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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Although this year proved somewhat disappointing with results on the football field it none the less was a fruitful year in many senses.

This year saw an influx of many new, young players in their first year of Rugby. These players formed the bulk of the Second Grade side while some graduated through to first grade. No doubt these players with a years experience under their belts will prove a solid foundation for next years sides.

A number of "older" players returned to the field this year as members of the Third Grade side. This side showed great spirit throughout the year and just failed to make the semi-finals. At least the important lesson of winning early games, to have a chance of making the semis was apparent to all Third, Second and First Grade players.

My thanks to the three coaches, Paul Murray, Mick Greenhalgh and Ron Wessel for the time and effort spent each Tuesday and Thursday night preparing the sides for the week-ends football. Their keenness and enthusiasm was highlighted by the selection of four of our players in the Illawarra Under 18 side and Mark Hotchkiss in the seniors Illawarra side.

Midway through the year the club hosted its first overseas touring side. This was comprised of a Canadian Trojan Senior side and a junior team from Burnaby South High School in Vancouver. As you can imagine this required a lot of organisation and my thanks to Mick Wilkins and his committee for the effort put in. I am sure everyone associated with the week-end not only came away knowing more about the customs of Canadians ("Beaver Power"), but were enriched with the friendship of such a well-mannered and disciplined group. I am sure their tour through Australia did a lot to restore the good image of touring Rugby players.

This year the Social Committee was particularly active. The organisation and smooth running of the many and varied social events through the year was a credit to the Social Secretary Steve Creenaune and his committee. Their keenness and ability were particularly highlighted in the two major social events of the year — the 21st Reunion and the Ball.

Both of these functions were particularly well supported with over one hundred and fifty people attending each one. This, I believe, was a true indication of the solidarity within, and the support for the Waratah Rugby Club. To the Social Committee, again, my thanks.

This year the trip away was to Tasmania. Thirty four players were involved, almost a record for a trip away and certainly our biggest touring venture yet. This trip was sponsored by funds raised by the Touring Committee and the fact that it



"That's how a President scores Tries, Dave"



JIM PETTIT

became a reality is an indication of the initiative and drive of the members of that committee.

Again the Club extends its appreciation to Registrar Lou Whant, Gear Steward Alan Gregory, Medic Ron Wessel and all team managers for the excellent manner in which they have carried out their respective duties. My thanks also to the Saturday morning workers who are up marking and preparing the ground for the afternoon's football.

May I also extend the Club's appreciation to the Illawarra Master Builders Club and the Oxford Hotel for their continued patronage. To Lord Mayor Frank Arkell our thanks for your personal assistance and guidance throughout the year.

To Treasurer Ron Robertson and Secretary Brian Leo, you have my personal thanks for the tremendous effort you have both put in. It was not an easy year for a lot of decisions, as Ron will soon testify, but I am happy to say that the decisions taken were vindicated by the hard work and dedication of all sub-committees.

May I say thankyou for the honour of being President of the Waratah Rugby Club, and lets hope and strive that in 1981 the Club becomes the 'Number One'.

JIM PETTIT



"That's it, I'm moving to Sydney", says Chris after his last game.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I'm sure most of you are thoroughly sick of me either putting the bite on you or boring you with facts and figures regarding our financial situation. But please bear with me for this short report.

This year will be satisfactory financially despite the following facts:

1. The cost of the trip away (approx. \$3500).
2. The number of break-ins to the canteen at Keira Oval with cost to us, in my estimation, hundreds of dollars in lost stock.
3. The large increase in I.D.R.U. levies (approx. 40%), mainly due to our subscription to the injured players insurance scheme.
4. The disappointing return from the Oxford raffles despite the efforts of the fellows who regularly attend and run it.

To the people who worked hard or contributed to our funds during the year I extend my thanks. Some of those worthy of mention follow:

1. Steve Creenaune and the Social Committee (especially the girls) who worked so hard in a busy social year go my congratulations and thanks. Despite all the break-ins they are still a very profitable committee.
2. The Oxford Hotel for their generous donation of \$1,000.
3. The Illawarra Master Builders Club for our annual allocation which covers the costs of jumpers and other gear.
4. John Josephs from Auto Clutch and Brake and all our other sponsors and subscribers to advertising in the year book which will pay for itself this year due to the vigour shown by Graham Collinson-Smith in securing advertisers.
5. Cheryl Bath who made and raffled the Waratah Bush Baby and Alan Dougherty who is selling 1981 Pictorial Diaries with the profit going to our Club. This sort of initiative is really great to see.
6. Steve Creenanne and the Touring Committee and all the people who sold tickets in the 500 Club.

I would also like to remind those people who have not returned all their 500 Club money of their responsibility to get it in post haste. If it's good enough for some it's good enough for all.



RON ROBERTSON

7. Joe Browne for undertaking the running of the Calcutta for 1980.
8. The team managers for collecting the match fees. Next year please be more generous and front them first with your dollar.
9. Last but not least to Julie for all her help in counting and banking the money collected during the year.

Full details of the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet will be available before the Annual General Meeting.

Once again thanks to everyone who helped during 1980 and hopefully we can do much better during our 22nd year.

RON ROBERTSON



Bryan Leo: A typical club Secretary

CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

100 Club games:

Allan Gregory
Wilf Hedley
Mark Hotchkiss
Tony Johnstone

Ian Kent
Bryan Leo
Russel Swanson
Mick Wilkins

TRIAL GAMES

1. **VERSUS SHAMROCKS:** (March 9). Pouring rain and only about 18 starters. A miserable day. The greens won a tightly contested game of two halves. Players who stood out for the 'Tahs — Bill Barker, Mark Hotchkis, Brent Edwards. Highlight of the game was Paul Murray's "bullet hole" between the eyes. A warming up from the weather occurred with a few pleasant beers and steaks at Hooper's after.
2. **VERSUS BOWRAL:** (March 16). This trial was very successful for Waratahs, both player and score wise. Some great tries were scored. John Dawson, Stuart De Landre, Ian Walker, Wolf Hedley, John Edwards and Geoff Youll especially stood out in a trial where the 'Tahs completely outplayed the opposition in all phases. Many of the older players had moderate games as most were still in a state of intoxication from Brian Warnock's party. Also pleasing was the roll-up of players — two sides were easily fielded, even though many established players were unavailable.
3. **VERSUS TEACHER'S:** (March 29). Two hard games of rugby were held on this weekend. Although the scores were not in our favour the games were a success as a trial. Numbers were again very good with no doubling up. Best players were Ian Kent, Chris Doyle, Stuart De Landre, Bill Barker, and John Thompson and Bubs. Referee Brother Brian also put in a good performance. Still at this time many of the older slacker players hadn't put their boots on for the season, but the omens were good for the season proper. The social committee less one (J.B.) organised the after game activities very well, coach Wessells seemed pleased with the day's activities.

