

# NEWSLETTER

## OFFICIALS HAIL BOOK LAUNCH AS A GREAT SUCCESS



The April 15 launch of the Society's book on the effect WWI had on Sydney Football has been hailed as an absolute success.

So said Society president, Ian Granland following the event "there was in excess of 40 people

in attendance at the launch" Mr Granland said.

"Some were members of the Society and others were strangers to us which shows the interest in the project."

The son and daughter of a WWI digger who played football in Sydney before and after the war, travelled many kilometres to perform the launch on behalf of the Society.

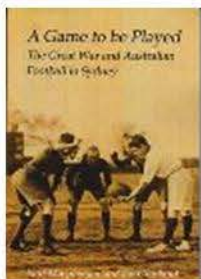
Lesley Brydon (pictured) and Ian Blackeby, both spoke eloquently and eulogized their father who played for the Sydney club over many years.

As a result of the day together with other publicity, quite a number of books were sold with some very positive comments received about its quality.

The publication tells about the game in Sydney before, during and after the war and also centres on quite a number of footballers who enlisted, many of whom did not return.

This is the first official publication on the game in Sydney which many would be surprised to know dates back to 1880.

The game in Sydney has had a very checkered history but carried on by some exceptional and dedicated volunteers.



### MORE ONLINE

For those of you who have access to and use the internet, the Society have now posted more of the Sydney Football Records online.



The range now dates from 1927-1967, with a few later editions added.

This means wherever you are you can log-in and read about football in that period.

We are slowly working towards the complete set—to 2015, being posted for public view absolutely free of charge.

These publications reveal a fascinating look at Sydney footy over the years and you can sit for hours reading about the game and its personalities.



### MORE PHOTOS REPAIRED

The Society has had three old Sydney football photographs repaired. Well when we say repaired their deterioration has been stabilised by professional archival preservation methods. They include:

- \* 1917 image of Gardeners Road School team—\$450
- \* 1925 image of Newtown FC—\$750
- \* 1922 image of NSW State Team—\$150

Total: \$1350.00

*In the wrong  
business,  
aren't we?*

### UPDATE ON REP GAMES DATABASE

We are continuing with our project updating games, players etc., on our NSW rep team data base online.

The programme itself has been enhanced to make it easier to move through but we are still only at games in the early 1920s.

One thing we are finding are the extra representative games which were never officially recorded.

## 1978 Sydney Football Film Now available

We may have mentioned in the past that we were having several film clips of 1978 Sydney Football games digitised, ie, put on disc which can be played on computer or in your video recorder. Well, we have finished the job and the following games are now available for purchase:

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| 23 April St George v Newtown   | 16 July East Syd v St George    |
| 30 April Sthn Dist v St George | 30 July St George v Newtown     |
| 07 May East Syd v Sthn Dist    | 06 August Newtown v PHills      |
| 21 May East Syd v Wests        | 20 August Sthn Dists v Balmain  |
| 28 May Sthn Dist v Newtown     | 27 August Newtown v Wests       |
| 25 June PHills v Balmain       | 03 Sept 1st Semi—East v Newtown |

Each are  
10-12  
minutes in  
duration

These are all of excellent quality, in fact we were surprised how good the vision was. Members price is \$25 each—incl. postage.

We only have limited numbers of the DVDs so be quick with your purchase. To order, put \$25 in the Society's NAB account: BSB 082 204, account number: 176208454. If doing it online, put your name in the details part and send us an email to confirm the deposit: history@afnswact.com.au

Otherwise deposit at a NAB branch and call Jenny on 42681945 to confirm.

**MEMBERSHIP AS  
AT TODAY IS 85.**

**NSW AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL HISTORY SOCIETY**



The hard work at the Bunnings Ashfield Store on 3 May saw us gross \$2113

Like running a footy club or any non-profit group, it takes money and we are not alone in our efforts.

**TOO HARD BASKET**

We are yet to do something about air conditioning our room at Wests

Just a note to let you know that two of our members or former members, Geoff Shone, ex Eastern Suburbs & Sydney Naval along with Bob Stirling from the St George Club have died.



Jeanette Jackson, the wife of our sole Foundation Level Member, Ron, has taken up membership of the Society at Benefactor Level—You can upgrade your membership—Just ask!



**Have you ever heard of PayPal?**

PayPal enables buyers and businesses to send and receive money online. PayPal has over 100 million member accounts in 190 countries and regions. It's accepted by merchants everywhere, both on and off eBay.

We have opened a business account with PayPal to enable members to pay their subscriptions online through that manner. Also, if people want to purchase items, they can do so through PayPal. They then do not have to manage their way through our online banking then send a confirmation email.

Of course they don't have to use it, they can pay in the normal way by cheque or direct deposit at the bank but we think this feature would facilitate the growing users of online financial transactions.

Now all we have to do get it working and get it 'talking' to our revised and new memberships programme, Magic Members. I can tell you we have been trying to get our Magic Members Programme integrated with our system for a couple of years now. Working with computers takes time—grrrr!

**CHANGE TO WEBSITE**

We mentioned on the previous page that possible changes to our website are pending. All the data will remain but it be easier to navigate and find things.

Our Vice president, Paul Macpherson, is applying for a Cultural Grant through the Department of Arts which, if granted, should assist us in getting a new look to the site.

Our site already attracts up to 1000 hits (enquiries) a day and we like to make it more appealing for those interested in reading the material we have put up there.



Gus came up with the idea of a tour of places in Sydney which have some football significance. We re-badged it as a 'Magical Footy Tour' and gave it a run on our website.

Sadly we had no takers. The idea was to start at a central venue then do a tour of various places in the city and suburbs where football was played or some significant event took place.

We thought it was a great idea where a cuppa would be part of the deal. Maybe next time. Let us know if you are interested.

**TOM MAHON DOING HIS BIT**

An old South Sydney player and recent addition to the committee, Tom Mahon, is doing his bit each Tuesday helping with various tasks in the office at Wests.

"I can't work a computer, and I even have trouble with my mobile phone but am happy to come along and give a hand where I can. From what I can see there is always something to do and the people there are great to get along with." Tom said. Can you help? There is always something to do.



**OLD INSIDE FOOTBALL ISSUES SOLD**

Committeeman, Ian Wright, did a bit of a cleanout and brought us in some 1986 copies of *Inside Football* and *Footy Week*.

We scanned the NSW columns in then which were posted on the website then put them up for sale on Ebay.

One lot brought \$250 while the other raised around \$150, so the effort was well worth it.

Do you have anything you might like to donate to the Society which, if we deem not really in our interests to keep, we might put up for sale? More recently we put up 1935 copies of the rules of the game. The interest is astounding and we hope they raise some much needed funds with the sale.

**NEW ROLE**

Memberships Officer, Jenny Hancock was recently appointed to the new position of Office Manager. In this role she will organise the work to be done at the Wests Rooms, allocate people to jobs, organise the new material and generally ensure that everyone has something to do while they are there.

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