

NEW SOUTH WALES
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 1946.

To be presented at the Annual Meeting of
the League, to be held at Underwood House,
16 Hunter Street, Sydney, on Monday, 17th
March, 1947, at 8 p.m.

B U S I N E S S .

- (1) Minutes
- (2) Annual Report and Financial Statement
- (3) Election of Officers
- (4) Election of Committees
- (5) General Business.

K. G. FERGUSON, Hon. Secretary.

OFFICE BEARERS - SEASON 1946.

<u>PATRON:</u>	...	Bryan Rush Esq.
<u>PRESIDENT:</u>	...	W. H. Fitt, Esq.
<u>VICE PRESIDENTS:</u>	...	Messrs. J. Curry (Senior), F.W. Burriss, W. Clark, J. Gloury (resigned 16.9.46), H. Mannering, S.R. Onians and J. Ross (appointed 30.9.46).
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<u>PROTESTS AND DISPUTES COMMISSION:</u>	...	Messrs. J. Kealey (Chairman), W. Campbell and A.S. Gordon.
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	...	Messrs. W. H. Fitt (Chairman), J. Curry, F. W. Burriss, S.R. Onians, A. J. Snow and K. G. Ferguson.
<u>PERMIT & MATCH COMMITTEE:</u>	...	Messrs. F. W. Burriss (Chairman), W. Clark and J. Curry.
<u>UMPIRE APPOINTMENT BOARD:</u>	...	Messrs. L. Ellis (Chairman), F. Bradley & E. T. Styles.
<u>SELECTION COMMITTEE:</u>	...	Messrs. Leo Harry (Chairman), W. Clark and J. Guthrie.
<u>PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:</u>	...	Messrs. L. F. Blackmore, W. Clark & A. Reed.
<u>HON. SOLICITORS:</u>	...	Messrs. K. D. Manion & Company.
<u>HON. AUDITORS:</u>	...	G. H. Anderson, Esq., (Chartered Accountant(Aust.))
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NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Sports Club,
8-10 Hunter St.,
SYDNEY.

17th March, 1947.

Gentlemen,

The Forty-fourth Annual Report and Financial Statement of the League, covering Season 1946, is submitted for your approval.

THE SEASON: With the return of peace-time conditions, the 1946 season was commenced with a certain amount of apprehension. Boom years were experienced in 1943, 1944 and 1945, due mainly to the presence of many star players from southern states, who happened to be in Sydney as members of the services. These players returned to their homes, a goodly number of whom figured prominently in the 1946 first grade competitions of their respective states.

It transpired, however, that many of our old players, who had been away with the forces, returned to rejoin their clubs, whilst benefit was also derived by recruits who had been introduced to the code whilst away in the services.

The various phases of the operations are covered hereunder:-

MEMBERSHIP: As in former years, six clubs (each fielding a first and reserve grade team) comprised the senior competition. The R.A.A.F. Club, which had given such valuable service during the war years, disbanded, and its place was taken by the North Shore Club, which had been in recess owing to practically 100% enlistment of its members early in the war. The North Shore Club fulfilled its obligation to the League during the season by fielding strong first and reserve grade teams, and congratulations are offered to the committee and players on the excellent performances, considering the circumstances. Other clubs participating were Eastern Suburbs, Newtown, South Sydney, St. George and Sydney-Naval. Affiliating bodies were the Broken Hill Football League Ltd. and the Metropolitan Junior Football Association.

FINANCE: The attached statement of receipts and expenditure indicates that the League's finances are in a sound position.

The receipts from competition matches shows a slight falling off compared with the preceding year, but this is explained by the fact that several dates were occupied by interstate matches, the receipts of which are shown under that heading.

The return from season tickets, although not reaching alarming proportions, are the best for over 15 years.

The series of interstate matches played was the first for several years and the figures indicate that the public appreciated the opportunity of witnessing first class players in action. It was certainly encouraging to local administrators to see such big crowds in attendance.

Home and home matches were resumed with Queensland and it is pleasing to note that for the first time, without making a levy on the players, this interchange of matches was made without financial loss.

On the expenditure side rentals for grounds increased by £300 over 1945 whilst wages for gatemen and umpires, cost of printing and entertainment tax all showed substantial increases over the preceding year.

Clubs were again assisted by a grant, and it is noted with a great amount of satisfaction that each is on a satisfactory footing.

