the games), well done.

There is no doubt that the year ahead will exciting and challenging as Australian Rugby changes to meet new challenges. Our success in that process of change will be measured in our ability to adapt to change and yet continue to provide as wide a range of development opportunities for all of our members, as is possible.

Geoff Pegg President.

BRISBANE GRAND FINAL REFEREES - 1998

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XXXX CUP	<u>Referee</u>	Touch Judges	
First Grade	Andrew Cole	Barry Leask	Ian Robertson
Second Grade	Rodd Brockett	Terry O'Connor	Geoff Pegg
Third Grade	Pat Rae	Geoff Acton	Andrew Connor
Fourth Grade	Steve Rowe	Peter Talbot	John Raukette
Fifth Grade	Neil Johnson	Sean Cuffe	Chris Newtown
Colts 1	Greg Hinton	Frank Meiklejohn	Paul Marks
Colts 2	Michael Jennings	Luke Spence	Ray Zingleman
Colts 3	Steve Leszcynski	Marty Wiggins	Peter Gofton
Women's	Cole Barrett	Peter Gofton	Richard Bendeich
<u>SUBURBAN</u>			
Division 1 Norbert Byrne Cup	Rob Walker	Frank Meikeljohn	Peter Gofton
Pegg Cup	Laurie Monaghan	Keith Jennings	John Raukette
Tuckey Cup Colts	Ray Zingleman	Paul Marks	Brad Lauder
Barber Cup Div 2	Peter Gofton	Chris Donovan	Mark Hogan
Edinburgh Cup Div 3	Mick Abell	Greg Cree	Johnathon Cichero
Scotney Cup Div 4	Tim Barker	John Murdoch	Phillip Quinn
JUNIORS			
Under 18	Chris Donovan	Enrico Rabaglino	Mark Hogan
Under 17	Mick Abell	Tom Ryan	Simon Maddrell
Under 16	Peter Gofton	Greg Cree	Tom Ryan
Under 15 Div 1	Greg Cuthbert	Jonathon Cichero	Brian Mateer
Under 15 Div 2	Martyn Chalmers	Robert Bonar	Mick Ponder
Under 14	Lachlan Kusher	Jonathon Cichero	David Jones
Under 14 Female	Fraser Mallon	Gavin Duffy	John Quinn
Under 13 Div 1	Mark Logan	Peter Gofton	Mick Petrie
Under 13	Ian Smith	Michael Clark	Brian Fleming

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QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

In the opinion of the Management Committee, the accompanying Financial Statements:

- 1. present fairly the financial position of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association Inc as at 30 September 1998 and the results of the Association for the year ended on that date.
- 2. at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Queensland Rugby Referees Association Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President Treasurer

DATED this

12th day of nor

1998

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QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

	Note	30/09/98	30/09/97
		\$	\$
INCOME		5 C 700 00	6 400 00
Sponsorship & Donations	2	56,700.00	6,400.00
Sales - Uniforms		5,285.00	8,455.00
Entertainment		0.00	90.00
Subscriptions		4,540.00	5,040.00
Interest Received		66.80	246.39
Fund Raising Lunch (net of cash expenses)		0.00	11,677.00
Official Dinner (interchanges)		750.00	0.00
Room's Committee Donation		0.00	590.35
Merchandise - Ties		0.00	28.00
Annual Dinner		2,710.00	1,446.00
Referee's Room Bar Takings		3,636.00	3,726.00
Annual Camp		4,805.00	5,255.00
Total Income		78,492.80	42,953.74
EXPENDITURE			
Auditor's Remuneration		325.00	295.00
Affiliation Fees		0.00	110.00
Annual Dinner		5,525.00	4,545.00
		204.70	159.48
Bank Charges Courier		0.00	44.05
Cost of Uniforms Sold & Uniform Expenses		9,067.90	4,616.76
		349.00	1,076.28
Equipment - Mobile Phones, Tables & Chairs etc		388.66	2,900.37
Entertainment Expenses		0.00	11,479.00
Fund Raising Lunch		282.20	136.00
Fees & Permits		0.00	367.20
Insurance		269.00	240.00
Merchandise - Ties		2,000.00	200.00
Official Dinners		693.45	347.20
Postage		281.65	637.40
Printing & Stationery		7,235.74	7,783.00
Annual Camp		,	1,660.85
Referee's Room Purchases		2,085.75 675.00	0.00
Repairs and Maintenance			
Sundry Expenses		112.59	398.72
Training & Fitness		2,900.00	2,000.00
Telephone Expenses		2,847.44	4,397.71
Travelling Expenses		8,691.80	4,825.70
Trophies & Gifts		3,260.45	1,234.75
Total Expenses		47,195.33	<u>49,454.47</u>
NET INCOME/(LOSS)		\$ <u>31,297.47</u>	\$ <u>(6,500.73)</u>

The accompanying Notes form part of these Financial Statements

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QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

	Note	30/09/98	30/09/97
		\$	\$
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated Funds- Beginning of Year		13,356.09	19,856.82
Net Income/(Loss) This Year		31,297.47	<u>(6,500.73)</u>
Total Members' Funds		44,653.56	\$ <u>13,356.09</u>
Represented by:			
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		41,011.18	9,286.59
Trade Debtors	3	830.00	
Stock on Hand - At Cost	1	3,705.00	4,069.50
Total Assets		45,546.18	<u>13,356.09</u>
LIABILITIES			-
Trade Creditors	4	892.62	
NET ASSETS		\$ <u>44,653.56</u>	\$ <u>13,356.09</u>

The accompanying Notes form part of these Financial Statements

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

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 Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of these statements.

The 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 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 1998, the Association has purchased one mobile phone which has been fully expended in the 1998 accounts.

2. SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS

Myer 1997	16,000.00
Myer 1998	17,000.00
Myer 1999	16,000.00
GPS	2,100.00
TAS	4,000.00
Other	1,600.00
	\$56,700.00

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

TRADE DEBTORS 3.

Accounts Receivable	
Uniform Sales	1,312.00
Less: Doubtful Debts (Uniform Sales)	(482.00)
NET ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$ <u>830.00</u>

NET ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

TRADE CREDITORS 4.

Accounts Payable	
Costs of Uniforms	240.00
Referees Room	411.11
Telephone	155.06
Trophies	86.45
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ <u>892.62</u>

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DARLING DOWNS RUGBY REFEREES

Our Association numbers 34 referees who referee games for the Downs Junior Rugby Union, GPS fixtures at Toowoomba Grammar and Downlands College and Senior matches for the Darling Downs Rugby Union stretching from Gatton to Roma, from Goondiwindi to Toowoomba. Once the GPS season is in full swing, referees are committed to many games in a day, some of which involve considerable travel. Preseason training has become increasingly more important with the emphasis placed not only on physical preparedness but also on a good mental attitude and approach to the game and to the players. Significantly, the coaching of referees to give their best on the field has become our top priority and to ensure this, referees who have a late game have been encouraged to arrive early to watch and speak with the referee running in an earlier game. This is not the ideal situation but peer conferencing has meant that referees receive on the spot feedback and encouragement. Prior to the commencement of the GPS season and after its conclusion. I have viewed referees officiating at club games and passed on recommendations to them. During the GPS season I was happy to make reports on the different refereeing displays I saw. Work commitments and the demands of personal lives have reduced the number of senior (experienced) referees able to give sufficient time to report on referees which is a huge loss of very valuable and helpful advice. Referees' Coaching Clinics have been attended by some of our members and we look forward to their input in the ensuing seasons.

Dave Doherty was appointed to an Incitec match this year as was Ian Forbes but Ian's game was cancelled. Later in the year, Ian went on exchange to Hamilton, NZ, from where he received impressive reports. Grand Final Appointments were given to: Dave Doherty (First Grade), Ian Forbes (Second Grade) and Brodie Bassingthwaighte (Under 19) and they contributed positively to the enjoyment the players gained during these matches. During the Final Series, Simon Scoble, James Anderson, Dan Fox, Steve Connolly and Jay Quince officiated at games in Goondiwindi and Toowoomba. At the time heavy rain and flooding had its effect upon the movement of players and referees. Our Association's Clubman of the year is Steve Connolly. The Association's thanks are extended to: James Anderson (Secretary), Steve Connolly (Treasurer and Appointments Secretary), Geoff McIntyre (Appointments Chairman), Michael Darcy (Development Officer), Ian Forbes (Judiciary Committee) and Ian Morgan (Sponsorship). We are grateful to the Toowoomba Grammar School for the use of its premises for our meetings. Our sponsors for the past two years has been Queensland Cotton, and we value their contribution. They have been happy to supply refereeing shirts, formal shirts, tracksuits, caps and money. In the near future their intention is to supply sports bags, ties and money for the development of our referees. To maintain and improve standards we need to find new referees, and we have to make use of our sponsor's investment in our Association. We conclude 1998 with a barbecue and AGM at the home of Steve and Sue Connolly on Sunday, 29th November.

Marcus McManus President.

GOLD COAST BRANCH QRRA REPORT ON THE 1998 SEASON

As part of the on-going development of Rugby Union in regional Queensland, 1998 should be viewed as the most successful Rugby Season for the Gold Coast branch of the QRRA.

The Association's fortnightly meetings commenced in February and were well attended throughout the years, averaging nine attendees at every meeting. Twenty-one referees paid fees and two life members remained active in the Association. In April. a level one referees course was conducted on behalf of the QRU, with ten people attending the daylong session. Five "graduates" went on to referee the mandatory 5 games during the season and will be fully qualified referees for the 1999 season.

Office bearers were:

President	Philip Casey
Vice President	Michael Eastwood
Secretary/Treasurer	Margaret Casey
Appointments Officer	Ross Mitchell
Hinterland Schools Comp	Peter Lingard
Coaching Coordinator	Michael Eastwood

The Incitec Cup saw three of our local members given a jersey with Barry Walker running touch for the Grand Final in Townsville. The Branch also arranged two interchanges in August; referees travelled to Warwick and the Sunshine Coast and enjoyed this opportunity to widen their experience. An interchange with a New Zealand club is planned for 1999.

The club competition was played in good spirit throughout the year, culminating in an excellent Grand Final day conducted by the Palm Beach/Currumbin club in true carnival atmosphere. Congratulations to the Nerang Bulls on their Grand final win and to Barry Walker who officiated. Congratulations to the victors in all grades on the day and to the spirit in which you conducted yourselves.

Schools competition this year was successfully run between local high schools and private schools. There are also efforts being made within the district to re-establish a junior competition which, hopefully, will be active in the coming season. Although appointments for the GPS competition were made in conjunction with Brisbane, the majority of games were officiated by local referees. With the high standard of refereeing displayed in this competition, it is hoped TSS will accept local appointments in 1999.

An important initiative in the District this year was the decision by the Clubs to pay \$25 per referee, per home game, to the Branch. This gesture was welcomed as it gives members the opportunity to formulate plans and strategies for the on-going recruitment and development of local referees, for the overall benefit of rugby on the Coast. Sincere appreciation is extended to all clubs who participated in this arrangement.

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Sponsorship also played an important role in the success of the Branch in 1998. There were two major sponsors, BHM Machinery and Primac Turf; both solicited through the efforts of Andy Date.