KIAMA SEVENS

A good performance by the squad of players who attended: P. Murray, M. Wilkins, J. Watson, I. Walker, J. Edwards, S. Creenaune, S. De Landre, B. Barker, B. McKellar, B. Warnock.

Round 1 defeated Randwick Colts 24-10
 Round 2 defeated Shamrocks 10-3
 Round 3 lost St. George 15-6

TOUCH FOOTBALL RESULTS (Summer)

"I'll write this report as soon as possible."

—Signed R. Wessell (Manager)

P.S. Grand Final Results: Waratahs 2 Mercury) (see trophy in cabinet).

Highest Point Scorer: S. Creenaune.

Undefeated Captain: G. Collinson-Smith.

Losing Captain: P. Murray.

Best vocal criticism on field: M. Wilkins, B. McKellar.

Best interceptor of passes: T. Kane.

Best deceiver in attack: W. Collard.

Best deceiver in defence: P. Atkinson.

Most mysterious ball passer: J. Pettit.

Player most often in clear and caught: B. Barker.

Player with two left feet: B. Long.

Best fill in: C. Nursey.

Only one loss all competition (first game) — it must be the active and responsible managing of the side.




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This was a great effort as the Tah's finished higher than any other Illawarra Club in the winner's division. This is a positive reflection on the Club as some other local clubs throw the first game, and then go all out to win the weaker loser's competition. Support for the Tah's was great with many members travelling to Kiama to cheer the team on, and then returning to the Oxford to rejuvenate themselves.

REGISTRATION DAY — March 2

This social day was very well organised by the Social Committee. Bubs and Tewey controlled the stove whilst all the girls helped in the canteen. An active game of 20 a side touch was enjoyed as was a high flying game of soccer. Socceros Hotchkis, Watson and McConnell completely bamboozled all players with their skills. The only unpleasant aspect of the day was the raffle — Presidents don't win raffles, they only shout beers for the masses. Registrar Whant spent the day diligently collecting autographs, and he was closely followed by Treasurer Robbo hoping for the \$7. From all accounts both were quite successful with Rod Coleshill being the first scoop of the day.

Appreciation must go to the organisers for the most successful registration day that the Waratahs have had for quite a while.

FIRST GRADE REPORT

The 1980 Illawarra Rugby competition has been one of mixed fortunes for Waratahs, with the first grade side being plagued by a draw that right from the beginning was not conducive to the interests of Rugby within the Club. With the first two games being long distance trips to Shoalhaven and Goulburn, and then a series of byes and postponed games, saw the first grade side reaching the seventh and eighth round of the competition with very little match fitness under their belts.

At one stage of the competition Waratahs had 12 competition points and were sitting very well on the competition ladder. But with the withdrawal of Goulburn C.A.E. and a reshuffle of competition points, the Firsts went back to 4 points, and with a couple of more wins we finished with 8 points. The firsts finally finished last on the competition ladder.

Throughout the season, the team played many games where the scores between the two teams were very close, and some of these games were exceptionally well played by the team. The games that we won were ones where the team combined the skills they acquired throughout the season and the determination to WIN. Whenever the team went onto the field with this will to WIN, they produced some very fine running Rugby.

This year has seen a completely new and revamped team, with many new and young players becoming a part of the regular First Grade side which took the field. These players showed the potential and dedication to win them a First Grade spot, with enthusiasm being shown off the field towards the support of the club.

This year has seen a marked increase in the number of First Grade players that were regular trainers. With the improvement shown in this area of our player preparation, it was unusual that at the end of the season we, as a First Grade side were last on the ladder.

This year, Waratahs experienced something that many other clubs in both Illawarra and Australia will never experience. They played Rugby against a touring side from Canada, the "Trojans". The club prepared for this game for some months before, and it was decided that four invitation players would contribute to the composition of the team that would take the field. This decision proved very valuable as there were quite a few injuries from the game the day before, and these players were very much appreciated.



PAUL MURRAY

The game itself was played under extremely windy conditions, but some good, free playing Rugby was seen by the spectators who braved the conditions of the day to watch the game. With Waratahs leading right up to the last few minutes of play, the Trojans slipped past us and took the game, 10-7.

The experience gained by those players who participated was invaluable, and this experience developed and built up a very high team morale.

Next year, hopefully, it will be a much more successful year on the field with a programme towards improving our position on the scale and retrieving some dignity. A hard solid year is ahead for every First Grade player in 1981. Summer training begins in October and complete dedication by those people who want to play Firsts is requested.

At the end of a season of Rugby, there are many people who should be thanked for keeping the First Grade side on the field and for the smooth management of the team. But I would specifically like to thank Allan Gregory (Gear Steward), my two co-coaches, Ronnie Wessell and Michael Greenhalgh and lastly Johnny Dawson who very ably stood in as captain whenever necessary. My many thanks to these people.

PAUL MURRAY,
1980 Captain-Coach



L. to R. Standing: Rod Coleshill (Manager), Brian Warnock, John Dawson, Wolf Hedley, Lou Whant, Garry Vann, Chris Nursey, John Edwards, Bob McKellar.

Front: Ian Kent, Steve Vann, Geoff Youll, Ian Walker, Paul Murray (Capt. Coach), Mark McConnell, Gene Ross, Steve Creenaune. (Absent: Mark Hotchkis)



"What IS in there?" asks Ian Walker



"I k now it's up there somewhere" — Gene Ross



"Hurry up or I will throw it in myself"



"I'll take my ball and go" — Joe Brown



Bob McKellar requiring help



"Get back on that field, Mark"

SECOND GRADE REPORT

This year the position of second grade coach was not filled and having played in the team most of the year I take pleasure in recalling the season.

