

NSW AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL HISTORY SOCIETY

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THESE PEOPLE WERE ELECTED

NAME	IMAGE	NAME	IMAGE
President Ian Granland		Committee Jack Dean	
Vice President Bill Carey		Committee Jenny Hancock	
Secretary Greg Stewart		Committee Gus McKernan	
Treasurer Ian Wright		Committee Ann Abbott	No Image available
Committee Bob Wilton		Committee Miles Wilks	

AND NOW THE BORING BITS

At the earlier Special General Meeting on 15 March, the Society's constitution was altered to provide for the financial year to end on 31 December and afford more flexibility with their finances.

A new nomination form was adopted and the membership and proxy voting forms were amended. So that's it. The special general meeting took all of 4 minutes!

Later, it was agreed by the Committee that membership fees would increase to \$10 in 2012.



NEWTOWN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB JOINS

We are pleased to report that the first club to join the Society is in fact a junior club. More clubs have shown interest but the proof of the pudding is in the eating. The application form is on the website.

MORE INFO GOES UP ON WEBSITE

It's a slow process but gradually more information is being posted on our website.

Besides the photos we are receiving, a number of stories and snatches from the past have been posted in *Snippets of Interest*. These are proving extremely popular with our members and the feedback we are getting is very positive.

The website was only established in December last year and regularly now it is getting well over 100 hits per day.

If you have some stories you might like published, let us know. We are always interested in new material.

The Annual Meeting

The 2010 committee were re-elected last month's annual general meeting held at the offices of the AFL, Sheridan Building, Moore Park Road, Moore Park.

A new edition to the committee was Ann Abbott of Blakehurst. Ann's husband, Alf, played football in Sydney back in the 1960s.

The annual report, available on the Society's website, showed a marked increase in membership which since has risen to in excess of 150. The Society also presented a healthy bank balance which will assist in underpinning a number of projects they have in mind.

Tell your friends about the History Society. Get them to join. Lets save footy history together.

MEET OUR MEMBERSHIPS OFFICER - JENNY HANCOCK

Jenny joined the Society in 2009. She was formally secretary/treasurer of the Bankstown Sports Football Club and quite an active worker for the game over a number of years. During the 1980s you might have seen her selling raffle tickets for the Sydney Swans at the SCG entry to their home games. History is her passion and she has developed an extensive family history tree, is a member of the Illawarra Historical Society and more recently a member of the Bulli Show Committee.



LOGO

We have been asked where we found our logo. Years ago this and the one on the left ⇐ was used by many leagues around Australia as their link to football and the country itself.



It wasn't until the 1970s when football groups became more adventurous and adopted a modern approach to the game, the way it was promoted and marketed, that the old logo faded away.



SOCIETY LOOKS AT PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION

The Society have held talks with the AFL regarding the acquisition of permanent accommodation where they can hold their meetings, store material and undertake various tasks in conjunction with their objectives.

Things are looking quite positive at the moment and should these moves come to fruition then there may also be an area where various items relating to the history of the game can go on display. Fingers crossed.



JOB FOR A PROGRAMMER
The History Society needs a quote from a programmer to write a database for rep football in NSW. This will include all the games from various age groups, all players, goalkickers, best, venues, opposition, coaches, umpires etc. If you know someone get them to contact the Society on history@aflnswact.com.au

SOCIETY OPENS THE DOOR FOR BEQUESTS

At their last meeting the History Society agreed to invite people to bequeath money or property to the organisation which has the potential of becoming a lasting memorial to them and their involvement in the game.

The Society recognizes that this is a sensitive subject but believes that some may want to include them in their will in order to promote and encourage the organisation. Perhaps the very objects they devoted part of their life to.

WE NEED MATERIAL

There is a mountain of Sydney footy related stuff out there. We are often told about it's existence but find it hard to get our hands on it before it is too late.

For example a 1950s Phelan Medalist only recently burnt all his footy stuff, Football Records, Photos, blazers etc. God, what a waste.

If you know where some old footy items are, can you either let us know or play detective yourself and chase it up. We will take very good care of whatever comes our way.

Already, well over 50 archive boxes of material relating to Sydney football have been lodged with the State Library of NSW, so it will live forever.

SEARCH ON FOR 1971 & 73 GRAND FINAL

Committee member, Bob Wilton, is on the lookout for film copies of the 1971 & 73 Sydney Football Grand Finals. There was vision taken and Bob is keen to integrate his technical expertise with this material to eventually make them available to members of the Society. As the Society's film archivist, Bob is eager to access as many photographic images of Sydney football, both still and moving, as possible.

DEATH OF BILL QUINN

Former president of the East Sydney Club, Coach of Sydney Naval, Grand Final Umpire and Sydney Swans corporate supporter, died recently. His and other passing of football identities are recorded on our website