The Annual Dinner was well patronised with nearly seventy people representing all ares of rugby on the Coast in attendance. This year saw the inaugural Casey Cup awarded to Best Clubman, Peter Lingard. The greatly improved relationship with the local clubs and the GCDRU was emphasised when Peter Moore presented all referees with a monographed windbreaker. A stalwart of rugby on the Coast, Bob Sinclair, was also presented with a mug in appreciation of his contribution to the game throughout many years. Bob leaves shortly to take up a position in Fiji and our good wishes go with him.

Other highlights for the Season included:

- Mid-season dinner to introduce the new referees and their partners
- Sixth place by the team entry in the Gold Coast Marathon relay
- Focus on fitness, including a Beep test session conducted by Cole Barrett
- Law lectures and discussion on points of law at meetings
- Visits by two high standard NZ referees who refereed local games during their stay
- Use of "talking flags" during the Grand Finals [all grades]
- The successful use of a fourth referee during the Grand Finals

When Michael Eastwood was laid low mid-season with a serious operation, junior referees did not have the benefit of feedback and constructive criticism. However, in the latter part of the season, Ed Marconi [and Michael when he was fit] stepped into the breach and worked tirelessly to sight as many referees as possible before the finals. Our thanks for your efforts. Thanks also go to Ross Mitchell for his consistently good appointments in a year made difficult by the number of high standard referees. In conclusion, my sincere thanks to all members of the branch who approached the season with such a spirit of willingness and enthusiasm. From first grade referees, to touch judges who participate week after week for little reward other than being part of the game, your dedication was an important factor in a most successful rugby season on the Gold Coast. We can look forward to a positive 1999.

Margaret Casey Secretary/Treasurer

TOWNSVILLE DISTRICT RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENTS REPORT

1998 SEASON

General

Apart from the warehouse tens, the 1998 season is now concluded. It has been at times a confusing year with constant changes to the draw in the early season due to Incitec and Clubs not fielding teams nominated. However, as the season progressed more stability was experienced.

The TDRRA either officiated or coordinated the officiation of a number of competitions other than the TDRU competition. These included:

- Austar Tens;
- Secondary Schools;
- University Colleges;
- Burdekin Sevens and
- Various Trials.

Referees

After postings out and in, the association commenced the season with twenty-three active referees. During the season a further nine referees were qualified with seven of these joining the full time ranks. The other two were committed to playing or coaching.

At the beginning of the season, Paul Martinez retired the boots and took up cabbing in earnest. Unfortunately, during the season we mourned the loss of an old stalwart of the association Salty Eckel.

Development

Through the efforts of our Development Officer Bob Spillane with assistance from Cole Barrett, we conducted two grade one referee's courses and a grade one coaching course.

All referees have had their games coached by CABs' throughout the season and some games have been video taped as an education tool.

Two referees were appointed to Incitec games during the season. It is felt that more of our current referees are more than capable to officiate at these levels of games.

Congratulations to Stef Mussap on his first A Grade Grand Final.

The Association

The association continues to be healthy in numbers, finances and spouse support. Special thanks to Messrs Spillane and Howlett for their efforts with social activities throughout the year, the grand final and the annual dinner. We wish our Treasurer "mother to be" Emily all of the healthy best for the coming fixture and look forward to her togging up again next year.

We thank the local members of ASRRA who have all become active members of this association. It is felt that this association has strengthened the professionalism of both organisations.

The season will close with our traditional Carols in the bush at Palleranda on the 21st of November.

Conclusion

My thanks to all of our Northern Association who have made this yet another fulfilling season.

Ian Kuhl President 17 October 1998

Sunshine Coast & District 1998 Annual Report

1998, a busy year for all referees with the Senior, Junior and School competition growing with the fielding of additional teams from all levels of their respective competition.

In particular, the growth within the schools and Junior ranks has continued its ten percent per annum growth rate.

The Senior competition gained with the addition of a new club and growth within the existing clubs.

Our ranks, for the first time exceeded thirty qualified level I and II referees and we were able to recruit nine new referees who have gone on to qualify as level one referees, and with the growing number of Walla referees we now number 40 plus referees.

In addition we were particularly pleased that of these new referees three are school boys and they have acquitted themselves well.

Apart from the regular season there is an ever growing number of visiting teams, tournaments and Incitec games, thus the season for some, now runs from February to September and does take a toll on all concerned.

Congratulations to David Shing on being appointed to his first Incitec game this year and to the other referees and coaches who attended the Gold Coast school boys carnival, other tournaments and championships.

Referee coaching has come to the fore as a necessary and vital part of our game along with better physical and mental fitness and to our coaches our thanks.

A number of referees retired and in particular our thanks to Ray Lewis who has played an important part in developing referees over the years on the coast.

As usual it was not all beer and skittles, however, we are able to report an improvement in behaviour toward referees during the season and concrete steps have and will continue to be taken to improve this aspect of our relationship with other sections of the game

Our thanks to all those who contributed to the past season, Mike Hurley - Secretary, Dan Kalle - Treasurer, Appointments Officers - Noel Stockall - Senior, Peter Dews - Junior and Rob Hall - Schools,

We also wish to thank our sponsor, "Kawana Waters" and "Organic Pest Control" whose generosity has allowed us to equip all Referees with a new Strip, Shorts, Socks and Touch flags.

As ever, we need to continue to recruit new referees to ensure that we are able to improve our standards in the next and forthcoming seasons.

1998 Grand Final appointment were:- Junior:- UII - Rob Hall, U12's - Noel Stockall & Kevin Lynch, Open Junior - Mike Hurley, Open Seniors - Sid Schilling. Senior:- First Grade - David Shing, Reserve Grade - Tim Weir, Colts - Dan Kalle and to those referees who assisted or officiated as Touch Judges during the finals thank you and all the long suffering ladies who again put up with our silly season, a big thanks.

We look forward to working together with other branches of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association to encourage a stronger exchange programme in 1999.

Mike Gahan President

NEWSLETTER REPORT

A priority of the President and the 1998 Committee was the re-introduction of the Newsletter. The Committee saw the Newsletter as a great vehicle for providing information and articles of interest to all Referees throughout Queensland, as well as providing a forum for any points of interest to be raised by the members.

Simon Maddrell and I were duly appointed to this task. Simon, until his re-location to Sydney, hunted down the articles and I was designated as chief collator, typist and printer. Simon took to his task admirably to the extent of tracking down Scott Young in his Hotel in Pretoria SA, to ensure that Scott's promised article reached us in time for publication.

We produced five Newsletters for the Season, which was, unfortunately, one shy of the goal of six.

I wish to thank all contributors to this year's Newsletter, especially our regulars in Peter Smith and Keith Jennings, as without these contributions, there would be no Newsletter.

I have enjoyed the challenge of producing the Newsletters and wish to thank the Committee for this opportunity.

All the best to the in-coming editor(s) for Season 1999 and to help kick-start next year's publication, Keith Jennings has already provided me with two articles!

Michael Backstrom Management Committee Q.R.R.A. November 1998

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ORRA APPOINTMENTS

This year has been a very busy year for the association with a record number of games being appointed to. As well as the usual competition fixtures this year recorded further increases in pre-season fixtures as well as unscheduled games during the season. The main competition games accounted for 2,100 appointments and these were handled by 145 referees, which averages at 16 games per referee. There were 32 referees who refereed 10 games or less and 17 who refereed none. When you consider that many referees left their membership fees unpaid for much of round one, and therefore were not appointed, the absence of the Super 12 referees and the influx late in the season of new referees the small number of association stalwarts left had their work cut out. The increased workload asked of them has undoubtedly been responsible for the increased injury rate experienced across all referee age groups this season. The main complaints reported have been lower limb injuries, which increased markedly when the first cold snap arrived. More attention needs to be taken of pre-game warming up!

Sincere thanks needs to be extended to all those referees who responded to the late telephone calls and unselfishly gave of their time to referee yet another game. Special mention must go to Michael Petrie, Ian Smith, Martin Chalmers, Mark Logan, John Quinn and Michael Cosgrove who were always on hand to referee whenever they were asked. Without their efforts many Junior games would not have been played. Special attention and thanks should be drawn to the commitment of Paul Harding who on many occasions did not know what game he was appointed to until hours before the game such were the complexities of the redraw after the all to frequent pull outs occurred. His injury during the season was a great blow and loss to the association but no doubt a relief to him as his life suddenly became less chaotic. Chris Donovan was forever on hand to referee all those odd games throughout the season goes our sincere thanks. Without referees like those above the association simply doesn't function and it is in the association's best interest that their enthusiasm and commitment spreads to more members.

It is hoped that next season a more streamlined appointments procedure can be instigated with greater input from referee coaches and referees given more lead time on appointments. Hopefully this will result in more referees enjoying their chosen sport. However unless each individual referee is committed to fulfilling his appointment, no mater what the game, any appointments procedure is going to be fragmented and will fail to adequately meet the needs of referees. We urge the new 1999 committee to address the issues of referee recruitment, retention and discipline to ensure that future years for referees will be bright and enjoyable.

Neil Fawcett & Peter Gofton (Pool 3 & Pool 2 Appointments Officers)

INTERCHANGE REPORT - Convenor Keith Jennings

The 1998 season saw a return to the normal number of interchanges both inward and outward. The table below lists the details -

OUTWARD

Geoff Acton & Gary Craig Ian Forbes Mick Abell & Steve Leszczynski Rod Brockett & Peter Gofton Greg Hinton Andrew Connor **INWARD** Stuart Fluker & Doug King Dick Hewison & Brent Jenkins **Barry Harvey** Ian Clark James Leckie Mick Tanzer Andrew Edelman Andy Collins

ASSOCIATION/LOCATION

North Harbour, Auckland, NZ Hamilton, Hamilton, NZ Taranaki, New Plymouth, NZ

Canterbury, Christchurch, NZ

NSW, Sydney ACT, Canberra

North Harbour, Auckland, NZ Hamilton, Hamilton, NZ

Taranaki, New Plymouth, NZ Canterbury, Christchurch, NZ NSW, Sydney Victoria, Melbourne ACT, Canberra South Australia, Adelaide

The NZ interchange referees also attended the Gold Coast Schools Carnival from 28/6-3/7 with other QRRA referees.

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	Referee	
Women's	Darwin	Carolyn Warren	
Under 16	Darwin	Laurie Monaghan,	
		Andrew Connor &	
		Steve Leszczynski	
Schoolboys	Canberra	Scott Young &	
and the second second		Paul Marks	
Uni. Games	Melbourne	Michael Jennings	

I would like to thank the following members for their help in billeting our visiting referees - Geoff Acton, Trevor & Jonathon Cichero, Andrew Connor, Greg Cree, Keith Jennings, Mark Logan, Peter Smith, John Quinn, Pat Rae, John Raukette, Peter

Talbot, Rex Ward and Scott Young. Also, thanks to Simon Maddrell & Chris Donovan for organising the successful social evening at the Jubilee Hotel.

North Harbour - Geoff Acton & Gary Craig

Gary alias 'Willie Nelson' & I arrived at the Auckland Airport & were met by our referee billets and received our itinerary for the week which included -

Saturday	Geoff: Senior Reserve - Northcote vs East Coast Bays		
	Gary: Under 21 - Northcote vs East Coast Bays		
Monday	1st & 2nd XV - Canberra vs Ranagtoa College		
Thursday	New Zealand Schools Championships		
Friday	New Zealand Schools Championships		
Saturday	Geoff: Senior Reserve - Northcote vs Helensvale		
	Gary: Senior Reserve - Marist vs North Shore		

As you can see, a full schedule. Saturday's games went exceptionally well and we were treated to a beautiful Nothcote jumper - the first time ever given to referees! - and liquid refreshments. Sunday was a quiet day with sightseeing around North Harbour.

