

NSW Australian Football History Society Inc  
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# NEWSLETTER

Ron Jackson upgraded to Foundation Membership—You too can also update yours to a higher level.

## Special points of interest:

- We have loaded more Football Records onto our website, now into the 1970s.
- Also, SFL & NSWAFLL meeting minutes from 1979-1983. Interesting reading.
- We have uploaded the NSW 1986 column from Inside Football and will soon put up the 1984 column.
- Also, we now have an analytical programme monitoring the website which provides, amongst other things, who, when and where those who use the site are from.

## WEBSITE CHANGES

If you are one of the many readers of our website, you will shortly notice several changes, one of which is the alteration in the format which will make navigating the site easier and more user friendly.

Already we have recently installed SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) on the site. This is the standard security technology for establishing an encrypted link between a web server and a browser. This link ensures that all data passed between the web server and browsers remain private and integral. SSL is an industry standard and is used by millions of websites in the protection of their online transactions with their customers.— *So, is that as clear as mud?*

Also, we are currently looking to place paid advertisements on the site for those who are NOT members. Members will be able to log on and read various articles and material in the site free of the incumbrance of ads. We get \$\$ from the ads.

Further, we will also be installing a 'check-out' system for the sale of our numerous publications, shirts etc.

As well, our memberships programme which at last has been fixed will enable automated emails to go out to members when their fees are due etc. This and the checkout system can be paid with PayPal, which is a universal internet payment method. You may not be aware of PayPal but it's part of the changing nature of internet processing. So you see, its all happening.



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 ★ This year's copy of our ★  
 ★ Annual Journal is being ★  
 ★ compiled by Michael ★  
 ★ Livingstone and should ★  
 ★ be posted out to you ★  
 ★ within the next few ★  
 ★ weeks. Again, some ★  
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Society membership today stands at 88



## KAY TEE NOT WELL

Our former secretary and editor of the Sydney Football Record for many years, Kevin Taylor is not well, following the detection of a lung infection.

Kevin carried the media flag for Sydney football for many years with his 1978 Australian Football World Panel on Channel 7, reporting "exclusively" on the game for a number of Sydney radio stations—at the same time and the author of a regular article in a Sydney Sunday newspaper. Our code has a lot to thank him for.

## GRANT APPLICATIONS APPROVED

This year we applied for two grants; One from Arts NSW, a state government department, via the Royal Australian Historical Society (with which we are affiliated) to upgrade our website, and the other through the ClubGrants (NSW) Program, via the Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club for a new computer to replace the aging main server in our office.

Both of these applications were successful so now we are in the process of 1), replacing our 'server' computer and, 2), undergoing preliminary arrangements for changes to the website, as referred to above.

People have often asked how we have been successful with a number of grants. Simple. Find the grant application, ensure the application fulfils the criteria, don't ask for too much, complete the application with the correct information and submit it through the right channels in the required time.

If you are involved with a non-profit community group anywhere in Australia and want to know more, go to this site: <http://community.grantready.com.au/> which explains all the available grants throughout the country with the hows and whens to apply.

There are an incredible number of grants available, people are just not aware of them or too lazy to apply.

## Bert Ellis inducted into Sydney Football Hall of Fame



Yes, we know, who is Bert Ellis?

Born in 1891, Bert attended Erskineville School, later he played for Newtown, then, prior to WWI represented NSW at the All-States Carnival in Sydney in 1914.

He enlisted for WWI, was wounded in Europe, promoted from a private to lieutenant and returned to Sydney in late 1918. Bert is featured in our book on the impact WWI had on football in Sydney.

When he returned he again played for Newtown in 1920. Bert represented the state in 1920, 21, 22, 23 & 24. Unmarried, he died in Sussex Inlet, NSW, aged 90, like many before him, unknown to the football world of the day.



## ANOTHER BAR-B-QUE

We are holding another fund raising bar-b-que at Bunnings.

This time at the Wollongong Store on Friday, 18 December and we welcome the help of any of our members to assist in the work on this date.

These are great days and lots of fun especially watching treasurer, Gus McKernan ask if the buyer "wants fries with that" or rather, a drink.

If you can help let us know, it's a week day just before Christmas so we are hoping to derive a good return from the day.

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## Photo Purchase Put on Hold

Earlier this year the committee resolved to purchase NSW Australian Football photographs that were published in various newspapers throughout the country. We have identified about 10 or so dating from 1907 onwards, some team and others action images.

