

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

# ANNUAL REPORT and BALANCE SHEET

Season 1977

# OFFICE BEARERS 1977

PRESIDENT
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SECRETARY
SOCIAL SECRETARY
TREASURER

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# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

MR LINDSAY BAGULEY
MR TREVOR CANT
MR BRIAN HAIGH\*
MR TERRY NEILSON
MR DICK STUBBERFIELD\*
MR GEOFF TIPPING

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# SOCIAL COMMITTEE

MR GREG SOLIN (Chairman)
MR DON WAKENSHAN (Social Sec)
MR DAVE ASLETT
MR BARRY JOHNSON
MR BARRY MCKENZIE

# UMPIRES ADVOCATES

MR TED BRUNTON
MR BRIAN COLLETT
MR JOHN DOLLING
MR RAY MONTGOMERY
MR JOHN SMITH-GANDER

# UMPIRES' TRAINERS

MR RON HOLFORD (Head Trainer)

MR ALBERT SCHOLTEN

MR RICK KIRKBY

MR LESTER MORRIS

MR WILF HARWOOD

# HONORARY AUDITOR

MR TED BRUNTON

**PROPERTYMAN** 

MR BARRY MCKENZIE

# HONORARY SOLICITOR

MR JOE FITZGERALD c/- Hammond & Partners 18 St George's Terrace PERTH W.A. 6000

# OUR LIFE MEMBERS

1957 1 <b>95</b> 8	A. CHAPMAN J. FERGUSON	1967	B. MOORE F. WOODS
1960	L. HURLEY	1968	B. RIGG
	A. GIBB	1970	G. McCOMISH
	H. CLAIR		J. DOLLING
1962	L. NATHAN	1971	R. WHITFIELD
	E. CRISP		W. CARTER
1963	C. FITZPATRICK	1972	C. HILLS
	R. MONTGOMERY	4	P. PUSTKUCHEN
1964	D. CUMMING (Deceased)	1973	C. PRATT
	E. BRUNTON	+	R. STUBBERFIELD
1965	L. McCOMISH (Deçeased)	1974	E. MARTINO
	J. CAMPBELL		G. MEIERS
1966	J. SMITH-GANDER	1976	T. NEILSON
	N. SHEPHERD	4	* Active Members 1977

# ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS SINCE 1953

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Assist. Secretary or Social Secretary
1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975	J. Ferguson L. Hurley H. Clair H. Clair H. Clair E. Crisp E. Crisp E. Crisp E. Crisp E. Crisp B. Rigg B. Rigg B. Rigg R. Rigg C. Hills J. Dolling R. Whitfield R. Whitfield R. Whitfield R. Whitfield R. Capes R. Capes	C. McMahan A. Glendinning L. Nathan C. McComish G. McComish	C. McMahon A. Glendinning L. Nathan L. Nathan W. Carter W. Carter W. Carter W. Carter D. Kemp D. Kemp B. Moore B. Moore B. Moore B. Moore B. Moore B. Moore B. Motino F. Martino F. Pustkuchen B. Bidstrup B. Williams B. Williams B. Williams B. Collett B. Collett	W. Brown W. Brown W. Brown K. Cox K. Cox R. Stubberfield
1976 1977	R. Capes R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen P. Pustkuchen	B. Collett D. Aslett	D. Wakenshaw D. Wakenshaw

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members

I submit my 1977 report for your consideration and am pleased to say the Association has had another successful season.

1977 brought about the continuation of the two umpire system and judging by the almost complete absence of criticism, it appears here to stay. The system was introduced into the Reserve grade for the first time, and many of us will await the League's decision whether to retain it in Reserves, with a great deal of interest.

Another overseas tour is being planned for next year and the arduous job of fund raising is well under way. The results to date must be very gratifying to the Trip Committee and I know they will be looking forward to each member's continued support over the next 12 months or so.

I again personally congratulate those umpires who were appointed to their first league game during 1977. They are all listed elsewhere in the Annual Report and I wish each of them continued success in their particular field of umpiring in the future.

Our Secretary PETER PUSTKUCHEN has again proved to be the foundation rock of our Association and to PETER, I again offer you my personal thanks and those of each member, for your great assistance and marvellous contribution during the season.

Business commitments during the year prevented me from being in attendance at a couple of important meetings, however, our Senior Vice President JOHN McKAY stood in for me at short notice and chaired the meetings in a confident and astute manner. Thanks JOHN for your valuable support during 1977.

GREG SOLIN took charge over the Social Committee for the first time and with tremendous help from DON WAKENSHAW, the Social Secretary and the other members of the Committee, the Association was treated to many fine functions. It is again disappointing that not more of our members attend these functions as they are always both enjoyable and profitable.

The highlight of the year was undoubtably the GRAND FINAL DINNER DANCE and I congratulate the Social Committee for their organisation.

For the first year also, DAVE ASLETT took over the duties of Treasurer and has controlled the Association funds in a capable and diligent manner. To you DAVE I extend my personal thanks for a job well done. Congratualations to all our Grand Final Umpires who again maintained the very high standard expected of them.

May I take this opportunity of expressing to BARRY McKENZIE my sincere gratitude for many hard working years for the Association and its members and trust that he will remain closely in touch will all of us, following his retirement from umpiring. I congratulate him also on his wonderful achievements over the years. Well Done BAZZA.

In conclusion, I wish the in-coming Committee every success for 1978 and remind each member that your wholehearted support is essential if our Association is to continue to grow.

Ross CAPES President

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

May I present for your consideration and information my Annual Report for 1977.

The past year has been a comparatively quiet one for umpires. The press and media have been relatively kind to our members. As such, umpiring in my opinion has been able to return to its right perspective. On the whole the WANFL, have managed to control unwarranted outbursts by Club Officials, which has further assisted in ensuring a year, free of unnecessary sensationalism.

The "Two Umpire System" has come into its own, and Western Australian football is surely reaping the benefits from its introduction. This year, we saw the introduction of the "System" into Reserves Football. Our Association spoke strongly in favour of this action when we met League Officials at our Deputation Meeting last season. By bringing it into Reserves Football, the League provided our Members with the opportunity to experience the "Two Umpire System" before they reached League ranks. This has meant more depth in League umpiring, and members should reap the benefits in the coming years. From our Associations point of view, it is hoped the system will be retained in 1978, and the N.F.L. will see their way clear to officially adopt the "Two Umpire System" as an integral part of our great Australian Game.

Towards the end of 1976, a successful Deputation Meeting was held with our employers. This resulted in pay rises for all members and a number of other gains, which surely can be only of benefit to the Association. At the time the League Officials stressed that the fees set were for only the current season, and that they would be ready to negotiate further for the 1978 fees. This invitation has already been accepted by the Management Committee, and a new fee submission has already been prepared, and we are patiently awaiting notification of the date on which the WANFL will receive us. As always, there are a number of other matters which vitally concern members, that will be tabled. These include - Country Meal and Meal Allowances; Service Bonus; Elevated positions for emergency umpires; full payment of training staff; maintaining the two umpire system; emergency umpires for reserves games; as well as a number of other contentious points, all of which we hope will be given favourable consideration. It is sincerely hoped that we can continue to maintain the excellent relationship that has existed between our Association and the WANFL in recent years, and that we will continue to benefit from these meetings.

For the first time in many seasons, the number of umpires on the panel nearly met the weekly requirements. The position with goal and boundary umpires was excellent. These boys maintained their interest throughout the season, and it was great to see these fellows training enthusiastically right up to Grand Final Day. The Field Umpires once again had a fairly tough year. However, most reserves and League Umpires were saved Double Headers by additional members on the panel. Once again the big problem was country travelling. The many hours involved continues to be the upsetting factor. In this day and age, fellows are not prepared to travel hundreds of miles for small rewards. Family sacrifices are great and the returns fail to compensate.

As I have stressed over the years, there is a very urgent need for more city leagues to be rostered with WANFL umpires. This will have a two-fold advantage, in that firstly it will cut down the amount of travelling involved to the country by umpires; and secondly provide the Umpires Appointment Board with the opportunity to view and assist the younger umpires who join the panel. Once again this season it has been virtually impossible for the new panel members to be given adequate supervision. Admittedly, the Umpires Appointment Board has endeavoured to bring as many umpires as possible into the Colts, but I still feel very strongly that this is not the time for basic umpiring

techniques to be learned. An umpire should have his techniques firmly entrenched before he reaches this level, and the only place this assistance can be given is through Junior Football or minor Leagues within the metropolitan area. Little will be achieved while we rely on reports from the country to assist the younger umpires, simply because there are few in the country qualified to compile a constructive report.

Further more, the strengthening of the umpiring ability at Colts level, will ensure more competition for the top umpires, and thus a better standard of umpiring.

Once again 1976 saw a large influx of new members onto the panel. It also saw the reappearance of a number of new old faces. This gave the new intake a little more depth than we have normally been accustomed to over the years.

As in the past few years, our Assocition has once again had the privilege of training and using the wonderful facilities at the WACA Ground. For the most part, the weather has been very kind to us and only on a couple of occasions were we prevented from using the ground. However, the news for 1978 is not so good as The Western Australian Cricket Association is planning to resurface and top dress the ground after the final first class fixture in February. At this stage, it is envisaged that the ground will be out of commission for approximately six months at least. This will naturally disrupt training, but our Umpires Advisor, and the WANFL are at present looking into possible alternative venues. The most strongly rumoured is Haig Park. If this is so, it will still enable us to use the rooms at the WACA for changing and lectures.

From the Association point of view it has again been a successful season. The Social Functions have on the whole had their usual response, with numbers never really being up to full expectations. You the members must realize that Social Functions are organized for your benefit. They allow us the opportunity to relax and enjoy ourselves, and thus for a little while forget the exacting demands of umpiring. As always, I can only stress that the success and enjoyment you the individual obtains from umpiring can only be measured on your efforts for yourself and the Association. Hence in 1978, may I plea to all our members to support your Association, for this will ensure strength, which inturn will mean that we can only prosper and go on to bigger and better things for all umpires.

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

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Another year has gone, and our Association has once again had the privilege and honour of being led by our esteemed President, ROSS CAPES. Ross has now been our very capable and astute leader for four successive seasons. In this time, through his dedicated and conscientious leadership our Association has achieved a great deal. It has developed into a very solid organization growing in strength each year. While he has ensured the Association is on strong footing, Ross has maintained his place in the top line of umpires in the state. Once again he was given the honour or representing our state at interstate level, and with Ron Powell, teamed up to form a great Grand Final combination. Whether, on or off the field he has proved a top ambassador for our Association. May I take the opportunity to record on behalf of all members our sincere thanks and appreciation to Ross for his expert guidance and direction, which has made 1977 another great year. From my own point of view, my thanks go to Ross for his timely counselling and assistance throughout the past year.

A special tribute must also be paid here for Ross's deputy in JOHN McKAY who took over the reigns when work commitments prevented him from attending to Association matters. John is a great man for the Association and he proved his sound leadership qualities when he took over from Ross on a couple of occasions. To you John, my personal thanks are extended to you for your efforts, and for all those extra jobs that you did for the Association mot previously acknowledged.

1977 saw our Association with a new Treasurer. Dave Aslett took over the reigns as our financial wizard. Once again our Association has been very fortunate to have a person with Dave's capabilities to take care of this very important aspect of our organization. He adapted himself very quickly to his new role, and at all times was able to present to the Management Committee an accurate and reliable resumee of the Associations Financial position. This was a great asset to the total functioning of the Association, as this guidance assured us of being able to maintain our finances on the right side of the ledger throughout the season. Added to the normal Association matters this season, Dave also had the task of administering Two Trip funds, details of which appear elsewhere in this report. May I record on behalf of all members our sincere congratulations to Dave for a very sound contribution, and a job well done in his first year as Treasurer.

This season, we note with regret the retirement of two of our hard working Executive in Greg Solin and Don Wakenshaw. The past season saw Greg as our Junior Vice President. In this capacity he was chairman of the Social Committee. Greg led his social committee well, looking for new ideas and plenty of variety in his Social Calendar. He achieved this, but it was unfortunate that you the members didn't support the functions to the fullest. To Greg on your retirement, sincere thanks for your efforts on a job well To make even a largerhole in the social side, Don Wakenshaw our energetic and hard working Social Secretary of the past two years has also decided to call it a day. Don has also been a staunch association supporter for many years; and during his time as Social Secretary we saw many changes to our Social Calendar. He has been a tireless worker for the Association, and through his expert guidance and organization, the administration of all our social functions has left little to be desired. Likewise Don, we are sorry to see you go, but may I record on behalf of all members our sincere appreciation and gratitude for a job well done.

As mentioned previously in this report, a Deputation Committee was formed to prepare a submission to be put to the WANFL later this year. This Committee was once again very capably led by our Association stalwart in Dick Stubberfield. Others to assist Dick were Lindsay Baguley, Geoff Tipping and Peter Pustkuchen. Once again a lot of effort and time was put into this submission, and we can only hope that the WANFL Directors will once again view our requests sympathetically.

To our general Committee men, a very big thank you for the time and effort you have put into Association matters during the past season. Once again meeting attendances have been really excellent, and at all times, they have been prepared to discuss all matters constructively and in the best interest of the Association and umpiring. At our last Annual General Meeting, a Notice of Motion was passed allowing for half the Committee to retire every two years. This will permit the association to retain some continuity in administration, should a large number retire at the same time. To bring this system into operation - it was decided that after the 1977 election, the three committee men polling the most votes would serve for two years and the next three to serve for one year; retiring at the end of the 1977 season. Those elected for two years were as follows - Mr Terry Neilson, Mr Dick Stubberfield and Brian Haigh. Those retiring at this time - Mr Lindsay Baguley, Mr Trevor Cant and Mr Geoff Tipping. Once again to all the committee, thank you most sincerely for your efforts during 1977.

In closing may I pay a special tribute to the wives of the committee, for suppers prepared in the individual homes during the season before our move to the WACA for meetings, and for their patience and understanding when some of our homely chores have been overlooked because of the call for duty. Ladies, your co-operation has surely been appreciated.

#### UMPIRES' APPOINTMENT BOARD

Even though umpiring criticism has been fairly minimal during 1977, the season would have been no easier than any other for the Umpires Appointment Board. As the sole selectors for umpiring appointments, these wise men will certainly have brought satisfaction to some and disappointment to others during the season. Selection, no matter what walk of life will always be challengeable, but it is up to those concerned to take the decision as men, and I feel that as umpires our members must be highly commended for their acceptance of these decisions.

The chairmanship of the Umpires Appointment Board was once again held by Mr Brian Purslowe, the Vice President of the WANFL. Others comprising the Board this year were Mr Ray Scott, Mr Brian Foley and Mr Ned Martino. A special mention must be made here of Ned Martino, our Association Life Member, veteran of over 20 years in umpiring as both a boundary and field umpire, who was appointed as Assistant Umpires Adviser and Board Member for the first time. Reporting on umpires was not a new job for Ned as he as an Observer previously. Ned brought to the Board a wealth of umpiring experience, and acquitted himself well in a very difficult assignment.

I feel that during 1977, umpires have supported the Appointment Board fairly well. There were a few disappointing retirements or sudden resignations. The usual unavailability through injuries and "fractured eye brows", but on the whole the contribution by the members has been fairly good. Once again, I can only stress that if you choose to umpire give it 100% - be prepared to take the brick bats (there are many) and accept the bouquets (there are few) as men. Our Association should not be judged on the individual, but all the members who make it up.

Assisting the Appointment Board were a number of observers who have contributed their comprehensive reports on our officiating umpires, thus assisting towards the overall lifting in the umpiring standard. At this stage our Association would like to acknowledge the efforts and time put in by Mr Bill Brown, Mr George Hall, Mr Max Pinner, Mr Clive Lewington and Mr Graham Ashworth.

# UMPIRES' ADVISER

This season saw the appointment of Mr Ray Scott as our Umpires Adviser. In this capacity Ray brought with him considerable experience as a player and umpire. He also had been Assistance Umpires Adviser to Ray Sleeth. With this wealth of football background behind him, he soon adapted himself well to his new position. As mentioned previously, the year was comparatively free from adverse criticism, and this must be largely attributed to the efforts of our Adviser. Another factor here was that umpiring was never allowed to become newspaper headlines, and thus it was left in its rightful place. Once again, on behalf of all members congratulations go to Ray Scott and his deputy Ned Martino for their efforts, and the many hours of duty in the promotion and improvement of umpiring in our State during the past season.

# UMPIRES TRAINING SUPERVISOR

Mr Ned Martino had the dual role of Assistant Umpires Adviser and Training Supervisor during 1977. Ned approached his job with enthusiasm. With Ray Scott hovering around on the track as well, the Umpires Appointment Board would have been given a first hand account of the fitness of each and every umpire on the track.

Throughout the long season our members applied themselves conscientiously to the task of keeping fit. Numbers attending training during the entire season were excellent.

#### POINT PERON TRAINING CAMP

The numbers attending the camp this year were up on 1976, with a good complement of prospective umpires as well. Once again, special tanks and appreciation must go to Hal Symons for his organization and understanding in conducting the camp. Once again the quantity and quality of the cooking were top class, and special thanks are extended to Vinka Cukela and our own members who assisted in the kitchen.

One of the difficulties faced with this camp was the number of umpires having to come and go for scratch matches or other sporting activities. This interfered with catering and organization of the various activities. In an endeavour to overcome this problem in 1978 the camp has been brought forward two weeks, which will at least ensure that it will not clash with scratch matches.

Overall our ninth Point Peron Pre Season Training Camp was as successful as previous years. All members who attended certainly benefitted from the experience.

#### COUNTRY FOOTBALL

Relationships with our Country friends have once again been fairly good during 1977. Very few problems were experienced, and in most cases our umpires carried out their duties in a most efficient and workmanlike manner. This year we served thirteen Country Leagues, with Southern Districts employing their own umpires for the first full season. However, the experiment of using one local umpire in various leagues has not succeeded, and there will certainly have to be more encouragement for this scheme to get off the ground.

A number of Country Umpires were included on our panel this year and did officiate in districts around their homes. However, it was disappointing at times to find these fellows who rarely attended training or lectures receiving games ahead of our members. Another disturbing feature was that two of those concerned were not even financial members of our Association.

The biggest bugbear to country football was the travelling involved. As I have mentioned previously, money does not compensate for the long hours away from home and families in this day and age. The answer is not easy, and our football administrators must look very seriously at some of the following:

- (a) Reduction in the number of country leagues being served,
- (b) Greater recruitment

(c) Further fee increases

- (d) Introduction of near city leagues onto the country roster
- (e) Availability bonus
- (f) Service bonus
- (g) Plane travel

All I feel have some merit, but I still have my doubts as to a complete answer.

Whatever way our football administrators turn, there always must be one sure thing - the strength of umpiring lies in one united band of umpires.

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The recommendations of the Management Committee will be given for approval of members during the Annual General Meeting.

#### FINANCE

The past season saw members' subscriptions remaining the same as last season. Food costs have increased which resulted in lifting in fees for players teas and other similar functions. These have all resulted in added worries to our Treasurer in budgeting for all functions. However, through expert guidance and planning, we have once again concluded another very successful year financially.

Like 1976, our Association has suffered the pinch with trip functions again taxing our members. Once again our members must be congratulated for their efforts in supporting both the trip and Association functions. However, those members that supported neither are the ones who leave a little to be desired.

Probably the most significant move of the year was the move by the Management Committee to honour Life Members by permitting them to attend the first and last umpires tea free each season. This may appear only a small move, but it is at least some acknowledgement for our Life Members who contributed so much in the past to the forming of our Association.

The full financial report presented by our Treasurer appears elsewhere in this report for your information.

#### UMPIRES TRAINERS

Our Association has once again been given tremendous support by our training staff, headed by Ron Holford and his Merry Men. Once again Ron has taken the reigns of Head Trainer, and as such has supervised all training duties. It is with regret, that after five seasons with us that Ron has found it necessary to call it a day. He has always been a great supporter of the Association; and through his very genuine and conscientious approach to all injuries, every member has been assured of the best possible treatment. Ron has attended Management Committee Meetings and put forward his views on the needs and wants of his staff, which has surely assisted the committee in looking after the needs of our Training Staff. Thus in wishing Ron the very best in his retirement, we thank him most sincerely for his many hours of devoted attention and co-operation with our Association. Well done RON HOLFORD.

To the Merry Men - Albert Scholten, Rick Kirkby, Lester Morris and Wilf Harwood, may we thank you for the assistance and support given to Ron over the season and record with thanks and appreciation the many hours of devoted duty given to our members. The attendance of Trainers at League grounds and on Tuesday and Thursday nights throughout the season has been great.

May we acknowledge at this time the support given by the WANFL in assisting our Association by subsidising the payments of our training staff.

# UMPIRES ADVOCATES

Our Tuesday night gang, who this season have had to be really versatile by making themselves available any night of the week, and even on some occasions in the afternoon as well, our sincere thanks and appreciation. Their services have been constantly in demand throughout the season, and any umpire who had to attend a tribunal was well cared for by the excellent service offered. May we salute the services of John Dolling, John Smith-Gander, Ted Brunton, Ray Montgomery and Brian Collett for their very efficient and praiseworthy manner they handled all cases brought before the Tribunal.

If there are any brick bats to be thrown here, it must be towards the WANFL. They commenced the season with tribunals on Tuesday nights, switched to Monday nights and ended up having the hearings on any night from Monday to Thursday. This is certainly alright for them, but when one has to roster advocates for duty, it presents many problems. Furthermore it means that our umpires must keep every night of the week free as well, to fit in with the wishes of the WANFL. This is surely something which must be straightened out for 1978.

#### SOCIALLY

Once again our Association has been treated to a variety of social functions during the past season. The organization and quality of these functions has once again been of a very high standard. As I have mentioned elsewhere in this report the one disturbing feature has been the lack of support given to these functions, by you the members. As I mentioned, umpiring is a very demanding occupation, and it is through our social functions that our members can relax and enjoy themselves, something that we tend to overlook in this day and age. Through our social functions, our members can develop greater comradeship, which inturn will help to build a bigger and stronger Association.

The highlights of the year include our Masked Ball at Venezia Lodge and our very popular Variety Night. The "Presentation Night" where the awards of the season are handed out has once again proved a great night, thanks largely to the efforts of Don Wakenshaw and Barry McKenzie. A special mention here must also be made to the Life Members who came along on this night and assisted with the presentation of the awards. The season came to magnificent finale with our best ever "Grand Final Dinner Dance."

A really big thank you must  $g_0$  to our ladies committee who were responsible for the catering at the teas. This was a tremendous effort, and the quantity and quality of food top rate. To all the girls who assisted during the year, our sincere thanks for a big job well done.

May I at this stage on behalf of all members pay a special tribute to the entire Social Committee - Greg Solin, Don Wakenshaw, Dave Aslett, Barry Johnson and Barry McKenzie for a wonderful contribution during 1977.

My only plea is for you the members to get right behind the new Social

Committee for 1978, and give our Association functions your full support. The Social Committee Report appears elsewhere in the Annual Report.

#### APPRECIATION IN 1977

The WANFL Umpires Association acknowledges with pleasure, the efforts of the following rendered during the past season:-

LIFE MEMBER - for arranging a trophy to be presented each year to the umpire considered to have given the most outstanding service to the Association.

RAY MONTGOMERY - for sculpturing the above trophy and printing requirements on our Association Certificates.

 ${\it ROSS~CAPES}$  - for his guidance and leadership through yet another season. A fine ambassador for umpiring both on and off the field.

DAVE ASLETT - for keeping a tight reign on our finances, and maintaining our bank account on the correct side of the ledger.

JOHN McKAY - our very able deputy to our President.

TED BRUNTON - for guidance, and as our honorary auditor.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - for their time and deliberation over vital matters concerning the smooth functioning of all Association affairs during the past season.

HAL SYMONS - for his efforts in ensuring all members another successful fitness weekend at Point Peron.

 $\it RON\ HOLFORD\ AND\ HIS\ MERRY\ MEN$  — for the time and efforts in caring for our members.

ROY ABBOTT AND STAFF AT W.A.C.A.  $\circ$ - for their understanding and cooperation to our members while using their wonderful facilities on Training Nights. Also for keeping the ground dry throughout the winter months.

TUESDAY NIGHT GANG - a big thank you to all advocates for making themselves available throughout the week, and for the excellent assistance rendered to our members.

PETER BOWLER AND THE LEAGUE DIRECTORS - for receiving our Deputation Meeting sympathetically last December and granting us some of our wishes. Also for the assistance and cooperation rendered to our Association during the past season. We are eagerly looking forward to a further Deputation Meeting in the near future.

NEIL JUDGE - Secretary to Secretary. Thanks Neil for your assistance and cooperation once again during 1977.

BARRY McKENZIE - has given another great years service as our Propertyman. To Barry, may we record on his retirement our sincere appreciation for his untiring efforts to the Association over 15 years service. A dedicated member both on and off the field. (Even when he loses his teeth in brawls!)

MAX HALE - for preparing our Life Members; Management Committee and Grand Final Umpire Boards. A job well done.

To all those members who have contributed to another successful year for our Association, but haven't been recognised in our honours list, may we record with gratitude a very big thank you.

#### CONCLUSION

Thus to me 1977 has been yet another enjoyable, as well as successful year. I sincerely hope that my services to the Association have been to your satisfaction, and that what should have been done, has been done. May I take the opportunity to thank all members for their assistance throughout the season, and the kind cooperation that makes my job that little bit easier. While in this mood, may I thank you, the members for having the confidence to return me unopposed as Secretary for yet another season.

As I look to 1978, there is still much to be achieved. I can assure you that our Association has come a long way during the past few years, but we can not become complacent and rest on our laurels. We must continue to strive for improvements, and in this way, we surely can only go on to bigger and better things.

We go into the new season with a new Social Secretary in Mr Trevor Cant. I sincerely request that all members give Trevor and his Social Committee their full support in 1978. At the time of writing, you the members will be voting to elect vice presidents and members of the committee. In both cases, they should be keenly fought out tussles, and it will certainly mean new faces on our Management Committee. This is good, for they should bring fresh ideas to our Management Committee Meetings. Thus, may I take the opportunity to wish our incoming Committee - good management in 1978.

In presenting a comprehensive report of this nature, one will always overlook important thank you's or features of the season - may I assure one and all, that any such omission has been completely unintentional. Please accept my humble apologies.

Naturally each year we have umpires hanging up their boots, and 1977 will be no exception. To those of you finishing up, may I take the opportunity to record our sincere thanks for your time, assistance and cooperation to the Association, and at the same time wish you all the best in the future. To those with a few miles left - see you on the Track in '78.

In closing - to all members, your wives and families, on behalf of Della and myself, may we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all members who sent cards and congratulations to us on the birthof our son - Jay Alexander - your kind thoughts were truly appreciated. May we both wish everyone the very best in coming Festive Season and the New Year be both prosperous and rewarding for you all.

PETER PUSTKUCHEN Secretary

# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

# MEETING ATTENDANCES

# Meetings Held: 12

Name		Attended	Apologies	Possible
ROSS CAPES		8	4	12
PETER PUSTKUCHEN		12		12
DON WAKENSHAW		12		12
DAVE ASLETT		12		12
JOHN McKAY		12		12
GREG SOLIN	*	1.2		12
TERRY NEILSON		11	1	12
BRIAN HAIGH		11	1	12
DICK STUBBERFIELD		11	1	12
LINDSAY BAGULEY		11	1	12
TREVOR CANT		9	3	12
GEOFF TIPPING		12		12

# BAZZA'S EXIT

After fifteen years as a member of our association Mr Barry Alexander George McKenzie has decided to call it a day.

As a boundary umpire he ran 152 league games not to mention the hundreds of reserves, colts and fourths games he did. One of the many highlights of his career must be the two interstate carnival games he ran in 1972. His ability to read the play and never give in were great attributes of his and hisdedication will always be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to run with him and something everyone can learn by.

His untiring work for the Assocition off the field will truly be remembered. His work on the General and Social Committees over the years have been valued for the contributions he has given for the betterment of all umpires. As property man he has looked after all the equipment of the Association and ensured its safety and upkeep was always at a maximum. But everyone will remember him most for the "never thought of jobs" he has done like making the squash, painting and cleaning the change rooms regularly, looking after the umpires' dressing gowns at the league clubs, decorating rooms and preparing the sound equipment for all functions and the list goes on. If you ever thought, I wonder who did that, I can assure you Barry did.

Whether you affectionately know him as Bazza, Porkchop, Squeaker or Mac, it will be with regret that you see him retire but we all wish him well for the future and join together in expressing thanks for a job well done.

# SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

In submitting my annual report for 1977, I would firstly like to thank you the members of our Association for the support you have given the social committee over the past twelve months. The functions arranged by the social committee I feel have been varied, enjoyable and though we have kept prices to a minimum they have been financially successful enabling us to keep our Grand Final Dinner Dance at such a high standard.

This year the social committee was reduced in size to five, under the leader-ship of Greg Solin. The other members being our Treasurer Dave Aslett, Barry McKenzie and Barry Johnson. Other members in Max Hale, John Devine, Mick Ball and Dave Johnson sat in at various meetings and I would like to thank each and everyone of them for their contribution and help over the year.

To the ladies who once again helped to cater for our teas, our sincere thanks for such magnificent presentations. Also to my wife Maureen, many thanks for the assistance given to me during my turn as social secretary.

To our many donors and helpers at our various functions which were the Xmas tree, Variety Night, Cabaret, Wine and Barbecue Evening, our Camp and Umpires' Teas, my sincere thanks for without you all these functions could not have run smoothly.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone for their co-operation and the assistance given to me over the past two years and I hope that our new Social Secretary, Trevor Cant receives the same support and he enjoys his term in office as much as I have.

DON WAKENSHAW Social Secretary

#### PROPOSED OVERSEAS TOUR 1976

In view of the magnificent success of the tour to South-East Asia at the conclusion of the 1976 season, it was decided to organize a similar trip at the end of 1978.

Things moved slowly in the initial stages, but we now have 76 people who are interested in participating, and have raised in excess of \$20,000 to the end of September, 1977. Although this is slightly behind budget, work at both the Entertainment Centre and Speedway should tie us over into the next football season, when it is expected that fund raising will again gain momentum.

The final destination is yet to be decided, but the major interest lies in Hong Kong again, with the possibility of incorporating Penang as the second place to visit on the tour.

In the preparation of possible itineraries particular attention has been paid by the Committee to obtaining minimum stopover times for connecting flights and a direct flight home.

Fund raising has followed the conventional methods to a large degree, but was given a boost by both the cricket and football competitions this year. I would like to offer my personal thanks to all those who have helped organising functions from both within and outside of the Committee, with special tributes to:

GARRY MOODHOUSE - for the computerization of Fund Allocation System. BARRY DAVIES - for untiring work in organizing Security functions and all fundraising activities.

GRAHAM FOGARTY for patiently preparing tickets for the weekly football competition.

KEVIN SHERRINGTON for printing of stationery whenever required, no matter how short the notice.

EVERY WANFLUA MEMBER who is not going on the trip but who has supported our functions.

No matter where the Overseas Trip officially decides to visit within South-East Asia we are assured of a great time, and we can all look forward to a very successful holiday.

LINDSAY BAGULEY
Tour Manager

# LEAGUE GAMES BY MEMBERS

The following are the number of League Games, from official WANFL records, at which our Members (1977) have officiated.

FIELD UMPIRES	YEAR OF ENTRY	NO. OF SEASONS	LEAGUE GAMES 1977	TOTAL LEAGUE GAMES
Graham Ashworth Lindsay Baguley Michael Ball Ron Buckey Ross Capes Terry Dorrington Darryl Gillies Brian Hearne Tony Holland Ron McBride Ned Martino John Morris Bob Phillips Ron Powell David Rowe Peter Snow Dick Stubberfield Peter Troode Russell Wade	1962 1973 1973 1973 1967 1968 1974 1970 1964 1969 1967 1972 1967 1975 1965 1966 1974	12 5 5 5 11 6 4 8 14 5 14 6 10 8 3 11 12 4	7 8 24 22 3 17 11 - 7 16 22 23 - -	10 18 17 70 149 3 46 19 3 7 21 40 70 90 15 2 4 31 49
BOUNDARY UMPIRES				
David Aslett Gil Bishop Phil Cunningham Robin Dalby Barry Grimmond Barry Johnson Barry McKenzie Brian Mooney Greg Solin Don Wakenshaw Garry Woodhouse	1973 1971 1970 1972 1973 1976 1961 1974 1969 1969	5 7 8 6 5 2 15 4 8 8	24 18 23 25 4 5 2 10 12 22 23	92 47 117 42 30 5 152 10 81 152 38

GOAL UMPIRES		YEAR OF ENTRY	NO. OF SEASONS	LEAGUE GAMES 1977	TOTAL LEAGUE GAMES
Tony Bishop		1975	3	~ 1	17
Henry Bishop		1974	4		3
Roy Becker		1974	à	23	51
Trevor Cant		1970	8	7	58
Ken Cross		1970	8	22	103
Brian Fewster		1973	5	21	39
Brian Haigh		1973	5	21	79
Ray Hartland		1970	7	19	73
Ray Hartree		1974	4		3
Max Hale		1968	10	21	130
Don Kemp		1973	5 -	3	28
Bob Lee		1971	7	17	54
Doug Leicester		1976	2	10	10
Les Leicester		1975	3	1	1
John McKay		1970	7	24	122
Sonny Nettleton		1960	16	-	79
Jim Robbins	*	1960	16	-	86

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M	A.N.F.L. GRAND	FINAL UMPIRES 197	7	
	FIELD	BOUNDARY		GOAL
LEAGUE:	Ross Capes Ron Powell	Don Wakenshaw Dave Aslett		Roy Becker John Mckay
RESERVES:	Ron Buckey Darryl Gillies	Robin Dalby John Devine		Brian Haigh Ken Cross
COLTS:	David Rowe	Brian Mooney Phil Cunningham	1 *	Doug Leicester Brian Fewster
	COUNTRY GRAND F	INALS 'A' GRADE		
LEAGUE	FIELD	BOUNDARY		GOAL
Avon	Ron Buckey			Jim Robbins Ray Hartland
Carnarvon/	Lindsay Baguley			Ray Hai Ciana
Gascoyne Central Great Southern	Richard Austin			
Central Midland " Wheatbelt E. Districts	Brian Hearne Ray Chinnery Dick Stubberfield			
Esperence Goldfields Great Northern Lake Grace/	Terry Dorrington Lindsay Baguley Lindsay Baguley Geoff Tipping			
Kulin Lower S. West Mortlock	Frank Lendich Bob Dickinson	Greg Solin Barry McKenzie	e	Jim Robbins Ray Hartree

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LEAGUE	FIELD	BOUNDARY	GOAL
Murray	Darryl Gillies		(Max McNamara (Ray Hartree
Newman	Ron McBride		
Northern Midlands	Tony Holland	Keven Holland Barry Grimmond	Max McNamara Les Leicester
Ongerup	Milton Parry		
Southern Districts South West Upper Great Southern	Ron McBride John Morris Michael Ball		

# COUNTRY GRAND FINALS 'B' GRADE

LEAGUE	FIELD	BOUNDARY	GOAL
Central Wheatbelt Lake Grace/Kulin Lower South West Mortlock	Brent Findlay Reg Salis Wayne Veaney Brendan Green	White	Jim Robbins
North Midlands	Peter Zaikos	Griffiths	Ray Hartree Max McNamara Les Leicester

# CONGRATULATIONS 1976

FIRST	LEAGUE	GAMES	(Field)	-	Dorrington Bride Rowe
FIRST	LEAGUE	GAMES	(Boundary	) -	Johnson Mooney

FIRST LEAGUE GAMES (Goal) Doug Leicester Les Leicester

INTER STATE UMPIRES South Australia v Western Australia - Adelaide 16/5/77. Field - Ross Capes

> Western Australian v Victoria - Subiaco 25/6/77. Field: Ross Capes - Michael Dye (Vic) Boundary: Garry Woodhouse, Dave Aslett Goal: Brian Haigh, John Mckay.

W. Australia v S. Australia - Subiaco 30/7/77. Field: Peter Mead (S. Aust) Boundary: Robin Dalby, Don Wakenshaw Goal: Roy Becker, Bob Lee

N.F.L. GAMES Ardath Cup Claremont v S. Adelaide - 20/3/77 Field: Ron Buckey

Boundary: Dave Aslett, Garry Woodhouse

Goal: Brian Haigh, John Mckay

#### N.F.L. GAMES cont...

West Perth v North Adelaide 5/4/77

Field: Pon Buckey

Boundary: Phil Cunningham, Robin Dalby

Goal: Ken Cross, Roy Becker

Perth v Glenelg 31/5/77 Field: Bob Phillips

Boundary: Don Wakenshaw, John Devine

Goal: Bob Lee, Ray Hartland

Perth v East Fremantle 28/6/77

Field: Darryl Gillies

Boundary: Greg Solin, Gil Bishop

Goal: Max Hale, Trevor Cant

East Perth v East Fremantle 19/7/77

Field: Ron Powell

Boundary: John Devine, Robin Dalby

Goal: Don Kemp, Brian Fewster

MILESTONES IN UMPIRING LEAGUE

Field:

Bob Phillips

50 games

Ron Buckey

50 games

Boundary:

Don Wakenshaw

150 games

Phil Cunningham

100 games

Goal:

John Mckay

100 games

Ken Cross

100 games

Bob Lee Roy Becker 50 games 50 games

# TROPHY WINNERS 1977

Most Improved Field Umpire DAVID ROWE

Most Improved Boundary Umpire BRIAN MOONEY

Most Improved Goal Umpire DOUG LEICESTER

Our Grand Final Umpires - 1977 Field: Ross Capes, Ron Powell

Dave Aslett, Don Wakenshaw Boundary:

Goal:

John Mckay, Roy Becker

# GRAND FINAL UMPIRES SINCE 1953

Date	<u>Field</u>	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

# GRAND FINAL UMPIRES cont..

Date	Field	Ÿ.,	Bound	dary	*	Goal
1971	L. Johnston	,	P. Bruce J. Devir			R. Hartland B. Collett
1972	J. Fuhrmann		P. Bruce J. Devir			D. Allen M. Hale
1973	R. Capes		D. Waker G. Tipp			J. McKay R. Hartland
1974	R. Capes	Č	J. Devir G. Tipp			B. Collett B. Haigh
1975	R. Capes		D. Waker P. Cunn			B. Haigh J. McKay
1976*	R. Capes R. Powell		D. Waker D. Aslet			B. Collett J. McKay
1977*	R. Capes R. Powell		D. Waker D. Aslet		*	R. Becker J. McKay

# \* Two Umpires System

# STATE OF ORIGIN MATCH

Western Australia vs Victoria at Subiaco 8/10/77

Field: - Bob Phillips; Ian Robinson (Vic)
Boundary: - Dave Aslett; Robin Dalby
Goal: - Roy Becker; Ken Cross

 ${\hbox{N.B.}\over\hbox{and}}$  This game is not recognized by the WANFL and therefore cannot be credited to the umpires concerned for individual totals.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# Wednesday, 19th October, 1977.

# AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES
- 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- 3. CORRESPONDENCE
- 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT
- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT
- ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1978
- 8. ELECTION OF AUDITOR
- 9. GENERAL BUSINESS:-
  - (a) Association Subscription Fees for 1978
  - (b) Life Membership
  - (c) Nominations for Propertyman
  - (d) Association Becoming an Incorporated Body
  - (e) Umpiring in Murray Football Association
  - (f) Unbelievable
  - (g) Other matters from the floor.

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1977 CURRENT ACCOUNT.

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RECEIPTS	N	PAYMENTS

	7.		
Cash at bank 29.9.76	39.81	Transfer to Reserve	
Subscriptions	1805.00	(Adelaide Trip Money)	3295.00
Raffles Door	219.20	Adelaide Trip Refunds	200.00
			200.00
Raffles Book	597.80	Honoraria	
Champagne Breakfast	65.00	P Pustkuchen	350.00
Association Ties	51.30	D Wakenshaw	125.00
Pocket Badges	46.00	D Aslett	125.00
Pocket Badge New Uniform	3.50		
Cuff Links	14.00	Social Activities	
Lapel Badges		Players Teas	732.62
Tee Shirts		Masked Cabaret	1290.24
	7.00	Grand Final Dinner Dance	2676.60
Affiliation Fees		Wine & Barbeque Evening	516.60
(Time Keepers)	2.00	Bucks Night	975.15
Gold Coat Contributions	384.00	Grand Final Breakfast	500.00
rainers Subsidy	500.00		
Clarke Johnson Boot Sales	175.00	Christmas Tree 76	63.24
W.A.C.A.	15.00	'' 77	15.00
Adelaide Trip Contributions	6670.00	Presentations	61.75
		Visiting Umpires	219.25
Nedlands Teachers College	18.00	Variety Night	491.33
Donations	15.05	Deposit Adelaide Trip	100.00
Reimbursement Trainers Supplies	18.00	Deposit Macrarae 111p	100.00
Bank Interest	11.17	Training Activities	
		Point Peron Camp	333.61
Social Activities		Squash, Ice & Trainer Req.	370.94
Players Teas	1126.00	Trainers Fees	1225.00
Masked Cabaret	1180.00	378	
Grand Final Dinner Dance	1350.00	Sport Equip. to Mission	83.26
Wine & Barbeque Evening	623.80	Athletic Night	25.00
Grand Final Breakfast	680.00	New Sports Equipment	151.50
		New Rub Down Tables (2)	160.50
Bucks Night	1575.20	3	
Christmas Tree 76	85.40	Administration	
Car Trial	36.00	Postage, Phones & Telegrams	162.48
Variety Night	577.14		
Orink Sales Adelaide Trip	22.50	Advertising	7.10
Return of Bond	50.00	Bank Charges	19.87
	20100	Printing & Stationery	381.17
Training Activities		N.F.L. Umpires Meeting	216.40
Point Peron Camp	318.75	A.N.F.L. Affiliation Fee	50.00
•		Committee Badges & Teeshirts	44.40
		Hire of Hall (Film Night)	15.00
		Change Room Improvements	125.94
		Theatrical Employees Assn.	47.00
		V.A.C.C. Insurance Policy	35.00
		Committee & Life Members Board	146.20
		Clarke Johnson	175.00
		Community Recreation Council	20.00
			18.00
		Match Payment	
		Cash at Bank	2738.22
*	18288.37		18288.37
			.0200.77

#### RESERVE ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	2341.44	To Overscas Fund	250.00
Interest	250.37	(Share W.A.C.A. Ushering)	7054.40
Adelaide Trip Contributions	3295.00	Home Building Society Balance	7054.40
W.A.C.A. Ushering	623.00		
Concert Hall Monies	794.59	*	
	\$7304.40		7304.40
	time are the same time.		

#### SUMMARY

Balance of working	A/C	\$2738.22 CR
Balance of reserve	A/C	7054.40
		9792.62
Less Adelaide Trip	Funds	7985.65
Combined Balance of	f Association Funds	\$1807.97

#### CONCERT ACCOUNT

Concert Income	\$8333.52	W.A.N.F.L. Reserve A/C	794.59
Interest	80.41	Overseas Fund	7111.39
		Balance to be Appropriated	507.95
	8413.93		
			\$8413.93

#### IN ADDITION THE ASSOCIATION OWNS

		NEW EQUIPMENT (SPORTS)
1 Typewriter purchased 1974	25.00	****
1 '' 1976	70.00	2 Volleyball Nets
1 Refrigerator " 1974	20.00	Stalles
1 Temprite '' 1975	40.00	
18 Cuff Links @ \$3.50	63.00	2 Cricket Bats
12 Adults Tee Shirts # \$3.50	42.00	1 Set of Wickets
13 Childrens Tee Shirts @ \$3.00	39.00	1 Set of Aluminium Batons } 151.50
17 Lapel Badges @ 75¢	12.75	2 Brass Air Pumps
11 Pocket Badges @ \$3.00	33.00	1 Set of Colts
50 Association Ties ₩ \$4.20	210.00	6 Tennis Balls
15 Pocket Emblems ♥ \$3.50	52.50	13 Stop Watches
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NEW EQUIPMENT (000070)

#### AUDITORS 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 associations affairs.

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

#### TREASURERS REPORT

#### Gentlemen.

Our achievements over the last twelve months have been quite gratifying considering the Adelaide trip and overseas trip fund raising has been in full swing. Overall our functions have been well attended. Once again this result must be credited to our hard working management and social committees. The result of their efforts is shown in the statement of affairs accompanying this report.

Despite a net drop in Association Funds of \$575, the overall results were encouraging, subscriptions increasing by \$181.00 on last year. The Association went ahead with last years proposal to use our 1976 gold coat money to good effect. The Association purchased sporting equipment - two new rub down tables and carried out general improvements to the change and trainers rooms. Also members would have noticed the introduction of life members, committee and management committee boards in our change rooms. Thank you to all those who donated their gold coat money to the Association. It is certainly gratifying to see all members reaping the benefit of this donation ...... Well done.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the management and social committees for their assistance and support during my first season as treasurer. Also a special word of thanks to our past treasurer Brian Collett, who was always on hand when advice was required. Thanks Brian. Also my sincere thanks to two retiring management and social committee men, Don Wakenshaw and Greg Solin, both of who worked tirelessly in their efforts for the Association.

Once again thanks members and keep up the good work next season.