The cold facts of premiership points do little to indicate what went into this side during the year with only one point being achieved from a draw with tech. There were several games where an ounce of luck would have given us points but this was not to be. As usual the team was chopped around with players being taken out for other grades through injuries and unavailability.

There were a lot of good young players unearthed in second grade this year. Geoff Youll and Steve Vann cemented spots in first grade during the year. Brent Edwards and Greg Reilly formed a good combination at half and five-eighth. Chris Doyle had many a top defensive game in the centre, Steve Williams on the wing improved during the year and Dave Middlebrook at fullback was always safe and got us out of a lot of sticky situations. Ian Edmondson was playing well when injury cut short his season.

The forwards suffered from the player drain as well. Ian Kent, Wilf Hedley, Lou Whant, Charlie Hotchkis, Chris Nursey and Gary Vann all had stints in our tight forwards and were missing from time to time in first grade. John Thompson fell off his bike on the way to an early game and hasn't played since. Alan Dougherty shuffled between tight and loose forward with the occasional stint in the backline, playing well in all positions. Of the loose forwards at the season's beginning John Dawson, Billy Barker, Al Gregory and Jim Cla-Bour all had stints in first grade with Dawso and Billy playing in the higher grade for most of the year. Bob Thompson after starting well at breakaway had his injury problems and only made it back for the last couple of games.

Our Mr. Versatile of the Year has to be Brad Guy who started off as a crash-tackling centre and finished up at hooker doing a good job in both positions.

With the amount of talent that came through the side during the year, it is difficult to believe the poor results but injuries etc. made sure we couldn't stick with the same team for any length of time.



MICK GREENHALGH
(Scales)

Despite the difficulties during the season, at no stage did any of the players give up and enough cannot be said about the team spirit. The club owes a lot to these blokes who played all season in a losing team when players in other grades were showing much less dedication.

Socially, though, we had a good year and, providing we can retain our new talent, 1981 will be a much brighter year on the paddock.

P.S. I believe Greg Reilly is giving cheap field goal lessons in the off season if anyone is interested.

MICK GREENHALGH



L.to R. Standing: Mick Wilkins, Mick James, Ken Milner, Allan Dougherty, Dave Middlebrook (Capt.), Bob Thompson, Steve Dash, Brent Edwards, Greg Reilly, Mick Greenhalgh (Coach), Chris Nursey, Ron Robertson.
Front: Chris Doyle, Brad Guy, Ian Walker, Gene Ross, Allan Gegory. (Absent: Ian Edmondson, Bruce McKenzie).



"MR. CAMERA MAN, did you hear about my field goal?" — Greg Reilly



Paul and Worm after their best and fairest wins



"Scalpel — scissors — pacemaker . . . gun"



"Come on you slack forwards" — Scales



The Crowd

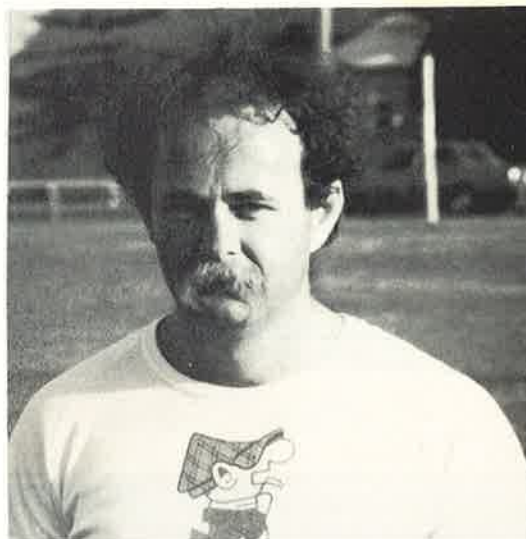
THIRD GRADE REPORT

That was the one that got away. After a shaky start to the season, with only 27 players to field 45 positions in the first game, I thought that it was going to be another one of those years; with a lot of blokes playing 5th grade (2nd and 3rd) each week. However, Lady Luck smiled on us, and the team soon settled down to a basic unit. I think everybody now realises the importance of this, and of winning those early games.

The season was quite successful both on and off the field, with some very good comments on the other grades and the thirds as well. The old thirds call of "yours" was heard less often than usual; always a good sign. The triumverate of Barney, Blood and Jimbo soon put paid to any idea the opposition had of kicking themselves into an attacking position. Who could forget those great line kicks by Barney against Vikings and Shamrocks, it must have been very disheartening for them; what a shame.

With the big three handling the defensive kicks and Moosh doing the attacking kicks we soon had all the opposition running around in circles (a few of our blokes were too). Very early in the piece our blokes learnt that all that kicking which scattered the cover defence led to a lot of loose ball, and opportunities. Tony Johnson and Al Gregory were quick to loose play, with even Bryan Leo giving a super human effort in the last game against Camden, often beating everyone to the ball. The tight forwards caught onto the general pattern of play and were soon winning more than their fair share of the ball, with Bryan, Wayne, Tony, Ken, Don and Gary doing some very good rucking and mauling. Don even managed a few runs with the ball. That 50 yard run at Camden which led to Tony Johnson scoring was a first class run from a second rower; watch out for him in years to come.

The defence put up by the side, both first up and in cover, was good and getting better as the season wore on. I'm glad Rusty and Brian were playing for us and not against us. I would hate to be hit by one of those tackles, let alone cop them all game. Take note any aspiring young centres, that



RON WESSEL

kind of defence can really pick a side up and make the forwards think that perhaps all the effort they have to put into it is worthwhile after all.

As I said earlier, it was the one that got away. Next year I think a lot more people will get in early and have a go, then perhaps we will be where we should have been this year, playing our last winning game on the Showground. Anyway, thanks fellas for a good season. We'll go on to bigger and better things next year.

RON WESSEL



L. to R. Standing: Bob Fleming, Ken Milner, Barney Ward, Gary Graham, John Edwards, Allan Gregory, Brian Moore, Don Graham, Jim Pettit, Ron Wessel (Coach).

Front: Rusty Swanson, Mal Davis, Bryan Leo, Tony Johnstone, Stuart Baikie.
(Absent: Wayne Collard, John Hayward, Bill Barker (Manager), Ron Romanovich)



"Ooo! Try to get it higher next time" — Gary Graham



"Where did you put that bus?"



