

*Merv. Edwards*

**PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE  
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION**

**FIFTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
BALANCE SHEET  
SEASON 1971**

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE  
ANNUAL MEETING  
ON  
FRIDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1972**

**J. HARRIS,**  
President.

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

**J. TURNER,**  
Hon. Secretary.  
Phone: 623 5779

## OFFICIALS FOR 1971

### Life Members:

J. HARRIS, L. BRENNAN.

### Patrons:

S. CAREY, C. WIGZELL.

### President:

J. HARRIS.

### Snr. Vice President:

D. COURTS.

### Secretary:

J. TURNER.

### Treasurer:

L. BRENNAN.

### Asst. Treasurer:

P. SANDERS.

### Asst. Secretary:

M. BEACROFT.

### Vice Presidents:

E. MITCHELL, B. BARNES.

### Head Body Delegates:

B. AYRES,  
R. DONOVAN.

### Junior League Delegates:

B. KANDELLAS,  
J. SCHLITTER.

### Social Secretary:

T. MURPHY.

### Publicity Officer:

J. BISHOP.

### Social Committee:

B. KENDALL, G. BURTON, R. PHILLOPONI, S. PARKIN.

### Coaching Officers:

S. PARKIN, R. KANDELLAS.

### Appointments Board:

R. KANDELLAS, L. MANUEL, K. FRENCH, B. KENDALL,  
P. SANDERS, B. BARNES, J. SCHLITTER.

### Auditors:

D. TANSEY, B. AYRES.

### School Committee:

T. ELLIS.

## PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

January, 1972.

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting of the Penrith District Rugby League Referees' Association will be held at St. Dominic's College, Parker Street, Penrith, on FRIDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1972, 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 Life Member.
6. Election of Appointment Board.
7. Committee Reports.
8. General Business.

J. TURNER,  
Hon. Secretary.



## REPORT FROM THE PATRONS

It is with pleasure that we look back on the 1971 season and one must consider whether we as members, both active or honorary, have achieved what we intended from the start of 1971 season.

The affairs of the Association were conducted by our officials in a most satisfactory manner. To the active members we extend our sincere congratulations as to their various appointments in the various grades conducted during the season and to those who were as we would say runners-up may the opportunity come your way in the coming season, and this can only be obtained by personal efforts.

To every Referee one must add that the importance of his duties as to the knowledge of the rules and his application of them and most particular his control of players, these three points are the basic principle which help to put the game on a good standard and also to the enjoyment of all concerned by his determination.

In conclusion, let us look forward with this determination to achieve what would be our intentions and may we all have a most successful year.

C. WIGZELL,  
Patron.

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The opening of season 1972 is speeding towards us and preceding it comes the time for "training for the trials". Your grade members from Penrith were a credit to the Association for the efficient manner in which they carried out their 1971 appointments. I had hoped as in previous years to visit during your Finals and Grand Finals, but commitments to Second Division and the Endeavour Cup did not permit me to do so.

However, I have received accounts of performances and they also bring credit to the Association.

Some faults prevalent in grade Refereeing were some inconsistent rulings on Knock On, Knock Sideways, and Knock Back. Halves tackling opposing halves generally as soon as the ball emerges from the scrum and the players being allowed to play the ball, apparently to get continuity. Early in the game the penalty should keep the offender in such a position that continuity is assured in the pass from the unoffended half to his five-eighth thus cutting out the extra play the ball being allowed. Many cases of centres not in possession running through and interposing themselves between the ball carrier and the would-be tackler, on occasions ultimately resulting in tries were reported. Frequent instances of offside play from play the ball movements were not surprisingly missed due to the direction to the Referee as to the position he must take up. Thank goodness the common sense of Referees has prevailed on this occasion and so next season this fault should disappear.

Best wishes to all members for a successful 1972 season.

STEVE CAREY,  
Patron.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Despite the friction within our district club early in the season which threatened us all, the season '71 has been the most successful since the elevation of the district to first division status. Our District Club in the season past enjoyed considerable success in the competition; for this we offer our congratulations. In their support of the association they have given us the backing to the extent that we now have a line of communication and liaison unequalled throughout our kindred Associations; for this we offer our thanks and pledge our loyalty and support. I am most confident that they now feel, as we do, that they are the pillar on which we all lean, and on their success or failure we all rise and fall. The extent of this support can be gauged by you, the members, following the reports by your Executive at the Annual Meeting.