However with the cost of our pending changes to the website we have put these purchases on hold until more funds become available.

Speaking of photographs, we would love someone to come and take over the role of Image Manager at our rooms at Magpie Sports at Croydon Park. We have an ever growing repository of various images, some well over a century old, and we need someone with a touch of computer literacy to come in, scan the images, catalogue them in our system and post them on our website.

Let us know if you are interested.

## A FURTHER PROJECT STALLED....

Society Vice President and author of our book on the Impact WWI had on Sydney Football, Paul Macpherson suggested the Society stall the other project to offer a university student a cash incentive to complete their masters thesis on a subject of our choosing.

The idea is to have a semi professional article written on an aspect of Sydney footy which will then become a legacy to the game. The reason for the delay is to concentrate our funds on the new website. Rest assured, it will happen.



**COMPUTER WORK**  
We have been asked who is doing our recent work with our website. Well we have been fortunate enough

to be introduced to Mike Gerlyand who is an Analyst Programmer gaining his Bachelor of Computer Science from the University of Western Sydney. He is an interesting person who spent some time at our offices recently "fixing things".

## MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO BUILD

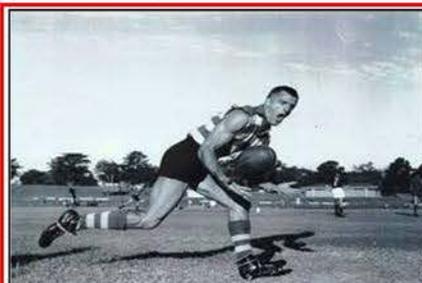
The most recent applications for membership to be approved include the following:

- Anthony Pitcher
- Brian Crouch (re-joined)

Membership to the Society can be likened to a graph, we get some and lose some although we get very disappointed when people do not renew. Your membership is our lifeline. Most of you spent a good portion of your life in NSW football and we hope you see your membership as a way to keep involved. There are different membership payment methods now available, you can either pay online or send in a cheque.

## OVER A DOZEN MEMBERS ATTEND PHELAN MEDAL NIGHT

Society president, Ian Granland and Memberships Manager, Jenny Hancock, attended the League's annual Phelan Medal Night in Sydney recently. They said they counted over a dozen History Society Members in attendance including Phil Matson who had come across from Perth for the event.



## TONY WHISH-WILSON

He only spent half a season in Sydney in 1960 as a 23 RAAF officer but the young Tasmanian won the Phelan Medal with 20 votes, four clear of his nearest rival, Graham Hare of Balmain. Tony and his wife live on a small property outside Hobart and this year made the journey to Sydney to attend the annual Phelan Medal Night. He was joined by a number of former medalists including Paul Bouchier and four time winner, Rod Podbury.

## HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN

Jimmy Little, the former mentor at Campbelltown FC, would turn in his grave if he knew the present situation at his old club. This once very strong side which boasted such a wide and robust junior competition in the area is in need of help. This year they only fielded one senior side in division four and an Under 19 team in Div 2 of the grade and they certainly struggled. Many of the club's players moved to other sides in Sydney which didn't help. The club is now faced with a rebuild which, as you would know, takes a lot of commitment and time mostly by officials. A mighty effort will be required.

## LATE NEWS

Since beginning this newsletter a couple of developments have occurred.

Competition favourites, East Coast, formerly Baulkham Hills (again headed by Peter Physick) were rolled in the grand final by Pennant Hills. This is the Demon's first flag since 2008 when they also beat East Coast. They were runner up in the past two seasons.

Former Wests and Banksdown player also Swans trainer, Bruce Hunter has joined the Society. He is now trainer for junior state and representative teams.

At the Phelan Medal Night, Society Member, Barbara Dickin was been made a life member of AFL Sydney. Congratulations Barbara.

## PHOTOGRAPHS BUILD

The Society's repository of photographs continue to build by the week. Recently a batch from the late Lionel Beakes collection were added and while it is wonderful to see more come in, we are reaching a situation that we desperately need someone dedicated to cataloging, documenting and processing the images. If you are computer literate and want to join the small band of volunteers of a Tuesday at our rooms at Wests, contact us with a view of helping out. Many of our images are loaded onto our website for the benefit of members and the general public and this would make up part of the role.