

*Merv. Edwards*

**PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE  
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION**

**SECOND  
ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
BALANCE SHEET**

**SEASON 1968**

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**ON**

**FRIDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1969**

**J. HARRIS,**  
President.

**L. BRENNAN,**  
Hon. Treasurer.

**M. EDWARDS,**  
Hon. Secretary.  
Phone: 622 6356

**PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE  
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

December, 1968.

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, 7th FEBRUARY, 1969, commencing at 7.30 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 1968**

**Patrons:** ✓

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

<b>President:</b> ✓ Mr. J. HARRIS.	<b>Sen. V.-President:</b> ✓ E. MITCHELL	<b>Secretary:</b> ✓ M. EDWARDS.
<b>Treasurer:</b> ✓ L. BRENNAN.	<b>Assist. Treasurer:</b> ✓ M. BEACROFT.	<b>Assist. Secretary:</b> ✓ B. BARNES.

**Vice Presidents:** ✓

Messrs. J. TURNER, D. COURTS.

<b>Head Body Delegates:</b> ✓ K. HOLMES, R. HAYWARD.	<b>Junior League Delegates:</b> ✓ J. SCHLITTER, B. KENDALL.
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**Social Secretary:** ✓  
K. JUSTIN.

**Publicity Officer:**  
H. COX.

**Social Committee:** ✓

M. BEACROFT, D. TANSEY, B. AYERS, J. MURPHY,  
R. DONOVAN, P. KENWORTHY, K. MELLON.

**Appointment Board:** ✓

D. COURTS, J. HARRIS, L. BRENNAN, M. EDWARDS,  
E. MITCHELL, L. MANUEL, T. ELLIS.

**Auditors:**  
D. TANSEY, B. AYERS.



## REPORT FROM THE PATRONS

It is with pleasure that I add a few words in support to the activities of the Association for the 1968 Season, to which one can say it was a very successful one.

The success of the Association is mainly maintained by the co-operation of all members working in the interest of the Association by attendance at all meetings and functions arranged for them, which also gives added support to the Officers elected to their respective positions.

To all Referees, both Grade and District, I wish to extend congratulations on their respective appointments and also to those who were appointed to President Cup, Jersey Flegg and George Ball fixtures, and may it be the forerunner for higher appointments in the very near future and may it be the incentive of other members to obtain some of the above appointments.

The Officers of the Association are to be congratulated for the efficient manner in which they conducted the affairs of the Association throughout the Season.

In conclusion may I add that success of refereeing can only be attained by continued effort and by enforcement of the laws of the game with consistency at all times, wherever the referee may be officiating, whether it be school boy or district football.

I extend to all members of the Association every good wish for a successful Season in 1969.

C. E. WIGZELL, Patron.

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My sincere congratulations go to all, from your President right down to, shall I term it, the most junior member, on a most successful and harmonious year for the Penrith District Referees' Association. "Little by little the bird builds its nest" and having attended your first and last meeting, I must commend your Executive and members on the firm foundation and quick growth, in numbers and in ability, of the Association.

Early teething difficulties have been surmounted and you can feel a justifiable pride in your achievement in all phases of refereeing — coaching, field performances, publicity, Executive, conduct at meetings and socials.

It was my pleasure to attend a few meetings and socials and to participate in a most enjoyable day's cricket.

If you didn't achieve your ambition last season, 1969 is new and let it be a challenge to every member. Raoul Amundsen was beaten in the dash for the North Pole, but he beat Robert Falcon Scott in the race for the South Pole. "To seek, to strive and not to yield". Food for thought in these words.

Congratulations Penrith, and my personal best wishes for good successful refereeing in the 1969 Season. Thanks for allowing me the privilege of enjoying your good fellowship.

STEVE CAREY, Patron.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

You have before you a detailed and comprehensive Report of one of the most successful year's activities one can remember.

During the year we shared with the families of three great Advocates of Rugby League, a deep grievance at their loss.

JIMMY SHORTER — a referee of the highest character.

