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**PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION**

**FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
SEASON 1967**

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE
ANNUAL MEETING
ON
FRIDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1968**

J. HARRIS,
President.

L. BRENNAN,
Hon. Treasurer.

M. EDWARDS,
Hon. Secretary.
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

December, 1967.

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting of the Penrith District Rugby League Referees' Association will be held at the Penrith District Club, Station Street, Penrith, on FRIDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1968, commencing at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

You are invited to be in attendance.

Business:

- (1) Minutes.
- (2) Correspondence.
- (3) Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
- (4) Election of Officers.
- (5) Election of Appointment Board.
- (6) Committee Reports.
- (7) General Business.

M. EDWARDS,
Hon. Secretary.

OFFICIALS FOR 1967

Patrons:

Mr. S. CAREY, Mr. C. WIGZELL.

President:	Sen. V.-President:	Secretary:
Mr. J. HARRIS.	J. TURNER (On Active Service)	M. EDWARDS.

Treasurer:	Assist. Treasurer:	Assist. Secretary:
L. BRENNAN.	B. BARNES.	L. MANUEL.

Vice Presidents:

Messrs. H. COX (Senior), K. HOLMES, E. MITCHELL.

Head Body Delegates:	Junior League Delegates:
K. HOLMES,	D. COURTS,
R. HAYWARD.	J. SCHLITTER.

Social Secretary:

K. JUSTIN.

Publicity Officer:
H. COX.

Coaching Officer:
K. HOLMES.

Social Committee:

M. BEACROFT, P. SANDERS, D. TANSEY, B. AYERS.

Appointment Board:

D. COURTS, J. HARRIS, L. BRENNAN, M. EDWARDS,
H. COX, L. MANUEL, K. HOLMES.

WORD FROM OUR PATRONS

The Penrith District Rugby Football Referees' Association can claim justifiable pride in its inaugural first season. When the Penrith District Club was raised to First Grade status, referees in the area immediately set about forming an Association worthy of this standard.

The capable and experienced members laid a very firm foundation and all worked untiringly in a recruiting and coaching campaign. Wonderful results were achieved in a short period.

Some teething troubles were inevitable. However, with the support and co-operation of the District Club, the Junior League, and the N.S.W. R.F. League, the Association grew from strength to strength.

A unique feature was that Penrith Association has very close and friendly relations with the neighbouring Country Referees' Association, and frequent interchange of visits has produced mutual benefits to both.

My co-patron, Mr. Cyril Wigzell, and I, compliment all members for a very fine individual effort in the interests of Rugby League.

STEVE CAREY.

The Penrith District Referees' Association can be justified in feeling proud of their initial year in Rugby League and may the Association go on from success to success.

It is the co-operation of all concerned which has helped to obtain this success both on and off the field of play, more especially by the manner in which all Referees carried out their duties on the field of play, as a lot of bearing is brought on them as to the manner in which they control the game, have a general knowledge of the Laws of the game, and the application of the laws at all times to which we say congratulations to all who were successful in controlling Finals and Grand Finals throughout the year.

The Association functioned harmoniously throughout the year, which can only be obtained by the interest of all the members endeavouring to attend their meetings throughout the year. The social activities were carried out on a grand scale, to which we must extend our sincere thanks to our officers in general, and let us endeavour to support them at all times.

In conclusion, may we look forward to the continued support of all members at all times and the Association can claim that a sincere foundation has been laid, and we can look forward with confidence to a successful season for 1968.

E. E. WIGZELL.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to submit to you this report of our first year of activities. It has been a year which we the Executive, and you, as members, can look back on with justifiable pride, your success in our inaugural year is to the credit of our Association and Rugby League within the boundaries of the Penrith District, so we and the administrative bodies controlling Rugby League within our boundaries can look to the future with confidence.

Seeing that this is our first official annual report, I would, on my own and your behalf, sincerely thank the ten men who attended our inaugural meeting and put in such work that we were able to hold our first meeting of the year with twenty-six members in attendance. To you gentlemen, Messrs. T. Brennan, B. Barnes, D. Courts, H. Cox, M. Edwards, K. French, K. Holmes, T. Manuels, E. Mitchell, J. Turner, our thanks and gratitude.