Our next line of command, the Junior League, has enjoyed their best season so far and their communications and attitude to this association has helped strengthen the liaison between us so that we are at last enjoying the harmony of working together as we all should for the promotion and the betterment of Rugby League, the greatest form of sport and entertainment of all.

Our Schools Committee should be pleased with the effort of our members who assisted their every endeavour by officiating at all their major attractions and many competitions conducted by the schools throughout the area. The annual schools' carnival was most successful, mainly due to our catering which proved most satisfying and enjoyable.

I believe this year the Association took a large step forward towards maturity. The several delicate matters which came up during the season were handled with such diplomacy that the decisions were to the credit of the Association and added to its strength and character.

To my fellow executive and officers who performed their duties so capably, always aiming for the improvement and solidarity of the Association, I say, on your's and my behalf, congratulations and thanks for a job well done.

There is one phase of our organisation which I feel the members are letting down, and by doing so, are letting themselves down. I refer to the social activities conducted by your Social Secretary who, in his first year in office, did a tremendous job. I have already sent out a circular which I believe several members took exception to, so I will quote some statistics so that you may judge for yourselves.

The circulars distributed by your Social Secretary required answering so that catering and other arrangements could be made for the functions held. They included the Christmas Tree Picnic and Golf Day. Three only



answered the Secretary's request which prompted the first circular, and even after this, only 22 replies were recorded.

At the picnic, 32 ladies' gifts were unclaimed, 42 dozen drinks were sent back, numerous bags of lollies and 180 ice creams left over, had to be donated away.

I leave these facts to your conscience.

Gentlemen, I recommend this annual report so capably compiled by your Secretary and Treasurer, for your perusal. In closing, my thanks for your support — it was my privilege and pleasure to serve.

JOHN HARRIS,  
President.

## HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT SEASON 1971

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Submitted for your approval and adoption, is your 1971 Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Gentlemen, as 1972 is about to begin, let us reminisce back over 1971, and recall some of the events which helped establish a good year for the Association. The Fifth Annual Meeting was held at St. Dominic's College, Friday, 5th March, 1971, and was attended by our Patrons. Cyril Wigzell and Steve Carey. From the head body we were very pleased to have the President, Austin Shiner, and George Benson come along to be with us. We thank you all for your attendance, and hope to see you at more of our meetings.

1971 saw several old faces disappear from the scene. The Association can ill afford to lose these members, but we wish them well in their future ventures. This loss was offset by an influx of 14 new members joining the Association during 1971, and we welcome them all and hope their stay with us is a long and happy one and we will most certainly guarantee them plenty of work during the years to come. We will need more Referees if we hope to keep abreast with the Junior League, as they are going ahead in leaps and bounds. They registered some 326 teams last year and promise more this year, which will include a new Competition, that of the Under 6 Years. Despite the shortage of Referees and the lack of experience amongst our younger members, I feel the 1971 season was a good one; the standard of Refereeing and Touch Judging was of a high calibre, and all members are to be congratulated.

The Junior League possibly had its best year so far and is to be congratulated upon a very fine effort for the 1971 season. We wish them a bigger and better year for 1972 and it is hoped that the understanding

and co-operation established between our two bodies continues and helps make the Penrith District the Premier District within the near future.

As you all know, the year 1971 was the Centenary year for the City of Penrith. During the celebrations the Association was able to assist by appointing Referees to officiate at School Boy games, which were included in the celebrations. Our participation and assistance was appreciated by all concerned.

The School Boys' K./O. Competition is one that should be well remembered. This was surely the best. 210 teams played on 20 grounds, and all went off without a hitch. We of the Referees Association congratulate the Schools Committee on a very fine effort and pledge our support for the years to come.

Throughout the year several meetings were held with the District Club on matters concerning the Association. We have received correspondence from them, assuring us of their fullest support. We would like to wish them every success for the season 1972.

Two important events were registered during 1971, they being the granting of Life Membership to our Treasurer, Les Brennan, and the grading of Mick Beacroft, our Assistant Secretary. Les has worked tirelessly for the Association during its infant years and well deserved the honour. From all the members, we thank you, Les. Mick Beacroft, on being graded, received the nod over some pretty stiff opposition and has acquitted himself very well since. Congratulations, Mick.

