

**Manly Warringah
Football Referees Association Inc**

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statement
Season 2006**

57TH Annual General Meeting

Monday 20th November 2006

Manly Warringah Football Referees Association Incorporated

2006 Annual Report

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 58th Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on
Monday 20th November 2006
commencing at 7:30 pm
at the Manly Warringah Soccer Club
Cromer Park, 101 South Creek Road, Dee Why

Agenda of Annual General Meeting

1. Opening of Meeting and Welcoming of Guests
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting
4. Business arising from the previous minutes
5. Presentation of reports
6. Election of Office Bearers
7. Notice of motions
8. General Business
9. Close of Meeting

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Office Bearers 2006

President	Tom Browne
Secretary	Paul Respicio
Vice President - Seniors	Ryan Shepheard
Vice President - Juniors	Peter Muir
Floor Member	Kevin Martin
Assistant Secretary	Dave Hill
Gear Steward	Trevor Croal
Registrar	Peter Robson
Theory Trainer	Matthew Gillett
Treasurer	Andrew Vale

Sub-Committees 2006

Field Inspection	Convenor	Tony Seaman
	Members	Bill McBurnie, Rolf Rempt, Don Gale
Youth Inpections	Members	Ryan Shepheard, Don Gale, Tony Seaman
Disciplinary	Convenor	Peter Robson
	Members	Ryan Shepheard, Trevor Croal, Matthew Gillett
Appointments		Tony Seaman

Delegates 2006

NSWSRI	Tom Browne, Dave Hill
MWFA	Tom Browne

Auditor 2006

Santarosa Stapleton – Dee Why

Meeting Attendance

The Office Bearers, committee and sub committee members in 2006 applied themselves to their various tasks with enthusiasm but in a responsible manner. The Executive meet twice and the management team seven occasions to discuss and plan the activities of the association.

Name	Executive Meetings (1 meetings)	Management Meetings (8 Meetings)	General Meetings (5 Meeting)
Tom Browne	1	5	5
Ryan Shepheard	1	6	3
Paul Respicio	1	6	5
Andrew Vale		4	1
Peter Muir		5	4
David Hill		7	4
Trevor Croal		7	3
Peter Robson		7	3
Kevin Martin		8	4
Tony Seaman		7	4
Matt Gillett		6	4

Life Members

Fred Adler – 1964 (dec'd)

Joe Breen – 1968 (dec'd)

Jim Davidson – 1971 (dec'd)

Cyril Jack – 1975 (dec'd)

Alan Bartlett – 1981

Walter Kirk – 1982

Tony Rathbone – 1985

Jack Vincent – 1987

Kevin Martin – 1989

Peter Lovett – 1991

Bernard Crossweller – 1992

Peter Robson – 1995

Tony Seamon - 2005

J.W. Cook - 1966 (dec'd)

Arthur Spence –1970 (dec'd)

J.E.Boyer – 1973 (dec'd)

John Etherington – 1977 (dec'd)

John Geeves – 1981

Sidney Russell – 1983

John Brilman – 1987 (dec'd)

Bill McBurnie – 1988

John Lax – 1989

Jim Loke – 1991

Gerry Muoio – 1993

Trevor Croal - 2001

G.H. Hudson – 1967

Gordon Geeves Snr – 1971
(dec'd)

Bill van Leeuwen – 1973 (dec'd)

