

KU-RING-GAI AND DISTRICT  
SOCCER ASSOCIATION

TENTH  
ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON  
1966

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE  
HORNSBY R.S.D. HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 19th OCTOBER, 1966  
at 8.00 p.m.

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KU-RING-GAI AND DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

MEMBER CLUBS - 1966 SEASON

Bannockburn Rovers  
Berowra  
Bradfield  
Brooklyn  
Corpus Christi  
Cowan  
Gordon  
Hornsby Heights  
H. - K. Police Boys  
Hornsby R.S.L.  
Kissing Point  
Lindfield  
Mount Colah  
Mount Ku-ring-gai  
North Turrumurra  
Proville College  
Pymble  
St. Ives  
St. Leo's College  
Sacred Heart College  
Wahroonga  
West Pymble

OFFICE BEARERS - 1966 SEASON

PRESIDENT : D. M. Allen  
 VICE PRESIDENTS : C. Scott-Kemmis  
                   A. Locastro (resigned)  
 SECRETARY : L. D. Thomas  
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY : R. Crilley  
 TREASURER : G. Marshall  
 REGISTRAR : C. Parsons  
 PUBLICITY : E. Shackle  
 REFEREES REPRESENTATIVE : R. Jackson  
 COMMITTEE MEMBERS : D. Bakewell  
                       E. Lester  
                       A. Sheath

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD TO ANNUAL REPORT

Gentlemen,

Our Association has now completed its ninth full season of soccer and this latest season has been our best ever. The rapid growth has continued and there are now 22 clubs with 200 teams participating in our competitions, a tremendous expansion rate which surely has few equals.

Soccer is attracting increasing numbers in all areas - 35,000 players are competing for approximately 3,000 teams in the Sydney Metropolitan area, and there are now 24 Associations conducting competitions in N.S.W. country areas. It is significant to note that the N.S.W. Amateur Soccer Association now claims to be the largest football organisation in Australia.

We can reflect happily that soccer in the Ku-ring-gai and District has been relatively trouble free and with very few exceptions games have been played in the spirit of true sportsmanship. I would like to take this opportunity of emphasising this very important aspect. Our games are conducted for both juniors and seniors. For the younger players we are endeavouring to provide healthy competitive sport, but it is only a game, and we must make every endeavour to encourage boys to develop the right spirit. Parents and spectators can do so much to provide the right atmosphere. This aspect is just as important for the enjoyment of the game by senior players, but here also is the added responsibility of providing an example for juniors and in projecting a favourable public image for the benefit of future players and the game.

Three new clubs affiliated with the Association at the beginning of the year, namely St. Leo's, Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart Colleges and another club, Pymble returned to our competitions. To the players and members of these new clubs, firstly welcome to this our Annual General Meeting; we hope each one will grow from strength to strength and enjoy many successes.

The growth of our Association has placed many additional responsibilities on the administration of clubs and the Management Committee. My thanks to all clubs for their efforts during the year; it is gratifying that so many are working on projects such as new grounds, field improvements, and club houses. I would like to express my thanks also to the many individuals who contributed towards this happy year, to those who served on the committees and sub-committees and to those who provided their support in a personal capacity.

D. M. ALLEN,

President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Growth : How many times have we heard people say that wherever they go in the Metropolitan area on a Saturday morning, they pass fields on which youngsters are playing soccer. Yet a short while ago soccer was only a minor sport, especially in areas such as our own. Can the popularity and growth continue?

Investigations reveal that new areas are being developed throughout our area, so we may expect a further growth in population.

Players and spectators are enjoying soccer. It is a skilful and robust sport and the open style of play allows every player to participate; the slow and the speedy; the skilful and the unskilled.

The World Cup Series has indicated the extent of the world wide interest and in fact has given a boost to the code. A recent report from the U.S.A. outlines a proposed \$100m. T.V. promotion for coast to coast soccer.

Here in Australia our growth has been rapid but this has contributed to one of our main problems - finding the right people and the number to cope with the expansion, and the experienced players to teach our newcomers.

If players are to continue to enjoy the game, then the organisation and promotion must be equal to their needs. The game is worthwhile as a sport, as a character builder, and as an interest. It needs plenty of support, it cannot function on its own.

The growth of our Association can be measured from the attached table. The significant feature once again is that 50% of our teams are in the three youngest age groups and that there has been hardly any growth in senior teams over the past 3 or 4 years :

All Aged	8 teams in 1961	8 in 1966
Under 18	6 " " 1963	6 in 1966
Under 16	12 " " 1963	15 in 1966

Mothers and fathers devote a fair deal of their time to make sure junior enjoys his game and there is no doubting the value of these efforts. However the interest wanes at times as the boys progress through their teens and become more independent. It is when boys are in their teens that soccer can be really beneficial and clubs are urged to make every endeavour to provide the right facilities for them.

Competitions :

A list of the winners of 1966 competitions has been circulated to all clubs and a point score table for all teams is being made available.

The 1966 season was a successful one. Reports indicated that generally it was a happy one for all clubs; the standard of play was noticeably higher than in previous years, competitions were keenly contested, and the interest of players was maintained.

Shortly before the season commenced, we were approached by Northern Suburbs to form joint competitions. After some negotiation, the two leading teams from Northern Suburbs in each age group from under 10 to under 14's were invited to play in our first division competitions and we combined fully for competitions in under 16 and All Aged divisions. In the under 18 division we joined with Northern Suburbs, Gladesville and Manly to form a North of the Harbour series. These developments and the timing raised some additional problems but it was agreed generally that the new competitions proved to be worthwhile and added a great deal of interest.

