

# NSW FOOTBALL UPDATE

## NEW PERSONNEL APPOINTED TO THE LEAGUE'S ADMINISTRATION

Two new people have been appointed to the NSW Football League's Administration.

They are 30 year old Donna Burke who has an extensive background in sporting administration who has taken on the position of Operations Manager in place of Tim Johnson, our newly appointed Development Manager.

The other to join the League's ranks is 27 year old former high school teacher, Damian Humphries who won the job as Northern Region Development Manager, based at Coffs Harbour.

Whilst Donna has limited experience in Australian Football she has held executive positions in Hockey, Touch Football and Rugby League. As Op

erations Manager she will be primarily charged with administrating the three Sydney Open Age Competitions as well as overseeing country football.

Damian on the other hand will work in the development area in the Mid North Coast, North Coast, Summerland and North West Football League. He will work from his office at Coffs Harbour.

**RULE CHANGES**  
Changes to the Laws of the Game have been announced and copies of those changes are enclosed for the information of affiliated clubs.

**1990 SUPER RAFFLE  
BIGGER & BETTER  
THAN EVER**

The NSW Football League will again conduct a Super Raffle in 1990.

In 1989 the raffle helped many clubs throughout the state with their fund raising which initially proved very difficult with all the rain.

Coaching and Promotions Director, Craig Davis is hot on the trail for more quality prizes, so if you can supply one, please don't hesitate to make contact.

"Huey" tells us that rain will be about again this year so don't take a back seat. Get in early and order your tickets. Order forms will be mailed out with the next UPDATE.

## GOVERNMENT CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR FOOTBALL

The NSW State Government has continued its long term support for Australian Football in the state with the renewal of the annual sports development grant.

This grant provides much needed funds which are specifically allocated to subsidising the wages of three key employees of the league.



## ADMINISTRATION COURSE - WAGGA

The League are still on track to conduct an administration course for Riverina Officials in Wagga on Saturday, on March 17.

If you haven't received your application forms, contact the league office for more particulars.



## HOPPING AROUND THE STATE

Whilst on an orientation visit to the North West Assn this month, Dev. Manager, Tim Johnson, and newly recruited Nthn Dev. Manager, Damian Humphries met head on with a kangaroo on the Sydney side of Bingara. Dev. staff 1, kangaroos nil with a damage bill of \$2,400. They were fortunate enough to continue on.

## TT. CALLS IT A DAY

The League's popular Riverina Development Manager, Tony Turner has moved on to "greener" pastures following his resignation in early February.

Tony has decided to return to his trade as a butcher and has bought into a business in Wagga.

Tony replaced Mick Daniher three years ago and went on to play a large part in the development of the game in the Riverina.

His resignation has caused a flurry of applications to be received with an appointment to be announced shortly.

# LAWS OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

1990

The National Australian Football Council (formerly the National Football League) Laws of Australian Football booklet will be available in late February. This circular is intended to provide information regarding the 1990 Laws in the interim.

1. In general the 1989 Optional Variations to the Laws have been included in the 1990 booklet with one significant exception - "Ball Disposal after a Free Kick has been Awarded".

2. A number of the changes appearing in the 1990 booklet include rewording which tightens up some Laws, addresses some anomalies and puts them in clearer language.

3. The most significant changes are -

\* "Ball Disposal after a Free Kick has been Awarded"

*Players are now able to handball after a free kick has been awarded. The Law reverts to how it was the year before last.*

\* "50 Metre Penalty"

*If the amended mark is on the goal line, then the kick shall be taken from directly in front of the mark.*

\* Reportable Offences

*"Officials" are now included under this Law. The 1989 Laws made no reference to "officials".*

4. An additional Law has been introduced under Free Kicks - "Delaying the Play - Out of Bounds"

*Players who carry the ball over the boundary line will be penalised if they do not drop the ball directly onto the ground or immediately give the ball to the boundary umpire after he/she has signalled out of bounds. Similarly they will be penalised if they touch the ball after it has crossed the boundary line and been signalled out of bounds, except if the player is the recipient of a free kick.*

5. In the 1990 Laws of Australian Football booklet there is a "Order Off" rule that the controlling body is at liberty to introduce. My advice is that if Leagues are considering implementing the "Order Off" that they implement the rule that is in the 1990 booklet. I have some information that will assist with interpretations related to the "Order Off rule.

*If you require more detailed information contact either your local umpiring co-ordinator or myself at the NSW AFL Offices.*

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