



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

ANNUAL REPORT
and
BALANCE SHEET

Season 1976

FOREWORD

Over the years I have witnessed many changes in the rules of Australian football. Perhaps no single change more challenging than in 1976 with the introduction of two officiating field umpires.

And I consider all concerned in the umpiring profession deserve the highest praise for its smooth and successful implementation.

However, there is one thing that never changes and that is the solidarity of the members of the W.A.N.F.L. Umpires Association coupled with their warm and genuine hospitality.

Life members are proud of the Association's continued achievements and I feel especially honoured to have this opportunity to wish them every success for the future.

TED BRUNTON
Honorary Auditor & Life Member
W.A.N.F.L. Umpires Association.



OFFICE BEARERS 1976

President: MR. ROSS CAPES
Snr. Vice President: MR. TERRY NEILSON
Jnr. Vice President: MR. DICK STUBBERFIELD
Secretary: MR. PETER PUSTKUCHEN
Social Secretary: MR. DON WAKENSHAW
Treasurer: MR. BRIAN COLLETT

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

MR. TREVOR CANT
MR. BRIAN HAIGH
MR. BARRY MCKENZIE
MR. GREG SOLIN
MR. GEOFF TIPPING
MR. PETER TROODE

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

MR. TERRY NEILSON (Chairman)
MR. DON WAKENSHAW (Social Secretary)
MR. BRIAN COLLETT
MR. BARRY GRIMMOND
MR. BRIAN HAIGH
MR. MAX HALE
MR. RAY HARTLAND
MR. FRANK LENDICH
MR. BARRY MCKENZIE
MR. GREG SOLIN

UMPIRES' ADVOCATES

MR. CLIVE HILLS
MR. TED BRUNTON
MR. RAY MONTGOMERY
MR. JOHN SMITH-GANDER
MR. JOHN DOLLING

UMPIRES' TRAINERS

MR. RON HOLFORD (Head Trainer)
MR. JOHN MOSS
MR. WAYNE REYNOLDS
MR. ALBERT SCHOLTEN
MR. ROD BRYANT

HONORARY SOLICITOR

MR. JOE FITZGERALD
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18 St. George's Terrace
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HONORARY AUDITOR

MR. TED BRUNTON

OUR LIFE MEMBERS

1957 A. CHAPMAN
 1958 J. FERGUSON
 1960 L. HURLEY
 A. GIBB
 H. CLAIR
 1962 L. NATHAN
 E. CRISP
 1963 C. FITZPATRICK
 R. MONTGOMERY
 1964 D. CUMMING (Deceased)
 E. BRUNTON
 1965 L. McCOMISH
 J. CAMPBELL
 1966 J. SMITH-GANDER
 N. SHEPHERD

1967 B. MOORE
 F. WOODS
 1968 B. RIGG
 1970 G. McCOMISH
 J. DOLLING
 1971 R. WHITFIELD
 W. CARTER
 1972 C. HILLS
 *P. PUSTKUCHEN
 1973 C. PRATT
 *R. STUBBERFIELD
 1974 *E. MARTINO
 G. MEIERS
 1976 *T. NEILSON
 *Active member 1976.

ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS SINCE 1953

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Assist. Secretary or Social Secretary
1953	J. Ferguson	C. McMahon	C. McMahon	
1954	L. Hurley	A. Glendinning	A. Glendinning	
1955	H. Clair	L. Nathan	L. Nathan	
1956	H. Clair	L. Nathan	L. Nathan	
1957	H. Clair	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1958	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1959	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1960	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1961	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	D. Kemp	
1962	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	D. Kemp	
1963	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	B. Moore	
1964	B. Rigg	L. Nathan	B. Moore	
1965	B. Rigg	L. Nathan	B. Moore	
1966	B. Rigg	G. McComish	B. Moore	W. Brown
1967	B. Rigg	G. McComish	E. Martino	W. Brown
1968	C. Hills	G. McComish	E. Martino	W. Brown
1969	J. Dolling	G. McComish	P. Pustkuchen	K. Cox
1970	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Bidstrup	K. Cox
1971	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Williams	R. Stubberfield
1972	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Williams	R. Stubberfield
1973	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Williams	R. Stubberfield
1974	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	B. Collett	R. Stubberfield
1975	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	B. Collett	R. Stubberfield
1976	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	B. Collett	D. Wakenshaw

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FELLOW MEMBERS,

I submit this report for your consideration in the knowledge that it reflects the great advances made by the Association and the potential that lies ahead of us.

Our greatest achievement must surely be the raising of \$35,000 to enable a party of 57 to go overseas. This magnificent effort illustrates what can be done with sustained effort and enthusiasm and I thank all members of the Association for their unselfish support.

The major change during the season was the trial of the two-umpiring system. It was poorly timed when introduced, however our umpires have shown that the system can work and we await with interest the outcome of the decision that now has to be made by the W.A.N.F.L.

The system itself has given young umpires the opportunity to prove their worth, and on top of that, the Board selected several boundary and goal umpires to officiate in their first league games. To all of them, I offer my sincere congratulations on their achievements and will watch with interest the promising future which lies ahead of them.

Once again our Secretary, PETER PUSTKUCHEN has worked tirelessly for the Association and his efforts always ensure a successful year. I offer Peter my personal thanks and gratitude for a job well done and I know each member endorses these remarks.

To TERRY NEILSON, DON WAKENSHAW and the Social Committee, I extend my thanks for a highly successful year socially. Many of the social events were not well supported by you the members, and a great deal of pressure was then put on the Committee. However, despite this and in view of the numerous trip functions which were held during the year, every function held was most enjoyable and in the main, financially rewarding.

