



Manly Warringah Football Referees Association Inc

Annual Report and Financial Statement Season 2007

59TH Annual General Meeting

Monday 19th November 2007

Manly Warringah Football Referees Association Incorporated

2007 Annual Report

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 59th Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on
Monday 19th November 2007
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 2006 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 2007

President	Tom Browne
Secretary	Paul Respicio
Vice President - Seniors	Ryan Shephard
Vice President - Juniors	Peter Muir
Floor Member	Kevin Martin
Assistant Secretary	Graeme Burns
Gear Steward	Trevor Croal
Registrar	Derek Woodhouse
Theory Trainer	Matthew Gillett
Treasurer	Colin Stocks

Sub-Committees 2007

Field Inspection	Convenor	Tony Seaman
	Members	Bill McBurnie, Rolf Rempt, Don Gale
Youth Inspections	Members	Ryan Shephard, Don Gale, Tony Seaman
Disciplinary	Convenor	Derek Woodhouse
	Members	Ryan Shephard, Trevor Croal, Matthew Gillett
Appointments		Tony Seaman

Delegates 2007

NSWSRI	Tom Browne
MWFA	Tom Browne

Auditor 2007

Santarosa Stapleton – Dee Why

Meeting Attendance

The Office Bearers, committee and sub committee members in 2007 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 (7 Meetings)	General Meetings (5 Meeting)
Tom Browne	1	6	5
Ryan Shephard	1	6	3
Paul Respicio		5	3
Colin Stocks		4	4
Peter Muir		5	4
Derek Woodhouse		4	4
Trevor Croal		5	3
Graeme Burns		5	4
Kevin Martin		5	4
Tony Seaman		5	4
Matt Gillett		6	3

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 Seaman - 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

Sydney Russell – 1983 (dec'd)

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
2006	58	T.Browne	R.Shepherd	P. Muir	P.Respicio	C. Stocks	K. Martin	G. Burns

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	2007	Ryan Shepheard

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 Gillett	2007	Matthew Gillett		

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	2007	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
2007	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
2007	Ed Penny				

Seniors Referee of the Year					
2004	John Cuttle	2005	David Torevell	2006	Peter Robson
2007	Niels Mathisen				

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)
2007	Matthew Gillett (U/21)				

N.S.W. Super/Premier Youth League Final					
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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)
2007	Adam Trevor (U/14)				

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

President

The MWFRA created another milestone in 2007, that being the increase in referee numbers due to the support from the MWFA in the implementation of a mandatory minimum of 2 referees in all teams from AL3 and down. This gave us referee numbers over 500. It was the first year of this implementation and, although there were a few “hick-ups” along the way, overall it was quite successful. A big thank you must go to Matt Gillett for his tireless efforts in running some eight referee entrance courses from October 2006 to March 2007. Ryan Shephard and Peter Robson ably assisted him on some occasions. Thank you both for your contribution. I expect a greater number in 2008 especially as Matt has already run an entrance course for ladies which resulted in some 24 ladies passing their exam. Hopefully they will all referee next year.

There has been quite a bit of change in New South Wales in 2007 in regards to referees. As most of you would be aware, Football NSW has had to change its Constitution to satisfy the requirements of the FFA. In doing so all referee branches were required to join Football NSW and would come under that body's control with Referee Standing Committee advising Football NSW. In forming the referees Standing Committee each branch had to nominate a candidate by mail or email and a postal ballot was held to vote on the three (3) members from referee branches. This, in itself, gave us a feeling of suspicion, especially as all football branches were asked to attend meetings to form their respective Standing Committees. There were questions asked of Football NSW from various referee branches but no information was given. Football NSW even had the audacity to reject a nomination on the grounds that the nominee was an employee of Football NSW. This contravened the Football NSW constitution. No discussion with the NSWSRI had or has taken place and Football NSW wants to run the referees the way it sees fit without any input from our referee's body (NSWSRI).

In July 2007 I was asked by NSWSRI to represent referee branches in negotiations with Football NSW (representatives from football associations) on referee fees for 2008. This meeting took place on July 4th at Valentine Park and an agreement was reached that evening on fees for 2008. It turns out that the board of Football NSW totally rejected the negotiated fees and has published fees substantially lower than those we negotiated. This was the “last straw” in a list of events for which Football NSW has had total disregard. Therefore, a Special General Meeting was held on the 6th November 2007 to discuss what action the referee branches would take against Football NSW.