"Support please" — Bruce McKenzie



Mick after 3 games



"Has it gone over your head yet Mark?"



"Harry — Harry — Harry"

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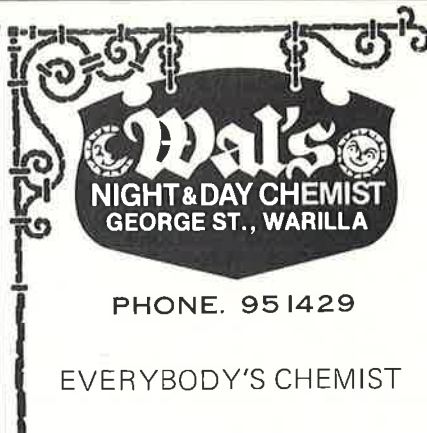
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LEFT: Discussing the game
- Brian Warnock, Garry Vann, Geoff Youll.

BOTTOM: End men of a first grade lineout
- Chris Nursey, John Edwards




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PRESENTATION NIGHT 1979

This annual event was held in the Auditorium at the I.M.B.C. Special guests included Mr. Les Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelly, Lord Mayor Ald. Frank Arkell, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Goodwin and the guest speaker Mr. Reg Whitton. Thanks must go to Mr. Whitton for his amusing outline of a possible best rugby team comprising well known politicians. Brian Silver was the unofficial guest speaker as were the Waratah Trip Away Singers. Graeme Collison-Smith was M.C. for the night, and awards were presented by the official guests with Brian Baird, and Roger Parish assisting. An appetising meal was consumed, much wine was tasted and an enjoyable night was had.

HANGI

Held at Macquarie Pass. This event became a two day jaunt as many camped the night prior to the cooking. John Kobek co-ordinated the meal. Bruce Boulding lost his balance and seasoned the cabbages. Removalist Hotchkis is still looking for his thong at the treatment works and Steve Creenaune, Pat Atkinson and Ron Wessel and others prepared and organised the event. A great success.

CHRISTMAS 1979

ET-TEW-BRUTE

Yes Brutus, in the shape of Tewy, took a giant step forward but the night belonged to that dynamic duo of Paul "White Leghorn" Murray and Barbara "Gunston" who took off the prizes for the best costumes at the annual Christmas Party held at Martin Fraser's residence. The night was rounded off by everyone going for a dip (some more often than others) voluntarily or not and occasionally with the assistance of our old "Aunty Jack" Hotchkiss.

MEET THE PLAYERS/BUCKS NIGHT

Most of the bucks were left very tame after an enjoyable night at Brian Warnock's house on 15th March. Bruce Boulding wasn't so "loose" after spending the evening tied into stocks, and becoming car sick (?) on the way home. Exotic rugby films highlighted the night, whilst the neighbourhood was treated to some well known melodies.

Brian's mansion made the surroundings very pleasant and all attending had a wet and boisterous time. Many guests extended their stay for the weekend either by their own choice or unexpectedly, with John Palmer expressing his thanks on the carpet. Thanks Brian for a great night and all members hope it can be repeated - sometime, yet not the night before a game as all those who think they played on Sunday can testify- Wessels, Bubs, Mark.

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SOCIAL REPORT

Thanks to the Club members and their friends for the great attendances at the social functions held this year. We have had a fairly successful year socially. We, the committee, set ourselves one main aim this year, that is, to provide a variety of social functions, at a reasonable cost and not to lose money at the same time. In our opinion we achieved this aim.

Looking back at this year there was the Hangi, at Macquarie Pass, the Fancy Dress Xmas Party (per last year's committee), then the Registration Day Family Barbeque at Keira Oval; and followed closely by the Players Get Together, incorporating Loose Bruce's Buck's Night and Warnock's House Warming (one bloke did not think the bathroom was very warm). Then we had a fairly quiet time socially, with the competition mostly to blame with things like matches at Shoalhaven, then Goulburn, followed with byes, etc. — there was not much chance to do anything along social lines. The next social event was the visit by the Touring Vancouver Trojans Club, though being very hectic, it was successful for the Club.

The 21st Birthday Reunion Night proved to be one of our greatest successes of the year. Finally, along came The Red and Black Ball, thanks to Warnock and the boys for the coffin, the people who got dressed up in Black and Red, and to those members who invited some of their friends along.

We still have some social functions ahead of us this year such as the Bong Bong Picnic Races Bus on the 18th of October, and the Xmas Party on the 29th of November, which is fancy dress, a Punk Night.

We have a few of this year's Social Committee leaving their posts open so that some new blood can join the ranks. Not an easy job by any means but the positions have to be filled and the job of providing social activities has to go on. I hope some of you at least have a think about it.

Thanks to all those who helped staff the canteen, those on the Committee, and especially those who are not. The canteen should be the biggest money maker of the Club, but with seven break-ins to the canteen this year we found it very hard to keep the profits up. The loss of stock ran into hundreds of dollars along with the continual maintenance and replacement of locks and doors. All this couldn't help one sit back and think if the canteen was really worth it.

The canteen had a certain atmosphere about it on Saturdays, sometimes very educational, sometimes hysterical, but mostly quite mad. We were all sorry the football season didn't go on a little longer as we missed out on the last three chapters of Trisha Whant's book "The Week by Week Guide to Pregnancy" 2nd Edition, and "The Build Your Own Home Manual" by Kathy. Just think of the money Barb



STEVE CREENAUNE

could have made if she patented her "non-alcoholic leg-opening fruit punch" which she made for the 21st Birthday Reunion. It is a great pity that she can't remember the recipe.

The Committee has done very well to uphold the Waratah tradition of supplying food after our home games at no cost to our own members, and also the opposition. This tradition is becoming somewhat of a task, not only to absorb the cost, but also the cooking, presenting and cleaning up after.

Finally, I personally thank the members of the Social Committee Kathy Hotchkis, Barb Hotchkis, Trisha Whant, Annette Boulding, Brian Warnock, Ron Wessel and Ian Walker. The main reason for the great social functions this year was the willingness of these people to carry out any job that was asked of them, and always available if there was anything else left to do. I commend them all on a job well done in providing the social outlets necessary for a football club to exist.