During the Inter District Junior Competition our nominations, Bob Kandellas, Keith French and Barry Kendall, were selected to officiate and all acquitted themselves very well, and brought credit upon themselves and the Association. Of the other members in grade, Barry Barnes has run well during the season, ending in the centre of reserve grade. Merv Edwards gained honours, as he ran the Second Division Grand Final Touch. Well done, Merv. Of course, our Pres. has run the centre in First Grade again and we are certain that he will continue the good work.

The Social activities of the Association, although well organised by your Social Secretary, were poorly attended. However, despite the lack of interest by most members, the social calendar proved to be a big success and it is hoped that this year more members will see their way clear to attend the social functions set down for them. From all the members, Trevor, well done and thank you.

In closing I would like to thank all the Committee for the assistance I received throughout the season. To you Gentlemen, I wish to say that it has been a pleasure to serve you as your Secretary, and wish each and every one of you the best of health and good Refereeing during 1972.

JACK TURNER,  
Hon. Secretary.



## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1971

Gentlemen,

I would like to submit this report for your perusal, of the Social activities held throughout the year.

I think I can safely say that each function was a success, even though a certain reluctance to reply, gave your Secretary and his Committee some doubts as to the outcome of each function before they eventuated. The idea of having these activities, is so that member referees and their wives, mothers, girl friends, can get together and get to know each other better off the paddock; to relax and let your hair down a little and to meet and mix with members from fellow Associations. Our's is only a young Association, but I feel it is evident that friends are being made within it, so don't be too shy to say "yes", don't take it for granted your answer will be known and don't think it isn't important if you don't answer at all. Each and every reply, "Yes" or "No", is important. It will save your Secretary and Committee a lot of anxious moments and almost certainly the embarrassment of that occasion arising when catering is insufficient.

Now that the lecture is over here's a short run-down of our yearly activities.

Our first function, the Supper Dance at the Blacktown Workers Club, was held on 28/5/71. With a good roll-up from the "Mountain Boys" our members got re-acquainted and made merry until the midnight hour.

Following that we performed our annual duty, the School Boys' Knock-out Comp., for the first time catered for by us. This appeared to be appreciated by many and it is hoped to continue this in future.

I think we have found the plan to follow, in holding the Annual Ladies' Night in our own private hall, this year held at the Blacktown Bowling Club on 20/8/71. I have been told that this was the most successful held so far and this must be because of the hall, catering and great little band. It was pleasing to see once again Austin Shiner, Frank Walsh, Cyril Wigzell and their good ladies, and for the first time Roger Cowan and wife of the District Club in attendance, along with members from Associations as far away as Manly, St. George and Group 10. During the evening Life Membership Blazer was presented to our Treasurer, Les Brennan, and a silver tankard to our patron, Cyril Wigzell in recognition of his services to refereeing. I would like to pass on the compliments of the management and staff on the behaviour of our members in saying "it was a pleasure to serve you".

Following the Ladies' Night came the Cricket Match and Barbecue, held at St. Dominic's College, against St. George, on 24/10/71, with the Penrith team putting on a good show. Our thanks must go to Brother Murphy and his fellow teachers for the use of the school grounds and facilities in holding this match, which played a big part in the success

of the day. Next year it is our turn to send a representative cricket team to St. George. Please make your minds up now to attend, and show St. George the same "mateship" they have shown us.

The same applies to the golf day with St. George. This year we had the grand total of five members attend this match. Pretty poor show, fellas! It is not important if you are not a regular golfer or for that matter if you have never played in your life! Here you have the opportunity to give it a go as clubs can be hired on the day and trophies are available to everyone. Even your own humble Social Sec. won his first ever golf trophy.

The rain that came down during the golf, hung around until our Xmas Picnic, held a little early this year because of a change of venue. Notably missed from the picnic was the jovial presence of our President, Jack Harris, who, unfortunately, was laid up in hospital at the time. Despite the cloudy weather, we managed to hold all our races; the Junior Referees' Trophy being won by Ray Manuel, and the Senior Trophy going to Michael Grady. Santa arrived in the nick of time and distributed his goodies to the kids before a downpour sent us all home. (We now have our own Santa suit, thanks to the talents of Mrs. Bob Kandellas and Mrs. Trev Murphy — thanks again, girls!). The grounds appeared popular and great use was made of the swimming pools, and now that you know the way — I believe it took some searching out on the part of some members — it could be made the permanent ground for our Xmas Picnic, as we can book ahead to a later date.

Of the two convivia held for the Senior Members, the first at St. Dominic's on 30/4/71, and the second at Blacktown Bowling Club, the final one was the most successful.

In closing I'd like to say a big thank you to members of the Executive for their assistance and guidance, and all other members who helped in their own way. We realise we can't please "all the people all of the time" and dates do clash with private outings, but we do our best. So don't forget to say "Yes" or "No" to each and every function set down for next year.

TREVOR MURPHY,  
Social Secretary.





## INCOME

	\$	c
Bank Balance, 1970 .....	791.94	
Membership Fees .....	142.50	
Social Fees .....	232.00	
Social Levies .....	1,086.40	
Annual Ladies' Night .....	374.00	
Socials .....	187.00	
Badges, Tie Bars, etc. ....	56.00	
J.L. and Club Fees .....	11,365.85	
Insurance .....	152.50	
Schools' K.O. Carnival ....	70.14	

TOTAL .....	14,458.33
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## EXPENDITURE

	\$	c
Affiliation — N.S.W.R.A. ....	5.00	
Printing, Postage, etc. ....	175.53	
Phone .....	212.15	
Floral Tributes .....	24.50	
Donations, Presentations ....	54.69	
Insurance .....	147.70	
Referees' Fees .....	11,145.15	
Junior, Senior, Socials ....	388.32	
Annual Ladies' Night .....	595.29	
Appointments Board Barbecue ....	60.00	
Cricket Day - Family Barbecue ....	114.08	
Xmas Tree Picnic .....	745.69	
Schools' K.O. Carnival ....	70.14	
Sundry Miscellaneous .....	32.54	
Bank Fees .....	17.10	
	13,787.88	

Bank Balance .....	670.45
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TOTAL .....	14,458.33
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*We certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Penrith District Rugby League Referees' Association, and find them to be true and accurate in all details.*

(Sgd.) B. AYRES, D. TANSEY.

## COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Gentlemen,

The Executive Committee have much pleasure in placing before you the records of those members who were nominated and are eligible for Life Membership of the Association.

**B. BARNES** — Obtained ticket May, 1965. Active Member of Parramatta Association, 1965-66. Active Member, Penrith, 1967-69. Graded 1970. Active graded member, 1970 until present time.

Attendance at meetings of Penrith Association:

1967	14 (16)	1969	14 (15)
1968	12 (15)	1970	11 (16)
1971	12 (14)		

Positions held:—

**Parramatta Association:**

Nil.

**Penrith Association:**

Junior League Delegate, 1967.  
Assistant Treasurer, 1968.  
Assistant Secretary, 1969.  
Assistant Treasurer, 1970.  
Vice President and Appointments Board, 1971.

Total Years Membership: 6.

**D. COURTS** — Obtained ticket March, 1963. Active member Parramatta Association, 1963-66. Active member of Penrith, 1967 to present time.

Attendance at meetings of Penrith Association:

1967	15 (16)	1969	13 (15)
1968	15 (15)	1970	14 (16)
1971	11 (14)		

Positions held:—

**Parramatta Association:**

Nil.

**Penrith Association:**

Inaugural Year, Deputy Junior League Delegate, 1966.  
Vice President and Appointments Board, 1967.  
Vice President and Appointments Board, 1968.  
Vice President and Appointments Board, 1969.  
Vice President, 1970.  
Senior Vice President, 1971.

Total Years Membership: 8.

**M. EDWARDS** — Obtained ticket June, 1963. Active member of Parramatta Association, 1963-66. Graded 1967. Active graded member, 1967 to present time.

Attendance at meetings of Penrith Association:

1967	14 (16)	1969	14 (15)
1968	15 (15)	1970	15 (16)
1971	5 (15)		

Positions held:—

**Parramatta Association:**

Social Committee, 1964.  
Social Committee, 1965.  
Assistant Secretary, 1966.

**Penrith Association:**

Inaugural Year, Secretary, 1966.  
Secretary and Appointments Board, 1967.  
Secretary and Appointments Board, 1968.  
Secretary and Appointments Board, 1969.  
Secretary and Appointments Board, 1970.

Total Years Membership: 8.

**K. FRENCH** — Obtained ticket January, 1960. Active member of Parramatta Association, 1961-66. Active member of Penrith, 1967 to present time.

Attendance at meetings of Penrith Association.

1967	12 (16)	1969	13 (15)
1968	14 (15)	1970	13 (16)
1971	13 (14)		

Positions held:—

**Parramatta Association:**

Junior League Delegate, 1962.  
Junior League Delegate, 1965.

**Penrith Association:**

Junior League Delegate Proxy, 1967.  
Appointments Board, 1970.  
Appointments Board, 1971.

Total Years Membership: 10.

**J. TURNER** — Obtained ticket May, 1958. Active member of Parramatta Association, 1958-64. Graded 1964. Active graded member of Parramatta and Penrith Association, 1964 until present time.

Attendance at meetings of Penrith Association:

1967	On Active Service, S.V.N.	1969	15 (15)
1968	On Active Service S.V.N.	1970	13 (16)
	9 (9)	1971	14 (14)

Positions held:—

**Parramatta Association:**

Social Committee, 1961.  
  
Social Committee, 1962.

**Penrith Association:**

Inaugural Year, Vice President, 1966.  
Vice President, 1967.  
Vice President and Co-op.  
Appointments Board, 1968.



Vice President and Appointments  
Board, 1969.  
Vice President and Appointments  
Board, 1970.  
Secretary, 1971.

Total Years Membership: 13.

# REFEREES' GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS, 1971.

Grade	Referee	Touch Judges
A Grade	R. Kandellas	L. Brennan - Bro. B. Murphy.
A Reserve Grade	B. Kendall	D. Courts - D. Tipper.
C Grade	K. French	N. Cahill - S. Parkin.
D Grade	T. Murphy	J. Schlitter - K. Pickard.
D Reserve Grade	S. Parkin	V. Hough - R. Donovan.
E Grade, Div. 1	J. Schlitter	K. Buncombe - M. Sookee.
E Grade, Div. 2	K. Pickard	A. North - G. Sams.
E Grade, Div. 3	S. Callaghan	R. Jones - P. Ryan.

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

## NUMBER OF MEETINGS

### ATTENDED (14 MEETINGS)

W. Altmann	2/7
B. Ayres	6/14
J. Bailey	6/6
J. Beacroft	13/14
R. Beetson	5/6
J. Bishop	12/14
L. Brennan	11/14
K. Bridger	1/2
K. Buncombe	1/2
G. Burton	10/14
N. Cahill	13/14
S. Callaghan	14/14
M. Carter	5/8
D. Courts	11/14
H. Creighton	5/6
R. Donovan	12/14
K. French	13/14
M. Grady	5/14
J. Hartley	10/14
Bro. P. Hester	1/1
V. Hough	9/14
S. Johnson	4/14
Bro. M. Jones	3/5
R. Jones	3/7
A. Kandellas	4/14
R. Kandellas	13/14
B. Kendall	14/14
Bro. K. Kirwan	1/1

K. Lloyd	9/14
H. Ling	3/3
R. Mallard	7/14
K. Mellon	1/14
J. Millar	8/14
Bro. B. Murphy	12/14
T. Murphy	14/14
A. North	12/14
T. Oxley	9/14
S. Parkin	12/14
T. Pearce	12/14
R. Philliponi	9/14
K. Pickard	13/14
B. Reedy	14/14
P. Ryan	6/8
C. Rumph	5/14
G. Sams	13/14
P. Sanders	12/14
J. Schlitter	9/14
J. Searge	9/14
D. Tansey	10/14
D. Tipper	3/5

## NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS

## NUMBER OF MEETINGS

### ATTENDED (14 MEETINGS)

C. Brand	2/8
B. Cameron	12/14
V. Conlon	0/14
J. Davis	1/14
T. Ellis	4/14
G. Grasby	6/14
K. Holmes	0/14
M. Manning	2/14
L. Manuel	13/14
J. Mergan	0/14
E. Mitchell	1/14
J. Murphy	0/14
J. McManus	1/14

## GRADE MEMBERS

## NUMBER OF MEETINGS

### ATTENDED (14 MEETINGS)

B. Barnes	12/14
M. Beacroft	13/14
M. Edwards	5/14
J. Harris	14/14
J. Turner	14/14



## VALE

To all members and their families  
who suffered sad losses during the season,  
we offer our deepest sympathies.

## NEWS OF INTEREST

Appreciations to:

1. The District Club and Committee for their co-operation throughout the season.
2. The Principal and Brother Murphy, of St. Dominic's College, for the use of the classrooms and facilities for our meetings, and for the use of their turf wicket for our Cricket Day against St. George Association.
3. Mr. Bruce Cameron and his associates for the donation of Refereeing Gear as a bonus prize for the Merit Award Winner.
4. Mr. M. Cartwright, of St. Marys Florist, for the floral donations presented at our Ladies' Night.
5. Mr. Jim Bishop for the donation of Ribbons and Pennants to the Association on various occasions throughout the season.
6. Mr. John Murphy for supplying the transport to move our Christmas Picnic wares to the picnic site. Thank you, John, and to the owner of the lorry.
7. Vern Hough for the service rendered at our Christmas Picnic.

## PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

### Junior Branch

#### OFFICIALS FOR 1971

Patrons: Mr. J. HARRIS, Mr. L. MANUEL, Mr. T. ELLIS.

<b>President:</b>	<b>Senior Vice President:</b>	<b>Secretary:</b>
P. McPHEE.	R. MANUEL.	T. DANKS.

<b>Junior Vice President:</b>	<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>
B. GRADY.	H. LING.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

The Junior Branch Referees acquitted themselves creditably during the 1971 season.

Junior Referees officiated in the TEST matches between the Ipswich and Penrith Schoolboys' Rugby League Teams; in the St. Patrick's Sunday Afternoon Competition, the officials of which sent the Junior Branch a letter, highly commending its referees on their standard of behaviour, refereeing and dress; and in Junior League fixtures, some Junior Referees being appointed to Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals.

Three Junior Referees from Illawarra visited the district and assisted the Penrith Referees at the Schoolboys' Knockout Carnival. It is hoped to make these exchange visits an annual event.

Junior Branch Meetings in 1971 were the best attended in the five years since its founding, most meetings being attended by upwards of thirty-five members. This enthusiastic support augurs well for the future.

A highlight of the year was the lecture given by former Australian and St. George Captain, Ian Walsh. Mr. Walsh spoke of his experiences as a hooker and member of the Australian team. He stressed that dedication is essential for success in sport. This was followed by convivial.

Our thanks to Mr. Trevor Murphy for the work he did in organising this and functions for the Junior Branch during the year.

Our thanks also to the Executive of the Senior Association for their interest and support in attending our meetings, giving valuable help and advice.

Congratulations to the President of the Senior Association, Mr. Jack Harris, on attaining the status of First Grade Referee again.

Of significance is the reduction in age from 21 to 18 years for Junior. This will, in 1972, see an influx of experienced new members into the Senior Association (provided Senior Referees' Tickets are obtained).

At the risk of attracting ire, the writer, as one who will hopefully become a member of the Senior Association next year, feels greater opportunity should be given to Junior Referees, that for games to which Juniors are eligible to be appointed, merit, not age, should be the only criterion for such appointment.

Commiserations to those disappointed with their appointments during 1971. Above all, persevere, let your discouragements be incentive to try that much harder next year.

The writer looks back on his five years as a member of the Junior Branch, as do others, as years of exceeding value, having learnt more about life than simply how to referee the greatest game.

PAUL McPHEE, President (Junior Branch).



## HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I submit this annual report of the Penrith District Junior Referees' Association. This has probably been the most successful season the Junior Association has had. Members of the Junior Branch were successful in being placed in charge of Grand Finals, both as centre men and touch judges, with Paul McPhee refereeing the Under 7 Grand Final; Ken Buncombe the Under 8 Grand Final, and Mike Sookee ran a touch in an E Grade Grand Final. To these members the Junior Branch congratulates them. To the other members of the Association who were not so lucky, keep trying, for one day success may be yours.

The Convent competition once again proved a great success, some 150 games being played. The Grand Finals being refereed by

B. Hamilton, Under 10.

P. Hancock, Under 9.

M. Regan, Under 8.

J. Laffan, Under 7.

We would like to thank Mr. L. Brennan for his efforts and his assistance to the younger members during the competition.

We had the pleasure of having members of the Wollongong Junior Branch visit us and referee at the School Boys' K./O. Competition. This proved very successful and it is hoped that this venture can continue throughout the following years. Also during the year, Mr. I. Walsh visited our meeting, and we received a great lecture.

I would like to thank Mr. J. Harris, Mr. L. Manuel and Mr. J. Turner, for the assistance given by them throughout the year to ensure that our meetings functioned properly. The Junior Branch also thanks you.

Finally, I would like to thank the members for their support and hope in the future bigger and better things come your way.

T. DANKS,  
Hon. Secretary (Junior Branch).

## RESULTS OF BALLOT, 1972

Patrons: E. WIGZELL S. CAREY  
 President: J. HARRIS  
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 Secretary: J. TURNER  
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