



## VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE BOARD

Those that stood, were returned to the committee of the Society at their Annual General Meeting in February.

This showed a big vote of confidence in their management of the organisation under president, Ian Granland.

Jack Dean and Miles Wilks both did not seek re-election which gave the Society the opportunity to modify their committee to nine: four executive and five committee persons.



### GREAT RESULT AT BUNNINGS BAR-B-Q

Organisers were over the moon with the result of their sausage sizzle at Bunnings Ashfield in January. They recorded over \$1400 net profit with several

implements purchased which they can use at future similar events.

They have already been granted another date towards the end of the year where they expect to raise a similar amount.

Officials were happy to see a number of familiar faces at Bunnings many of whom showed interest in joining.

### FINISHED THE YEAR IN THE BLACK

Treasurer, Ian Wright, declared a small but satisfying profit in the first real year since the organisation's establishment.

*"We are looking for new ways to raise revenue to support our activities. Our planned scanning of records, photos and other materials and having them searchable on the internet will incur considerable further expenditure"* Wright said.

*"We encourage our members to pay membership fees by direct deposit to our bank account. If you do so, please ensure that you include your name and "membership" in the reference...."*

## NSW POLICE FOOTBALL TEAM REUNION



The Society will host a reunion of the NSW Police Football Team. Formed in 1956 the team participated, for the most part in the midweek services competition in Sydney. The comp faded when a number of ships and army units were re-located out of the Sydney precincts. The function will be held at the Alexandria Hotel, Henderson Road, Alexandria, on Saturday 19 May 2012 commencing at midday.

## SOCIETY GETS TWO AFL GRAND FINAL TICKETS TO RAFFLE

AFL(NSW/ACT) have informed the Society that they will provide the organisation with two tickets to the 2012 AFL Toyota Grand Final which we can raffle to raise some much needed funds. The Society will subsidise the winner for travel and accommodation in Melbourne.

We have since approached the Sydney Swans and GWS asking permission to sell tickets at one of their home games, seeing we don't have a large membership who can sell tickets nor a place where tickets can be sold. We are also looking to sending a book of tickets out to members asking that they might be sold on our behalf. There will be a limit put on the number sold. Stay tuned!!!

### MORE PEOPLE JOINING

The list of new members is steadily growing. Last year our numbers swelled when AFL(NSW/ACT) paid a premium to join on the condition that all employees of the league be signed up under through their contribution.

This year there is no such requirement and while on the surface it appears our numbers have declined, the situation is quite the reverse. We are happy to report that our membership is at this time 49 and growing.

Many members are former participants in the game in Sydney while others are pure enthusiasts.

### NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Some members have signified that they are unable to undertake a hands on role with the Society but are happy to make an extra financial commitment in their stead.

To this end the Society has adopted the following extended levels of membership:

- **Foundation**—\$1,000 for life, pay no more PLUS extra benefits..
- **Fellow**—\$500 for life, pay no more PLUS extra benefits.
- **Benefactor**—\$250 for life, pay not more PLUS extra benefits.
- **Friend**—\$100 includes 5 years membership PLUS more.

Interested? Email us now on [history@aflnswact.com.au](mailto:history@aflnswact.com.au) for more details.

## WORK AT THE OFFICE CONTINUES

Filing, cataloguing, indexing and sorting various items of Sydney football history continues almost on a weekly basis at the Society's rooms at the Western Suburbs Aust Football Club, Croydon Park. There is almost a perpetual working bee each Tuesday happening.

## ANNUAL REPORT A WINNER

The Society's Annual Report issued to all members prior to the March AGM proved a winner with the Society receiving a number of compliments on its format and content.

Those members with email addresses had their copies forwarded to them electronically while those without received copies in the post.

The committee realised an interesting fact when sending out the reports and membership renewal forms.

Ninety-five percent of those who received their renewal by snail-mail completed the renewal process while the percentage of those who were forwarded their renewal form by email was incredibly lower.

This issue was not lost on the committee who will forward both the annual report and renewals next year by Australia Post!



### BILL WORRIED?

Former Balmain player and now Pennant Hills Junior Football Club stalwart and Umpires Friend, Bill Carey, feels he is under a certain amount of pressure in the delivery of the 2012 **Ralph Robertson Lecture** in September.

Bill has chosen the topic, *NSW Teal Cup*, and has left no stone unturned in his research and effort to delve deep into the history of the NSW initiated junior competition. Competition for the cup ended up becoming an annual national competition for the youth of football, many of whom went on to play in the AFL.

Bill has located the (now deceased) donor of the cup, Winifred Teale (note the spelling) and has information about her life and interest in Sydney football. He has also identified the first occasion where the cup was competed for and who between plus all the contests since.

He has also unearthed former coaches, players and officials of the NSW team all of whom he has invited to his talk which will take place on Saturday 14 September at a venue to be decided. All are invited to attend.

*The Ralph Robertson Lecture is an annual discussion on a subject of a significant historical nature to Sydney or NSW football. It is named after a former outstanding player of the game in Sydney when the code was resurrected in 1903. He played until 1914 when he enlisted to fight in WWI. Robertson was killed in Egypt in 1917 while on active service. The history of his football career appears on the Society's website and is a very interesting read.*

### MORE SHELVING

The Society's committee has resolved to purchase additional shelving to be erected at their Western Suburbs Football Club Rooms.

Already, the shelving they purchased late last year has been smothered in boxes containing various items of interest and additional containers are now being sited on the floor.

"Our whole storage system needs to be looked at" Society president, Ian Granland said this week.

"I think it would be fair to say that we had no idea that we had this much material and we need to arrange it more efficiently for ease of locating it and utilise the space we have as resourcefully as possible.



### NEW SCANNER PURCHASED

The Society has purchased a new state-of-the-art scanner to assist with recording as many documents as possible into their OCR Programme.

The scanner is a Kodak i2600 which will:

- Scan up to 50 pages per minute with a maximum of 4,000 a day;
- Will read documents back and front in colour as well as black and white;
- Has an output resolution from 100 to 1200 dpi;

It is an upright scanner which comes with KODAK Capture Desktop Software; Smart Touch; Nuance PaperPort and OmniPage. There is also an opportunity to purchase an A4 flatbed add-on module at a later date, if required.



### BOB WILTON TAKES OVER AS GRANTS OFFICER

Former East Sydney player and life member, Bob Wilton has accepted the Society's portfolio of Grants Officer, taking over from Jenny Hancock.

Wilton, who has a background in finance and business management, is keen to investigate what grant opportunities are available and how they can be applied to the Society.

Together with his wife Lynne, they are looking at the Society's needs and will produce a report where grants can be accessed and over what timeframe they can fit into their requirements.



### SOCIETY GOES ONLINE

Connection to the internet was not a high priority for the committee but with the Rep Team Data base and other online programmes about to be launched, they resolved to connect their three networked office based computers to the internet. This has been done wirelessly through a dongle. A broadband DONGLE is the USB modem that is plugged into a computer to get mobile internet. Previously the term dongle referred to any USB device. The cost is prepaid @ \$150 per year which provides 15 gigabytes, ongoing.