I regret the decision by our treasurer, BRIAN COLLETT not to stand for re-election in 1977, however I know the decision would not have been easy for Brian to make. During his three years as Treasurer, the Association's financial matters have been in capable hands and I extend to Brian sincere thanks for his efforts over the past three years.

Congratulations to our GRAND FINAL UMPIRES, who again represented our Association with distinction.

Finally, may I wish the in-coming Committee a successful and enjoyable 1977 and seek the support of all members to ensure the continued growth of the Association.

ROSS CAPES
PRESIDENT

SECRETARY'S REPORT

May I present for your consideration and information my Annual Report for 1976.

Year 1976 will surely be remembered for the introduction of the "Two Umpire System". Its inception at the beginning of the second round of qualifying fixtures, presented our members with few opportunities to try the system out on an experimental basis. This undoubtedly led to teething problems, but overall our members accepted the challenge, and officiated to the best of their ability. Whether the "Two Umpire System" is here to stay has yet to be determined, but I feel confident, whatever the outcome, our members will honour their obligations to the highest level.

Probably, the most disturbing feature of 1976 has been the barrage of unwarranted criticism directed at our members by Club Officials and the media. We note the W.A.N.F.L., through its President Mr. Jim Davies and the Board of Directors has endeavoured to stem the flow of criticism emanating from the clubs, for which our Association records its gratitude. However, the media is far more difficult to curb, as the key to success here, is sensationalism, and I feel too often our members were victims of some unnecessary sensationalism. As always, a sides downfall can easily be blamed upon the umpire, while players who have failed to contribute remain unscathed. There is no answer to our problem - we can only strive to lift our standards further, and thus make our contribution a worthwhile one for our great Australian Game.

Approaches have been made to the W.A.N.F.L. for our Senior Executive to be received at a Deputation Meeting in the near future. Arrangements on all accounts are in hand, and we are looking forward confidently to another successful meeting with our employers. We have tabled a number of problems, including fees, promotion of umpiring, country umpiring, passes, formation of an umpiring sub committee on the Board of Directors; as well as a number of other contentious points, all of which we hope will be given favourable consideration. We sincerely hope the good relationship we have established in recent years with the W.A.N.F.L. will continue, and that we will gain more benefits for you the members.

From the internal functioning of the Association, lack of numbers was again the most disturbing feature. Although the provisional list of field umpires released by the Appointment Board contained 62 names, a number never fronted; others resigned for a variety of reasons; and a few failed to make the grade, coupled with injuries, resulted in many double headers throughout the year. Country travelling again appears to be the biggest bug bear. Payment, no longer appears to be a contentious issue. The many hours involved away from families appears to be very significant, and money is such, that if a person wants additional income, there is many other spheres available which do not require the effort and dedication so necessary for umpiring. The future is grim. It seems most essential that the W.A.N.F.L. endeavour to bring as many near City Leagues (South Suburban; W.A.F.A. etc) into our umpiring roster, and at the same time lose some of our way out appointments. This will enable umpires to have more games in Perth, and thus reducing the number of country trips. It will also enable the Umpires Appointment Board more opportunities to view umpires, and enable them to stabilise a city league panel, which can only mean more pressure on those at the top, and thus a better standard of umpiring. The present set up in the Colts, although enabling the Appointment Board to view young umpires, does not allow for a consistently strong city panel. Lets face it, the more strength and pressure put on the umpires at the top, the better the overall standard.

Boundary umpiring was another area where insufficient numbers created problems for most part of the season. For many weeks, up to three country Field Umpires had to fill in on the Boundary for Colts matches.

Goal umpires were generally better off, however a couple of sudden resignations in the latter part of the season did result in double headers for a couple.

Where as the number of new umpires in 1975 was an all time low, in 1976 it would have been an all time high. Prospects for 1977 are also questionable. Once again the Umpires Appointment Board, gave the majority of umpires the opportunity to show their talents in city ranks. While agreeing this scheme certainly has merit, for the individual umpire, I feel as mentioned previously that the depth and strength of umpiring is not being used to its full value.

Let me now turn to comments on the overall functioning of the Association during the past season.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Once again we have had the honour and privilege of being led by our very capable President, ROSS CAPESE. It is very difficult to measure and record the efforts of Ross as our helmsman. He is dedicated and conscientious leader who has ensured that through his expert guidance and control, that our Association has continued along its successful path. As in the past, Ross has continued to prove a great ambassador for our Association both on and off the field; and at the same time he has been able to maintain his place as one of the top umpires in the State, and for that matter Australia. Added to his list of responsibilities during 1976, has been his leadership of the Trip Committee and their fund raising activities for their big forthcoming trip to South East Asia. Ross is one who will always accept a challenge, and its with confidence that we can turn our thoughts to 1977 with him as our President for the fourth consecutive year. Once again, I take the opportunity to record my personal thanks and sincere appreciation to Ross for his guidance and timely assistance throughout the past season.

The financial aspects of the functioning of our Association have once again been in the very capable hands of our popular Treasurer BRIAN COLLETT. Through his astute planning and budgeting our Association has once again enjoyed a successful year. Brian over his three years as Treasurer has worked tirelessly for the Association, and his guidance has enabled the Management Committee to plan all functions without fear of running into financial difficulties. It is indeed with sincere regret that we note Brian's intending retirement from both umpiring and the position of Treasurer. Certainly he will leave a big gap to fill, and one can only take this opportunity to record on behalf of all members our sincere gratitude to Brian for his efforts, and congratulate him on a job well done. My personal thanks are recorded for his valuable assistance in times of need.