JOE BROMFIELD — a legend, and a by-word in the Parramatta District, I feel that all who knew him feel with me that his passing marks the end of an era.

WEE GEORGE PIPER who was one of the most popular and idolised players to ever grace the playing field.

These three men, by their attitude and dedication, were an example of the true meaning of Rugby League and Sportsmanship; so would you join with me in a few minutes of silent fortitude of their memory.

Another page of the History Book closed with the retirement from the active ranks of "H for Bob Cox". It is most gratifying to know by their gestures in showing their appreciation to Bob and Beryl the District Club and Junior League hold him in the same high esteem as we, his fellow-members. We sincerely hope and trust that in 16 years hence he can look on it with the same success in Administration as he can now, on the past 16 years.

The Grand Finals in all grades of the Competition were played in the true spirit of Rugby League, and congratulations go to all Clubs who participated, particularly the winners.

To the Junior League go our thanks and congratulations on the excellence and efficiency of their functioning after crossing the troubled waters of such a stormy season.

To "Our Referees" who were appointed to officiate in these, my congratulations in your appointment, and more so in the excellence in which you carried out your duties improving on the high standard and building on to our pier of prestige.

This year saw the initiation of our Annual Match with the Barbarians which, due to circumstances, was turned into a Gala Benefit at which the support given by all was overwhelming. Special praise goes to Brother Flannan and his band of workers from Patrician Brothers, Blacktown Workers, our own members, and the Grand Prize to the Junior Branch.

To Bruce Cameron and the School's Committee, in conjunction with the District Club, excelled themselves in spreading the Gospel of our Code and recruiting members to our ranks, climaxing their activities with a most successful Schools' Carnival, which grew in magnitude and quality on our inaugural year, and may their success and accomplishments be just reward for their efforts.

Don Courts with his appointments board did much for which the executive and members can be truly grateful because of their willingness to discuss Association and refereeing problems at all times, did much to improve the standard and harmony of which we are so proud.



To the District Club, let us first offer our thanks for their assistance and co-operation which has cemented a liaison between our two organisations, which is unequalled in our kindred associations.

Their success this year excelled the greatest expectations of their most ardent supporter (Merv. Cartwright, no doubt) may they go on to bigger and better things at all times being assured of our loyalty and support.

Our Junior branch is increasing in number, maturity, and standard, as you have observed, they will give our seniors a lot of competition in the near future, both on and off the field.

Gentlemen, our success is due mainly to your support and the efforts of my fellow executives, Merv. Edwards, Les Brennan, Barry Barnes, coupled with Kev Justin and his Band of Merry Men, the time taken up in the exercising of their duties, and the efficiency which they carried them out, can only be done by dedicated men, whom we are grateful and blessed to have within our ranks.

This Year 1969 should prove to be a busy and exciting one in which there will be ample opportunities to show your wares and to progress, remembering success as a Referee is always measured by the amount of effort the individual is prepared to contribute, and to the extent to which he is prepared to carry out his duties with determination and consistency.

Good Luck to you all in realising your ambitions.

JACK HARRIS,  
President.

## HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is indeed a great honour to submit to you your 2nd Annual Report and Balance Sheet, for your approval and adoption.

The 2nd Annual Meeting was held on 2nd February, 1968, and was attended by our two worthy Patrons, Messrs. Steve Carey and Cyril Wigzell, with thirty-seven members of the Association. I would like to thank our two Patrons for the interest they have shown in Penrith although their visits are not as often as we would like them to be, owing to the popularity of both gentlemen, but we at Penrith are always grateful for the time either of you can spare us.

The visits were few for 1968, but with 1969, I feel sure they will be increased. It is always pleasing to have our neighbours from Group 10 to attend a meeting, so to Noel McAllister and Brian Warren, it is a pleasure to have you along at any time. Brother Flannan, of the St. Patrick's College, Blacktown, was a visitor for our final meeting. We hope that a good time was had by Brother Flannan, but I take this opportunity to wish

him a Bon Voyage, as he will be taking a trip back to the Emerald Isle — we only hope that he will be back within our midst for the 1969 Season, as an old score is to be settled in a certain return match.

