



ITS RENEWAL TIME

The clock has almost done a full circle (and a bit) with now the time to **renew your membership**.

The cost is \$10 which goes to support, research, maintain and preserve the history of football in Sydney.

You should receive a renewal form with this news letter which we ask you complete and return. You can deposit your money directly into the account by electronic transfer, make a deposit at your local NAB branch or send off a cheque. Details are on the form.

SOCIETY TO SPONSOR MORE REUNIONS

Following the successful South Sydney reunion held in October the Society is now planning to sponsor reunions of:

- NSW Police Football Team
- Sydney Naval Football Club
- Newtown Football Club

The dates for these functions are still under consideration. However the first should be held in May, the second in early October and the last, the Newtown FC reunion will be held early in 2013.

If you know someone who played or might like to attend one of these functions please let them know of the planning. Final dates will be announced shortly.

*Merry
Christmas*

NEW BY LAWS CLOSER

The committee is expected to sanction a new set of by-laws under which they can better manage the Society's day-to-day affairs.

By-laws are different from the constitution; The constitution is a formal document which, besides other issues, formulates how the Society will be conducted, the election of office bearers, the disciplining of members and the management of finance.

Officials have been hard at it in recent weeks and recently tabled a draft of these by-laws. This document is expected to be ratified shortly.

FURTHER TRAINING ON THE OCR PROGRAMME

Early last year the AFL purchased a character recognition programme (OCR) which will allow the Society to scan all historical publications including *Football Records*, *Annual Reports* and *minutes* etc.

Once scanned the programme can search the database for a particular word or name, much like people search *Google*.

It will then display the results which will make research into the Society's archival documents very simple.

Training on the system continues.

FOOTBALL SOCIETY TO JOIN THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This organisation will shortly affiliate with the Royal Australian History Society.

The decision will allow us more latitude in researching various projects and obtain better direction in our activities.

The Royal Society has a permanent staff, located in Macquarie Street, where they also maintain an extensive library.



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Society will be holding a sausage sizzle at the Ashfield Branch of Bunnings on Saturday 21 January.

This activity is being undertaken in an effort to raise some funds to complete some of the projects the Society has on their agenda this year.

These include:

- The purchase of a laptop computer;
- Digitising a number of audio interview tapes held at the State Library of NSW;
- Buying of more shelving for the rooms at the Western Suburbs Football Club;
- The purchase of a guillotine for use at the office;
- Funding the writing of a NSW Representative Data base for the website;
- And the list goes on

2012 RALPH ROBERTSON LECTURE WILL BE ON THE TEAL CUP

Society Vice president, Bill Carey, will present a discussion on NSW's part in the Teal Cup covering five decades. It will explore the highlights (and perhaps the downlights) of the competition, players, coaches and managers.

Officials have now arranged a date, cost, *The years*—1951-2001 and are working on a contact list and venue.

This will be one talk not to miss, so keep your eye on the Society's website for further information and pop this date into your diary: **Saturday 22 September 2012.**