To our Secretary, M. Edwards, to whom goes the honour of being the first member to be graded from our Association. Merv's realisation of the first part of his ambitions and the success he had in his first year in grade is the first chapter in the history of successfully graded members from Penrith, so to our grade nominations for the 1968 season, Messrs. Courts, Holmes, Ellis, Barnes and Mitchell goes our best wishes and confidence that you will write the next chapter in this year's trials.

To con a well known phrase "There is strength in numbers" and due to the efforts of our coaching officer, Keith Holmes, and his many assistants, we now have numbers with forty senior, and a very strong Junior Branch of thirteen members. To Keith and his colleagues our gratitude and I feel sure the success of their efforts is amply rewarded, which could not have been without the publicity and the interest created in our activities by the energetic efforts of "H. for Bob" Cox, our publicity officer.

To you the new and older members, the most meritorious service you can give to your Association is your attendance at meetings and I am pleased to say that from forty members accumulated over the year our average attendance at meetings was thirty-one Senior and seven Junior.

At the time of writing this report, we have the major social function of the year, namely the Christmas Tree, the only function left on our social calendar. With the success of our social activities during the year and the conscientious manner in which Kevin Justin and his social committee go about their duties it is not too premature to offer our thanks and appreciation for the tremendous effort in their first endeavour in this type of work.

Coupled with success of our social activities and the harmony that exists within the Association is the manner in which our good wives and lady friends have harmonised and supported our every endeavour.

The standard of refereeing in this our first year was very high due to the efforts of your appointments board, who, although containing active members, worked most efficiently for the benefit and welfare of the Association. The smooth running and efficiency of the board is due namely to the untiring efforts of the Secretary, D. Courts, whose time and effort make it extremely difficult to put into words our feeling of gratitude, so Don, on behalf of us all. THANK YOU!

At this time I would like to say thank you and recommend to you the efforts of my Executive who have been the instrument of your success — so to Merv. Edwards, Les Brennan, and Len Manuels, I say thank you for the co-operation, assistance and efficiency with which you fulfilled your duties.

To close this report I would compliment the Junior League on a most successful season, and offer our thanks for your hospitality and co-operation during the past season.

To the District Club we congratulate on a very successful debut into the graded ranks and the prestige and interest for Rugby League within the area gained by their enthusiasm and efforts. Although we can understand the tremendous task undertaken by them I must express disappointment in the lack of liaison between the District Club and the Association which is so necessary for the success of Rugby League within the district. I strongly recommend that the first duty of the District Club and our Association in the season be to create a strong channel of connections and liaison so necessary at this stage of development.

I have, in my association with refereeing, met many friends and have been proud of achieving many of my personal ambitions, but will always look back with pride and be grateful to you, the members, for granting me the opportunity of being President in our inaugural year.

J. HARRIS,
President.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1967

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit to you your Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the Season, 1967, for your approval and adoption.

The first Annual Meeting was held on 3rd February, 1967, and was attended by Messrs. A. Davis, E. Cox, S. Carey, and Mr. C. Wigzell, of the N.S.W. Rugby League Referees' Association, Messrs. Leo Trevena and D. Fitzgerald, of the Penrith District Rugby League Club and

twenty-seven members of the Association. I would personally like to thank all who attended and helped to make the Association what it is today; we will go on to greater success and strength in numbers as the years go by.

To Messrs. Courts, Brennan, Holmes, Ellis, Barnes and Mitchell, go our congratulations for reaching Grand Final honours, the touch judges of the Grand Final, I must also congratulate for your achievements for the year. To all members I hope your ambitions are for you to reach the top of the tree in 1968 — it takes time and a lot of hard work, so if you missed in 1967, try a little harder for 1968.

Again to Messrs. Courts, Holmes, Ellis and Barnes for ably representing the Association in the S. G. Ball, Jersey Flegg and President Cup competition.