Gordon Geeves jnr – 1980

John Withnell – 1981

Wayne Connor – 1983

Col Coupland – 1987

Shirley Bones – 1988

Dave Hill – 1990

Hans Bosschieter – 1991

Ian Massey – 1995

Don Gale – 2002

Past Executive Committees

Year	Yr	President	Vice-President	VP Juniors	Secretary	Treasurer	Floor Member	Asst Secretary
1949	1	F.Alder	J.Breen		I.Lewis	I.Lewis	A.Bowyer	G.H.Hudson
1950	2	F.Alder	J.Breen		I.Lewis	G.H.Hudson	J.Smith	G.H.Hudson
1951	3	F.Alder	J.Breen		I.Lewis	G.H.Hudson	D.Sinclair	G.H.Hudson
1952	4	F.Alder	J.Breen		I.Lewis	G.H.Hudson	O.Scott	G.H.Hudson
1953	5	F.Alder	G.H.Hudson		J.Breen	O.Scott	O.Scott	O.Scott
1954	6	F.Alder	J.Breen		G.H.Hudson	O.Scott	G.R.Hudson	O.Scott
1955	7	F.Alder	T.O'Toole		G.H.Hudson	O.Scott	G.R.Hudson	O.Scott
1956	8	F.Alder	T.O'Toole		G.R.Hudson	R.Parker	G.H.Hudson	R.Parker
1957	9	F.Alder	G.H.Hudson		J.W.Cook	R.Parker	R.Schofield	R.Parker
1958	10	F.Alder	G.H.Hudson		J.W.Cook	R.Parker	G.R.Hudson	R.Parker
1959	11	F.Alder	R.Parker		J.W.Cook	J.Smith	G.R.Hudson	J.Smith
1960	12	F.Alder	G.H.Hudson		J.W.Cook	J.Smith	J.Treloar	J.Smith
1961	13	F.Alder	G.H.Hudson		J.W.Cook	G.R.Hudson	R.Schofield	G.R.Hudson
1962	14	F.Alder	C.Gavid		G.H.Hudson	C.Sutton	A.Spence	C.Sutton
1963	15	F.Alder	C.Gavid		G.H.Hudson	C.Sutton	A.Spence	C.Sutton
1964	16	F.Alder	G.H.Hudson		C.Sutton	J.Cook	C.Gavid	J.Cook
1965	17	F.Alder	G.H.Hudson		C.Sutton	J.Cook	C.Gavid	
1966	18	C.Gavid	G.Antill		G.Anderson	G.Geeves Snr	P.Scott	S Woolveridge
1967	19	C.Gavid	G.Antill		G.H.Hudson	G.Geeves Snr	J.Withnell	D.Maddox
1968	20	J.Davidson	J.Withnell		W.Van Leeuwen	G.Geeves Snr	G.H.Hudson	G.Geeves Jnr
1969	21	J.Davidson	J.Withnell		W.van Leeuwen	G.Geeves Snr	G.H.Hudson	A.Carnovale
1970	22	J.Withnell	C.Jack		W.van Leeuwen	G.Geeves Snr		
1971	23	C.Jack	J.Davidson		W.van Leeuwen	G.Geeves Snr	W.Kirk	R.Fitzpatrick
1972	24	C.Jack	J.Davidson		R.Duncan	G.Geeves Snr	W Van Leeuwen	W.Hardy
1973	25	J.Davidson	A.Perry		R.Duncan	G.Geeves Snr	W.van Leeuwen	T.Parker
1974	26	J.Davidson	W.Van Leeuwen		R.Duncan	G.Geeves Snr	R.Cockman	
1975	27	W.Van Leeuwen	J.Etherington		J.Brillman J.Connor	G.Geeves Snr	C.Jack	W.Connor S.Russell
1976	28	J.Etherington	G.White		P.Wood	R.Duncan	C.Jack	S.Russell
1977	29	J.Etherington	G.White		P.Wood	W.Harper	C.Jack	P.Wood
1978	30	G.White	B.Marsh		W.Connor	G.Richmond	C.Jack	J.Mahn
1979	31	G.White	A.Bartlett		W.Connor C.Coupland	G.Richmond	G.Geeves Jnr	J.Mahn
1980	32	G.White	A.Bartlett		C.Coupland	G.Richmond	W.Connor	J.Mahn
1981	33	A.Bartlett	A.Rathbone		C.Coupland	B.Rawling	W.Connor	D.Hill
1982	34	A.Bartlett	A.Rathbone		C.Coupland	D.Hill	S.Russell	V.Bush
1983	35	J.Geeves	A.Rathbone		C.Coupland	D.Hill	S.Russell	V.Bush
1984	36	J.Geeves	A.Rathbone		C.Coupland	D.Hill	S.Russell	V.Bush
1985	37	A.Rathbone	B.Fowler		J.Loke	J.Lax	P.Lovett	N.Connor
1986	38	A.Rathbone	C.Coupland		J.Loke	J.Lax	P.Lovett	F.Bones
1987	39	A.Rathbone	C.Coupland		J.Loke	J.Lax	P.Lovett	F.Bones
1988	40	C.Coupland	B.Crosweiler		J.Loke	J.Lax	P.Lovett	P.Robson
1989	41	C.Coupland	B.Crosweiler		J.Loke	J.Lax	P.Lovett	P.Robson
1990	42	C.Coupland	B.Crosweiler		J.Loke P.Robson	J.Lax	P.Lovett	P.Robson H. Bosschieter
1991	43	P.Lovett	C.Coupland		J.Loke	P.Robson	B.Crosweiler	C.Colwell P. Robson
1992	44	C.Coupland	J.Loke		L.Davies	P.Robson	B.Crosweiler	S.Carratt
1993	45	C.Coupland	J.Loke		P.Robson	I.Massey	B.Crosweiler	F.Bones
1994	46	A.Rathbone	J.Loke		P.Robson	I.Massey	B.Crosweiler	D.Morris
1995	47	A.Rathbone	J.Loke		P.Robson	I.Massey	B.Crosweiler	D.Morris
1996	48	A.Rathbone	D.Morris		P.Robson	I.Massey	B.Crosweiler	D.Morris
1997	49	P.Robson	K.Martin		D.Morris	J.Cuttle	D.Gale	G.Wilks
1998	50	P.Robson	C.Stocks		D.Morris	J.Cuttle	D.Gale	G.Wilks
1999	51	P.Robson	C.Stocks		V.Movsessian	J.Cuttle	D.Gale	G.Wilks
2000	52	L.Hudson	R.Shepherd		W.Ranson	A.Vale	D.Gale	G.Wilks
2001	53	L.Hudson	R.Shepherd		W.Ranson	A.Vale	D.Gale	G.Wilks
2002	54	L.Hudson	R.Shepherd		T. Browne	A.Vale	D.Gale/P Robson	G.Wilks
2003	55	T.Browne	R.Shepherd	P. Muir	D.Hill	A.Vale	C.Stocks/P.Muir	G.Wilks
2004	56	T.Browne	R.Shepherd	P. Muir	D.Hill	A.Vale	K. Martin	G.Wilks
2005	57	T.Browne	R.Shepherd	P. Muir	D.Hill	A.Vale	K. Martin	P Robson/D Hill
2006	58	T.Browne	R.Shepherd	P. Muir	P.Respicio	A.Vale	K. Martin	D.Hill