STEPHEN CREENAUNE,
Social Secretary



Wayne showing one way to pull his stomach in.



"Is that a body shirt Plonky?"

CROOKWELL TRIP

Saturday, 12th July: 30 avid Waratahs gave up their household duties to support Third Grade in their quest for the semis. 1st and 2nd Grade were granted a well earned rest after receiving forfeits from C.A.E. which had folded. It was good to see the many supporters attending, although there were a few notable absentees. A Club is only as good as its members and what they put into it — the more participants in organised activities then the better and more enjoyable the Club, both on and off the field. Strong Rugby opposition was expected although history was on our side as Crookwell has never defeated the 'Tahs. Exerts from supporter's diary: Left I.M.B.C. late (Coach Wessel's car broke down and he kept us waiting). Breakfast a la carte pie and coke at the various Robertson health diners — a good foundation for a rugby game and associated refreshments. Shown around Crookwell megalopolis by local boy by matrimony — Scales. Won an exciting tussle 3.0 — should have been 33.0 except for overvigorous and unfair play by opposition, breakdowns at vital times and to quote "the snail's pace of our honorary wingers". One did score the winning points after many attempts even though the ball was heavy (full of air); it had some obscene writing on it's side (Ref. P. Murray);

and he didn't want his wife to see his name in the results (as he wasn't supposed to play). Best players — veteran Stew and Ken "Loane". Players most needing coaching — Captain Leo — in expected injured behaviour; and evergreen Blood (he only touched the ball twice — firstly when he knocked the ball on and secondly when he picked it up to recover); and Rusty — in how not to do punishing tackles. "Sit me on my backside" Reilly, "Run me down" Dougherty, "Knock out" Cla-Bour, "Silence" Ross, "Flash" Coles-hill, Wayne "Finnane", "50 metres" Kent, "Prof." Graham, "Reserved" Bruce, big Tony "Puffing Marky" and the referee all kept the spectators awake and attentive.

Adjourned to local oasis. Celebrated our victory, Australia's victory (on T.V.), Warnock's next wash, and Bub's recitals about Waratahs and dahlias. Defeated Crookwell on the field and in the many other rugby facets. Staggered on to the bus to sleep (some of us) and returned to 'Gong to continue rejoicing at I.M.B.C.

Results of trip: 2 points in each grade, many tablelands friends, 1 stool, a deficit in the bus hire allowance, happy memories, Brent's comics, headaches and sore throats (again).

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BUS TRIPS

1. GOULBURN: This included a night at Goulburn Rugby Club. The injured John Edwards and Charlie Hotchkis had uncomfortable trips.
2. BOWRAL: Drinks at Bowral Rugby Club, dined and wineed at a local hotel. Drinker of the trip: Roger Parrish.
3. RUGBY TEST: Combined with Weerona Rugby Club. Quietest man on trip, Brian Warnock; noisiest, Bruce Boulding.
4. CAMDEN: Enjoyed a roasted pig at Camden Golf Club. Ian Kent renegeed on the return trip (sore ankle). Gary Vann won the raffle. Brad Guy sung the loudest, and the bus driver got lost.

ROGER'S SENDOFF

A group of Club members attended a function at the Oxford Hotel to farewell Roger Zimmerman who had recently taken up a new appointment in Melbourne with AIS.

Roger had a relatively short playing career with the Club commencing in 1977 and was a stalwart in reserve and third grades until injury forced his untimely retirement in 1978. Not to be lost to the Club, Roger continued to assist with the administration of the Club and is best remembered by quite a number of players in his capacity as first grade

team manager. He fulfilled this position in 1978 and 1979 and in those years there are very few players who can boast avoiding payment of match fees. Roger was also very helpful in looking after the players wallets etc. during the games. His presence has certainly been missed this year although the positions have been capably filled by others.

We wish Roger and his family all the best in Melbourne and look forward to seeing them from time to time.

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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

1980 was certainly a mixed bag. For the first time in the Club's 21 year history we won the wooden spoon, in two grades no less. However there were a few bright spots — we came so close in third grade, we did make 21 years as a club, and we improved our numbers in a big way for the first time in quite a few years.

The disappointing season on the field was balanced somewhat by a good year off. One of the highlights was the Club's 21st Birthday, which was celebrated in August with a reunion party at Wollongong Surf Club which I'm sure Steve will report on. Another big first for the Club was the visit by the touring Canadian sides, the Vancouver Trojans and the Burnaby South Senior Secondary team. Both sides thoroughly enjoyed their stay in the 'Gong and at this stage a reciprocal visit is envisaged for the end of the 1982 season.

If spirit counts for anything then I feel sure that the Club is on the way up again after a bad spell. The young blokes in the Club, especially those in 2nd Grade, show indomitable spirit even when being beaten time and time again. Next season if everyone shows a bit more application and dedication in the early part of the season, and the pre-season, we will definitely end up much better placed at this time next year. If anybody has any doubts about the importance of those early games just ask one of the third graders — then stand back and be prepared to cop an earful. While we are on the subject of next year, we should all start thinking about how we can help, not only on the field but also in the organisation side of things, and we can all pull the club back onto its feet.

RON WESSEL

THE HIGHLAND HANGOVER

On a fine sunny morning in May a bus pulled up outside the Master Builders Club. After a short delay while a few blokes were dragged away from the "heart starters", the Waratah machine headed up the mountain.

The trip was alright but as soon as you got out of the bus the wind went straight through you. There was immediately a need to become insulated against the weather but we had three games of football to play first. It turned out to be just as miserable on the paddock with narrow losses in all grades. We didn't lose heart though as the action got well under way at the bar. A couple of senior members of the club fresh from third grade were well on the way to self destruction.

After quite a few enjoyable beers and investment in chook raffles, we adjourned to "The Briars", a quaint little tavern down the road. The publican took one look at our crew and said there was no room left in the inn. Shortly afterwards greed prevailed and we were invited to stay. From then on

it was plain sailing as many found they had the wobbly boot on. "Captain Fantastic" (with an interesting accent) thrilled the crowd with his quick change routine and his learned apprentice (who was not sighted for some weeks after this trip) ensured the refreshments were kept up. A certain first grade forward who got the "best and fairest" mug appeared to have two wobbly boots and a not-so-amused wife.