The results of that meeting were a unanimous decision by all 22 branches present to totally reject the 2008 fees put out by Football NSW. It was also unanimously adopted that a letter be sent to Football NSW informing them of our decision and stating that nothing short of the reinstatement of those fees for club games which were negotiated on the 4th July, and the Youth League fees which were recommended in a letter of 18th July, would be acceptable. This letter also stated that we would like confirmation of this before the NSWSRI Annual General Meeting on November 24th, 2008. Depending on the response from Football NSW, further action may be taken by the referee branches at the AGM.

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 U14. Our team was Adam Trevor, (centre) ably assisted by Brad Duke and Ed Penny. 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 – Ryan Shephard; Peter Clay Memorial – Ed Penny; Rookie of

the Year – Alana Wallace; and Assistant Referee of the Year – Thomas Lee. Well done to all of you. Also to Gerry Lenihan for obtaining his full Class 1 certificate.

Our webmaster, Ed Penny has done an extremely good job again in 2007 with additions to the website. 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. More and improved changes are taking place for 2008. Well done Ed.

Well done to Michelle Cole for a sterling effort refereeing the ladies State Premier League this year. I have heard various reports from teams about Michelle's performance and every report has been very positive. Keep it up in 2008 Michelle.

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 2008 saw 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.

Please all remember that as President, I have one more year to serve which will result in my having been your President for six years. I will not be standing for election on the Management Committee at the end of next year so you all should look at whom you would like to serve as your President in 2009 and 2010.

Lastly, THANK YOU to all our members for your efforts on the pitch in 2007. 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 2008.

Tom Browne

Vice President Seniors

As the Vice President Seniors my major role was to attend the MWFA Council of Clubs meeting as the delegate for the Manly Warringah Football Referees Association (MWRA). Attending these meetings provides the opportunity to disseminate information to the Manly Warringah Football Association (MWFA) and its clubs. It also provides a forum for receiving feedback on aspects of refereeing that are relevant to our Management Committee and our association members.

As the delegate I was able to provide information and a response to queries raised from all parties during the meeting. This hopefully assisted the club delegates in gaining an understanding into the operation processes of the MWFRA and the procedures related to the appointment of referees within Manly Warringah.

Throughout the year there were similar issues raised by the football association and club delegates in relation to refereeing matters. To address these common queries it would be beneficial for clubs to be briefed at the beginning of a new season on the following areas:

1. hierarchy of matches set by the MWFA and the subsequent appointment of referees to fixtures;
2. appointment procedures and the impact of refereeing grading system; and
3. process for queries, complaints and feedback to the MWFRA.

The introduction of the new referee system for afternoon matches raised some queries from clubs on how the accountability is managed for these referees. Obviously at times some teams were frustrated when other teams and referees didn't fulfil their commitments. This is one area to be examined in the season with a process in place for addressing these issues.

The main area I believe that needs to be addressed is the development of clear procedures for clubs to provide feedback to the MWFRA on aspects of refereeing. These issues could involve the coverage and attending of referees at matches or on their performance. It should be noted that we as an association are looking to receive positive feedback from clubs as well as hearing their concerns. Part of the new procedures should highlight the importance of receiving specific details in relevant to concerns from clubs. It is only with this exact information that we able to follow up issues and provide accurate feedback to clubs.

Hopefully in season 2008 we will continue to have a good relationship with the MWFA and that together we are able to continue to promote football in Manly Warringah with the provision of well trained and competent referees.

Ryan Shepherd

Vice President Juniors

I am very pleased to report that the 2007 season saw another good intake of quality junior referee's. Overall we had **46** new junior referees join our ranks. It was also very pleasing to see that they maintained the high standard expected of the MWFRA. 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.

Thank you to those referees who helped with the CC Strikers Cup. The feedback from the organisers was very pleasing. You all did a great job. It was a pity the Public Schools annual knock out competition had to be cancelled due to the weather, never mind with a bit of luck you can have a go next year.

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. Thanks also to all the other senior refs who also provided helpful hints to our young referees. As a team we would welcome more volunteers to assist Trevor in this vital role. Anyone interested can contact me via our web site.

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

In finishing off, it was very pleasing to see the improvement in performance from our new recruits as the season went on. 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.

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

Peter Muir

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 fairly good coverage this season
. Some Juniors did not get appointed every week due to the move to play U16 teams on Sat am
3. Ladies – Good coverage
- 4 Club Referees – the new system of using Club Referees generally worked well and we had a lot of positive feedback

Thanks to Tom Browne for his valued assistance during the season, also to Ed Penny for his web posting and Derek Woodhouse for his assistance and to all the Management Committee. Also like to thank Gerry Lenihan, Rolf Rempt, and other Senior Referees for their assistance over the boys and Ladies finals.