GROUNDS: After considerable negotiation, the same grounds as in 1945 (Erskineville Oval, Saturdays, and Trumper Oval, Saturdays and Sundays), were secured, but at an increased rental.

With a view to obtaining security of Trumper Oval for a number of years, a proposition was placed before the Paddington Council providing for much needed improvements to the oval by way of a modern grandstand, seats on the outer to accommodate 3,000 people, playing area to be lengthened by 20 yards, up-to-date score board to be erected and flood lighting for training improved, but this could not be gone ahead with owing to the Government's refusal to grant a loan of the necessary expenditure on the grounds that the money was required for more important works.

The acquiring of grounds for the coming season has, and is still, giving the committee grave concern.

Fortunately we have been successful in retaining use of Trumper Oval on Saturdays and Sundays, notwithstanding opposition from three other bodies. It was necessary, however, to further increase the rental. Our request for a lease of the ground for three or five years was declined.

At the present moment Erskineville Oval is under consideration, and the committee is hopeful that satisfactory arrangements will be made. It is possible that several games will be played on other suburban grounds during the forthcoming season, which, in a way, will be good for the code.

COMPETITION MATCHES: All clubs had sufficient players to field two teams. Play was of a high standard and many thrilling matches were witnessed. Newtown again asserted its superiority in the concluding stages, which reflected somewhat in the attendances of the final matches. They won the first grade competition, with St. George runners-up. In the reserve grade Eastern Suburbs recorded a meritorious win in the grand final over Newtown.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

FIRST GRADE

FIRST ROUND

<u>Club.</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Newtown	18	16	2	-	1860	1059	64
Eastern Suburbs	18	12	6	-	1661	1392	48
St. George	18	9	9	-	1606	1516	36
South Sydney	18	7	11	-	1230	1460	28
North Shore	18	6	12	-	1199	1613	24
Sydney-Naval	18	4	14	-	1443	1959	16

SECOND ROUND.

Club:	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Newtown	2	2	-	-	245	144	8
St. George	3	2	1	-	228	231	8
Eastern Suburbs	2	-	2	-	144	206	-
South Sydney	1	-	1	-	56	92	-

NEWTOWN - PREMIERS - ST. GEORGE RUNNERS UP.

RESERVE GRADE:

FIRST ROUND:

Newtown	18	15	3	-	808	353	60
Eastern Suburbs	18	13	5	-	725	527	52
St. George	18	8	10	-	523	587	32
South Sydney	18	7	11	-	497	665	28
Sydney-Naval	18	6	12	-	502	630	24
North Shore	18	4	14	-	446	739	16

SECOND ROUND:

Eastern Suburbs	3	2	1	-	100	67	8
Newtown	2	1	1	-	41	68	4
South Sydney	2	1	1	-	60	44	4
St. George	1	-	1	-	12	34	-

EASTERN SUBURBS, PREMIERS - NEWTOWN, RUNNERS UP.

INTERSTATE MATCHES: During the season our State Team was opposed to visiting teams from Queensland, Canberra, Perth and Richmond, and also against Queensland at Brisbane. The matches at Sydney were played on a Sunday at Trumper Oval before big attendances. The games against Perth and Richmond, in particular, drew crowds of over 10,000

The matches against Queensland and Canberra were the most exciting witnessed here for many years, the scores in the final terms alternating on several occasions.

The Perth and Richmond players put over an excellent portrayal of our code and impressed with the finer points of the game. Our players, who participated, and others looking on, could not fail to have benefited from these expositions of the code.

Perth and Richmond Clubs showed a fine spirit by not participating in the receipts, being content to allow the proceeds go towards the propagation of the code in this State. Their generous actions were much appreciated and admired.

The proposed match Carlton v. Essendon fell through, owing to inability to secure the Sydney Cricket Ground for the match, the clubs concerned declining to play elsewhere.

The Eastern Suburbs Club journeyed to Leeton and played two games in that area. Besides doing a good deal of good to foster the code in the Riverina, the club also had a very pleasant trip and congratulations are offered to the executive on the enterprise shown.