The visitations were numerous for the year 1967, from Mr. Cliff Brown, of the N.S.W. Rugby League Referees' Association, a lecture was given on general refereeing; accompanying Mr. Brown was Mr. Bill Kelly. Mr. John Martin, of N.S.W. Rugby League Referees' Association, who gave a lecture on touch judging. To you gentlemen, I sincerely thank you for the time you could spare for the most impressive lectures given to benefit our members. Our two worthy Patrons, Mr. Steve Carey and Mr. C. Wigzell, no invitation is ever needed to Penrith, as we are always grateful to have in our presence two men who have done so much for Rugby League everywhere they go, and it would be indeed a pleasure if the visits were more often. Group 10 President, Noel McAllister, and Group 15 President, Geoff McNally, also paid us a visit in the 1967 season. I feel sure that these frequent visits by Country Referees are bringing the Country and City bodies closer. A visit from any Group referee is always welcome to Penrith.

During the year much was achieved on the administrative side, and I take this opportunity to thank all members on the various sub-committees for their interest and support.

The Junior Branch must be complimented for the manner in which they conducted their own meetings. It is comforting to know that refereeing within the Penrith District will remain at a very high standard with the very smart juniors coming along. Keep up the good work, lads!

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Secretary for 1967, and the job is made easier if you have a good Executive to work with, for their guidance, assistance and support I am deeply grateful and say it has been a pleasure to work with you all.

In conclusion I thank all members for your loyalty and support, and once again I thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your first Secretary.

M. EDWARDS,
Secretary.

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS 1967 SEASON

B. Ayers	K. French	J. Schlitter
L. Brennan	R. Hayward	R. Walsh
B. Barnes	K. Holmes	T. Ellis
J. Bishop	B. Kendall	J. Murphy
M. Beacroft	K. Mellon	T. Oxley
D. Courts	E. Mitchell	R. Donovan
H. Cox	J. Mergan	R. Philliponi
S. Callaghan	S. Parkin	K. Melville
N. Cahill	A. Petchell	
I. McAlary	P. Sanders	

New Members:

P. Kentworthy	J. Beacroft	J. Humphries
T. Hardie	T. Murphy	

Grade Members, 1967:

M. Edwards	J. Harris	J. Turner
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Non-Active Members, 1967:

C. Brand	B. Cameron	L. Manuel
G. McManus		

Junior Members:

I. Brand	J. Brook	N. Lovejoy
B. Grady	M. Grady	B. Martin
P. McPhee	R. Manuel	R. Tuckwell
R. Nillson	E. Tamplin	
J. White	A. Danks	

Referees' Grand Final Appointments:

A Grade Referee:	Touch Judges:
D. Courts	J. Murphy, H. Cox
A Reserve Grade Referee:	Touch Judges:
L. Brennan	B. Barnes, M. Beacroft
C Grade Referee:	Touch Judges:
K. Holmes	D. Tansey, K. French
D Grade Referee:	Touch Judges:
T. Ellis	K. Mellon, S. Parkin
E Grade Referee:	Touch Judges:
E. Mitchell	B. Ayers, J. Schlitter

ATTENDANCE OF REFEREES AT MEETINGS

(Possible Totals in Brackets)

B. Ayers, 14 (16); C. Brand, 10 (16); L. Brennan, 14 (16); B. Barnes, 14 (16); J. Bishop, 14 (16); M. Beacroft, 11 (16); B. Cameron, 5 (13); D. Courts, 15 (16); H. Cox, 15 (16); S. Callaghan, 14 (16); N. Cahill, 6 (16); M. Edwards, 14 (16); K. French, 12 (16); J. Harris, 15 (16); R. Hayward, 15 (16); K. Holmes, 14 (16); B. Kendall, 15 (16); L. Manuel, 16 (16); K. Mellon, 14 (16); E. Mitchell, 8 (16); J. Mergan, 8

(14); S. Parkin, 8 (15); A. Petchell, 2 (8); P. Sanders, 9 (16); J. Schlitter, 14 (16); R. Walsh, 8 (16); T. Ellis, 9 (14); J. Murphy, 10 (12); T. Oxley, 8 (11); R. Donovan, 1 (11) — exemption due to work; R. Philliponi, 10 (11); K. Melville, 5 (8); G. McManus, 5 (16); I. McAlary, 1 (7); P. Kentworthy, 4 (5); J. Beacroft, 4 (5); J. Humphries, 5 (5); T. Hardie, 2 (2); T. Murphy, 2 (2); J. Turner (on Active Service).