Monday's games were not of a high standard but the boys and parents appreciated two quality refereeing displays!! We then attended the referees meeting with a 1-hour lecture on foul play. Tuesday and Wednesday were rest days and Gary and I took the opportunity to see plenty of Auckland and North Harbour, thanks to wonderful billets. The highlights - a walk on the turf at Eden Park, a beer in the Pui Hui Pub where the outside temperature of 11 degrees was warmer than the inside of the Pub, and a trip to a vineyard to sample NZs finest.

On Thursday, we were both apprehensive as the games we were looking forward to all week were upon us. Of course, NZ turned on the weather - 5 degrees and pouring rain. Added to this was the mandate given by the referee's boss in NZ - Ray Garrett - less than 10 penalties and 2 scrum resets - all made for an interesting day.

My game was at 12:15 between Counties Manuka and Northland. Considering the conditions, it was a fabulous game of rugby won 3-0 by Counties with 14 penalties, 2 free kicks and 4 resets. Gary had the 'battle of the Harbour Bridge', Auckland v North Harbour. Gary was informed about last year's game - 3 sin bins, 1 send off and an all in brawl. Good luck Gary! But Gary, wired for sound for the first time had a magnificent game, won 37-0 by Auckland, with 18 penalties, no sin bins, no send offs or brawls. The highlight of Gary's game was not the way he controlled the game but the electrical tape that went around his ears at halftime to keep his earpiece on and hence the nick name 'Willie Nelson'.

We were reduced to a spectator role on Friday, with Gary reserve referee for the 7 vs 8, and 5 vs 6 and touch judge for 3 vs 4. I took referee statistics for 7 vs 8 and 5 vs 6 and was touch judge for the final played on North Harbour Stadium. This is a magnificent stadium with a great referee's room - 3 times the size of Ballymore.

Saturday's games were a bit anti-climatic after the experience of Thursday. However the highlight for me was touch judging in 1st grade with Frank Bunce playing and Marc Ellis returning for his first union game since leaving the Warriors. I was fortunate to talk with both of them after the game. Last but no means least we enjoyed the Australian test match victory wit 3 NZ referees over a variety of Aussie & NZ beers on Saturday night.

I would like to take this opportunity (on behalf of Gary and myself) to thank the Association for selecting us to be part of this enjoyable interchange program.

Hamilton - Ian Forbes

My wife Julie and 1 arrived Friday 24 July at Grant and Barbara Fairweather's home in Hamilton. We both felt very welcome and at ease. Early game on Saturday, as most senior fixtures were cancelled because the Council grounds were closed, due to very wet conditions, I was changed to a first XV game, St. Johns vs Hillcrest. St. Johns went on to win 18 -10. Dick Hewison did a report on my game (welcome feedback). Later we watched the All Black vs South Africa game on TV - the result was like a death in their family. Sunday I refereed the Waikato under 15 trial. Good skills were shown and it was enjoyable although still in wet conditions. In the afternoon I was able to go to the Ranfurly Shield game between Waikato and King Country. A win to Waikato 76 - 0.

Monday was a free day. We had a look at the Hamilton shop's then transferred to Ian Darrah's home. Tuesday Dave McKewon picked us up from Ian's home and took us to Rotorua. A very pleasant day sightseeing. On Wednesday had a First XV game, Church College of New Zealand vs Te Awamutu which C.C.N.Z won 45 - 0. Both teams performed a war dance prior to the game. A very worth while experience to be a part of. Thursday another First XV game, Hillcrest vs Howick (Auckland). Hillcrest had a win. George Marinkovic, a past president of the New Zealand Referees Association (positive feedback), completed a report. That night I went to the Hamilton Referees meeting. I was presented with a jumper, glass and NZ Law and Disciplinary books. I gave a short speech on behalf of Julie and I and the Q.R.R.A and presented the QLD tie and Darling Downs badge to the Hamilton President. I was then encouraged to sample the local Waikato drop.

Friday we were taken to the Waitomo Caves etc, by Dave McKewon. Another pleasant day sightseeing. We transferred from Ian's home to Tony Greene's to stay until departure. Saturday I refereed a senior reserve game between Marist and the Jaradites in which Marist won 10 - 9. It was a hard fought game played once again in wet conditions. We watched the All Black vs Australia test in a room full of Kiwi's. It was great to have a win. Sunday home to Queensland and back to the old routine. We both had a great trip. It was good to be in a country where rugby is the National sport.

In summing up I thought the standard of the First XV games were much the same as our G.P.S First XV, but felt the skill of staying on their feet and forming rucks and winning possession from rucks was superior. Because all of my games were on wet and muddy grounds the pace of the games were not as fast as they may have normally been. It was good to get coaching reports from different coaches than I'm used to. They were both very positive and had some helpful hints.

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Taranaki – Mick Abell & Steve Leszczynski

Mike departed Brisbane on a sunny Friday morning only to fly into thick black clouds, wind and rain on approaching Wellington airport. I arrived at New Plymouth at 8pm and waited for Steve to arrive via Auckland.

We were met by Barry Walker and Ross Patterson, two referees who live at Hawea 50k down the coast from New Plymouth. Mike stayed on Ross's dairy farm and Steve at Barry's place. On Saturday we were appointed games in New Plymouth. I refereed a First XV schoolboys game between Inglewood High and Spotswood High whilst Steve refereed the 3rd XV. The standard was probably equivalent to TAS. The games were relatively easy to referee. The players tended to ruck more over there. The players in New Zealand respect the referee's decision on most occasions and do not question him, whereas over here it is part of the culture to question referees. The referees in Taranaki are very strict and penalise any misconduct against the referee.