Results of interstate matches played during the year are given below:-

7-7-46:	N.S.W.	(18/27	(135)	v.	Queensland	15/23	(113),	at Sydney.
20-7-46:	"	(21/11	(137)	v.	Queensland	19/27	(141),	at Brisbane.
3-8-46:	"	(18/16	(124)	v.	Canberra	17/18	(120),	at Sydney.
11-8-46:	"	(18/16	(124)	v.	Perth	22/15	(147),	at Sydney.
8-9-46:	"	(21/14	(140)	v.	Richmond	35/19	(229),	at Sydney.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR ASSOCIATION: During the war years a B. grade (boys 18 years of age and under), four teams, comprised this Association. This year, in addition to the B. Grade (4 teams), an All Age competition was reformed comprising four teams. The games were played on Moore Park and there appears to be every prospect of the competition being enlarged in 1947 by the advent of teams from the Police-Citizens Boys' Clubs. At the annual meeting a strong executive was appointed. Mr. S.K. Stubley, still retains his interest in the juniors by being the Association's very active President. Mr. John Allen is the new Secretary whilst Mr. "Digger" Jones is the Treasurer.

POLICE-CITIZENS BOYS' CLUBS: Investigation has revealed that there is a wonderful opportunity for the League to introduce our game into this organisation. The various clubs were visited by League officials and subsequently coaches were appointed. The lads are totally ignorant of the rules of our code and it will take hard work, but the effort will be worth while.

It is the intention to arrange an inter-club competition on Saturday mornings, but this year the teams formed will be absorbed in our junior association.

The League is indebted to Mr. W. Herrington, Secretary of the Federation of Police-Citizens Boys' Clubs, for his close co-operation and assistance.

SCHOOLS: Difficulties in this direction, expounded from time to time, still persist. Schoolmasters are all Rugby minded and it will require much hard work to improve the position in this important phase. As an example of what can be done when there is a teacher Australian Rules minded, is instanced by the fact that at Hurstville and Gardener's Road Junior Technical Schools, where old stalwarts in the persons of Messrs. Tas Carroll and Rupert Browne are on the staff, we have 80 and 60 boys respectively playing our code. If these gentlemen were to be transferred, or retired, it is almost certain that our game would cease to be played in these schools. It is realised that this question is very vital for the future of our code and everything possible will be done to obtain additional school teams.

NEWCASTLE: A team from this area was formed and played a combined reserve grade side as a curtain-raiser to the Richmond-N.S.W. match on September 8th. This was the extent of their activities. However, the officials and players were very enthusiastic about the match and already this year plans are in hand for introduction of the game in the schools.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL COUNCIL: A special meeting of the Council was held in Melbourne from 10th to 14th March last to deal with the question of the election of

a Standing Committee and other matters vitally affecting this State and Queensland. Our Delegate, Mr. A.J. Snow, will make a report of the result of the proceedings at the annual meeting.

OBITUARY: During the year Messrs. G.H. Sanders (Life Member), H. Mannering (Vice-President) and Steve Duff (Captain, St. George Club), sustained sad losses. To these members and all others who suffered bereavements during the year we offer our heartfelt condolence.

TROPHIES: The "Phelan" and "Sanders" medals for "best and fairest" player in first and reserve grade respectively, adjudged on umpires' votes, suspended during the war years, were again competed for. W. Cottiss, brilliant young centreman for Newtown, won the "Phelan" medal, whilst Ron White, Sydney-Naval captain, annexed the "Sanders" medal. In view of the difficulty in procuring the medals, by resolution of the League the winners will receive suitably inscribed trophies.

The "Norman P. Joseph" Memorial Trophy for the player who has given long and meritorious service to the game and his club and who has never won a "best and fairest" player medal, was awarded to Sydney-Naval's Captain, Jack Davies.

Other trophies to be presented at the annual meeting are:- "Norman P. Joseph Memorial" Trophy for 1945 M. Stiff (South Sydney) "Pedder" trophy for most improved local player in first grade from reserve grade during 1945 K. Perry (R.A.A.F., now with Newtown).

APPRECIATION OF SERVICES, ETC. The thanks of the League are again extended to Messrs. K.D. Manion & Coy. for legal advice and to Mr. G.H. Anderson for auditing the books.

Appreciation is also expressed to players, club officials and League committeemen, who assisted in making the past season a success.

Donations to the funds are also acknowledged with thanks.

ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION: A number of alterations were made in the Constitution and will take effect as from the Annual Meeting.

They are:-

Rule 7, Clause (d): Assistant Secretary. Add after word "meetings" in third line "and shall have the powers of a delegate."

Rule 8, Officers' Remuneration. Delete the words "the organising secretary and/or" in second line and substitute after the word "treasurer" the words "and the assistant secretary".