Two other stalwarts contemplating retirement from their positions of Vice President are Senior TERRY NEILSON, and Junior DICK STUBBERFIELD. Two fellows who have been around a long time whose contribution to umpiring both on and off the field must certainly rank as the highest order. Time and again they have made personal sacrifices for the benefit of the Association. The many hours of service given by Terry and Dick over the years has contributed in no small way to the Association being what it is today. We sincerely hope that we are still able to have their services, as experienced personnel are very hard to replace. Our sincere thanks are recorded with pleasure for the efforts of Terry and Dick over the last year, as well as in

the past.

Our Social Committee this year has again been in the expert hands of TERRY NEILSON as Chairman. As Social Secretary we welcomed DON WAKENSHAW to the fray. Don adapted well to his new role, and once again we were very fortunate in having all our functions thoroughly organized and planned. Full praise must be extended to both gentlemen for their efforts to provide variety into our social program, thus endeavouring to satisfy all tastes.

A Deputation Committee was formed under the chairmanship of DICK STUBBERFIELD to formulate a submission to be put to the W.A.N.F.L. Board of Directors later in the year. Others comprising this committee were Peter Troode, Geoff Tipping and Peter Pustkuchen. The submission has many gains to be obtained for our Association, so we would hope that the League will receive the Deputation sympathetically.

Now let me turn to the general committee comprising TREVOR CANT, BRIAN HAIGH, BARRY MCKENZIE, GREG SOLIN, GEOFF TIPPING and PETER TROODE. Once again, the Association has been well served by a group of conscientious, and hard working committeemen. The attendance at Committee Meetings has been excellent, and at all times they have discussed matters constructively and acted in what they consider was for the betterment of umpiring.

May I conclude here by paying a special tribute to the wives of the Committee, who have prepared suppers at individual homes for our members after meetings. Also for their patience and understanding, when some of our homely chores have been overlooked because of the call to duty. Your cooperation ladies is surely appreciated.

UMPIRES' APPOINTMENT BOARD

The past year would undoubtedly been another very difficult year for the Appointment Board. With the season only seven weeks old, the Board suddenly had to find four additional League Field Umpires, with the introduction of the Two Umpire System. This meant an extra strain on resources available. Their selections again resulted in glee for some and tales of woe for others. As I mention each year in this report - a selectors job, in every walk of life is an unenviable one; but to the credit of the Appointment Board they make their decisions and stand behind their appointment to the fullest extent.

The Appointment Board, this year was once again under the Chairmanship MR. BRIAN PURSLOWE, the Vice President of the W.A.N.F.L., with MR. RAY SLEETH; MR. RAY SCOTT and MR. BRIAN FOLEY making up the full compliment. A special mention must be made of Mr. Brian Foley the new member on the Board, who brought with him a vast knowledge of football experience. Brian acquitted himself well in his first year of a very difficult assignment.

Once again, as has been the aim of the Umpires Board during recent years, they have made every opportunity to view as many umpires as possible. On some occasions, this meant travelling as far a field as Merredin, which is very commendable. However, with the right sort of lobbying by the W.A.N.F.L., and the servicing of near City Leagues with our Panel Umpires, would ensure that all umpires were bought regularly under the watchful eye of observers, and this in turn should greatly assist in the lifting of the overall standard of umpiring. This same move would also lighten the load of country travelling by our members, which can only be of benefit to all.

As always, the big disappointment are the umpires who fail to honour their commitments during the season. Resignations, unavailability, and

"fractured eye brows" have all contributed to making the Appointment Board's job that little more difficult. Thus I can only say - if you choose to umpire, then give it 100% - our Association is not judged on the individual, but on all the members who make it up.

Assisting the Appointment Board during 1976, have been six independent observers who have contributed their comprehensive reports on our members, thus assisting towards the overall lifting in the umpiring standard. At this stage we acknowledge the efforts and time put in by MR. CHRIS COWAN, MR. GEOFF HAVERCROFT, MR. NED MARTINO, MR. MAX PINNER, MR. JERRY STOKES and MR. RAY WHITFIELD

UMPIRES' ADVISER

Once again our Association would like to record our thanks and appreciation to our Umpires' Adviser, MR. RAY SLEETH, and his Assistant MR. RAY SCOTT for their many hours of duty in the promotion and improvement of umpiring in our State during the past season. Their efforts in preparing our members for the Two Umpire System is acknowledged.

UMPIRE'S TRAINING SUPERVISOR

MR. RAY SCOTT, had the dual role of Assistant Umpires Adviser and Training Supervisor during 1976. This gave Ray the opportunity to convey first hand an individual picture of fitness to the Board when a vital decision was to be made. At all times, Ray strived to maintain our members at peak fitness, even to the extent of making some of the very central umpires, who continually run around the cricket pitches move out by the fence. Thus any umpire who claimed he wasn't fit, could surely only blame himself for every opportunity was given for each and every member to achieve maximum condition.

The big disappointment were the non-trainers. Although they were in the minority, their lack of enthusiasm for training surely must have reflected in their standard of umpiring. It was unfortunate that insufficient numbers made it very difficult to discipline these umpires. Thus extra umpires can only help to lift the standard, for it will bring more pressure on everyone.

POINT PERON TRAINING CAMP

Another successful Training Camp was conducted by our Association at the Point Peron National Fitness Camp on the weekend 20th/21st/22nd February. Although the numbers were down on those of previous years the activity and spirit behind the camp was as strong as ever. Special thanks and appreciation for his time and efforts go to Hal Symons, for his organisation of the entire weekend. Hal left no stone unturned to ensure that each member received the maximum benefit from the weekend.

