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IT'S BEEN A WHILE

But we're back with a bit of news for you. First our much vaunted plans for further website expansion and establishment of a 'location app' have not seen the as much progression as we would have liked.

That's not due to our inability to make it all happen, rather the people we have had working in that area have not been as hard at it or enthusiastic as we would have liked. However we are pressing on because we want to make it happen.



NEW COMPUTERS

We have updated all the computers at our Croydon Park Rooms to the one you see on the left.

They present big 23" screens and are faster and have a greater storage capacity than the old ones we had.

Our internet connection, you might remember, is through a much worked on Telstra land line. Treasurer, John Addison, is finding quicker up and download speeds through an Optus Sim Card so we may well go back to a wireless connection to the internet.

NEW FACES ON THE COMMITTEE

Mandy Keevil joined the committee at the March AGM. She is daughter of Terry Keevil, who played with Newtown in the late 1940s and was a librarian at Ashfield Library until her recent retirement.

ALSO

Shirley McKernan, wife of former committeeman, Gus, has also joined the group. We still get together each Tuesday at our Croydon Park premises and at the moment are slowly cataloguing and storing the large collection that belonged to Gus.

MATERIAL AT THE STATE LIBRARY

You may remember that a lot of material we collected prior to establishing rooms at the Western Suburbs Football Club, now Magpie Sports, was given the State Library of NSW.

Once established we endeavoured to get it back but once you give such items they no longer are ours. So for the past few years we have been negotiating with the library to gain access, which we have now done and viewed what they have.

Presently we have a request in to take it offsite to copy.

One thing we did manage to obtain was digital copies of interviews conducted with former club and league officials undertaken several years ago. These shall be posted on our site for everyone to listen to.



WORLD WAR I BOOK

We still have several copies of the book we published about football in Sydney so have decided to donate a number to local libraries around NSW.

We are currently drawing up a list of recipients and will post these publications out shortly.

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL GROUND, ALEXANDRIA

Between 1911-1915 the NSW Football League owned the former Rosebery Racecourse which was situated on the north west corner of Botany and Gardeners Road, Alexandria.

We are very keen to investigate the history of the ground and our president, Ian Granland, has volunteered to write a paper on this once former major football venue which once hosted games between NSW v Geelong, Queensland, Combined Riverina and East Fremantle.



"This is such a fascinating piece of NSW football history" Granland said "and it behoves us, as a football history Society, to explore and document exactly what happened there all those years ago."

"We already have a mountain of data on the place and just recently asked the Archives Department at the City of Sydney (the local government area in which the ground is situated) to provide us with any additional information they might have on the ground."