



NEWSLETTER

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RE-ELECTED

All those who stood for election at the Society's Annual General Meeting on 19 February were re-appointed to their respective positions. This year your Board includes:

President	Ian Granland	Committee Person	Ian Wright
Vice President	Bill Carey	Committee Person	Jenny Hancock
Secretary	Heather White	Committee Person	Ann Abbott
Treasurer	Gus McKernan	Committee Person	Paul Macpherson

STRONG PERFORMANCE FOR SOCIETY

You will be pleased to know and you can see in the attached annual report that the Society has had a good year financially. We declared a profit of \$5,579.45 which was mainly due to the annual allocation from AFLNSW/ACT, some books sales (with the help of member, Greg de Moore), and Bunnings Bar-B-Ques.

Don't worry, the money won't stay there for long. We have some great projects in the planning which we intend to implement over the coming months.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We bid a warm welcome to the following new members of the Society and hope they enjoy being with us:

Denis Aitken	David Sykes	Alan Fleming
Ron Jackson	** Kevin Taylor	Paul Macpherson
James Hothersall	Miles Wilks	Lee Urquhart
Marshall Dean		

** Benefactor Membership



NEWTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB REUNION

The Society is holding a reunion of the Newtown Football Club. It will be held at the Alexandria Hotel on Saturday 26 October 2013 commencing at 12:00 noon. As part of the reunion, former legend of the club, **John Armstrong**, son of Joe and nephew of Jack, will conduct the Society's annual **Ralph Robertson Address** with the subject:

History of the Newtown Football Club.

Regardless of contemporary clubs' records, Newtown, which folded in 1986, still has the reputation of being the most successful club in Sydney football. Here are a few of its statistics: Formed in 1903, played 1531 games, won 973, lost 542 and drew 16. The club participated in 38 grand finals, winning 19 and losing 19. It won consecutive grand finals between 1945-50. Its reserve grade won 21 premierships. Unlike many clubs throughout Australia, it never changed its name nor its colours.

Booking is a must for this function because we consider it will be very well patronised. The cost is \$10 and you can pay either online using these details **National Australia Bank – BSB 082204 Account No. 176208454**, make a direct deposit at the bank or post a letter and cheque to the NSW Australian Football History Society, P O Box 98 Croydon Park NSW 2133. In any case, please include your name and 'Newtown FC Reunion'. Also send us an email.

Dining at the Alexandria Hotel is great. It is situated in Henderson Road, Alexandria (*just down from Redfern Railway Station*) and we can recommend the meals.

Please, tell your friends about this event and if you have any, bring your club photographs so that others can view them and we can scan for our records. This event should be one of the best functions the Society has held.

MORE TAKE ON EXTENDED MEMBERSHIP

At the Special General Meeting held on the same day as the AGM, the Society formalized the extended membership categories which are now available. In most circumstances this does away with the need for members to pay their renewals each year and in others a major payment consolidates a member for life. Here are our latest members who have chosen the \$250 Benefactor Membership:

Keith Claxton

Kevin Taylor

NEW ANNUAL JOURNAL



From this year the Society will produce an **annual journal** which will be posted to all current members free of charge. Besides some items of interest and information on the happenings in local football, the publication will include a selected range of stories which have appeared on our website over the past 12 months.

Committeeman, Paul Macpherson, has taken on the task to collate and edit these stories which will relate to local football events and incidents and will become a permanent record of some of the by-gone times in Sydney and NSW football. It is expected these publications will extend to 20-30 pages.

If you would like to have one of your stories published on the website, please contact the president, Ian Granland on 0412798521 and arrange for your tale to be submitted. We can help with editing and modifications should they be required.



HEY—have you got an idea from which the Society might benefit?

Maybe you have an inspiration that we have not come up with in which you think members might be interested. If so, let us know.

Also, spread the word. If you know any old Sydney and NSW footy fans who might be interested in joining the Society let them know. Membership particulars are on our website: www.nswfootballhistory.com.au

EASTS ARE HAVING A REUNION.

Members of the East Sydney FC are holding a reunion on Saturday 16 March at the Alexandria Hotel, Henderson Road, Alexandria.

If you are a former/current player or supporter of the club contact Bob Wilton on 0417363091.

Already over 100 have confirmed their attendance and organisers are keen to see those coming along bring any photos or memorabilia that might be displayed for the benefit of all. Should be a great day.



ARCHIVAL POLICY

New Committeeman, Paul Macpherson, a professional archivist, is in the process of writing two policies for the Society. One will detail exactly what to do with material when it comes into our possession and the other will outline what to keep and what not to accept. Many people offer the Society items which have limited historical significance to our football history. Accepting such items commits the Society to cataloguing and preserving them. Over time this takes resources from more historically important material. While we appreciate the benevolence of all donors, there comes a point when we should politely refuse any inappropriate material. The policy will be included in our by-laws.

RENEWING MEMBERSHIP

Have you renewed your membership yet? If you have that's great but we have uncovered a glitch in our system regarding acknowledgement of your renewal payments online. We are working on a solution by maybe replying to you by conventional mail or perhaps an email acknowledgement.

PLASTIC MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The Society is currently investigating the issue of plastic members' cards. Their release should give members a more tangible link with the Society and provide them with appropriate details of their membership of the organisation.