To the members who ably represented the Association in the President Cup, Jersey Flegg and S. G. Ball, I say congratulations for doing your part to make our Association what it is today, and a special pat on the back to Barry Barnes for the President Cup Semi Final and S. G. Ball Final — touch judging well done, Barry. My felicitations go to the members who officiated in the semi finals, finals and grand finals, for some the year was not as successful as one would have wished but I reiterate and if you did not make your aim in 1968, try a little harder for 1969.

The District Club and the Junior League have had a most successful year, and for all the assistance given to us, we of the Referees' Association would like to thank you and look forward to another great year.

Kevin Justin, our Social Secretary, must be very pleased with his social committee and it is my privilege to shower praise upon him and his committee for their dedication and the manner in which they carried out their task — the Annual Ladies' Night must surely be a night to remember — for all who attended were thoroughly pleased that they could do so. Mr. A. Shinner, President of the N.S.W.R.L. Referees' Association, was full of praise for the evening. We at Penrith not only trust he had a most enjoyable evening, but are really grateful that he could attend to make the night the success it was.

I take this opportunity to thank all members on the various sub-committees for their interest and support.

The Junior Branch must be complimented again for their meeting and all functions which were well represented, the members who were absent for any of the functions missed out on very good evenings, especially the Bar-be-que. The standard of the refereeing amazes all who have the opportunity to see these juniors in action. Wherever I go, I hear nothing but praise for our young members.

It is with regret that I say farewell to Bob Cox as a referee, but feel sure in his retirement he will be just as active within the Association. To my fellow Executive, I say thank you for any guidance, assistance and support — it has been a pleasure to work with you.

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 Secretary.

M. EDWARDS,  
Secretary.



## ACTIVE MEMBERS, 1968

J. Alexander	R. Donovan	K. Mellon
B. Ayers	T. Ellis	K. Melville
B. Barnes	K. French	J. Mergan
J. Beacroft	G. Grasby	E. (Doc) Mitchell
M. Beacroft	R. Hayward	J. Murphy
J. Bishop	K. Holmes	T. Murphy
L. Brennan	K. Justin	T. Oxley
N. Cahill	A. Kandellas	S. Parkin
S. Callaghan	R. Kandellas	R. Philliponi
W. Coghlan	B. Kendall	P. Sanders
D. Courts	P. Kenworthy	J. Schlitter
H. (Bob) Cox	K. Lloyd	A. Smith
		D. Tansey

### Non-Active Members, 1968

C. Brand	J. Humphries	G. McAlary
B. Cameron	L. Manuel	T. Petchell
R. Goodwin	G. McManus	

### Graded Members, 1968

M. Edwards	J. Harris	J. Turner
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## REFEREES' GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS, 1968

<b>"A" Grade Referee:</b>	<b>Touch Judges:</b>
D. Courts	B. Cox, E. Mitchell
<b>"A Reserve" Grade Referee:</b>	<b>Touch Judges:</b>
L. Brennan	J. Murphy, R. Kandellas
<b>"C" Grade Referee:</b>	<b>Touch Judges:</b>
B. Barnes	J. Schlitter, R. Donovan
<b>"D" Grade Referee:</b>	<b>Touch Judges:</b>
T. Ellis	G. Grasby, B. Ayers
<b>"E" Grade Referee:</b>	<b>Touch Judges:</b>
M. Beacroft	S. Parkin, R. Hayward

## ATTENDANCE OF REFEREES AT MEETINGS

(Possible Total in Brackets)

