

## RENEWAL TIME

Some who receive this news letter are subject to renewing their membership.

If this is you, we have included a renewal form or you can do it online at our website of:  
www.nswfootballhistory.com

It is important to us to retain members. Don't let this opportunity slip by. Either complete the attached form and slip a cheque in the mail or go to our website.

By now you should be able to pay online too.

If you don't have that extra form in the envelope you can forget about this blurb.

### MANFA

Jenny Hancock has undertaken a study on the old Metropolitan Australian National Football Assn which folded in about 1954. Should be an interesting project.

### NEW LAPTOP

When there is a full complement at our Wests Rooms for the working bees, there were not enough computers to go round. So we purchased a Laptop computer from Aldi. This has been connected to the router by ethernet cable which now provides access to the server. Five computers now serve us.

### FOOTBALL RECORDS ONLINE FOR YOU

Slowly we are loading all the Sydney Football Records from 1927 onto our website, through the 'Collections' link. The number is building weekly and as we do more work with them we are getting better at it. Have a look at the lower portion of the website front page to see what is new on the site, go to the 'Collections' link and follow the prompts. Happy reading.

## FIXING UP OLD PHOTOS

We have four old Sydney football photos in at the photo repairer. It would be very difficult and extremely expensive to bring these photographs anywhere back to a reasonable state but what we have agreed to is having the repairer stop the deterioration.

People generally are unaware that keeping photographs in frames, exposed on a wall and subject to light and other normal procedures like putting them between sticky transparent pages in photo albums shorten the life of photographs.

In the Society's case, the only way to maintain them is to scan a digital copy and then keep the original covered and laying flat, away from any potential dangers.

On the right is a 1904 image of the Redfern team. Unfortunately it does not contain any names but is an example of the state photos can get to if left to the elements. The bill for stopping the decay of four of our photos is over \$1300.



1904 Redfern Football Club



**DEATH OF WWI FOOTBALLERS**  
In keeping with the WWI theme, in this the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC, our secretary, Heather White, is compiling a profile on a number of former Sydney players who were killed in the first war.

You can find these under the adjacent symbol on the Society's webpage and will be added to regularly.

## HERITAGE CLUB LISTING

Committeeman, John Addison has taken on the almost infinite job of listing all clubs, both junior and senior, that have participated in Australian football in Sydney, and later NSW.

This is a task the committee have overlooked in their endeavours to preserve the more tangible material from football's past.

Countless clubs have come and gone since the game was first established in Sydney in 1880, and we do have some ad hoc lists but there has never been any dedicated move to document these. By recording these we mean: Name (together with any changes), dates existed, division/s, colours, ground etc.

This work dovetails into the league and club registration section on the computer programme the Society uses to record and catalogue various items and other significant historical data.

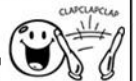
## ARE YOU A FAN?

Of our website? Some time ago we reported that an independent person was compiling the Sydney 1st grade scores and posting them online from 1903 onwards. To find them you go to CLUBS & LEAGUES on the navigation bar > GRAND FINAL SCORES > SYDNEY FINAL FOUR AND GRAND FINAL SCORES > on the right of that is SYDNEY FIRST GRADE SCORES FROM 1903. Do it slowly.

Our man tells us it's a drawn out process but he will get there.

## GUS TRAINS IN AUDIO RECORDING

Treasurer, Gus McKernan, has taken charge of our most expensive recording equipment. It really is state of the art stuff, trouble is, while two on the committee, including Gus, did some preliminary training with it all, the knowledge they learnt has left them. So Gus is looking to do further training and get about with this equipment to interview former players and officials of the game in Sydney and surrounds. We wish him luck



## IT'S HOT WORK IN OUR ROOMS AT WESTS

Work at the Wests Club in these summer months has been extremely hot so we have made approaches to the club to see if we can fit either a split system air conditioner or a room air conditioner, AT OUR EXPENSE. This would make the environment more pleasant for the workers. We have also asked if we could fit pink bats in the ceiling to help keep the heat out in the summer and keep it in during the colder months. We are waiting for the reply.

## SOCIETY TO SECURE OLD NEWSPAPER PHOTOS

The committee recently resolved to purchasing old newspaper football images through various state libraries.

Some wonderful photographs were published in newspapers over the years and mindful of copyright, we will budget to purchase a handful every year.

## 1978 MATCH VISION

Remember we mentioned that we have unearthed a number of 1978 16mm films of various Sydney matches?

Well, by the time you read this we will have had these 12 canisters transferred to DVD and also on thumbdrives. This \$4,000 exercise, will allow us to show some of this vision on our website and offer these 10 minute or so DVDs for sale. Now, all clubs in that era, are represented in these films and we are looking forward to releasing them.