Satisfied that all the enjoyment had gone from the pub, we poured ourselves back onto the bus. Having spilt most of the grog that was brought on the bus and drunk the rest we settled in for the trip home. Ron Robertson quite enjoyed chewing his cigar on the trip following a demonstration of the fend by our star third grader with the interesting accent.

Naturally there were a few tender heads the next day but all those who took the bus had a great day.

MICK GREENHALGH



"What's he saying Boy?"

Winning entries at Fancy Dress Party

TWENTY FIRST BIRTHDAY

Saturday, 16th August, at Wollongong Surf Club saw the Waratahs not only celebrate a 25-6 thrashing of Bowral but also twenty-one years of existence. Formal aspects of the night were started by President Jim Pettit who introduced the original club President Max Cohen, then Brian Baird, and comic Lloyd Hughes. Max and Jim cut a birthday cake and all persons present were asked to sign a key prepared by Brian Warnock. Many past presidents and former members were present including Bruce Carr, Chris Parry, Geoff Wells, Graham Dunn, Mayor Arkell, Phil McAlpine, Mick Kelly, Dave Walters, Ewan Poulton, Paul McCann, Geoff Thomas, Graeme Davidson and others too numerous to mention.

A talent quest followed and was won by the masters of mime W. Collard and G. Collinson-Smith, although poet A. Dougherty was the popular choice. A collection of club archives was on display and survived the rigors of the night. The social committee provided an excellent meal, Bob McKellar and Chris Nursey the music and Ron and Steve the organisation. It is hoped that the club can exist for another 25 years and that we all experience a similar well organised and entertaining night.

P.S. Lou Whant's thoughts on the evening:

"Who will ever forget the Rugby New Faces Talent Quest

judged by old faces. No matter what the judges thought or scored, it was top entertainment."

— Alan Doherty 10 points for sheer perserverance. The Third Grade boys 10 points, top choice for "Viqueen". The test goes mime (Wayne Collard and Graeme Collinson-Smith) 10 points. So very true of a Waratah. You will always find the cop in the bar when you need him. Shark (Steve Vann) and puppet Worm (Brad Guy) 10 points. You could do well if your prop learnt his lines. "Lord it's hard to be anymore woeful than I was".

— A comment heard during the night "How many of the 3rd graders have been seen with the club 21 years?" Mark Hotchkis couldn't believe his luck — 21 again. Cathy keep your eye on the glass, it's not as empty as it looks.

— On behalf of the executive committee and everyone else I'd like to thank Bubs and his babes and anyone else who contributed to organising such an enjoyable evening.

LOU WHANT

"Thanks Lou. You seem to have recovered fully from that brain injury."—Ed.



A COACH'S THOUGHT

I am an entertainer and I sing for charity;
For Oxfam and for shelter, and for those worse off than me,
Bangla Desh, Barnardo's Homes. And though I don't get paid,
It does one good to do some work for things like Christian Aid.
But for all the concerts that I've done for the homeless overseas,
The one I did that pleased me most was not for refugees
T'was for a home in Aussie land that stands amongst the trees
The sunshine home in Wollongong for blind Illawarra referees.

(apologies to Max Boyce)



The hamburgerlar?



Stu chatting up a blind referee — ask Tony Johnstone

TROJAN TRIP

Over the weekend of June 28 and 29 the Waratahs hosted the touring Canadian Club side Vancouver Trojans. Accompanying them was a Burnaby South Senior Secondary School team, who were billeted by club members. The Trojans stayed at the Piccadilly Motel. The Lord Mayor met the tourists at the Town Hall and they then visited the Master Builder's for lunch, and to watch Australia win the second rugby test against NZ. On Saturday night they attended the after game function of our home game against Shoalhaven.

The Sunday started with an Illawarra Under 18 side defeating the school team by 38-8. A large crowd of Illawarra rugby supporters was in attendance in very gusty conditions to view the major game. Invitation players Steve Streeter (Bowral) Country and Illawarra Captain, Joe Bruin (Goulburn), Rory Ryan (Shamrocks) and John Rangatawai (Weerona) assisted a Waratah XV. Fullback Gene Ross and half Ian Walker had fine games for the Tahs and although the Waratahs led 7-4 at halftime the Trojans scored a try late in the game to snatch a 10-7 victory. The Canadians dominated the forward play with their tall heavy pack and starved the speedy Tah backline of the ball. Injuries the previous day to Ian Kent, Paul Murray and Mark Hotchkiss weakened the Waratahs although their replacements John Hayward and Martin Fraser played well.

Ron Robbo ran a BBQ throughout the afternoon whilst the social committee looked after the canteen and then rushed off to the Oxford to prepare for the after match function.

Fine mementos prepared by Steve Creenaune, Keith Guy and Brian Warnock were exchanged and a large crowd enjoyed drinks before wooing the local girls at the IMBC Disco, when the hotel closed.

The Canadians departed with hangovers, happy memories and large grins on the Monday for the remainder of their trip along Australia's east coast to Brisbane, and then finally to Fiji.

TAH SIDE

G. Ross, S. Streeter, M. McConnell, B. McKellar, G. Youll, J. Bruin, S. Creenaune, I. Walker, J. Dawson, G. Ryan, B. Warnock, M. Wilkins, C. Nursey, J. Hayward, M. Fraser, J. Rangatawai, W. Hedley, D. Graham, D. Middlebrook, K. Milner, M. James.

RESULTS

Waratahs 7 (Streeter, try; Bruin, pen.).

Trojans 10 (Warnock, 2 tries; Mawhinney, conv.).



Brent Edward and Ian Kent



Wilf Hedley on the move



Gene Ross

GOOD FRIDAY PICNIC

The annual IMB Club and Waratah Easter picnic was held once again in perfect weather. Many Waratahs were in attendance and all enjoyed the games and the copious quantities of liquor. The Builders' masses defeated the Waratah soccer eleven as well as heavily outnumbering the Tahs in the tug-of-war. Not to be outdone a resounding victory was achieved in the softball despite the unprofessional umpiring by "IMBC Fred" and heavy handed tactics by "traitor Thompson". El Presidente Pettit took line honours in the gum boot throwing championships. Neil Tew acted as bar manager for the

day and did a great job. Wayne Collard spent most of his time trying to enter the egg and spoon race to impress his lady friend, but alas he missed the start, and Bob McKellar spent the day with his back to the crowd so that the kids couldn't read his T-shirt.