The N.S.W. Association introduced a new competition this year in the form of a Champion of Champions series. Because of the timing of these matches our Champions could not always field their strongest sides but all performed very well.

### Representative Teams :

The standard of our representative teams was again higher than in previous years and all acquitted themselves with great credit. Not many years ago, our teams, because of inexperience, were having difficulty in matching older Associations but now we can compete favourably with most. Sutherland Association, the Champions in most age groups in our Division and State Champions in some, were in our position only two years ago - moving rapidly through the field.

Ku-ring-gai entered under 16 and 18 teams in the 1966 Federation District Competition and our teams performed creditably and showed tremendous improvement. We believe that next year this competition will be conducted in the under 14 and 16 age groups and we propose to enter teams in each division. In addition two Ku-ring-gai United teams has been entered in the Federation All Aged Amateur Competition for 1967. From these two teams, it is hoped to build top class teams for higher senior competitions and ultimately for the 1st Division.

Team managers and coaches provided great assistance and encouragement and the players and Association offer them sincere thanks.

Players respond to spectator support and younger boys can learn quickly by watching older and more experienced players. Clubs are recommended to give local teams their support - they will be rewarded by seeing good football.

David Brown (under 17) was selected to tour Queensland with the N.S.W. State under 18 team which remained undefeated on the tour - David scoring several goals... Congratulations, David who, incidentally, is the third Ku-ring-gai player in three years to be selected for a state 18 side.

At the beginning of the season there was some reluctance from a number of clubs to offer their players for representation honours. However, following a conference with Clubs, this problem now seems to have been resolved.

### Coaching :

We were fortunate in having the services of a number of capable coaches during the year, and this contributed significantly to the improvement in standards - the Association extends its grateful thanks.

Mr. Dave Wardell was appointed as Official Coach to the Association at the beginning of the season and he has been tireless in his endeavours. Players, managers and clubs have all benefited from Dave's efforts... thank you, Dave.

### Referees :

Games cannot be conducted without a referee - official or unofficial, and we offer our sincere thanks to the Referees Association and to all who officiated at our matches. Obviously we have insufficient official referees at present and the solving of this problem must be one of the main aims for the 1967 season.

### Grounds :

Once again grounds were a problem - there were not sufficient and some were sub-standard. We can expect some new ones next year but may lose some for re-surfacing. Accordingly we may find conditions no better and it may be necessary to play some junior games in the early afternoon. Our thanks to the Hornsby and Kur-ing-gai Councils, particularly the latter for their vigorous efforts to provide new fields.

### Conclusion :

I would like to offer my personal thanks for the co-operation of all clubs throughout the year. My job was made easier by the willingness and friendship extended to me.

L. D. THOMAS,

Secretary.

KU-RING-GAI AND DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE 1966 SEASON

1965	<u>Expenditure</u>	\$ c	1965	<u>Income</u>	S c
320	Printing Stationery Postages	845.54	3514	Club Fees and Levy	5,433.10
145	Telephone	175.17	389	Gala Day Surplus	484.90
-	Room Hire	63.50	40	Film Day	52.00
400	Trophies	528.85	16	Bank Interest	59.16
30	Insurances	28.81			
461	Equipment	505.29			
1099	Grounds	1,602.50			
126	General Expenses	114.14			
916	Referees	952.00			
35	Affiliation Fees	6.30			
138	Honorarium	105.00			
-	Levy	100.00			
24	Coaching	285.00			
-	Subscriptions	4.00			
-	Soccer Books	10.00			
266	<u>SURPLUS 1966</u>	<u>703.06</u>			
<u>\$3960</u>		<u>\$6,029.16</u>	<u>\$3960</u>		<u>\$6,029.16</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 1966

65		\$ c	1965	\$ c	
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS :</u>		283	<u>TROPHIES</u> - at Cost	283.42
1572	Balance 1 January 1966	1,838.65	54	<u>NETS</u> - Cost less Depreciation	35.51
266	Surplus 1966	703.06	26	<u>DUPLICATOR</u> - Cost less Depreciation	22.10
240	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS AND ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>2,035.64</u>	20	<u>TYPEWRITER</u> - Cost less Depreciation	17.00
					358.03
			50	<u>SUNDRY DEBTORS</u>	421.85
			1645	<u>COMMERCIAL BANKING CO. OF SYDNEY LTD.</u>	3,797.47
<u>\$2078</u>		<u>\$4,577.35</u>	<u>\$2078</u>		<u>\$4,577.35</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of account of the Ku-ring-gai and District Soccer Association for the Season 1966. In my opinion the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1966 have been properly drawn up and the Balance Sheet properly represents the state of the Association's affairs as at that date.

(Signed) W. J. O'DONNELL

65 York Street, Sydney.

Registered Public Accountant

STATISTICS

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
All age					8	7	6	7	6	8
Under 18					6	3	6	5	5	6
16			4	4	10	12	14	14	14	15
14		6	8	14	15	19	19	23	27	29
12	7	10	13	14	19	25	34	20	22	20
11								20	18	22
10		10	14	17	16	20	22	15	22	27
9					16	28	16	21	24	25
8							18	24	33	48
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>200</u>
% Growth		271	50	26	63	40	19	12	15	17