Special thanks are extended to Vinca Cukela for her efforts in the kitchen, in ensuring that food was plentiful and enjoyable. Also to Alma Solin, the Camp Caretaker, for her efforts in obtaining the camp for us and making us welcome.

COUNTRY FOOTBALL

Good relations were generally maintained with our country friends. Few real problems were experienced, and in most cases, umpires carried out their

instructions satisfactorily. Our Association continued to serve fourteen Country Leagues. Once again, the bug bear was the travelling. Even though the fees were again increased for country matches, it is evident that these rewards do not compensate one for being away from home and family week after week. Incidentally, I would like to point out again, that our Country Fees are by far the highest in Australia.

It was noted with interest, that three country leagues this season took positive steps towards establishing their own umpiring panels. However, in all cases, while the move is commendable, it is very obvious that recruitment of umpires is a big problem. Country football executives are in turn concerned that the standard of umpiring will drop. It would appear, that if country leagues are going to be forced into forming their own panels, it will be necessary for the W.A.N.F.L. to appoint a full time Umpires Coordinator, with the purpose of travelling to all country centres providing instruction and training for umpires during the season. Whatever happens, there are many problems facing football administrators, both in the city and country.

The Workers Compensation Policy covering our umpires, was this year taken over by the W.A.N.F.L., which further lightened the load of our Association. This undoubtedly is the most satisfactory means of administering this policy.

Hence we turn to 1977. What is the answer to country umpiring? Is it greater recruitment, higher fees, the introduction of near city leagues onto the country roster, reduction in the number of country leagues using our umpires, availability bonus, service bonus, or the advent of more plane travel to distant leagues? Probably all these ideas have some merit - but is there one complete answer - I have my doubts.

As I mentioned in this report last year, the strength of umpiring lies in one united band of umpires, and I feel that whatever action is decided upon by the W.A.N.F.L., this must be foremost in their thinking.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The decision of the Management Committee will be given during the Annual General Meeting.

FINANCE

The past year has seen a fairly steep rise in members subscriptions and general costs to the Association. Even so, the continual spiralling costs and inflation, have continued to make budgeting for our Treasurer, a difficult assignment. Once again, however, thanks to the expert guidance of our Treasurer, Brian Collett, we will once again finish the year on the right side of the ledger.

During 1976, trip functions have again provided a double tax on the pockets of members. I feel that congratulations and thanks should go to both parties for the support given. Also, I feel that it should be mentioned how well trip members have supported Association functions during the year. Even though they were involved in a terrific amount of fund raising for their forth coming overseas trip, their support for association functions was truly commendable.

UMPIRES' TRAINERS

RON HOLFORD and his MERRY MEN have once again given our members tremendous support during the past year. Ron as our popular Head Trainer has taken charge of all trainers; their rostering and the provision of training gear. At the same time Ron has displayed a genuine interest in all injuries and ensured that the treatment was the very best available. The attendance of trainers at each league ground during the season and on Tuesday and Thursday nights has been excellent.

To the MERRY MEN - WAYNE REYNOLDS, JOHN MOSS, ALBERT SCHOLTEN and ROD BRYANT we record with gratitude our thanks and appreciation for their many hours of devoted duty, their interest and support throughout the season.

We acknowledge the support of the W.A.N.F.L. in assisting us by subsidising our payments for the Trainers.

UMPIRES' ADVOCATES

Our Tuesday night gang - CLIVE HILLS, JOHN SMITH-GANDER, RAY MONTGOMERY, JOHN DOLLING and TED BRUNTON have continued to look after our interests in a most efficient and praiseworthy manner at the Tribunal hearings. Although they were promised a quiet year their services were constantly required throughout the season, and at every occasion our members were well represented.

SOCIALLY

Once again a vote of thanks is recorded to the Social Committee for the organisation and quality of functions held during the past season. As in the past they endeavoured to cater for the variety of interests of our members, but unfortunately the forth coming support did not always provide the Committee with the necessary reward. As I have said over the years umpiring extends beyond the football field, and if our members can mix at social functions, they will find an even more enjoyable side to umpiring. Here I appeal to those members who never attend functions; it is no good saying you don't know anybody - this is the way to get to know them, and this will bring greater comradeship to the members, and a better Association for all.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly our Nostalgia Cabaret at Venezia Lodge. A great night was had by all, and a special compliment must be extended to all those who dressed up and really got into the swing of the night. The "Presentation Evening" held on our Final Tea Night was a very successful innovation, and special thanks here must be extended to Don Wakenshaw and Barry McKenzie for their efforts in organising the night. At the time of my writing this report, the Grand Final Dinner Dance is still in the future, but judging on the past, its sure to be another great night.

May I at this stage on behalf of all members congratulate and thank the entire Social Committee, namely - TERRY NEILSON, DON WAKENSHAW, BRIAN COLLETT, BARRY GRIMMOND, BRIAN HAIGH, MAX HALE, RAY HARTLAND, FRANK LENDICH, BARRY MCKENZIE and GREG SOLIN for their efforts during 1976. Also to the Ladies Committee who have provided the effort and food for the two after Training Teas held during the season - they were surely appreciated. The actual Social Committee Report is contained elsewhere in this report.

APPRECIATION

The W.A.N.F.L. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION acknowledges with pleasure, the efforts of the following rendered during the past season:-

RAY MONTGOMERY - printing requirements on our presentation certificates.

ROSS CAPES - our esteemed leader both on and off the field. A great ambassador for our Association. His guidance and leadership have carried us through another great season.

BRIAN COLLETT - our budget man who has kept up with inflation, and through his meticulous attention to the dollars and cents we have experienced another successful year. Thanks also Brian for your three years as Treasurer. Your efforts have been surely appreciated.

TED BRUNTON - as our honorary auditor.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - for their attendance at meetings and wise counselling of vital matters concerning our Association.

RON HOLFORD and his MERRY MEN - our popular Trainers for their efforts in keeping the men in white functioning.

ROY ABBOTT AND STAFF AT W.A.C.A. - for their understanding and cooperation to our members while using their wonderful facilities on Training nights. Also for keeping the ground so dry during the winter months.

TUESDAY NIGHT GANG - your time and efforts on our behalf are surely appreciated.

PETER BOWLER AND THE LEAGUE DIRECTORS - for what we are about to receive from our forth coming Deputation Meeting. Also for the assistance and cooperation rendered to our Association during 1976.

NEIL JUDGE - from Secretary to Secretary - thanks Neil for your help and cooperation throughout the season; also for putting up with my continual queries and grizzles.

BARRY MCKENZIE - our Property Man and Custodian of our Rooms at the W.A.C.A. - also to his assistant DON WAKENSHAW.

GREG SOLIN - for the Business Board - we finally made it.

HAL SYMONS - for organising and controlling our Fitness Weekend at Point Peron.

To all those who have contributed to the Association during the year but haven't been recognised, in our honours list, a very big thank you.

CONCLUSION

Thus it is time to end yet another report as your Association Secretary. Once again I can say with complete confidence that the past season has been yet another successful one. For my part, I sincerely hope that my contribution has been to your satisfaction, and what should have been done has been done. At the same time I convey my appreciation to all members for once again returning me to office for yet another year. May I take the opportunity to record my thanks to all members for their assistance and cooperation during the past year, which has made my job that little bit easier.

We now turn our attention to 1977, just around the corner. Our first important work for the new season is the Deputation Meeting with the W.A.N.F.L. It is hoped that this meeting will again bear fruit, and that things will be made just that little bit better for umpires. Our President is anxious to start a Building Fund, which I'm sure he will outline further at the Annual General Meeting. As you can see, there is still much to be gained, so we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. I note once again a keen fight for positions on the Committee, with fourteen nominations for the six vacancies. It is noted that we have new faces in positions of Vice President and Treasurer. Thus I take the opportunity to wish the new committee good fortune in 1977.

Once again in closing, if per chance I have overlooked someone or something, please accept my humble apologies - I can assure you it has been completely unintentional.

To those umpires contemplating retirement, thanks for your assistance and cooperation, and may we wish you the very best for the future. To the rest of you - see you on the track in '77.

To all our Members, their wives and families, on behalf of Della and myself, may we wish you the very best for the coming Festive Season and may the New Year be both prosperous, as well as successful.

PETER PUSTKUCHEN
SECRETARY

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING ATTENDANCES

MEETINGS HELD: 13

Name	Attended	Apologies	Possible
Ross Capes	12	1	13
Terry Neilson	12	1	13
Dick Stubberfield	12	1	13
Don Wakenshaw	12	1	13
Brian Collett	13		13
Trevor Cant	12	1	13
Brian Haigh	13		13
Barry McKenzie	11	2	13
Greg Solin	13		13
Geoff Tipping	13		13
Peter Troode	12	1	13
Peter Pustkuchen	13		13

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Our achievements over the last twelve months have in the main been satisfactory. Our ultimate result was certainly achieved through the hard working efforts of your Management and Social Committees and the results are shown in the Statement of Affairs accompanying this report.

Our Reserve Account has a balance of \$2341.44 and the Current Account a balance of \$39.81. This reflects a decrease in total funds of \$120.44. However, at the time of closing, we had not received the Trainers subsidy cheque from the W.A.N.F.L. We understand this amount will be in excess of the \$400.00 received for last season.

The overall result achieved was a little disappointing. Although we received a considerable increase in subscriptions and gained a considerable saving in administration costs, the results of our Social Functions were not sufficient to absorb the additional cost of the Grand Final Dinner Dance. I was aware of this fact when deciding upon an admission fee, but we decided to keep the cost to you, at a reasonable level. Therefore, we look forward to your solid support next season in order that the excellent standard of our social functions set this year, can be maintained.

This season saw the introduction of our new uniform. The Association purchased a supply of ties and pocket emblems and at present, stock is still on hand to the value of \$323.00. This amount will of course contribute handsomely to our receipts next year.

Included in the Association Funds is a credit of \$705.87 for "Gold Coat" payments. Although there was not very many purchases from this account during the year, moves are in motion to purchase a considerable amount of sporting equipment which I am sure will be of benefit to all our Members. May I take this opportunity of thanking the members who donated their payments to the Association.

I am delighted to report that 100% subscriptions were collected again this year and I would like to express my appreciation for your co-operation in this area.

In conclusion, I would sincerely like to thank the Management and Social Committees and to you the members, for the support given to me during my three years as Treasurer. My thanks are also extended to Mr. Ted Brunton for his time and consideration in examining our records. I can confidently expect that this same co-operation and support will be given to David Aslett as he prepares to take over the position. I wish him every success.

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BRIAN COLLETT
TREASURER

FOR YEAR ENDED 27TH SEPTEMBER 1976

\$

13.

RESERVE A/c 1754472

	\$		\$
Opening Balance 3/10/75	2283.62	To Current A/c 27/9/76	1150.00
Interest 1/1/76	118.08	Cash Balance 27/9/76	2341.44
Interest 1/6/76	89.74		
From Current A/c 1/7/76	1000.00		
	<u>3491.44</u>		<u>3491.44</u>

In addition the Association owns:

	\$
1 Typewriter purchased 1974	25.00
1 Typewriter purchased 1976	70.00
1 Refrigerator purchased 1974	20.00
1 Temprite purchased 1975	40.00
24 Cuff Links @ \$3.50	84.00
41 Adult's Tee Shirts @ \$3.50	143.50
17 Childrens Tee Shirts @ \$3.20	54.40
28 Lapel Badges @ 75¢	21.00
38 Pocket Badges @ \$3.00	114.00
10 Association Ties @ \$5.70	57.00
50 Association Ties @ \$4.20	210.00
16 Pocket Emblems @ \$3.50	56.00

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

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 Association's affairs.

E.W. BRUNTON, A.A.S.A.
Hon. Auditor

SOCIAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 1976

Gentlemen,

Thank you very much for your continued support of the Association through the past season.

I appreciate how demanding the season has been with both the trip and our shows and yet the majority of you supported one or the other if not both. For this effort may I say thank you.

However, even though we covered ourselves on the social shows during the season, we have been outdone by the inflationary trends of today and hence the increase in the Grand Final Dinner Dance.

This type of increase is, as you will all appreciate, additional costs to halls, bands, meals and liquor of which we as a committee have no control, and therefore we have had to pass it on to you.

Generally we have been very generous in our social prices and thanks must go to our Treasurer for keeping a tight hold on our financial position.

To my Social Committee, namely Don Wakenshaw, Brian Collett, Barry McKenzie, Greg Solin, Brian Haigh, Max Hale, Barry Grimmond, Frank Lendich and Ray Hartland, may I say thank you very much for a tremendous effort during a trying year.

I would also like to personally thank Brian Collett for his guidance and professionalism that he has given to me over the past seasons. Thank you Brian.

To Max Hale for his efforts on the raffle and \$10 note draws - he was always there without fail. Much appreciated Max.

Also to our new Social Secretary, Don Wakenshaw, please accept my sincere thanks for a hard-worked first up season, of which you did an excellent job. Thank you Don.

To all the lovely ladies who helped us out again at our Umpire's Teas, please accept my sincere thanks for your time and effort in producing all that wonderful food. The boys certainly appreciate it.

To Ross, Peter, Brian and Don I was very grateful to have had you gentlemen supporting me throughout the season and for your support both to me and to the Association, may I express my appreciation.

Thank you.

T.C. NEILSON
SOCIAL CHAIRMAN

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

I submit to you a report for your perusal at the completion of my first year as Social Secretary. In doing so I would like to commence by expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the social committee as a whole for the time and effort they have put into attending meetings to arrange functions, and the work they have done at these functions. To single out any member of the committee I feel would be unjust so to Terry Neilson, Brian Collett, Barry McKenzie, Greg Solin, Max Hale, Brian Haigh, Ray Hartland, Barry Gimmond and Frank Lendich I thank you again fellows for the cooperation you have given me in doing anything I have asked and for the dedication you have given the Association through the diligent manner in which the duties entrusted to you were carried out.

To the ladies who helped to arrange, cook and present the meals at our two Umpires' Teas, may I thank each and everyone of them for such a tremendous effort. The standard set at these functions will be hard to better in the future so we hope to have your support again next year. Also to the ladies who supplied supper for us at our committee meetings, many thanks.

To the donors who have helped us this year, particularly the people who donated all the prizes for the annual raffle, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks. Through the generosity of these people it has made it a lot easier for us and we look forward to their continuing support of our Association.

The functions held this year have been first class but once again it has been disappointing to find that the members have not been supporting them fully. These shows not only help the Association financially, they are organised for each member's enjoyment. If anyone has any suggestions or complaints please don't hesitate to inform me before next year because our aim is to please at all times.

In closing I hope I have been able to serve the Umpires' Association to the satisfaction of everyone and I hope I have the opportunity to do my small bit again next year.

DON WAKENSHAW
SOCIAL SECRETARY

OVERSEAS TOUR

I have pleasure in advising that details have now been finalised for the Association's forthcoming South East Asian Overseas Tour.

A touring party of 57 will depart Perth Airport by Cathay Pacific Airways on Sunday 17th October 1976 for Hong Kong where a tour has been arranged, embracing Kowloon and the New Territories.

The party will proceed to Bangkok on Friday 22nd October and visit the Floating Markets with sufficient free time for members to arrange their own sightseeing in both Hong Kong and Bangkok.

On Tuesday 26th October the tour party will move by coach to Pattaya Beach, 80 km south of Bangkok for relaxation prior to returning to Perth on Sunday 31st October 1976.

Over the past two years numerous fund activities have been held, resulting in a total sum of \$35,000 being raised to enable the party to undertake the tour. At this stage we would like to take the opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Barry Davies for his assistance in arranging security duties for members of the touring party at various concerts, which resulted in a considerable amount of money being raised.

The members of the Tour Committee wish to sincerely thank all Association members and their friends who have assisted in fund raising ventures. We would also like to record what tremendous support we once again received from the ladies throughout the past two years. The assistance they gave was a great contribution.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the excellent efforts of the Tour Committee - they all worked extremely hard to achieve the end result. The number of very late nights and numerous duties to attend to were accepted by each member of the Committee without hesitation.

I would like to make special mention of the tremendous contribution our President, Ross Capes and his good lady, Noreen, have given towards this Tour. Their enthusiasm and dedication to work for the Association, plus the overseas tour, has been something that we can all look up to.

Finally I take this opportunity to wish all tour members a successful, happy and safe tour.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCES

MEETINGS HELD: 9

	Attended	Apologies	Possible
T. NEILSON	8	1	9
B. COLLETT	9		9
B. MCKENZIE	9		9
G. SOLIN	9		9
R. HARTLAND	9		9
F. LENDICH	9		9
M. HALE	9		9
B. HAIGH	9		9
D. WAKENSHAW	9		9
B. GRIMMOND	8	1	9

Dick Stubberfield chaired one meeting in the absence of our Chairman T. Neilson.

BRIAN COLLETT

Season 1976 witnessed the premature retirement of Goal Umpire, Brian Collett.

Brian commenced with the Umpire's Association in 1964, in the capacity of boundary umpire and was proficient enough to officiate in 17 League games until the end of 1967, at which time he decided to concentrate on other matters.

However, the call of umpiring was too strong and he decided in 1970 to recommence, this time in the field of goal umpiring. Whereas, in his own words, he had had to work hard to be a league boundary umpire, goal umpiring came easy to Brian because of his outstanding ability, and thus was able to officiate in 107 league games. Amongst these games were - 3 grand finals in 1971; 74 & 76 and 3 interstate games, 2 at the 1972 A.F.C. Carnival and the W.A. versus Victoria match in 1976.

In addition to his activities on the field, Brian has represented his fellow Umpires with distinction off the field, commencing duty as Treasurer in 1974, a position held until his retirement. This position meant that he was a member of the senior Executive of the Association, as well as being on the social committee. As though this wasn't enough, he also represented the Association at deputation meetings with the W.A.N.F.L.

In the words of a fellow goal umpire, Brian Collett was a truly professional umpire.

I'm sure reading this brief regime of Brian's outstanding record, that all will agree his loss to the Association as an active member will be hard to fill. However, I am positive he will be around for a long time to come, offering advice to all present and future Umpires.

A job well done!

LEAGUE GAMES BY MEMBERS

The following are the number of League Games, from official W.A.N.F.L. records, at which our Members (1976) have officiated.

FIELD UMPIRES	YEAR OF ENTRY	NO. OF SEASONS	LEAGUE GAMES 1976	TOTAL LEAGUE GAMES
Graham Ashworth	1962	11	8	10
Lindsay Baguley	1973	4	11	11
Michael Ball	1973	4	9	9
Ron Buckey	1973	4	17	46
Ross Capes	1967	10	26	127
Darryle Gillies	1974	3	17	29
Brian Hearne	1970	7	8	8
Tony Holland	1964	13	-	3
Ned Martino	1964	13	-	21
John Morris	1972	5	13	24
Terry Neilson	1964	13	-	1
Bob Phillips	1967	9	8	48
Ron Powell	1970	7	24	67
Ray Scott	1960	17	-	141
Peter Snow	1965	10	-	2
Dick Stubberfield	1966	11	-	4
Peter Troode	1974	3	3	3
Russell Wade	1971	6	7	41
BOUNDARY UMPIRES				
David Aslett	1973	4	22	68
Gil Bishop	1971	6	12	29
Phil Cunningham	1970	7	18	93
Grahame Daniel	1972	5	19	42
Robin Dalby	1972	5	12	17
Barry Grimmond	1973	4	20	26
Barry McKenzie	1961	14	18	150
Greg Solin	1969	7	21	69
Wayne Veaney	1974	3	4	11
Don Wakenshaw	1969	7	21	130
Garry Woodhouse	1975	2	15	15
GOAL UMPIRES				
Tony Bishop	1975	2	16	16
Henry Bishop	1974	3	3	3
Roy Becker	1974	3	12	28
Trevor Cant	1970	7	17	51
Brian Collett	1970	7	20	107
Ken Cross	1970	7	14	81
Brian Fewster	1973	4	5	18
Brian Haigh	1973	4	19	58
Ray Hartland	1970	6	6	54
Ray Hartree	1974	3	3	3
Max Hale	1968	9	13	109
John Islip	1972	4	1	47
Don Kemp	1973	4	5	25
Bob Lee	1971	6	19	37
John McKay	1970	6	20	98
Sonny Nettleton	1960	15	4	79
Jim Robbins	1960	15	1	86

W.A.N.F.L. GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 1976

	Field:	Boundary:	Goals:
LEAGUE:	Ross Capes Ron Powell	Don Wakenshaw Dave Aslett	Brian Collett John McKay
RESERVES:	Darryle Gillies	Phil Cunningham Grahame Daniel	Don Kemp Ken Cross
COLTS:	Lindsay Baguley	Gil Bishop Robin Dalby	Harry Jardine Les Leicester

COUNTRY GRAND FINALS "A" GRADE

League	Field	Boundary	Goal
Avon	Ron Buckey		Bob Lee Brian Haigh
Carnarvon/ Gascoyne	Lindsay Baguley		
Central Great Southern	John Morris		
Central Midlands	Henry Michael		
Central Wheatbelt	Graham Ashworth		John McKay Tony Bishop
Eastern Districts	Brian Hearne		
Esperance	Terry Neilson		
Goldfields	Michael Ball		
Great Northern	Peter Pustkuchen		
Lake Grace/Kulin	Dick Stubberfield		
Lower South West	Michael Ball		
Mortlock	Peter Pustkuchen	Greg Solin Barry Grimmond	Brian Fewster Brian Collett
Murray	Michael Ball		
Newman	Peter Troode		
North Midlands	Russell Wade	Garry Woodhouse Robin Dalby	Ken Cross Max Hale
Ongerup	Terry Dorrington		
Southern Districts	Tony Holland		
South West	Darryle Gillies		
Upper Great Southern	Peter Troode		
Services (Mid Week)	Terry Neilson		

COUNTRY GRAND FINALS "B" GRADE

League	Field	Boundary	Goals
Central Wheatbelt	Geoff Hollingsworth		
Lake Grace/Kulin	Frank Lendich		
North Midlands	Richard Austin		Ken Cross Max Hale
Lower South West	Brent Findlay		
Mortlock	Terry Dorrington	Bob Davis Barry Johnson	Brian Fewster Brian Collett

CONGRATULATIONS 1976

FIRST LEAGUE GAMES (FIELD)

Lindsay Baguley
Michael Ball
Brian Hearne
Peter Troode

FIRST LEAGUE GAMES (BOUNDARY)

Garry Woodhouse

FIRST LEAGUE GAMES (GOAL)

Henry Bishop
Tony Bishop
Ray Hartree

INTERSTATE UMPIRE

Western Australia v Victoria - Subiaco 24/4/76
Field : Ron Powell
Boundary: Dave Aslett; Phil Cunningham
Goal : Brian Collett; Bob Lee

N.F.L. GAMES

West Perth v Hawthorn at Subiaco 7/6/76
Field : Ross Capes
Boundary: Don Wakenshaw; Dave Aslett
Goal : Trevor Cant; Brian Haigh

SWAN DISTRICTS V GLENELG AT SUBIACO 12/6/76

Field : Ron Buckey
Boundary: Robin Dalby; Gil Bishop
Goal : Ken Cross; Don Kemp

CONGRATULATIONS 1976 (CONT'D)

MILESTONES IN UMPIRING - LEAGUE

Field

Ron Powell - 50 games

Boundary

Barry McKenzie - 150 games

Greg Solin - 50 games

Dave Aslett - 50 games

Goals

Max Hale - 100 games

Brian Haigh - 50 games

Ray Hartland - 50 games

Trevor Cant - 50 games

TROPHY WINNERS 1976

Most Improved Field Umpire

Michael Ball

Most Improved Boundary Umpire

Garry Woodhouse

Most Improved Goal Umpire

Les Leicester

OUR GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 1976

Field: Ross Capes; Ron Powell

Boundary: Don Wakenshaw; Dave Aslett

Goal: Brian Collett; John McKay

GRAND FINAL UMPIRES SINCE 1953

	Field	Boundary	Goal
1953	F. (Smokey) Woods	W. Edgar T. Reeves	J. Duckwood E. Crisp
1954	F. (Smokey) Woods	R. Colby W. Shorthill	J. Clayton H. Clair
1955	J. Green	J. Dolling F. Pimm	M. Rose W. Carter
1956	L. Gardner	R. Colby W. Shorthill	M. Rose W. Carter
1957	C. Fitzpatrick	R. Hall R. Whitfield	M. Rose W. Carter
1958	L. Gardner	R. Hall R. Whitfield	M. Rose W. Carter
1959	R. Montgomery	R. Hall D. Skipworth	M. Rose W. Carter
1960	L. Gardner	R. Hall D. Skipworth	M. Rose W. Carter
1961	L. Gardner	D. de Gruchy B. Bidstrup	M. Rose W. Carter
1962	B. Feld	D. de Gruchy B. Bidstrup	M. Rose W. Carter
1963	R. Scott	B. Bidstrup F. Naylor	M. Rose W. Carter
1964	R. Montgomery	B. Carbon K. Hart	M. Rose W. Carter
1965	Fred Woods	D. Hansen T. Lewis	R. Parkhouse P. Pustkuchen
1966	R. Montgomery	K. Hart D. de Gruchy	R. Parkhouse P. Pustkuchen
1967	R. Scott	A. Hocking P. Snow	R. Parkhouse P. Pustkuchen
1968	R. Scott	J. Devine P. Bruce	J. Dolling R. (Dick) Montgomery
1969	R. Montgomery	P. Bruce J. Devine	J. Dolling L. Bromley
1970	R. Montgomery	D. Clair G. Feutrill	W. Carter G. Hall

	Field	Boundary	Goal
1971	L. Johnston	P. Bruce J. Devine	R. Hartland B. Collett
1972	J. Fuhrmann	P. Bruce J. Devine	D. Allen M. Hale
1973	R. Capes	D. Wakenshaw G. Tipping	J. McKay R. Hartland
1974	R. Capes	J. Devine G. Tipping	B. Collett B. Haigh
1975	R. Capes	D. Wakenshaw P. Cunningham	B. Haigh J. McKay
*1976	R. Capes R. Powell	D. Wakenshaw D. Aslett	B. Collett J. McKay

*Introduction Two Umpire System

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 1976

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
3. Correspondence
4. President's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Announce results of election of office bearers for 1977
8. Election of Auditor
9. Notice of Motion - Moved Mr. Haigh, seconded Mr. Troode

ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION

The election of members for the following positions - President; Vice President (two required - candidate polling the highest number of votes to be Senior Vice President); Secretary; Assistant or Social Secretary; and Treasurer, shall be declared at the Annual General Meeting. Six members shall be elected to the Committee for a term of two years. Three of these members shall retire at each Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election. Any vacancy occurring between Annual General Meetings may be filled at a General Meeting or by the remaining members of the Management Committee.

SPECIAL NOTICE OF MOTION

Election of Committee 1977 - In the election for the Management Committee for 1977, the three Committeemen polling the most votes would automatically be elected for a two year term - the three committeemen polling the least number of votes to serve one year only. These three committee men would then retire prior to the following Annual General Meeting, but would be eligible to renominate for the three vacancies that would exist. Those elected would then be eligible to serve a two year term.

10. General Business -
 - (a) Association Subscription Fees for 1977
 - (b) Life Membership
 - (c) Building Fund
 - (d) General Meetings
 - (e) Taxation Deductions from earnings
 - (f) Sporting and Training Equipment