That evening we had quite an interesting post-match recovery - possum shooting. After little success because of a recent poisoning of the vermin, we decided to chase after rabbits which proved very successful. We completed our duties that night at 11:30pm, only to rise the next morning for a similar pre-match as the previous day. The game refereed on the Sunday was an U12's fixture.

The following day we ran touch for a schoolboy Super 8 game. The Super 8 schools were the best eight schools in the North Island who play a round robin comp. The highlight of that game was seeing the whole school, approximately one thousand schoolboys on the bank doing the Haka together. This thunderous roar occurred four times throughout the match.

For the following two days farming was the order for the day. On Wednesday Steve and I were appointed to referee at a Junior Tournament where a Taranaki Under 12 side was to be selected for a Regional Tournament. The skill level of the young players was very good and was probably equivalent to a state under 12 side. In the evening we ran touch for an U19 representative game which was the curtain raiser for a NZ Academy XV playing Tonga. For the entire game we experienced heavy, horizontal rain.

During the next two days as Mick stayed at a residence, the family dog died, the motor bike broke down, and a pregnant cow was bogged in the creek. After pulling the cow out it died shortly after. They saved the young calf however, but that died soon after too!! They were happy to see Mick leave!!

On Thursday we went to New Plymouth to referee games there. I refereed an Under 15 game between New Plymouth Boys High and Hamilton High. The game was won easily by Hamilton. The standard was very good and both teams played an open game. THE MYER CENTRE IS PROUD TO BE THE SPONSOR OF THE

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION (AND YES OUR OPTOMETRISTS ARE OPEN 7 DAYS) Steve ran the line for the firsts between New Plymouth and Hamilton. On Friday Steve and myself were billeted in New Plymouth. Our last games on Saturday were a Senior thirds game between Spotswood and Opunake (Mike) and a Senior Reserve B game (Steve), both in boggy conditions.

We would like to thank the Association for giving us the chance to referee out of Australia.

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Canterbury – Rod Brockett & Peter Gofton

The Association's treasurer thrust the tickets into my hands a few days before departure and I didn't have time to look the exact details until the day before departure when I discovered a Friday 5am flight was the starting time. Mild panic set in. I arrived at the airport to discover my glasses were not in their case and let's face it a referee without glasses is, well to say the least, pretty much at a disadvantage. My dear wife volunteered to drive home to collect them so all was not lost. As she departed my thoughts raced along surmising what else I may have forgotten? Too late now as the baggage was whisked away to the waiting aircraft. As I mentally went through the contents of my bags a quiet voice next to me proffered "Haven't you forgotten this?" and turning there was Rod Brockett, my partner in crime for the next ten days, offering me a comb. These events were to set the tenor of the trip. After waiting for the last possible moment, still no specs, we decided to board the aircraft and on clearing security a front row forward from the QANTAS women's rugby team tackled me and gave me my errant glasses complete with strawberry jam from the youngest son. I was later to discover that a speeding ticket had been collected in the mad dash home courtesy of a speed camera.

On arrival in Sydney we transferred to another flight and departed Australia but not before Rod raided the cosmetics counter at the duty free. Each to own I thought but I was more comfortable in the liquor outlet. Anyhow my appearance is pretty good, the finely chiselled, classic rugged Aussie look that doesn't need the sort of help and embellishment that Rod's requires. We knew we were getting close when the Franz Joseph Glacier came into view and before we could digest this magnificent sight we were landing at Christchurch airport.

Ian Clarke, who conducted us on a quick tour of the city and surrounds, met us at the airport before we were whisked into the city to meet Mike Moore (appointments officer) for a cup of coffee. I knew as I travelled around Christchurch that this was going to be a memorable stay. Every vacant lot of ground possessed rugby goal posts and every other advertising sign had an All Black face selling this product or that. Red and black bunting, from the Super 12 final, was still to be seen in shop windows and private residences - Ian's lounge room was still full of red and black streamers from the final's celebrations. My initial feelings of well being were later confirmed when Ian stopped outside a modest suburban house and in lowered reverential tones proclaimed "This is the house of Andrew Merthen's father".

After Mike Moore it was off to visit Paul Murphy president of the Canterbury Rugby Referees Association. I stayed with Paul and his family for three nights. On Saturday morning it was off to Hagley Park to watch the netball and a young referee refereeing his fourth game since passing the referee's course. It seems everyone in Christchurch participates in some sport each Saturday.

That afternoon at 3pm it was off to referee my first game a senior 3rd division fixture between Christchurch and University. I was taken to the match by Cec Topp who I later discovered over a drink or two that we were distantly related - small world I guess. This relationship counted for little as he directed me to the teams for boot inspection and team talk. All went well until I discovered these two teams were playing soccer that day. Thanks Cec! The right teams were found but as with most teams in Christchurch red and black are very popular colours. Christchurch wore red and black but to their credit University agreed to wear their alternate strip and took the field in black and red. A Phil Jones nightmare. The game was enjoyable with no chat from the players with the captain of University declaring "We'll have the shot at goal please sir" when asked what he wanted to do. The game went to the wire with Christchurch prevailing 18 to 16 at full time. After a quick shower and a beer, three large bottles each, at the club, it was off to Lancaster Park to the referee's room for an evening of good cheer and to bid farewell to some exchange referees from the Bay of Plenty. Just when you thought that too much rugby was barely enough it was off to Ian's home to watch NZ A play the woeful England side followed by Australia v Scotland. It was here that I discovered the latent pyromania that existed in Rod as he diligently stocked the fireplace until Ian's lounge fairly glowed. After this illuminating insight I studiously avoided Rod when anything to do with fire was concerned for the rest of the trip.