Rule 10. Permit and Match Committee: Delete in fourth and fifth lines the words "the chairman of same being elected by the members themselves, and add after subject in eighth line "other than the appointment of the chairman of the committee."

Rule 10, Clause (d). Selection Committee. Add after the word "selectors" in first line the words "who shall not be playing members of any club."

Rule 26. Alteration of Rules. Add after the word "member" in fifth line the words "qualified to vote."

Rule 34, Clause (g). Player residing outside allotted district. Ninth line delete "on board ship or on Garden Island" and substitute "At naval establishments".

FROSPPECTS: With the Victory Carnival in Tasmania as a goal for players in 1947, enthusiasm will be present to gain representation in the New South Wales side. With a view to selecting the best team, it is proposed to arrange home and home matches with Broken Hill and include a number of their players.

Two teams from Western Australia (Subiaco and East Fremantle) have been promised games against our State team in Sydney, whilst we will also have home and home matches with Queensland.

Junior and Schools football will call for the utmost attention and these important phases will be vigorously followed up. The All Australian School-boys' Carnival listed for Perth this year may be the means of obtaining additional schools teams.

For and on behalf of the N.S.W.A.N. Football League,

K. G. FERGUSON,

Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM:

Having completed my first year in office as President of your League, it is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity of recording my sincere appreciation of the very able assistance rendered by all members of the executive, who, by their loyalty, together with a keen desire to see the code progress, it has been possible to present to you a very excellent report and balance sheet.

I also wish to thank those members who performed such noble work on the various committees and offices, who, I believe, gave every satisfaction in the tasks allocated to them.

WILLIAM H. FITT,

President.

NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE — YEAR ENDING 31-12-1946.

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	£.	s.	d.		
To: Gate Receipts				2144.	9.	10	By: Rentals					
<u>Special Matches:</u>							Wages: Umpires	254.	14.	6		
N.S.W. v Queensland	212.	17.	8				Gatemens, etc.	197.	13.	6		
" v Canberra	138.	13.	10				Football Record		452.	8.		
" v Perth	464.	14.	6				Purchase of footballs		347.	13.		
" v Richmond	496.	7.	9				Telephone		91.	14.		
Junior Matches	14.	1.	0				Printing		19.	2.		
Share Brisbane Gate	98.	8.	6	1425.	3.	3	Stamps and stationery		27.	7.		
Season tickets					122.	15.	0		13.	6.		
Affiliations						0	Taxation		682.	15.		
Club Accounts					21.	0.	0		426.	3.		
<u>Football Record:</u>						0	Advertising		54.	5.		
Sales	243.	7.	7				Junior Football		12.	8.		
Advertising	69.	0.	0	312.	7.	7	Trophies and Presentations		11.	5.		
Interest						6	Secretarial Expenses		25.	3.		
<u>Donations:</u>							Interstate match expenses		155.	4.		
Miss. Joseph	2.	2.	0				Brisbane Trip		70.	13.		
Mr. B. Rush	2.	2.	0				Payment to Queensland League		50.	0.		
Mr. J. Kealey	1.	0.	0	5.	4.	0	Payment to Canberra League		57.	2.		
Australian National Football Council				350.	0.	0	Transport for visiting teams		15.	10.		
Refunds							Deposits		27.	18.		
Sale of Footballs							Payment to Anti-T.B. Youth Campaign		61.	4.		
							<u>Club Grants:</u>					
							Newtown	58.	17.	3		
							Eastern Suburbs	53.	17.	3		
							South Sydney	57.	17.	3		
							St. George	49.	19.	9		
							Sydney-Naval	48.	17.	3		
							North Sydney	330.	13.	6		
							Special Grants		15.	0.		
							Wreaths		7.	7.		
							Affiliations		24.	19.		
							Insurances		28.	4.		
							Donations to Ambulance Brigades		23.	11.		
							Australian National Airways		24.	10.		
							Entertainment		66.	17.		
							Sundry expenditure		35.	19.		
							Special meeting expenses		19.	5.		
							Commonwealth Government Loan		100.	0.		
							<u>Honoraria:</u>		185.	5.		
							Share expenses Secretarial Conference		17.	7.		
							Excess receipts over expenditure		143.	3.		
									925.	1.		
TOTALS:				£4487.	6.	0				£4487.	6.	0

A. J. SNOW,
 Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
 (Sgd.) G.H. Anderson, Chartered Accountant (Aust),
 12-2-1947.