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

Youth League	Cadet League on Sundays
Girls Youth League	Manly United trial games
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	North Harbour Tournament

T Seaman.

Registrar

2007 saw a great increase in the number of Referees. This was mainly down to the fact that the MWFRA introduced a compulsory minimum of two qualified referees per team. This only applied to the adult men's teams MA3 to MA8, and M352 to M356. This appears to have been a great success although some teams had the bare minimum of two whilst some teams had in excess of six in their team. This meant a lot more work for our fixture secretary Tony Seaman. These new "Part Time" referees were allocated games at their teams' home game field, either before or after their teams' game. They were also able to wear the MWFRA "black-and-white" gear while refereeing.

There was a slight drop in the junior numbers (91 from 97 in 2006)

It appears that the women's leagues will follow the same with several ladies already having taken the first part of the basic introductory course.

We have 11 Life members.

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

Class 1 Eligible	Theory	Field Test		Class 2 Eligible	Theory	Field Test
<i>Michael Asbridge</i>		X		<i>Graeme Burns</i>	X	X
<i>John Cuttle</i>		X		<i>Rhett Butler</i>	X	X
<i>Gerry Lenihan</i>		X		<i>Adrian Carratt</i>	X	X
<i>Wayne Ranson</i>		X		<i>Michele Cole</i>	X	X
<i>Martin Roughley</i>		X		<i>John Coombe</i>	X	X
<i>Gary Siddons</i>		X		<i>Phiroze DeVitre</i>	X	X
				<i>Bradley Duke</i>	X	X
<i>Alex Dokic</i>	X	X		<i>John Ferranda</i>	X	X
<i>Richard Cant</i>	X	X		<i>Roger Graham</i>	X	X
<i>Hans Van Elden</i>	X	X		<i>Steve Haggett</i>	X	X
<i>Colin Grant</i>	X	X		<i>Mark Hopkins</i>	X	X
<i>Thomas Haerland</i>	X	X		<i>Graham Irvine</i>	X	X
<i>Serge Mastroianni</i>	X	X		<i>Michael Kellerman</i>	X	X
<i>Niels Mathisen</i>	X	X		<i>Enzo Melani</i>	X	X
<i>Ed Penny</i>	X	X		<i>Brian Moller</i>	X	X
<i>Paul Respicio</i>	X	X		<i>Peter Muir</i>	X	X
				<i>Stephen Murray</i>	X	X
Class 2 Eligible	Theory	Field Test		<i>Martin O'Connell</i>	X	X
<i>Stuart Auld</i>		X		<i>Graham Sheldon</i>	X	X
<i>Andrew Best</i>		X		<i>Ken Taylor</i>	X	X
<i>Gareth Evans</i>		X		<i>Kim Timmins</i>	X	X
<i>Don Foster</i>		X		<i>Derek Woodhouse</i>	X	X
<i>Paul Franklin</i>		X				
<i>Neville Fry</i>		X				
<i>Grahame Irvine</i>		X				
<i>Ken Lewis</i>		X				
<i>Frank Maiuolo</i>		X				
<i>Daryl Meppem</i>		X				
<i>Warren Meppem</i>		X				
<i>Keith Muir</i>		X				
<i>David Page</i>		X				
<i>Chris Parratt</i>		X				
<i>John Pendergast</i>		X				
<i>Jeff Smit</i>		X				
<i>Keith Stewart</i>		X				
<i>Alan Whitford</i>		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	17	4	21	58
1T	5	2	7	60
2	8	0	8	51
2T	17	1	18	49
3	22	0	22	48
4	434	72	506	29
Total	503	79	582	

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
2007	484	91	575		6	1	7	582

Let's hope 2008 is as successful.

Derek Woodhouse - Registrar

Inspection Convenor

108 Inspections were carried out this season

All but 11 Referees were inspected twice – this was due to availability and wet weather at the end of the season.

Congratulations to Gerry Lenihan for attaining his Class 1 upgrade and to Jeff Smit, Gareth Evans and Chris Parratt for attaining their Class 2

Thanks to Inspectors: Bill Mcburnie, Rolf Rempt, Don Gale, Peter Muir and James Raphael

Theory Trainer

My second year as theory trainer proved to be an extremely busy one with the MWFA's introduction of compulsory referee courses for Men's All Age and Over 35's. This meant a larger number of pre-season theory sessions which were split into a whole day Level 5 course on the Laws of the Game and a 3-hour follow up Level 4 on practical refereeing and local MWFA guidelines.