Sunday dawned overcast; cold and wet but undaunted it was off to the countryside for a barbecue with a group of off-road vehicle enthusiasts. Sundays in New Zealand are rugby free – all the other days are for rugby! Monday I joined Rod and we were delivered into the capable hands of Vinnie Munro a member of the local constabulary. More sightseeing with Vinnie followed who filled us in on the areas to avoid and where every criminal lived in Canterbury.

Acting on Andrew Cole's advice, which is at best a dicey proposition, Rod and I travelled to Hamner Springs where we soaked in thermal springs with the outside air temperature of four degrees. Over a pleasant lunch in a quaint pub Rod and I decided that for once Andrew's advice was spot on and that every visitor to Christchurch should make the journey to the springs. That afternoon I refereed a 1st XV game between St Bedes and a visiting side from Rangiora. For the first time in recorded memory the St Bede's side lost and the visitors were over the moon – what a tumultuous afternoon.

Soon it was off to new lodgings and an evening game for Rod at Lincoln. I ran touch for the game and it was cold with a heavy crunchy frost covering the field. The drive home in zero visibility conditions was not easily forgotten. Friday saw us transferring to Brian Noonan's home where we were greeted with snow starting to fall. The local paper had published Saturday's appointments and I had an under 21 game at 1.30 pm. The early time was so the match could finish early so everyone could retire to their favourite haunt to watch the All Blacks v England test match from Dunedin. The local THE MYER CENTRE IS PROUD TO BE THE SPONSOR OF THE

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION (AND YES OUR OPTOMETRISTS ARE OPEN 7 DAYS) lads in the All Black side were cheered each time they touched the ball while other players were only greeted with lukewarm enthusiasm such is the passion the game and the local players command in the Canterbury district. My game was a great battle ending in a three-point victory to Old Boys courtesy of an indiscretion by the opposition 30 seconds from full time.

Too much beer at Old Boys club followed by even more at the referee's rooms at Lancaster Park where Paul Murphy presented Rod and myself with some gifts. After the speeches and exchange of our and the QRRA's thanks and gifts it was time to open the rum. Bundaberg rum and New Zealand referees don't mix too well and some very sore heads were in evidence on Sunday morning. After the function at the referee's rooms it was off to dinner and more drinks and then home to talk about and watch – what else but rugby. Ah this could be paradise! Off to bed in the wee small hours after watching Australia v Scotland game from Ballymore.

Early Sunday morning it was off to Brighton beach where we went for a mid-winter dip. A few referees turned up and down to the beach we went. One chap set-up a start line produced a starting pistol and it was "On your mark, get set, steady" then bang we were off sprinting to the water. The feeling was indescribable! My testicles immediately went into shock and took up a position two feet higher than they usually occupy. After the dip it was off to a nearby house where we told tall tales, drank hot soup, coffee, ate cakes, and where Rod and I swore a sacred promise that in future any exchange referees from Queensland would be honour bound to take the mid-winter plunge. After that it was time to pack and head for the airport which was a bit of an anticlimax after the wonderful rugby (four games in a week) and hospitality afforded us by the Canterbury referees and their families.

The trip home was subdued. Perhaps I was weighed down by all the wonderful experiences I had in Canterbury. Who knows? However I do know a small part of me has been left behind in Christchurch in the safe hands of the Canterbury Referees Association and the crowd that inhabit the terraces of Lancaster Park. It would be remiss of me not to thank the committee of the QRRA for extending to me the invitation to participate in the exchange for which I am grateful. Now gentlemen what do I need to do between now and next June to go again? I'm available and at short notice.

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Sydney – Greg Hinton

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Canberra – Andrew Connor

I arrived in Canberra on Friday evening after a very pleasant and speedy flight from Brisbane. My first billet was John Darby and his wife Irene. John met me at the airport and so did about 7 of the Brumbies. Actually they were there to meet friends and family but it was the thought that counted.

Saturday morning brought with it a beautiful but cold day and I struggled out of bed at 8.30 am - I could get used to this. We travelled to Marist to watch John's son Ben and his girlfriend Christy both referee school games. The ACTRRA has a good scattering of female refs, and some of the performances I saw were very good. My game was my first First grade game ever, between Uni and Wests at ANU. The sun went down, the wind came in and it was cold. Uni won a spirited, trouble free encounter 15-3. Before the game I did the usual introductions to both captains and as I walked away, both captains were heard saying to their respective teams 'OK, we got a visiting referee today and he's not going to take any crap, so pull your heads in etc etc' - you beauty.

After my game both captains came and thanked me for the game, as did both coaches. Brendan McCormack gave me excellent feedback as coach. And then it was to the clubhouse and to Bruce Stadium where the best performance was by Barrie Leask and Mick Keogh in the ref's box - that's right, the referees match day corporate box.

On Sunday I ran touch for Russell Butler (Sydney) in the reserve grade fixture between Parramatta and the Kookaburras at Manuka Oval. Monday was spent in and around Canberra. Irene's sister works in Parliament House and she took me on a very extensive tour of what I now believe is a magnificent building. Monday night was meeting night. I was asked to make a short speech and I focused on the great hospitality and post match culture that is so strong there, yet so lacking up here. Carl Hamlyn and his wife then took me and I spent 3 nights with them. Tuesday I refereed an U15 match which was good for stretching the legs. That night was training night, and what great training it was - the ground was boggy, the lights were dim, and being a visitor, I was targeted to be the guinea pig for everything.

Wednesday was another game day and by this stage I was getting a little leg weary. Mick Hall, the ACTRU referees coaching director did his back in earlier in the week, so buses and shank's pony were my friends. That particular game was a waste of everyone's time. One team was short; there were no reserves, a 35-0 score and rain. On Thursday I hired a car and took in Goulburn, Bowral, visited my Uncle and Aunt in Mittagong, Kiama, Bega and Bateman's Bay. The blowhole in Kiama was furious. Thursday night was another training night, but it loosened me up. I farewelled Carl and billeted with the very debonair Paul Heilman (No. 5) Friday was a rest day -thank God - and I did nothing save lunch with Paul in Manuka and dinner and a few beers with Nick Long and Paul at All Bar None, sponsors of the ACTRRA. I missed the opening State of Origin because of this!.

