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*Here we are half way through the year; time goes so fast when we get older I sometimes look at the calendar and tell myself it's time for a newsletter and yet another month goes by. So here is what has been happening within our Society during the past six months or so. I hope you enjoy the read.*

ELECTED	INFORMATION
President – Ian Granland	The annual meeting held earlier this year was attended by the usual number, not much varies, with those nominated reappointed to their posts.
Vice President – Paul Macpherson	
Secretary – Heather White	Members were circulated with the annual report and the required paperwork prior to the event which was held at the Magpie Sports Club, Croydon Park.
Treasurer – John Addison	The financial report declared a deficit compared to 2015 however the balance in the Society's account remained extremely buoyant mainly due to several projects not being pursued. Hopefully these will be fulfilled this year, but, time marches on.
Committee Persons	Another reason for the resilient financial position was that a \$3,600 grant had not been expended. This money has now been part paid with the remainder expected to be remunerated shortly.
Tom Mahon	
Jenny Hancock	
Ian Wright	
Gus McKernan	

### MORE FOOTBALL RECORDS ONLINE

The Sydney AFL Football Record is no longer published mostly due to a lack of interest and more access to digital information. However, copies from 1927-2015 have been posted on the Society's website, a repository which now extends to almost 1800 editions.

They have been joined by some from the Black Diamond AFL and former leagues, Central Coast and Newcastle. In addition a few Broken Hill FL Budgets have been added to the site along with a minimal number of match programmes from the Riverina.

We have asked both Broken Hill and the Riverina FL for old copies of their match programmes which we can scan and add to our collection but these have been slow in coming. If and when we receive them it will prove to be a wonderful look back at football with these wonderfully historical documents.

### WELL, WE PURCHASED IT!

Some years ago we donated 44 boxes of material to the State Library of NSW, mainly because then we had no repository to keep the stuff.

Since we have found a home at the old Western Suburbs Aussie Rules Club at Croydon Park and would like it back. Sorry, but it doesn't work that way!

When you donate anything to museums, libraries and the like you sign away your ownership. Anyhow our vice President, Paul Macpherson has been negotiating with the SLNSW about getting access to this material and apparently they have signified they would be willing to loan it to us.



In view of this we were given a grant by the Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL to purchase a scanner so we can scan the pages and pages of stuff which we can then load onto our website for all

to see.

### SPEAKING OF PAUL - HE GETS WORK!!!!

Our outstanding Vice President, Paul Macpherson has secured temporary employment at Sydney Uni for a short period which has precluded his at his presence at our Croydon Park Office.



Paul is the main cog in our wheel and he is sorely missed.

### WHO IS GOING OVERSEAS?

Society treasurer has just come back from six weeks touring the UK and Europe, vice president Paul Macpherson is off to Canada shortly while the president and secretary of the Society too will travel to the UK in August. Are we missing something here?



**DEATHS**

*We often are informed of the passing of many former NSW football personalities. Because of the number we receive, it is difficult to identify one over the other and in publishing names we could well miss someone. Suffice it to say, death is still happening.*

**NEW PROGRAMME TO UPGRADE NSW REPRESENTATIVE GAMES**

In our last report we again mentioned the upgrade to our representative programme, where we list all the NSW games and their particulars. Well the programme is now online and can be accessed via the Navigation Bar on our website in 'Historical Archives' and choosing one of the first two options.

The work on this programme is ongoing and we are now up to 1941.

As we mentioned in our annual report, it is our intention to list as many former players, umpires and officials as we can - a huge job but work has already started in compiling lists.

You may well find yourself on our list rather than later.



**NEW MEMBERS**

Here are a list of members recently joined:

- Bill Allan (*umpire*)
- Pat McCourt
- David Pitts (Canada)
- Jeanette Jackson to *Foundation level*

**NEWS IN BRIEF...**

- Society committee meetings will move to bi-monthly.
- The 1952 Phelan Medal won by Frank Gascoigne has been donated to the Society.
- The 1958 Kealey Medal (U19) won by Fred Cahill has also been donated to the Society.

**WHERE ARE YOU???**

In our annual report we asked for volunteers to help us compile a register of:

- grounds used for football in NSW over the years, and
- clubs that played Australian Football in NSW since day 1.

We had no takers.

We have all the criteria and what data needs to be collected, the only condition is that you will **need to be computer literate** in order to harvest the information. AND, you can do this at home in your own time. There is no hurry. Please, contact us if you are interested.



**FOOTBALL TIMELINE**

As we said in our annual report we are working towards placing a NSW Football Timeline on our website. We want to include significant events from all around the state and now have to work out, 1) how to get the information and, 2) what to include and what to omit. It will be an interesting exercise.



Ron & Jeanette are Foundation Members. You too can upgrade your membership to a higher level and support the Society