



NSW AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL HISTORY SOCIETY

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SOCIETY TO GET NEW HEADQUARTERS

History Society's Website at www.nswfootballhistory.com.au is attracting over 1200 hits per week. The key to this is keeping it regularly updated.



ALAN JEANS

St Kilda and Hawthorn legend, Alan Jeans, at 77 passed away recently following a long illness.

Some might remember that Alan coached the NSW team in 1979-80 in games against the ACT, Fitzroy and Richmond as well as conducting coaches education lessons in Sydney, Wollongong, the Central Coast and Newcastle during that period.

Alan, a New South Welshman by birth, is remembered with some fondness by those who were involved with him in that period. Most of the news agencies missed his involvement with NSW which took place during a coaching hiatus between VFL clubs. ★★★★★



The History Society is currently in discussions with the Western Suburbs Aussie

Rules Club at Croydon Park to secure permanent office accommodation there.

Through the AFL they have negotiated for rooms at the famous Western Suburbs Club premises in which they can carry on their work and also use it as a temporary storage facility.

The Society's committee intends to set up a work shop in a room on the first floor of the building where they can continue with the scanning of printed material relative to Sydney Football. Their plan is to lodge all this material on their website through the use of an OCR Programme, similar to the National Library's Trove Programme.

The Western Suburbs club has been a wonderful supporter of the game in Sydney throughout the past 50 years and this proposition is no exception.

RALPH ROBERTSON DISCUSSION IN SEPTEMBER

Society committee member, Miles Wilks, will present a talk on **TRUMPER PARK** as part of this year's Ralph Robertson Discussion.

Each year the Society sponsors a talk on an issue which relates to Sydney football. The discussion itself is named after a leading player in Sydney from the first decade of the twentieth century. He was killed in WWI

The subject this year is **TRUMPER PARK**, a ground at Paddington which became synonymous with football in Sydney as a venue for many famous games throughout the 1900s.

Wilks has recently published a book on NSW players who went on to play in the VFL/AFL and has undertaken an incredible amount of research into the subject.

The venue this year is the Alexandria Hotel in Henderson Road, Alexandria and will be held on Saturday 24 September commencing at 12 midday.

The cost is \$10 per head and bookings are essential. They can be directed to history@afnswat.com.au or by ringing the Society's secretary on 0403151303.

The upfront payment procedure will be advised

These annual talk fests on Sydney footy subjects are a must if you are a footy freak, so don't miss it.

Wonderful meals are also available at the hotel which is owned and operated by ex Sydney Swans player, Darren McAsey.

24 September is also the date for the AFL's preliminary final. Although the details of the game are as yet unknown, it can be watched at the hotel on their absolute gigantic screen.

SOUTH SYDNEY CLUB REUNION



The former South Sydney Club is having a reunion with the theme being their last flag, the Under 18 or third grade premiership in 1957.

Quite a few of the participants of the team are still around and keen to get together so the History Society is sponsoring the function to which players from all eras will be invited.

The function will be held at the **Alexandria Hotel, Henderson Road, Alexandria** on Saturday 8 October commencing at 1:00pm and will go through to 4:00pm.

More particulars contact Ian Granland on 0412798521 or email the Society [here](#)

The South Sydney Club was first formed in 1887 then folded in 1894 along with the rest of the Association. It was resurrected again in 1911, changing its name from Redfern. It again folded at the end of the 1976 season.

Please tell your friends who might like to attend.

NSW's INVOLVEMENT IN THE TEAL CUP

Somewhere along the line the spelling of 'Teal' became corrupted. The series was originally established in the early 1950s for regular competition between NSW and Queensland Under 17 teams and a trophy for this competition was donated by a Mrs Teale, a supporter of the Balmain Club.

Another Society committeeman, Bill Carey, will present a talk on the history of the Teal Cup next year as part of the Ralph Robertson Discussion.

Bill is searching out players, items of interest, scores, coaches and other people involved in the NSW Cup Teams from day 1 to get their views on the games.

If you can help and/or have some items which Bill could use please contact him at: 02-873 2699 or by email at: billcarey@bigpond.com