Saturday was fine but very windy. Paul drove me to my game that was between the Tuggeranong Vikings and Royals. 1vs 2 - a grudge match, the game nobody wants - let's give it to the mug Queenslander. A very hard fought game. Tuggeranong eventually won 34-22, but it was somewhat bash and crash football. Paul Sholtens gave me some good tips after the game. Then back to Tugger's clubhouse, where they insisted I down something called a Purple Stinky. A farewell dinner followed. Then ex Brisbane boy Ben Willis and wife Cath insisted I drink beer at their place. On Sunday I came home and rested.

I would like to thank all concerned for this opportunity - our selection panel and organisers, the ACTRRA, my billets, coaches and new friends. Also most importantly, my wife Nicole for her excellent support in what has been a good year for me with my refereeing.

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Portfolio Report – Referee Training and Development

The 1998 season saw the continued development of referees in Queensland by the same processes as in the 1997 season. This was through the development vehicles of the Intensive Coaching Unit (development squad), rugby carnivals and championships, and referee training nights.

The development squad was formed in late 1997 and met fortnightly. The squad composed 6 referees. Co-directors were Ian Scotney and Tony Mellick, and I was the Co-ordinator. Referee Coaching Director Cole Barrett had input as well.

Of the 6 referees, 4 participated in National Championships, 2 gained Grand Final appointments, and 1 made his 1st grade debut. While this may indicate that the concept of the development squad is successful, the true measure of success should be how much each individual member of the group has improved. I believe we were somewhat successful.

It is acknowledged that rugby carnivals and championships provide the best intensive coaching environment for referees. The Development Board saw as many referees as possible appointed to the various state and national championships and carnivals. These events also ensure that ongoing development of referee coaches occurs.

It was my intention to continue to conduct the meeting nights in the same way as 1997, i.e. that the focus and content of the meeting night program is on those referees not involved in the Australian Panel, or, the Intensive Coaching Unit.

The following program was formulated in consultation with Terry O'Connor and Cole Barrett.

TOPIC INSTRUCTOR METHOD DATE **RDO Seminar Report** Discussion Cole Barrett Feb 18 Discussion Aust. Panel Seminar Greg Hinton Report Refereeing the new Geoff Pegg Workshop Mar 4 Laws

TRAINING PROGRAM:

Mar 18	Refereeing the Tackle Pile up or Maul	Peter Gofton	Workshop
Apr 1	Communicating with the whistle	Richard Bendeich	Practical
Apr 15	Preventative Refereeing	Barry Leask	Workshop
Apr 29	Refereeing Under 19s	Frank Meiklejohn	Workshop
May 13	Scrums	Laurie Monahan Cole Barrett	Practical
May 27	Lineouts	Rod Brockett	Practical
Jun 10	Development Board Perspective on refereeing in 1998	Ian Scotney Tony Mellick	Address
Jun 24	Foul Play and Control	Andrew Cole Laurie Monahan	Workshop
Jul 8	Differences in Refereeing the Different Grades	Peter Smith	Workshop
Jul 22	Touchjudging	Ian Robertson	Workshop
Aug 5	Exercise and Nutrition for Refereeing	Rod Brockett	Lecture
Aug 19	Handling the 'Heat' on the Field	Andrew Cole	Workshop
Sep 2	1998 Season Review "Was the abuse justified?"	Cole Barrett	Discussion

As can be seen a variety of presenters were used, and the emphasis was on group discovery of information and answers.

To improve how we develop referees for 1999 and beyond, we need to continue to improve on how we use the development tools we have in place and derive new ones. Already the committee in putting into place strategies and commitments with this goal in mind. Our major problem is money, and deciding what value we get for money spent on each development vehicle.

Special mention should be made of the work done by our fitness trainer, Jay Sanderson. Through his expertise and good nature he puts up with the whingeing and abuse to keep us all in peak condition. Thanks Jay for your efforts and understanding.

Thanks to all my presenters for the 1998 season, and special thanks to the expertise lent by Terry O'Connor and Cole Barrett in assisting me prepare the training night program and other development programs.

Peter Smith Management Committee Q.R.R.A. November 1998

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JUNIOR RUGBY AND SCHOOLS PORTFOLIO

Having served on the committee now for a couple of years and executed the same portfolio you tend to ask yourself if there remains any challenges for following years ?

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on the committee and attending numerous Junior Committee meetings and Judiciary Hearings together with, but not to the same extent, sitting in on GPS and TAS meetings.

While we are dealing with primarily 12 - 16 year olds there will always be the necessity to be tolerant but firm, lenient but fair and understanding and always be there to give constructive advice to help the situation.

This year I am very proud to say that my attendance to the Judiciary was kept to a bare minimum, having only a handful of send-offs. I ask the question. "Are our referees stamping out foul play, or are we not as observant as other years?" I am confident that it is the former.

We were again invited to referee at GPS and TAS games and I'm sure those referees who attended enjoyed the standard of play. There still remains some concern regarding Brisbane based referees attending The Southport School. This we hope to address once and for all in 1999.

There will be a few new challenges in the New Year, namely, a new competition made up of some former TAS schools, some new schools from south of Brisbane and the <u>possibility</u> of some form of remuneration for our travelling for refereeing Junior Rugby which has been discussed with the QJRU. We also hope this could extend to all referees in all grades.

I have enjoyed my year on the executive and will continue to support the Association in the future wherever possible.

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Yours in rugby,

Ray Zingelmann



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