J. Alexander, 9 (9); B. Ayers, 13 (15); B. Barnes, 12 (15); J. Beacroft, 12 (15); M. Beacroft, 15 (15); J. Bishop, 12 (15); C. Brand, 1 (15); L. Brennan, 12 (15); N. Cahill, 14 (15); S. Callaghan, 11 (15); B. Cameron, 13 (15); W. Coghlan, 2 (15); D. Courts, 15 (15); H. (Bob) Cox, 12 (15); R. Donovan, 11 (15); M. Edwards, 15 (15); T. Ellis, 15 (15); K. French, 14 (15); R. Goodwin, 10 (14); G. Grasby, 6 (11); J. Harris, 15 (15); R. Hayward, 15 (15); K. Holmes, 5 (15); J. Humphries, 3 (15); K. Justin, 13 (15); A. Kandellas, 8 (8); R. Kandellas, 10 (11); B. Kendall, 15 (15);

P. Kenworthy, 14 (15); K. Lloyd, 5 (6); L. Manuel, 14 (15); K. Mellon, 11 (15); K. Melville, 7 (15); J. Mergan, 11 (15); E. (Doc) Mitchell, 10 (15); J. Murphy, 13 (15); T. Murphy, 8 (15); G. McAlary, 1 (15); G. McManus, 9 (15); T. Oxley, 12 (15); S. Parkin, 13 (15); T. Petchell, — (15); R. Philliponi, 12 (15); P. Sanders, 3 (15); J. Schlitter, 14 (15); A. Smith, 4 (4); D. Tansey, 14 (15); J. Turner, 9 (15); T. Hardie, 2 (2) (resigned).

## SOCIAL SECRETARY

Dear Members,

Once again it is my pleasure to submit to you the Social Secretary's Report for 1968. Functions on the whole went along smoother than in our first year, although some stumbling blocks occurred. The Ladies' Dance at the Workers' Club was once again marred by the lateness of the dinner. Thanks to the efforts of Doc Mitchell and a meeting of the Social Club, the President of the Workers, and caterer, this was overcome at our Annual Ladies' Night, by serving a smorgasbord. This evening proved to be a greater success than our first, as shown by the good attendance.

On the cricket side, we seem to have lost interest. Whether this is due to lack of interest or the desire to spend some time at home after the football season, I don't know, but attendance at the Waggon Wheels Match was very poor and the side was scratching for a team. Once again we went down to the Waggon Wheels. Unfortunately, the match against St. George was called off owing to lack of support (three names were taken to play).

Our first venture into golf, held at Parklea, was a great success, and every one enjoyed the day, although some found it hard to get out of bed. No names, but one chap's bag got lighter as the game progressed. (Are beer cans classed as hazards, Doc?). Gentleman Jack's best shot of the day? Right across a lady's bow. By the time this report is out, we hope to have had another day closer to the mountain men's home.

Whilst on golf, let me offer our best wishes to our team playing in the Championships at Narellan on 27th January.

On the Junior side, our thanks to Mrs. and John Murphy for the night given to the Juniors at John's home. Although not well attended, those there enjoyed themselves (no birds, either!). As of writing, we still have their Bar-B-Que and Bowls Night to come. Our thanks to Peter and Mrs. Kenworthy for the offer of their home for the Barbecue.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who have been ever ready to offer advice and assistance throughout the year, and hope they will continue to do so to the incoming Social Secretary and Social Committee.

K. JUSTIN,  
Social Secretary.



# **PENRITH RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION, JUNIOR BRANCH,**

## **ANNUAL REPORT, 1968**

It is with pride, both as President and Referee, that I look back on the recently completed season of Penrith Rugby League Referees' Association, Junior Branch.

This year has seen a rise in active membership to the maximum of fifteen, although there is a small social membership, amongst whom is Miss Yvonne Lewis, one of four lady referees in N.S.W., and a factor in keeping our meetings respectable.

We are proud to be the only Junior Referees' Association in N.S.W. with our own office-bearers.

**Office Bearers:**— President: P. McPhee. Secretary: R. Manuel. Assistant Secretary: R. Tuckwell. Vice President: B. Martin.

**Members:**— J. Brooks, A. Danks, B. Grady, R. Nillson, M. Grady, M. Neate, T. O'Connell, J. White, Miss Y. Lewis (Social Member).