Junior Branch attendances as follows:—

I. Brand, 4 (13); J. Brook, 4 (4); A. Danks, 4 (4); B. Grady, 13 (13); M. Grady, 10 (13); N. Lovejoy, 1 (4); P. McPhee, 10 (13); R. Manuel, 13 (13); B. Martin, 5 (6); R. Nillson, 8 (12); E. Tamplin, 3 (13); R. Tuckwell, 9 (13); J. White, 3 (4).

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1967

Dear Members,

As Social Secretary, it is my privilege, on behalf of my co-workers, to give this report. This phase of activity within the Association being new to us found us trying to find our feet. With the help of Senior Members of the Association, we gradually felt our way.

The first social evening held was a Ladies' Night at Penrith Leagues Club. According to all who attended, the evening proved a success. Apparently the wives enjoyed it, as some of the husbands made it a regular evening on meeting nights.

Consideration at this time was given to the holding of a Bar-b-que, but as the weather at the time was getting rather cool, it was decided to leave this in abeyance.

Many members attended various functions at fellow Associations and all reported a first class time was had. Perhaps the most successful being St. George Association's Night at Hurstville, where Penrith were well represented, having the biggest roll up.

Moves were at this time getting under way to organise our first Annual Ladies' Night. After much discussion and comparison of menus, etc., it was decided to hold it at the Blacktown Workers' Club, on 22nd September. Junior Members' Parents were invited to take the place of their sons. The evening was well attended by approximately 150, including Patrons and representatives from Head Body Association, District Club, Group 10, District Associations, and representatives of the Workers' Club. St. George Association sent rather a large group and it appears a strong alliance has grown between our Associations. The evening proved a success and all reported having had a good time. It is firmly hoped that this night becomes bigger and better with each year.

Our next venture was in the sporting field, where we met the Waggon Wheels Cricket Club. This Club showed us the outstanding

sportsmanship and friendliness of this district as everyone at the match will agree. The people put at our disposal the gear and made available liquid refreshments and luncheon. Although our first venture into cricket we were not disgraced, being beaten by only 17 runs. Once again a most successful and enjoyable outing.

The final meeting of the Association for the year was short and a carnival followed. Refreshments and food was very kindly put on by the District Club, through Mr. M. Cartwright. Somehow time slipped past too quickly, as the night was a "ball". Entertainment was provided by K. Mellon, Bob Cox, M. Cartwright, "Blue" Crowley, and Charlie Harris. I do believe, at one stage, I heard the dulcet tones of our President, J. Harris.

The next social event of the year came in a cricket match against St. George at St. Marys. We were not so lucky in this match, although we had an old fox as wicket keeper (thanks, Bob) who skippered us in the absence of Merv. Edwards. Another notable missing, too, was Les Brennan, who suffered injury in our first match. Try using the bat next time, Les! Although not well attended by us, we managed to get a team, and had a good day. Once again Waggon Wheels catered. This day looks like becoming an annual event and St. George look forward to being hosts next time.

Before finishing sporting notes, we have a tentative return against Waggon Wheels for March 10. This is still to be decided on.

My many thanks for assistance throughout the year go firstly to my co-workers, Messrs. Tansey, Sanders, Beacroft and Ayers; without their help none of these things would have eventuated. Secondly, to the Executive who led us on the right track in our early stages, our own members who helped out in organising, the Ladies who gave their time and those who offered in getting presents, etc., the District Club, Penrith Leagues Club, "Blue" Crowley, Blacktown Workers' Club, the Waggon Wheels Cricket Club. To all of these my thanks for your assistance and offers of same.

By the time this report comes to you, our Xmas Picnic at Mandalay Park will be past. I am sure that with your support, it will have proved a success and the youngsters will have had something to remember for the year.

In closing, let me wish you all the best in the coming season, and to the incoming Social Secretary and Committee all the help and support I have received.

K. JUSTIN,
Social Secretary.

P.S. — Late thanks to Messrs. Harris, Manuels and Edwards, for donating trophies for Junior and Senior Championships, won by M. Grady and B. Barnes respectively.

RESULT OF BALLOT, 1968

Patron:

President:

Senior Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Vice Presidents:

Assistant Secretary:

Assistant Treasurer:

N.S.W.R.L. Referees' Association Delegates:

Proxy:

Junior League Delegates:

Social Secretary:

Social Committee:

Auditors:

Publicity Officer:

Coaching Officer:

Appointment Board:

