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W.A.N.F.L.
UMPIRES'
ASSOCIATION

*Annual Report
and Balance Sheet*



SEASON 1970

OFFICE BEARERS 1970:

President: MR. R. WHITFIELD

Vice-Presidents: MR. W. BROWN, MR. R. KELLY

Honorary Secretary: MR. P. PUSTKUCHEN

Assistant Secretary: MR. K. COX (Deceased)

Treasurer: MR. B. BIDSTRUP

Auditor: MR. E. BRUNTON

Committee of Management:

MESSRS. D. HINTON, M. HALE, G. HALL, T. BRADY*, J. DEVINE†, K. MORALEE, C. HILLS†, R. STUBBERFIELD

* Resigned. † Co-opted to Committee.

Life Members:

A. CHAPMAN
L. HURLEY
L. NATHAN
C. FITZPATRICK
B. MOORE
N. SHEPHERD
H. CLAIR

R. MONTGOMERY
D. CUMMING (deceased)
L. McCOMISH
J. FERGUSON
J. CAMPBELL
H. GIBB
E. CRISP

E. BRUNTON
F. WOODS
J. SMITH GANDE
B. RIGG
G. McCOMISH
J. DOLLING

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

MEETINGS HELD — 10

	Attended	
R. Whitfield	10	
R. Kelly	8	
K. Cox	1	(deceased)
B. Bidstrup	6	
D. Hinton	9	
R. Stubberfield	9	
M. Hale	9	
G. Hall	8	
T. Brady	1	(resigned)
K. Moralee	8	
W. Brown	7	
C. Hills	5	(Possible 7)
J. Devine	4	(Possible 6)
P. Pustkuchen	10	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Gentlemen,

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to submit this report for your consideration at our Annual General Meeting after completing my first year as President.

A special thank you to our Secretary, Peter Pustkuchen, who has worked magnificently throughout the past season and it is mainly due to his efforts that the Association has functioned effectively. As a result we now enjoy a financial situation far in excess of some of the earlier years of the Association.

May I thank the members of the Management Committee for their efforts and support and to our Treasurer, Barry Bidstrup, for his careful budgeting and guidance in the financial arrangements of the Association.

It is with regret we lose Barry this year, a member of his calibre we can ill afford to lose. Thanks Barry for a job well done.

With the tragic loss of our Assistant Secretary, Mr. Kevin Cox, the members allied behind the Committee and they are to be congratulated in the magnificent effort in supporting the Kevin Cox Trust Fund.

The Fund has now been formed to help with the education of his children remaining at school. This showed a real team spirit of which I am truly proud.

The highlight of the social season was the success of the cabaret ball which was regarded as the best ever. Through the efforts of the Management Committee and the support of the members, we were able to entertain our friends from the country and representatives from the League and the League Clubs in our usual hospitable manner.

I have seen the Association progress through the years and the only way we can keep moving ahead is for you as members to support your Management Committee to the fullest extent not only in the social activities but in the function of the Association as a whole.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new members and wish them a successful umpiring season with us and hope they can follow the lead of the gentlemen who reached the pinnacle in the 1970 season on Grand Final Day.

R. Montgomery (Field Umpire).

G. Feutrill, D. Clair (Boundary Umpires).

G. Hall, W. Carter (Goal Umpires).

My congratulations to this team of worthy representatives of our Association on a job very well done.

In closing I would like to wish every member of the panel a very successful and enjoyable umpiring season in the year 1971.

RAY WHITFIELD, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration, my Annual Report for the 1970 season.

It is gratifying to look back over the events of the past season, and on the achievements of your Association. I believe that our Association has moved into a new era where its members have backed up and given the Committee in most cases, the required support for success. The Committee is extremely proud of the efforts members are putting in to make this Association what it is today, and we know that this coming season will be no exception.

Our President, Ray Whitfield, has made a fine debut in this most important position. His conscientious approach to his duties, has set a very high standard for all the members of the Association to follow. The Committee as well as the members have assisted wherever possible, but the effort must come from the individual, and in this field Ray has excelled himself. Our Association is very fortunate having Ray's services; and the very able support given by his good wife, Gloria, and we as members should thank them for the support and personal sacrifices made during the season.

Our Association also benefitted from the work of a very enthusiastic and zealous group of Committeemen. Our Management Committee meetings have been most productive and overall a credit to everyone concerned.

UMPIRES' BOARD:

Relationships always vary amongst umpires in respect to their feelings towards the Umpires' Board. This is only human nature; but we should always remember—the Board; just as an Umpire, has a thankless and unenviable task and like ourselves is often subjected to unwarranted attacks from all quarters.

Our Association has obtained a valuable liaison between ourselves and the League, through the Umpires' Board. With the increasing number of ex-panel umpires, now taking their place on the Board, these men should understand and appreciate Umpires' problems, and thus in their capacity as valuable assets to the Association as a whole.

Congratulations are extended to Ray Parkhouse, ex-goal umpire, on his election to the Board. To the other new members a very hearty welcome and may all Board Members enjoy a happy and successful season.

UMPIRES' ADVISER:

As you are no doubt aware, the W.A.N.F.L. in their wisdom did not appoint an Assistant Adviser last season. This left a tremendous responsibility on the shoulders of George Meiers. To George's credit he did a wonderful job. The position of acting liaison between the Umpires' Board and the Umpires is no easy task, but George handled the situation in a most satisfactory manner.

His untiring efforts for the improvement of umpiring may be recalled by his attendance at training nights (sometimes twice a week); top 16 lectures; and

lectures; attendance at football matches on both Saturdays and Sundays; visiting country centres to watch our umpires in the country; plus being on call by the telephone to answer umpiring troubles, right through the football season. George's devotion and conscientious outlook to umpiring are fine examples to all panel members.

This season we are happy to welcome George back again and wish him well. To assist him, the W.A.N.F.L. have appointed Frank Pimm. Frank has had a wide experience in umpiring; firstly as a boundary and field umpire, and in more recent years as a very astute member of the Umpires' Board. His knowledge will be most beneficial to umpiring, and we wish him well in his new venture.

With George and Frank as our Advisers, our umpiring is in very capable hands.

COUNTRY FOOTBALL:

Our Association continues to officiate for most country League and Associations. Last season we experienced a couple of unfortunate incidents where umpires failed to heed instructions. This does not help our relationship with Country Football; and all I may ask is that umpires should always endeavour to put their best foot forward; especially in regard to transport arrangements, pick up points, etc. Remember co-operation and friendliness towards Country Associations will facilitate our harmonious relations with these bodies; and maybe of favour to us in the long run.

This year our Association plans to tackle the position of Workers' Compensation for Umpires employed by Country Leagues and Associations, and endeavour to bring this into operation in all districts as soon as possible.

LIFE MEMBERS:

The recommendations of your Committee will be dealt with later this evening.

FINANCE:

As the balance sheet will show, a great year financially, and this will be fully covered in our Treasurer's Report. The surplus accumulated from well supported functions in the early part of the season, was returned to umpires, at the Christmas Tree, Christmas Barbecue and extra subsidising of the Training Camp. It would appear, from the personal viewpoint that our Association could use some of its money for the purchase of training equipment, ray lamps, stop watches, etc., apparatus which all members may benefit from.

This year Barry Bidstrup has looked after our financial affairs, and we commence the new season with a surplus of \$1,049.95. Thanks and appreciation go to Barry for his efforts during the season; and our best wishes in his retirement from the Treasurer's position and our Umpiring Panel.

CONSTITUTION:

Here it is again. The Management Committee have again seen fit to make further alterations and revisions to our Constitution, which they feel will be of benefit to umpiring generally. Our revised Constitution will be put to

the Annual General Meeting later tonight for official adoption. Our Assoc is in urgent need of these firm set of principles, and it would be hoped these may be finalised tonight.

TRAINING SUPERVISOR:

In 1970 we had the privilege of Mr. Ken Armstrong as our Training Supervisor. Ken showed plenty of enthusiasm and had all umpires well. He constantly aimed for variety in his methods of training, and he thus able to maintain a high degree of keenness throughout the season. Number of umpires experienced muscle injuries early in the season, which result in a degree of anxiety, but it maybe said that any umpire who claims he wasn't fit had only himself to blame. This season Ken has been appointed Assistant Coach of the Perth Football Club, and our best wishes go to him in his new position.

Mr. Hal Symons returns, as Training Supervisor for Umpires. We take this opportunity to welcome Hal back again, and with his great experience and knowledge of our requirements will certainly make the training set up beneficial for all concerned.

TRAINING CAMP:

Another very successful training camp was held at Point Peron as part of our pre-season training programme. This year our Association was able to subsidise the cost for members to a greater extent than has been the case in previous years. Hal Symons must be congratulated for his organisation and planning for the weekend.

UMPIRING FEES:

Three members of the Management Committee met the W.A.N.F.L. representatives of Management with the view of increasing umpiring fees for Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires. Although we did have some success in each of the divisions, the increases fell below our expectations.

The country fees will remain the same this year. Country Association members, who met our members requested the lowering of the car mileage rate for country travelling. After looking into the matter, the Management Committee felt that any reduction was out of the question, thus the mileage rates will remain at 10c per mile.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Our social adventures were again very successful. The after training dinners were very well attended except for the last one of the season. Cabaret Ball was an outstanding success both from the financial and social viewpoint. In fact it was probably the first time our Association has been able to break even for the function.

The Christmas Tree, and the Christmas Barbecue held at Dick Stubbs were enjoyed by all those who attended.

This season, it is our intention to have the Assistant Secretary act as Social Secretary and be responsible for organizing and conducting all social activities for the year.

EASTERN STATES TRIP:

A full tour report is included separately in this Annual Report.

GOLF REPORT:

A full report is included elsewhere.

APPRECIATION:

To Ray Whitfield for his sound administration and a fine ambassador for umpiring.

To Barry Bidstrup for the capable manner in which he handled our financial matters.

Committee of Management who shirked nothing to ensure all members wanted for nothing.

To Ted Brunton for his auditing of our books.

To "Togga" Tognolini for his devotion to duty as our popular Trainer.

To Dick and Rose Stubberfield for the use of their home for the Christmas Barbecue.

To Roy Abbott and the W.A.C.A. Officials for their kind co-operation and use of their facilities.

To W.A.N.F.L. Executive for their attention to our requirements.

Our co-opted Committeemen, Clive Hills, his experience on the Committee in previous years was a very valuable asset; John Devine for his enthusiastic approach, and his valuable assistance at all functions.

CONCLUSION:

Again this season we have quite a few new members elected to our Umpiring Panel, and at this stage I would like to take the opportunity of officially welcoming them to our Association. At the same time it's great to see the return of many of the old faces for another season—welcome to the "Old Grey Mares!!!"

To the old and the new members, all I ask and plead is please support your Association. We need a strong Association; therefore we must have 100 per cent support from our members.

COMPLAINTS, TROUBLES, QUERIES OR NEWS, are of little value to yourself, give them to your Committee, and let them deal with it.

In the elections, which follow tonight, may I appeal to you to vote for the candidates whom you feel will serve our Association to the best of their ability. Strong, energetic working Committee will be a great asset to our Association.

I would sincerely like to thank everybody for the help and courtesy extended to me over the past year. If I have overlooked anybody or anything in the report, please accept my apologies, as I can assure you, it is quite unintentional.

In conclusion may I wish one and all the very best for the 1971 season.

PETER PUSTKUCHEN, Hon. Secretary.

EASTERN STATES TRIP

As most members are aware, an end of season trip to the Eastern States is being undertaken by the Umpires Association.

At the present, 36 members are on the list and finances and planning at an advanced stage. Initial deposits by trip members and a series of events through the last 12 months have been responsible for raising \$3 just under half the total amount needed, and further fund raising planned by the trip committee through the coming season should see target reached.

The itinerary for the trip broadly reads:—

Midnight, Thursday, October 7th, depart by T.A.A. direct to Sydney.

Friday, October 8th, arrive Sydney, met by N.S.W.F.L. Umpires Association accommodation arranged at Artarmon Motel on the North Shore.

Thursday, October 14th, 11 a.m., depart by T.A.A. to Melbourne where we will be met on arrival by the V.F.L. Umpires Association transported to the Prince of Wales Hotel, St. Kilda, where accommodation is arranged.

Saturday, October 16th, attend the Caulfield Cup as guests of the V.A. Sunday, October 17th, depart Melbourne by T.A.A. at 8.15 p.m. to Perth, arriving at 10.30 p.m.

Various functions are being organised by the Umpires Association both New South Wales and Victoria and while we are in Sydney, one of members in George Hall is arranging that we will be honorary members of the Western Suburbs Club.

This trip will be the first ever attempted by Western Australian Umpires we hope it will pave the way for many future trips. For the support given the last 12 months, we thank those members, and we ask you to continue to give your support for the remainder of this year and help make this something every member can be proud of.

LANCE PERKINS, Trip Manager.

UMPIRES' GOLF TEAM 1970-71

During the summer the Umpires Golf Team competed in the Fox Clubs' Golf Premiership which was won this year by Swan Districts.

Our side finished just out of the final four but put up a very creditable performance considering we competed on several occasions without a full team.

Our trophy was won by our Life Member Norm Shepherd from Snow and this was presented at the trophy night at the Cottesloe Civic Centre.

We unsuccessfully defended the Rosehill Shield this year but finished a third. Congratulations to all the members who made the effort to compete and next summer we will be out to better this performance.

LEAGUE GAMES BY MEMBERS

Following are the number of League games at which members (1970) have officiated. I would appreciate umpires who have incorrect tallies to inform me so that the necessary alterations may be made for future years.

FIELD UMPIRES:

G. Becker	29	R. Whitfield	139
B. Carbon	15	J. Fuhrmann	39
L. Johnston	58	T. Nielson	1
E. Martino	20	D. Hinton	7
R. Montgomery	278	W. Brown	30
R. Scott	141	T. Holland	2
K. Moralee	16		

BOUNDARY UMPIRES:

C. Pratt	172	D. Wakenshaw	18
M. James	11	R. Walsh	15
R. Bond	15	K. Clark	13
R. Dawbarn	30	P. Imms	42
R. Pearse	53	P. Bruce	64
J. Devine	38	B. McKenzie	43
N. Miliauskas	45	D. Clair	32
G. Feutrell	34	R. Taylor	9
W. Shepherd	10	M. Rome	5
T. Smith	1		

GOAL UMPIRES:

G. Hall	19	W. Carter	201
W. Johnson	123	L. Chapman	77
M. Hale	21	P. Katavatis	24
D. Allan	29	V. Clair	31
S. Nettleton	71	D. Gardner	191
N. Shove	93	D. Skipworth	32
B. Lowe	16	K. Giles	7
R. Domney	11	J. Robbins	56
R. Turton	9	S. Georgeff	1

CONGRATULATIONS IN 1970

Kevin Moralee and Tony Holland: first League games.

An extra pat on the back to Kevin for umpiring 16 top games in his first season of League football.

To Bill Carter in knocking up his second century on the goals—well done, Bill.

To Boundaries and Goals officiating in first League games: Mike Rome, Trevor Smith, Bill Shepherd, Ray Turton, Kevin Giles, Steve Georgeff.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For Year Ended 31st March, 1971

	Number	1 Account:	
RECEIPTS:	\$	PAYMENTS:	\$
Cash on Hand and in Bank		Honoraria:	
1/4/70	114.19	P. Pustkuchen	100
Subscriptions	693.50	B. Bidstrup	50
Raffles (net)	224.37	Bank Fees	6
Bank Interest	19.85	Insurance	185
Insurance	172.20	National Fitness Council	
National Fitness Council		Camp	175
Camp	95.00	Socials:	
Socials:		Umpires' Teas and	
Umpires' Teas and		Barbecue	270
Barbecue	281.21	Annual Cabaret	613
Annual Cabaret	671.00	Christmas Tree	151
Christmas Tree	44.25	Visiting Umpire	
Visiting Umpire		(Entertainment)	75
(Entertainment)	27.00	Golf Competition	64
		Attendance Sportsmans	
		Show	14
		Transfer to No. 2 Account	300
		Match Fee E. Dunstan	18
		Prepayment Hall Hire	
		1971 Cabaret	59
		Donation Test Match	
		Appeal	20
		Trainer's Fees	130
		Training Materials	6
		Training Notices	7
		Track Suits' Emblems	8
		Printing and Stationery	117
		Hire Bassendean Oval	12
		Maintenance Typewriter	6
		Telephone	32
		Award Presentations	25
		Presentation Mrs. Cox	6
		Wreath	6
		Cash on Hand and in	
		Bank 31/3/71	142
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	\$2,612.57		\$2,612.57

RECEIPTS:		Number 2 Account:	PAYMENTS:	
	\$			\$
Transfer from No. 1 Acc.	300.00		Cash in Bank 31/3/71	300.00

Reserve Account:				
	\$			\$
Cash in Bank 1/4/70	589.95		Cash in Bank 31/3/71	607.66
Interest 1970	17.71			
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	\$607.66			\$607.66

The Association owns one typewriter purchased at a cost of \$70 in 1968.
 I have examined the above records. In my opinion they are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs.
 —E. W. BRUNTON, A.A.S.A.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gentlemen,

Financially our Association enjoyed a very successful year. During this period \$300 was transferred from the cheque account to a Number 2 Account. Your Association now has considerable reserves available to meet most emergencies, i.e. Number 1 Account \$142.29, Number 2 Account \$300, Reserve Account \$607.66, Total \$1,049.95.

Functions generally were well attended. Whilst a loss was sustained on the Christmas Tree it was gratifying to see most members present. This year, due to hard work by your Committee, the Annual Cabaret earned a profit of \$57.

My thanks to the Committee, our Honorary Auditor Ted Brunton, and all members for their support throughout the season.

I would particularly like to express my appreciation to our Secretary, Peter Pustkuchen, who has achieved so much for our Association. Without his untiring efforts the year could not possibly have been so successful.

May all members enjoy the forthcoming season.

BARRY BIDSTRUP, Honorary Treasurer.