Honour Roll

Referee of the Year					
1981	Tony Rathbone	1982	John Geeves	1983	Alan Bartlett
1984	Gordon Geeves jnr	1985	John Geeves	1986	Syd Russell
1987	Dave Hill	1988	Syd Russell	1989	Col Coupland
1990	Syd Russell	1991	Tony Rathbone	1992	Tony Rathbone
1993	Tony Rathbone	1994	Tony Rathbone	1995	Tony Rathbone
1996	Lyle Hudson	1997	Lyle Hudson	1998	Colin Stocks
1999	Andrew Vale	2000	Graham Wilks	2001	Andrew Vale
2002	Andrew Vale	2003	Lyle Hudson	2004	Ryan Shepheard
2005	Ryan Shepheard	2006	Andrew Vale		

Under 25 Referee of the Year					
1991	Andrew Vale	1992	Greg Coupland	1993	Andrew Vale
1994	Andrew Vale	1995	Andrew Vale	1996	Colin Stocks
1997	Colin Stocks	1998	Nick Dracakis	1999	Ryan Shepheard
2000	Ryan Shepheard	2001	Ryan Shepheard	2002	Ryan Shepheard
2003	Matthew Gillett	2004	Paul Clift	2005	Matthew Gillett
2006	Matthew Gilett				

Under 21 Referee of the Year					
1985	Annabel Lax	1986	Andrew Eason	1987	Paul Blackwood
1988	Andrew Hill	1989	Greg Coupland	1990	Andrew Hill
1991	Greg Coupland	1992	Scott Bendall	1993	Michael Dine
1994	Michael Dine	1995	Chris Parratt	1996	Ryan Shepheard
1997	Ryan Shepheard	1998	Mark Higgs	1999	Luke Ventress
2000	Adrian Carratt	2001	Matthew Gillett	2002	Matthew Gillett
2003	Paul Clift	2004	Matthew Gillett	2005	Bradley Duke
2006	Bradley Duke				

Under 18 Referee of the Year (formerly Junior Cadet of the year)					
1983	Murray Connor	1984	Ken Artuso	1985	Oscar Gonzales
1986	Tom Haerland	1987	Greg Coupland	1988	Greg Coupland
1989	Dean Heffernan	1990	Julian Humphrey	1991	David Goodwin
1992	Michael Dine	1993	Rohan Ashover	1994	Matthew Jordan
1995	Ryan Shepheard	1996	Andrew Jordan	1997	Mark Higgs
1998	Trevor Simonsen	1999	Adrian Carratt	2000	Matthew Gillett
2001	Andrew Best	2002	Andrew Best	2003	Bradley Duke
2004	Bradley Duke	2005	Howard Louis	2006	Adam Trevor

Peter Clay Memorial Award					
1998	Graeme Kellow	1999	Greg Courts	2000	Greg Courts
2001	Richard Cant	2002	Richard Cant	2003	Chris Grant
2004	Matthew Gillett	2005	Paul Clift	2006	Colin Grant

Seniors Referee of the Year					
2004	John Cuttle	2005	David Torevell	2006	Peter Robson

SOCCER NSW Amateur Cup Final					
1980	Tony Rathbone	1983	Syd Russell	1988	Dave Hill (U/21)
1993	Andrew Vale	1997	Colin Stocks (U/21)	2002	Graham Wilks (U/18)
2002	Adrian Barlow (U/16)	2002	Greg Coupland (A/A)		

SOCCER NSW. Champions of Champions Final					
1997	Colin Stocks (U/18)	1998	Colin Stocks (O/35)	2001	Andrew Vale (U/18)
2002	Greg Coupland (U/21)	2003	Chris Grant	2005	Mitchell Compton (U/15)

N.S.W. Super/Premier Youth League Final					
2001	Graham Wilks (U/17)	2002	Andrew Vale (U/17)	2003	Andrew Best (U/13)
2004	Richard Cant (U/15)	2005	Howard Louis (U/13)	2006	Wayne Ranson (U/15)

NSW Umbro Cup (Best Youth League Referee's Association)					
1995	2000				

**MANLY WARRINGAH SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
MINUTES OF 2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be provided at AGM.

Reports

President

Once again we have come to the end of another season. Season 2006 saw more incidents of referee abuse and, unfortunately, it seems that it is on the rise. We have had matches terminated due to the abuse of the referee as well as a couple of junior referees being targets for some unpleasant words from players. It is unfortunate that many of the club supporters and spectators are also putting in their "two bobs" worth when it comes to abusing the referee. This, I would say, is a result of their complete lack of knowledge on the Laws of the Game. The same applies to players and we have had recent proof of this when conducting the two new entrance courses for referees from those teams from AL3 and down. More on this later. The Manly Warringah Football Referees Association is not the only association receiving the abuse. Most, if not all, of the other referee branches in New South Wales are also experiencing the same type of thing.

A hearty thank you to the Judiciary for its support during 2006. It has handed out lengthy suspensions to many of the players and club officials who have been reported by our referees. Hopefully, one day, these players and officials will get the message. I know that the MWFA is also very supportive of the referees and has changed its Constitution to reflect its stronger attitude to the ill-discipline of players and club officials.

Our referees have once again acquitted themselves very well at Youth League this year. We were awarded the Grand Final of the Premier Youth League U15. Our team was Wayne Ranson, (centre) ably assisted by Caitlin Ramsay and Bradley Duke. Congratulations to the three of you for a job well done.

Congratulations also must go to the following referees for their efforts this year in winning their respective age groups. Referees of the Year: U 18 – Adam Trevor; U 21 – Bradley Duke; U25 – Matt Gillett; Referee of the Year – Andrew Vale; Peter Clay Memorial – Colin Grant; Rookie of the Year – Jeffery Jackson; and Assistant Referee of the Year – Caitlin Ramsay. Well done to all of you. Also congratulations to Ed Penny for passing his Class 2 field tests. He was the only referee with an upgrade this year.

As you all know, Ed Penny is our webmaster and I must say that he has done an extremely good job. There is a lot more information on the web and now all referees can keep a check of the matches in which they have officiated. We can also check on who has not accessed their appointments and it is due to this feature that we had to terminate the services of 2 junior referees this year. It will be even better in 2007 as Ed is working on increasing the capacity and the information. Well done Ed.

As you all know, this is my fourth year as President and it has truly been an honour representing you all. The job is not getting any easier but in saying that, I believe the MWFRA is operating very well, particularly with the support of the MWFA. It is with this support that we are embarking upon a new initiative, that of providing a referee to every senior men's game in 2007. To do this we have had to run two entrance courses in September and October 2006 where we gained an extra 120 new referees. The reasoning for this is to provide a referee to those teams from AL3 and down and including O/35 divisions 2,3 4, and 5. Each of these teams will have to provide at least two members who volunteer to do the entrance courses and who will be members of the MWFRA. They will referee the match in the black and white uniform and will be paid for that match. Each referee will be appointed to the game by the MWFRA, and that game will be either prior to or after the game in which they play. Having a referee in uniform will hopefully be perceived as he or she being neutral and, hopefully, will reduce the problems that these grades may be experiencing by having one of their own team mates referee the match. We will be running more entrance courses in February 2007 and those people who wish to referee full time may also attend. The format for new junior referees will be slightly different to that of the new seniors. It is in these first two courses that we have dispelled many myths regarding some of the

Laws of the game. Yes, you guessed it, most of these new referees have played for quite some time and they asked a lot of questions because they did not know some of the intricacies of the Laws. So we may be making new friends and helping to reduce abuse by educating these new people. It was very satisfying to see the response from these two courses.

Due to the increase in our referee numbers for 2007, we will probably be using a new venue for our compulsory General Meeting in March. This will be advised in the New Year on the web as well as by email.

Soccer NSW has also introduced a new competition which it hopes to have up and running in 2007. This is the Women's State Premier League which acknowledges the increase in the numbers of ladies playing the game. It is a much needed initiative and will involve the women having female match officials. The MWFRA has nominated six ladies to represent us but, as with other branches, they may be restricted due to their playing duties. The ladies we have nominated are: Michelle Cole, Lisa Peterson, Sarah Dute, Caitlin Ramsay, Loren Compton and Surrey Hodges. Congratulations ladies on your nomination. Some of us attended a briefing at Valentine Park on the 15th October 2006 where we were given details of the competition and how it would run. Manly United is one of eight teams to be elevated to Women's Premier League status so we will keep you posted on future developments.

Each year it seems as though our Appointment's Officer has more work to do. His job starts in January and does not finish until the end of October due to the Champion of Champions competition. So, once again a big thank you must go to Tony Seaman for his tireless effort during the year. Season 2007 will see his workload increase substantially due to the increase in referee numbers in the Manly Warringah area.

My job as President cannot be undertaken properly without the support of the Management Committee. It is a team effort to run this Association so I must give an extra large thankyou to all my Management team for a job well done in 2006. In saying this, it is with disappointment that we are losing Andrew Vale and Dave Hill from our Management team. Andrew has been our Treasurer for seven years and his resignation comes as a result of a heavier workload both at home and work. Thanks for all your efforts Andrew. Dave Hill has been our Secretary and, for the last twelve months, our Assistant Secretary taking all the minutes of our meetings. He has also been a very informative board member with his experience and his roll as Registrar of NSWRI. He leaves us to further his career in travelling. Half your luck Dave but best of luck for the future and thanks for all your effort.

Lastly, THANKYOU to all our members for your efforts on the pitch in 2006. It is your tireless efforts that help to make the MWFRA as successful as it is. All the best and have a very Merry Xmas and a hearty New Year. We look forward to having you all running with us again in 2007.

Tom Browne

Vice President Seniors

My main role as Senior Vice President was to attend Judiciary hearings as the representative of the MWFRA and its members. As in previous years the role of the referees' delegate at these hearings served the following purposes:

1. adjudicate on points of law;
2. ensure that referees were supported in the offences they were reporting; and
3. act as a communication link between the Judiciary Committee and the MWFRA Management Committee and members on any issues that required action or reporting.

This season again unfortunately saw a significant number of players and coaches being charged with offensive, insulting or abusive language. It is quite disappointing that the message of respecting referees and appreciating the difficult job they have to do still isn't being adhered to by a number of players and coaches. The judiciary fully supported referees in these sorts of cases and gave appropriate penalties to those found guilty. A disappointing aspect however, was the reduction in penalties or dismissal of charges on a couple of cases given to players found guilty of offensive, insulting or abusive language and other offences by the MWFA Appeals Committee and Soccer NSW. These players and coaches were found guilty by the judiciary, however, were cleared or had their charge reduced on appeal. The current penalties in place unfortunately don't seem to have an affect on some players or clubs who were constant perpetrators. I believe that there needs to be some plan action in place for holding clubs responsible when during a season they can have a number of players and coaches appear for abuse of referees.

I would like to thank the judiciary committee for their support of referees throughout the season. The hearings are conducted fairly with each party involved given equal footing. I appreciate them allowing me to have input to assist them in reaching their decision.

The current send off categories and designated penalties are under review with the MWFA looking to ensure that their guidelines and sanctions reflect those of Soccer NSW. The MWFRA is working with the MWFA to provide feedback and information from our position. The new grading system will be in place for season 2007 after being approved by the council of clubs.

It is important to recognise that there is a shared responsibility in dealing with all cases of player, coach or official misbehaviour. Each referee has a responsibility to ensure that when submitting reports they are accurate and contain sufficient information related to the incident. This assists our body and the judiciary to support you, the referee. As in previous years I encourage members to contact the Floor Member for assistance and support when completing reports, particularly on serious offences. The issue of writing reports should be a topic for our training seminar next year if one is held.

I would like to thank Kevin Martin for his support as Floor Member for providing me with additional information regarding individual cases and for filling in when needed. Thank you also to the President Tom Browne for being the delegate when required and for the numbers of hours he has spent following up cases to support referees.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the referees for their efforts on and off the park during the season. You all have a difficult job to do and it is done extremely well. I hope to see you all in season 2007.

Ryan Shephard
Vice President Seniors

Vice President Juniors

I am very pleased to report that the 2006 season saw another good intake of quality junior referee's. Overall we had 54 new junior referees join our ranks. I was also very pleased to see that they maintained the high standard expected of the MWFRA, particularly when acting as Assistant Referees on senior games. I visited a number of games during the season and had the opportunity to speak to quite a number of managers, coaches and supporters, as well our junior refs. Generally all the officials spoke very highly of the junior referees. They certainly prefer to have a 'Black & White' rather than any of them having to do the job.

With the fantastic interest in the World Cup I'm sure many of you watched the performance and learned a few lessons from many of the worlds top referees. Some of the incidents that occurred certainly prompted good healthy debate amongst our ranks.

Thank you to those referees who helped with the CC Strikers Cup and the Public Schools annual knock out competition. The feedback from the organisers was very pleasing. You all did a great job.

Congratulations and a job well done must also go to all the junior referees who officiated in the finals of the MWFA junior competition. Selection of referees to officiate at these honour games is well contested ensuring all matches were refereed competently and efficiently. This also applies to those juniors who acted as assistants or 4th officials on the day of the senior finals.

A big thank you to the referees coach, Trevor Croal, for his efforts in helping to make the junior referees job a little easier. We all appreciate a few words of advice and encouragement from the sideline. Trevor's advise helped enormously with our junior refs' performances. As we all know, you only really learn to referee when you are on the park.

Congratulations to Jeff Jackson on winning the Rookie of the Year award, a great effort mate, well done. It was a closely contested competition of very high standard and Jeff squeezed in by a point.

In winding up, it was very pleasing to see the improvement in performance from our new recruits. It is not easy to go out onto the park and control a game of football for the first time. A special mention to Matt Gillett our referee's trainer who conducted out training courses. Also, I would like to thank the rest of my fellow committee members for their valued support and assistance, even you "Grumpy".

I hope to see you all around the grounds next season.

Peter Muir
Vice President Juniors

Appointments Convenor

Availability:

1. Seniors – 68 were available Sat PM, this included 2 occasional and 2 that run at 3pm only. There was a average of 7 who did not run each week due to various reasons plus 4 who cover Youth League. This left us approx 21 short each Sat PM
2. Juniors – Had a good coverage this season but there was a big drop out from the 05 season. Some Juniors did not get appointed every week due to the move to play U16 teams on Sat AM
3. Ladies – Good coverage

Thanks to Tom Browne for his valued assistance during the season; also to Ed Penny for his web posting and Dave Hill for his assistance and to all the Management Committee. I would also like to thank Gerry Lenihan, Derek Woodhouse and Rolf Rempt for their assistance over the finals.

Games coverage of the MWFRA (in addition to Club Games)

Youth League	Cadet League on Sundays
Girls Youth League	Womans Super League
CC Strikers U9 Knock Out	School Games
State Cup Games	Champion of Champion Games
Mid week MAFA Ass Knock-out cup games	
Pre Season games	
Manly United trial games	

T Seaman.

Registrar

There was a 20% decrease in the number of adult referee numbers, and a 27% increase in junior referee numbers, an overall decline of 1%.

The above figures are interesting historically, in that from the 2007 season, the refereeing landscape will change dramatically.

In addition to the full-time referees in the above table, we will have upwards of 250 “part-time referees”. They play football in various all-age and Over 35 lower division teams every week, but will referee one game either before their own scheduled game, or the game following theirs. They will referee only “home” games. And there will be two referees from each registered team. This means each person will referee only once every four weeks.

We have already put over 100 through an intense theory course. More courses will follow early next year. They will wear the “black-and-white” gear while refereeing. Our Referees’ Association will manage them, i.e. register them, appoint them to the games, ensure they are paid, etc.

Other Referees’ Associations have done this, to provide referees for as many games as possible. And it has worked.

We have 9 Life members.

Below is a list of referees who are now eligible for upgrading to higher classifications

Class 1 Eligibles	Theory	Field Test		Class 2 eligibles	Theory	Field Test
Michael Asbridge		X		Peter Bell		X
John Cuttle		X		Andrew Best		X
Wayne Ranson		X		David Broughton		X
				Brett Downie		X
Alex Dokic	X	X		Gareth Evans		X
Colin Grant	X	X		Don Foster		X
Gerry Lenihan	X	X		Paul Franklin		X
Serge Mastroianni	X	X		Neville Fry		X
Niels Mathisen	X	X		Daryl Meppem		X
Ed Penny	X	X		Keith Muir		X
Paul Respicio	X	X		David Page		X
Richard Cant	X	X		Jeff Smit		X
				Stuart Auld	X	X
				David Castle	X	X
				Phiroze DeVitre	X	X
				Josh Homer	X	X
				Grahame Irvine	X	X
				Frank Maiuolo	X	X
				Enzo Melani	X	X
				Stuart Miller	X	X
				Brian Moller	X	X
				Peter Muir	X	X
				Steve Murray	X	X
				Martin O'Connell	X	X
				Chris Parratt	X	X
				John Pendergast	X	X
				Keith Stewart	X	X
				Ken Taylor	X	X
				Kim Timmins	X	X
				David Tomlinson	X	X
				Bob Virgili	X	X
				Luke Wailes	X	X
				Loretta Weir	X	X
				Alan Whitford	X	X
				Derek Woodhouse	X	X

Members wishing to upgrade to Class 1 or Class 2, please speak to our Theory Trainer.

The breakdown of full Classes 1,2 3 & 4 is as under:

Class	Active	Non Active	Total	Average age
1	16	3	19	52.2
2	11	2	13	47
3	67	1	68	42.6
4	97	0	97	15.5
Total	191	6	197	

Recent history

	Adult	Junior	Sub-Total		Inspectors	Non-Active	Sub-Total	TOTALS
1993	60	32	92		6	2	8	100
1994	77	32	109		6	3	9	118
1995	66	45	111		6	1	7	118
1996	68	5	121		9	1	10	131
1997	72	57	129		6	2	8	137
1998	77	66	143		9	1	10	153
1999	75	53	128		5	0	5	143
2000	68	73	141		5	1	6	147
2001	76	47	123		5	1	6	129
2002	90	61	151		5	2	7	158
2003	108	67	175		4	2	6	181
2004	112	97	209		6	2	8	217
2005	117	76	193		4	0	4	197
2006	94	97	191		5	1	6	197

Peter Robson

Inspection Convenor

109 Inspections were carried out his season.

All but 5 Referees were inspected twice – this was due to availability and wet weather at the end of the season.

Congratulations to Ed Penny for attaining his Class 2 upgrade
Thanks to Inspectors: Bill McBurnie, Rolf Rempt, Don Gale & Tom Browne

T Seaman – Inspection Convenor

Theory Trainer

This was my first year in the role of theory trainer and it proved to be thoroughly enjoyable. The early part of the season saw a good turn-out of candidates willing to sit the Class 4 Entry Course. Many of the senior referees also went on to obtain their Class 3 certificate after passing their internal field test. Congratulations to the following people who passed the exam after attending the five night course: (73 Referees – incl. 13 Snrs)

Tristan Alaba, Grant Ambrose, **Tim Barras**, Shaun Batcock, **Michael Bishop**, Estelle Blair, **Hayden Browne**, Mitchell Callaghan, **Gigi Candido**, Carlos Carrillo, **Kevin Carillo**, Martin Coates, **Michelle Cole**, Ethan Collett, **Matthew Collins**, John Danieli, **Sam Danieli**, Aaron Darkiewicz, **Daniel Decia**, Mitchell Dixon, **James Doctor**, Kara Eggleston, **Kristy Eggleston**,

Daniel Foster, **Isaac Foster**, Caleb Gibbins, **John Gough**, James Green, **Finton Guckian**, Philip Hawke, **Rhys Hodge**, Mark Hopkins, **Jonathon Horlyck**, Bryan Howell, **Matt Hurditch**, Jeff Jackson, **Roman Kokoszka**, Thomas Lee, **Josh Leenaars**, Ken Lewis, **Reece Liddy**, Benjamin Logue, **Doug Menzies**, Kieran Menzies, **Mark Morriss**, Ben Norsa, **Sean Obern**, Jake O'Brien, **Andrew Parker**, Lisa Peterson, **Josh Risbey**, Peter Rothwell, **Adam Saez**, Matthew Schuthof, **Paul Sloam**, Ellis Smart, **David Smit**, Mark Smit, **Rowan Smith**, Jason Stead, **Sam Steindl**, Adam Stiles, **Grant Taylor**, Sam Taylor, **Simon Underwood**, Adam Wilson, **Nathan Winney**, Tim Woodhouse, **Mitchell Wright**, Matthew Budd, **Robert Virgili**, Pim Ravestijn & **Jon Collins**.

It was pleasing to see a large percentage of our senior referees attempt the class 2 theory exam this year. We had 11 people attempt the written exam with seven people successfully achieving the 85% pass mark. Congratulations to the following people:

Andrew Best, Gareth Evans, Don Foster, Neville Fry, Keith Muir, Chris Parratt and Jeff Smit.

We wish these boys luck in their field tests in 2007. Congratulations are also in order for **Ed Penny** who completed his two external field tests and is now a fully fledged Class 2.

We had only one member attend the class 1 theory exam this year, that being **Paul Respicio** He will attempt the NSWRA oral theory exam in 2007. If you are interested in furthering your knowledge of the game and obtaining higher quality games in the MWFA please keep a look out on the website for the next upgrade courses in 2007.