The Tahs wish to convey their appreciation to the IMBC executive Mr. Hickey and his managerial bar staff for their organisational and catering hospitality. Thanks for a great day and next year we will even win the tug-of-war.

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Brent, Rusty and Chris



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Dave Middlebrook



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THE WARATAH BALL

Saturday, 13th September was the date for the social event of the year, the Waratah Ball which was held at the Corrimal Community Hall.

The ball was well attended with many notable absentees but, as usual, everyone present had a great time.

There were prizes for the best dressed male, female, esky and table and most entered into the red and black spirit (to say nothing of the other spirit).

By the time the tucker arrived (about 10) many were not greatly interested having partaken greatly in amber and other miscellaneous spirits. Bruce was busy scoring his try in 1978 and Annette was giving a good impression of the "Adrian Quist" syndrome, tripping over several times on the way to organise our feast. The food was good and plentiful.

Some felt the music was a bit loud but after a few more grogs nobody was very worried.

The best dressed esky turned out to be a non-event. The music turned to the funeral march and a few of the better dressed vampires disappeared. The re-appearance was quite dramatic with "Worm" leading the procession of mourners carrying an extremely heavy coffin. Greg Reilly at the back received permanently bowed legs from the entry and

several others showed the strain. On reaching its destination the coffin was opened and out jumped Gary Vann. Somebody said it was bad luck he was still breathing. Anyway he was quickly turfed out and the coffin became the esky and was loaded with grog. Best dressed esky sorted out.

The best dressed table was won by the Robertson, Hotchkis, Boulding table and was set out like a football field with posts at each end, black and red balls (footballs) and various markings including Bruce's try and Mark on the burst (on all fours). Best dressed table sorted out.

Vampire Steve (Shark) and Footballer Kerrie took out the best dressed male and female respectively.

The band continued with their act until somewhere around 2.30 although by this time most of the remaining revellers were "under the table".

Thanks to all people who stayed to help clean up and especially to Worm who donated himself to be used as a "compressor" for the blue rubbish container. I hope he managed to have the cream etc. removed from his brand new Waratah blazer.

Thanks also to the girls who made the desserts and for taking the plates, knives, forks, et., home to be washed. Hope to see you all at the Ball in 1981.

TASMANIAN TOUR

Thirty-three club members journeyed to Tasmania for the annual Trip Away over the October long week-end. The trip began with a bus ride to the airport on the Friday, and then a departure to Hobart, arriving at 5.30 p.m. to a bitterly cold 9 degrees C. Some of the party stayed at the pink coloured Russel Hotel, while a smaller group stayed at a motel closer to the city centre. Many local establishments were visited throughout the weekend, but none more so than the Casino where fortunes were either won or lost as the 'Tahs pretended to be International gamblers. A wharfside hotel was also a popular watering hole because of its excellent location and friendly service. The Saturday was passed enjoying the sun and the sights of Hobart from this Inn.

As with all trips away a game had to be played, and this unwelcome task was prepared for on the Sunday morning. Players were up early and gathered courage in the hotel. Eastern Suburbs (semi-finalists in Hobart comp.) were the hosts, and they all arrived at the ground fit and keen, expecting to trounce the Waratahs. Yet this didn't occur as the 'Tahs readjusted to the competitive conditions and had a resounding 19 to nil victory. Gene Ross from fullback scored a try and kicked two conversions; Steve Greenaune a try and a field goal; and Brian Warnock a try. Mark Hotchkiss and Chris Nursey retired early so as to let the younger players carry the day. John Dawson led the team, and Greg

Riley was awarded man of the match for his bustling runs from five-eighth. The referee heavily penalised the 'Tahs, possibly in an attempt to prevent a cricket score. Steve Vann, Stuart Blaikie, Stuart DeLandre and the many other players all performed with class and determination in securing the Waratahs first ever victory on a trip away.

The Waratahs also dominated the after match function with their yard glass drinking, joyous singing and ballad reciting. Old favourites such as "My rubbarb . . .", "Waratah far away" and "Two arms two hands . . ." were instant hits. It was a pleasant day well organised by our friendly hosts.

Monday was the return home day, and this was spent drinking (yes again) or sight seeing. Who could ever forget the sight of nine burly rugby players capably led by Plonky, quietly enjoying Devonshire teas in an old guest house at historic Battery Point.

After much difficulty all persons were placed on the bus to the airport and headed for home. On arrival at 9.00 p.m. "fine master" Wessell and other cast iron drinkers set about to reduce the collected fine money at the IMBC.

A very enjoyable weekend was had by all although it is fortunate for our health that the trip away is only held once a year. Yet after such a fantastic tour we all eagerly await next years trip.



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Don Graham winning the ball. Leo assisting?

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B. BARKER	B. McKENZIE
B. BOULDING	R. McKELLAR
K. CARRE	D. MIDDLEBROOK
J. CLA-BOUR	K. MILNER
S. GREENAUNE	B. MOORE
W. COLLARD	C. NURSEY
G. COTTON	R. PARRISH
M. DAVIS	M. PEARSON
J. DAWSON	J. PETTIT
S. DE LANDRE	R. ROMANOVITCH
A. DOHERTY	P. RAGNOLI
C. DOYLE	G. REILLY
I. EDMONDSON	R. ROBERTSON
B. EDWARDS	G. ROSS
J. EDWARDS	S. SANDONA
A. ELLIOT	B. SILVER
R. FLEMING	R. SWANSON
M. FRASER	R. THOMPSON
G. GRAHAM	D. TIGHE
D. GRAHAM	G. VANN
M. GREENHALGH	S. VANN
A. GREGORY	B. WARD
B. GUY	R. WESSEL
G. HAMILTON	L. WHITBY
J. HARPLEY	B. WARNOCK
J. HAYWARD	I. WATSON
M. HOTCHKIS	I. WALKER
C. HOTCHKIS	L. WHANT
W. HEDLEY	M. WILKINS
M. JAMES	S. WILLIAMS
A. JOHNSTONE	G. YOULL
I. KENT	
M. LANG	
B. LEO	