2007 also saw the implementation of the new FFA model and concept for referee training implemented with the emphasis being on bringing all facets of the game under one umbrella. The program is now part of the NOAS (National Officiating Accreditation Scheme) with the qualification now nationally recognised.

Other aspects of the new system are:

- Five levels of accreditation (Level 5 being the basic "theory only" level progressing through to Level 1)
- Completion of the Level 5 course enables a candidate to join an affiliated branch
- Successful completion of the Level 4 course will then enable a candidate to become an active member of an affiliated branch.
- Formal presentation criteria for an advancement from Level 5 to Level 1
- Progression measured by ability and not restricted by age.
- Formal recognition required bi-annually to maintain current status.

Congratulations to all of our new referees who successfully passed the Level 5 theory examination this year and went on to actively referee. I hope you enjoyed your inaugural season and we hope to see you back in 2008.

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

Allan Whitford, Stuart Auld, Patrick Coward, Keith Stewart, Frank Maiuolo, Phiroze Devitre, Ken Lewis and John Coombe.

We wish these gentlemen luck in their two external field tests in 2008. Congratulations are also in order for those who completed their two external field tests during 2007 and are now full Class 2 referees. We had only one member attend the class 1 upgrade this year, that being **Gerry**

Lenihan. I am thrilled to congratulate Gerry on successfully passing the oral exam and the subsequent two field tests to become our newest Class 1 referee.

If you are interested in furthering your knowledge of the game and obtaining higher quality games in the MWFA competition please keep a look out on the website for the next upgrade courses around May 2008.

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 including Tom Browne, Ryan Shephard, Peter Robson, Ed Penny, Derek Woodhouse and Trevor Croal. Your support and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.

To all members have a great Christmas and a prosperous new year,

Matthew Gillett

Floor Member

As in previous seasons my duties concerned the approving of player spectacles, refs appointments and minor problems with Senior referees fees and attending 95% of MWFA Judiciary hearings. On Saturdays, Sundays and Monday mornings during the season I answered and advised on referee reports concerning matches.

My report for season 2006 was optimistic that verbal abuse to referees for 2007 would be less. I am sad to say I was wrong. This season, the number of verbal abuse cases to referees and their assistants of all ages amounted to 21, which averaged out to one every weekend. It is disturbing to listen to foul and/or abusive words directed at our members who volunteer to control that which after all is a football match.

If we and the football association, which has been cooperative to our suggestions, does not implement strong measures that such behaviour for the 2008 season for transgressors and their teams means a very long sentence of no games to be played, then players, spectators and supporters of football will be the poorer in Manly Warringah.

I would like to express my thanks to Don Gale, Keith Pester and Members of the Association Judiciary for their perseverance and patience at the "send-off" hearings.

There was only one matter of referee abuse that some of our members were not satisfied with the outcome; unfortunately despite repeated requests to referees he did not seek prior advice when submitting his report to the Judiciary Committee

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. All new cadets have been inspected and coached during the season
Trevor Croal

Gear Steward

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

Sales of gear increased due to the influx of referees following the training courses throughout the year.

Trevor Croal

Treasurer

Reports available at AGM.

Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion 1

Purpose: To add to MWFRA Constitution, pertaining to Internet Banking.

Section B: Rules of the Association

Part V: Miscellaneous

36. Funds - Management

3. Internet Banking - The commencement of Internet Banking on any Association account, either current or future, shall be authorised to commence by any two (2) Executive Members. Once established, the Treasurer shall control all movement of funds, without the need for a second executive members signature. The Treasurer shall, on a monthly basis, produce a monthly statement of expenses and income, and shall present this to the Management Committee to include full disclosure of any Internet Banking.

Notice of Motion 2

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Section B: Rules of the Association

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36. Funds - Management

4. Prior to the payment of any amounts in excess of \$1000 (one thousand) dollars via internet banking, the Treasurer shall be required to obtain written or electronic approval from a second member of the Executive Committee.

Election of Office Bearers, Convenor and Delegates

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder	Elected
President				
Vice President Seniors				
Secretary				
Vice President Juniors				
Treasurer				
Floor Member	Kevin Martin	Paul Respicio	Trevor Croal	
Gear Steward	Trevor Croal	Tom Browne	Paul Respicio	
Registrar	Ed Penny	Ed Penny	Paul Respicio	
Asst. Secretary				

Convenors

Field Inspection				
Theory Trainer				

Delegates

MWSA				
NSWSRI				