The MWFA have just completed two 1-day theory course for 120 new batch of senior referees who will officiate the lower grades of All Age Mens' and Over 35's. We look forward to their involvement next season.

Finally thank you to all the committee for their hard work this year especially those that assisted me with running my courses at various times of the year. Your support and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated. The year ahead looks like a very busy one for the new theory trainer with the large influx of new referees.

Enjoy Your Summer,

Matthew Gillett

Floor Member

This season, my duties comprised of checking players' new spectacles, responses to enquiries from the Football Association on match problems concerning referees and ground conditions, as well as attending Judiciary hearings at the Football Association.

Each weekend I advised and made suggestions to many referees on their send off and caution reports. Once again, not all referees called me on their reports. It is interesting to note that some of the reports regarding which I was not contacted were those which raised doubts as to sentences players received.

For a while at the start of the season, abuse to young and older referees from players, match officials and spectators seemed to be keeping pace with last season. Fortunately, during the latter part of the season, the number became less, which I hope is a good indicator for 2007. The message to a small group of transgressors is that we and the FA have a nil tolerance for this behaviour.

To finish on an optimistic note, next season will be bigger in many ways but I am sure we are capable of the challenge.

Kevin Martin

Referees Coach

This year Matt Gillett was our Theory Trainer, assisted by our new DVD system and Training videos. Most of our new cadets passed their exam with high marks in theory.

When refereeing on the park some laws were forgotten until reminded by their coaches. A total of 55 new cadets have been inspected and coached during the season; unfortunately all referee cadets could not be seen due to them playing football for their respective clubs as well as time limitations due to wet weather and school holidays.

Trevor Croal

Gear Steward

This year we changed our supplier of referee equipment, using KANGA brand clothing; all referees seem satisfied with their quality, considering the lower cost.

The Committee's decision to supply every referee with a free yellow shirt was very costly to the Association, but forced upon us by the MWFA decision to allow clubs to wear dark colour playing strips.

Trevor Croal

Treasurer

Reports available at AGM, since the books are being audited

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME 2006

Law 3 - The Number of Players

Bullet Point 3 (Substitution Procedure)

Play is restarted with an indirect free kick at the place the ball was located when play was stopped.

(This amendment applies to a substitute player entering the field without permission).

Law 5 - The Referee (addition to current text)

The referee may only change a decision on realising that it is incorrect or, at his discretion, on the advice of an assistant referee, provided that he has not restarted play or terminated the match.

Law 11 - Offside (amendment to definition)

- Interfering with play means playing or touching the ball passed or touched by a team mate.
- Interfering with an opponent means preventing an opponent from playing or being able to play the ball by clearly obstructing the opponent's line of vision or movements or making a gesture or movement which, in the opinion of the referee, deceives or distracts an opponent.
- Gaining an advantage by being in an offside position means playing a ball that rebounds to him off a post or crossbar or playing a ball that rebounds to him off an opponent having been in an offside position.

Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct (addition to current text)

The referee has the authority to take disciplinary sanctions, as from the moment he enters the field of play until he leaves the field of play after the final whistle.

Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct (amendment to current text)

A tackle, which endangers the safety of an opponent, must be sanctioned as serious foul play. (The text previously referred specifically to a tackle from behind).

Law 14 - The Penalty Kick

Bullet Point 3 (amendment to current text)

If the ball does not enter the goal, the referee stops play and restarts the match with an indirect free kick to the defending team.

(This applies to a team-mate of the player taking a penalty kick entering the penalty area or moving in front of or within 9.15m (10 yards) of the penalty mark).

Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion 1

Purpose: To add to duties of the Registrar.

Motion.

1. Verify which referees officiated at games by checking the match cards against the appointments.
2. Provide Treasurer with the appropriate information to be able to pay junior referees monthly and provide similar information to MWFA for their records.

Notice of Motion 2

Purpose: To move a duty from Assistant Secretary to Secretary

Motion.

The responsibility of maintaining a record of attendees at Management and General Meetings should be a duty of the Secretary.

Proposed by: David Hill

Seconded by: Tom Browne

Election of Office Bearers, Convenor and Delegates

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder	Elected
President	Tom Browne	Anthony Seaman	Dave Hill	
Vice President Seniors	Peter Muir	Tom Browne	Anthony Seaman	
Secretary				
Vice President Juniors				
Treasurer				
Floor Member				
Equipment				
Registrar				
Asst. Secretary				

Convenors

Field Inspection	Tony Seaman	Bill McBurnie	Matt Gillett	
Theory Trainer	Matthew Gillett	Paul Respicio	Tom Browne	

Delegates

MWSA				
NSWSRI				