TOTAL: 69

NUMBER OF GAMESPLAYED

A. JOHNSTONE	19
B. LEO	18
W. COLLARD	18
C. NURSEY	17
G. ROSS	17
G. YOULL	17
S. BAIKIE	16
M. McCONNELL	16
K. MILNER	16
S. GREENAUNE	15
C. DOYLE	15
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1980 MATCH STATISTICS

Opposing Club	1st GRADE		2nd GRADE		3rd GRADE	
SHOALHAVEN.	Lost	10 25	Lost	3 20	Won	18 4
GOULBURN CITY.	Lost	0 40	Lost	6 32	Lost	4 9
DAPTO.	Bye		Bye		Won	10 4
SHAMROCKS.	Lost	9 16	Lost	0 27	Lost	3 6
PORT KEMBLA	Won	6 0	Lost	4 11	No 3rd Grade	
BOWRAL	Lost	3 6	Lost	9 15	Lost	0 9
GOULBURN CITY.	Won	18 13	Lost	0 19	Won	6 0
DAPTO.	Bye		Bye		Draw	6 6
SHOALHAVEN.	Lost	0 11	Lost	3 11	Lost	3 4
WEERONA	Lost	0 13	Lost	0 10	Won	16 8
GCAE/CROOKWELL	Forfeit by G.C.A.E.		Forfeit by G.C.A.E.		Won	3 0
TECH.	Lost	6 19	Draw	6 6	Lost	0 5
KIAMA.	Lost	3 16	Lost	0 25	Won	26 0
VIKINGS	Lost	0 21	Lost	0 19	Won	3 0
TEACHERS/UNI.	Lost	0 3	Lost	4 10	Lost	0 6
BOWRAL	Won	25 6	Lost	3 28	Won	6 0
PORT KEMBLA	Lost	6 8	Lost	0 8	No 3rd Grade	
SHAMROCKS.	Lost	7 22	Lost	0 10	Won	21 0
CAMDEN	Lost	0 12	Lost	12 15	Won	25 0
TOTAL		93 231		50 266		150 62
Comp Points	8		5		25	
Position	Twelfth		Twelfth		Fifth	
Highest Point Scorers	M. McConnell	61	Dave Middlebrook	11	Jim Pettit	34
Most Tries	S.Creanaune	3	Steve Williams Jim Harpley Mick Greenhalgh Ian Watson	} 1	Mal Davis	6



Leading Point Scorer:
Mark McConnell



Balls up!

AWARDS FOR 1980

BEST AND FAIREST

- 1st GRADE Paul Murray (12)
- 2nd GRADE Dave Middlebrook (12)
- 3rd GRADE Stuart Baikie (14)

MOST IMPROVED

- 1st John Edwards
- 2nd Greg Reilly
- 3rd Don Graham

BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER—A GRADE

- Previously presented to—
- 1963 John Steele
- 1964 Ted McMilan
- 1965 Reg Piper
- 1966 Alan Elliott
- 1967 Alan Bateman and Terry Churchin
- 1968 Kerry Medway
- 1969 Mick Twemlow
- 1970 Dave Johnston
- 1971 Ron Brady
- 1972 Tim Young
- 1973 Tim Young and Graeme Collinson-Smith
- 1974 Mark Hotchkis
- 1975 Len Barker
- 1976 Mark Hotchkis
- 1977 Graeme Collinson-Smith
- 1978 Ron Wessel
- 1979 Mark Hotchkis and Paul Murray

B GRADE

- 1969 Rick Deem
- 1970 Stuart Baikie
- 1972 Pat O'Shea
- 1973 Phil Tindall
- 1974 Barry Doyle
- 1975 Joe Browne
- 1976 John Hayward
- 1977 Geoff Wells
- 1978 Jim Harpley
- 1979 Ian Kent

HIGHEST POINT SCORER

Mark McConnell (61)

MOST CONSISTENT

Tony Johnstone

BEST CLUBMAN

Steve Creenaune

C GRADE

- 1968 Kevin Callaghan
- 1969 Geoff Thomas
- 1970 Malcolm Graham
- 1971 Graham Cottom
- 1972 John Martin
- 1973 Barry Doyle
- 1974 Paul McCann
- 1975 Graham Smith
- 1976 Martin Ryan
- 1977 Bryan Leo
- 1978 Bryan Leo
- 1979 Dave Middlebrook

BEST CLUBMAN

- Previously presented to—
- 1964 Peter Head
- 1965 Reg Reeves
- 1966 Geoff Wells
- 1967 John Millar
- 1968 Chris Tyrrell
- 1969 Doug Roser
- 1970 Adrian Russell
- 1971 Bruce Carr
- 1972 John McGoldrick
- 1973 Neil Tew
- 1974 Gavin Steele
- 1975 Mick Wilkins
- 1976 Mick Fraser
- 1977 Mick Greenhalgh
- 1978 Mick Wilkins
- 1979 Paul Murray

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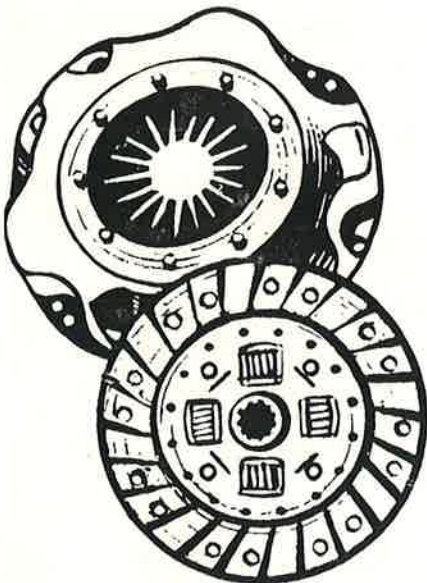
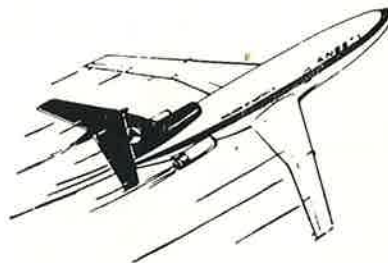
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