**Patrons:**— D. Fitzgerald, C. Pearce, Ald. Leslie.

Meetings have been well attended, and it is at this point that our appreciation and thanks must be extended to Mr. Jack Harris, who gave of his own time to come and guide us at all of our meetings. Thanks also to Mr. Len Manuel, who has shown an ardent interest in us throughout the season. To the Senior Executive, who have attended our meetings whenever they were able; to some of our members' parents, who have given us their support; to Mr. Kevin Justin and his Social Committee; and lastly, to all those senior referees who have given us help and advice throughout the season, both on and off the field.

Members have at all times conducted themselves in a spirit that can only serve to benefit themselves and the game. Three of our members were appointed to Junior League semi-finals, a precedent in N.S.W.

Once again the entire refereeing of the St. Patrick's Competition was done by the Junior Association, a letter being sent at the completion of the season by officials of this competition, complimenting the Association on its standard of refereeing.

Much experience was gained by members of the Junior Association, under the guidance of the seniors, at the Penrith District Schoolboy Knock-Out Carnival, which again this year proved a successful undertaking.

A benefit day was arranged for the family of Mr. Jimmy Shorter, a well-liked and dedicated referee, who died suddenly during the season. At this day a football match was held between the Junior and Senior Referees' Associations. The Juniors showed them up for the old men

that they are, to the tune of 36 to 10 — even then their tries being the result of double-double movements.

Our end of the year convivial took the form of a ten pin bowling night and barbecue. It was held under the auspices of the Senior Executive, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenworthy, who kindly made their home available for the occasion. Everyone enjoyed themselves so much that it looks like the Kenworthy's will be stuck with us for another couple of years at least.

Thus ended 1968 for Penrith Rugby League Referees' Association, Junior Branch, which, with the added experience gained over the past year, can look forward to only brighter horizons in the future.

PAUL MCPHEE,  
Junior Branch President.

## JUNIOR BRANCH REPORT, 1968

Dear Members,

I would like to thank, firstly, the Senior Executive, for their help and guidance during the year, the members of the Social Committee for the way they looked after us with special functions during the year, with special mention to the barbecue - dance - bowling arrangements. Our thanks also go to the Appointment Board for their time and counsel given so freely to us without any return to themselves. I also thank the members for their attendance at meetings and matches.

The year 1968 has been one of memorable note to Penrith Junior Branch referees, being our new Social Member, Miss Yvonne Lewis, has been appointed as Penrith District Club's historian — Congratulations, Yvonne!

1968, I feel, has been a successful year for Penrith referees, both Seniors and Juniors, but do not let us become complacent, it will be a lot of hard work and effort before we reach 21 years, if we are to take our place among the Seniors.

My condolences to the Senior footballers.

RAYMOND MANUEL,  
Secretary.

## JUNIOR BRANCH MEMBERS

J. Brook  
A. Danks  
B. Grady  
M. Grady

R. Manuel  
B. Martin  
P. McPhee  
R. Nillson

M. Neate  
T. O'Connell  
R. Tuckwell  
J. White

**Social Member:**  
Miss Y. Lewis



## RESULT OF BALLOT, 1969

Patron: CAREY. S. WIGZELL C.  
President: HARRIS J.  
Senior Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary: EDWARDS. M.  
Treasurer: BRENNAN. N.  
Vice Presidents: MITCHELL A. (SN) COURTS D.  
TURNER J.  
Assistant Secretary: BARKS B.  
Assistant Treasurer: BRACROFT. M.  
N.S.W.R.L. Referees' Association Delegates:  
HAYWARD R.  
Proxy: MELLON K.  
Junior League Delegates:  
SCHMITZ J.  
KENDALL B.  
MURPHY J.  
Social Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Committee:  
TANSEY SANDRAS BRACROFT.  
T. MURPHY KENNEDY AYERS.  
A. KANDRAS MORGAN.  
Auditors: AYERS TANSEY  
Publicity Officer: COX  
Coaching Officer: —  
Appointment Board:  
COX COURTS HARRIS EDWARDS  
MITCHELL. HARRIS TURNER

