



NEWSLETTER

NEW COMMITTEE-PERSON

At their last meeting the Society appointed **Michael Livingstone** of Cessnock to fill the vacant committee position.

Michael first played football in NSW in 1983, firstly on the Central Coast then moved on to Sydney, the Hills District and Newcastle football leagues up until 1999. During this time he was selected in various representative teams and on one occasion as representative coach for Hills District. He was also a field, boundary and goal umpire and member of the umpiring associations in each of these leagues.

From 2000-2009 Michael furthered his umpiring Skills in the Southern VFL, Melbourne then finessed in the discipline of goal umpiring in QAFL.

He recently returned to the restructured Black Diamond AFL as a Field umpire with the NCCUA. He is currently a member of the Newcastle Junior AFL Regional Committee as the Representative Team Coordinator, a junior and senior umpire, juniors umpires coach and the Auskick Coordinator for Maitland Football Club. In his 30th year since joining NSW football, Michael joined the NSW Australian Football History Society.



WORLD WAR I BOOK

With the imminent anniversary of the ANZAC Centenary officials have decided to publish a book on the impact World War I had on Sydney football. The material available from early Football Records which included Jim Phelan's recollection of his time as league secretary during that period together with the now comprehensive information from early Sydney newspapers online, makes the task of harvesting the information much more achievable.

The writing of the manuscript has already begun. While the names and clubs of all the known footballers will be listed, one returning theme will be history of particular members, their families and early football history.

Already efforts have been made to secure funding for the project through sources, some especially established for the ANZAC Centenary. Listed here are some of the 1916 enlistments:

SURNAME	First Name	Club	SURNAME	First Name	Club	SURNAME	First Name	Club
Abotomey	Walter	Paddington	Erickson	Roy Robert	C Western	Hughes	Eric E	Sth Sydney
Anthones	Keith	Nth Sydney	Erickson	George P	C Western	Hurley	Alex Harry	Sydney
Boxall	Charles	C Western	Gill	Frederick M	Sth Sydney	Lakeman	Allen	Sydney
Campbell	W	Newtown	Grant	Charles	Sydney	Laver	Jack	Newtown
Dougall MC	Norman	East Syd	Gregory	Joseph	Sydney	Leahy	Frank	Sth Sydney
Dunncliffe	Robert Duff	Sydney	Hankin	John I	Sydney	Marriott	George C	Sth Sydney
Ellis - Lt	Albert	Newtown	Hedger	Stannus W	East Syd	McCargill	Frederick R	Sydney
Erickson	Albert V	C Western	Hughes 2Lt	Cyril E	Sth Sydney	McFadden	Edward A	Sth Sydney

Killed at Gallipoli C Western = Central Western

BENEFACTOR MEMBERSHIP

There are several categories of membership of the Society available. Long term Sydney football follower, James O'Connor has recently elevated his membership to Benefactor Status. We welcome James' initiative and encourage others to follow his example.

FACEBOOK



How many of you are aufait with Facebook? Well it's one of those social media communicator where messages are transferred to friends and associates normally by mobile phones. New committee person, Michael Livingstone, is working on adding our website to the Facebook community. We are also on Twitter and if you also are, why dont you add us to your Twitter list to get immediate news updates.



AFL GRAND FINAL TICKETS

The Society has been allocated two 2013 AFL Grand Final Tickets to do with what they wish.

Last year's allocation was snapped up immediately it became know that the Society had them for sale.

We are now making these available. With the Sydney

Swans a good chance to play off in September, and you're a fan, their purchase could well be a good investment.

If you are interested we will take the highest bidder. Just contact us for more details.

Don't wait until September and miss out. Talk to us now!

**AS OF TODAY
WE HAVE 69
MEMBERS**

ISSUES WITH MEMBERSHIP CARDS

We have encountered some issues with the production of the much mooted Society Membership Cards. We need to put more work in on this project so have shelved their issue until next year. Its not off the radar, just put over for a while.



NEWTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB REUNION

Don't forget the Newtown Football Club reunion on the 26 October 2013. The date is creeping up on us. **If you know anyone who might be interested in attending, let them know.** It will be held at the Alexandria Hotel, Henderson Road, Alexandria commencing at 12 noon. The cost is \$10 per head. Money can be deposited into the Society's Account: **National Australia Bank – BSB 082204 Account No. 176208454.**

If paying online please ensure your name is provided plus the word 'Newtown'. If paying by cheque or transferring at a bank confirm the payment by post or email.

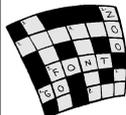
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We bid a warm welcome to the following new members of the Society and hope they enjoy being with us:

Morrie Elliott—ex Sth Melb Player

Ray Brahe—ex North Shore player

Michael Livingstone—still involved



TWO MEMBERS HAVE PASSED

In recent months we have lost two of our members. First, Bill Kernick (pictured), former captain, secretary and life member at Newtown has died. Another of our members, Norm Brooks father of outstanding Bankstown Sports & Campbelltown players of the eighties. Norm was a crossword creator and did most of his work for the Daily & Sunday Telegraph.



COLLECTION NOW ONLINE

Society officials are midway through the initial stages of a project which will bring a great deal of pleasure to our members.

1940 and 1950 photos, 35 annual reports and Football Records held by the organisation are currently being scanned, catalogued and added to a special database which is now online through our website. This number is growing.

Loading the data is a slow and tedious procedure and seeing it takes up to 40 minutes to process each document, you can appreciate the enormity of the project.

Many of these objects are team photos and where the names are displayed, besides the photo details, all the participants will be listed. If the person is in more than one document/ image, his name will appear on numerous occasions. A small copy of the images will also be included in the online catalogue.

The access point on the website will be a box at the bottom right of the main page.



ANOTHER BUNNINGS BAR-B-QUE

The Society is gearing up to undertake another Bunnings Bar-B-Que later this month. This time it will be held at Bunnings Wollongong. It is not expected to be as busy the former bar-b-ques so we will go with a reduced staff to this one. Nevertheless the funds raised at these functions go a long way to help with the various Society projects.

DISPLAY CABINETS

The acquisition of display cases we mentioned in our last communication has been shelved. It turns out the cabinets were too big and not portable. Besides this, the Society had no room to store these items. We have not discounted the idea but not just yet.



NSW SPORTS CLUB SHUTS

Some of you may remember the League Rooms at the NSW Sports Club in Hunter Street Sydney. Established in 1896, the club recently closed its doors due to lack of patronage. It was used by the league from 1910—1963. The building was home for many amateur sports over the years, but times move on.

A VISIT TO OLDS PARK

Some officials of the Society were guests of the St George Club on June 22 at the official opening of additions to their Peakhurst Clubrooms.

The improvements to the ground and facilities have come a long way since 1965 when they moved their base from Hurstville Oval to their present site. The additions include gymnasium and other facilities as well as an upgrade to the ground.

Amongst the one hundred or so invitees were a number of former club players including some of the club's Phelan Medal Winners: Noel Reading (1965), Dale Dalton (1977), David West (1991), Tony Quinn (1993) and Simon Wilson (1997).

There were many old faces amongst the attendees a number of whom of our members would remember dating back to the 1950s.



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH FOUND

There aren't too many Sydney club photos around from the 1800s but we have located one, newspaper photo that have best show you an image of the Waratah team, premiers in 1890. Waratah was the team that played Carlton FC in 1877. A larger size is available



WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE?

We post around two new stories on our website each week, all of which can be read at any time. Endeavours to integrate a new memberships programme purchased from the USA is proving difficult with the vendor now not answering our emails. As well our rep team programme is stalling, again with the designer not replying to our requests. In contrast, Gus's Question is getting a great response, you should try it. More clubs are providing info re past officials which we are slowly adding and to top all this off, we are now getting in excess of 500 visitors a day to the site.

NEWTOWN FC PHOTOGRAPHS

Former Newtown junior, Ron Jackson called into the rooms at Wests to provide a number of old Newtown photographs. These have been scanned and now appear on our website. Several old state photos have also been added recently. Strangely enough we are bereft of more recent state team images. If you are wondering, we did a bank trace and found the member who deposited \$40 membership without any further details. All fixed now.