



Newsletter

Live Display at Wests

Officials have arranged with the Western Suburbs Aussie Rules Club (Magpie Sports) for a live display of football memorabilia in a newly purchased glass cabinet in their ground floor bar area.

The display will include a rotating image display in a digital image picture frame which will include photos from 1903 to the present.

Society workers are there each Tuesday if you're in the area.

Society Gets \$4,000 Grant

The Football History Society received news recently that it has been awarded funding under the NSW Government's 2014 Cultural Grants Programme.

The grant is specifically for publication costs and will allow the Society to increase the quantity of its WW1 book it is printing to 400.

The cheque was presented by the Minister, to the Society's Secretary, at the Royal Australian Historical Society's Annual Conference at Mittagong on October 25.

This money comes on top of an earlier grant of \$2,000 for the purchase of photographs for the book.

CHASING DESIGN IDEAS FOR THE WWI BOOK

The Society is reaching out to members and other interested parties for ideas for the front cover of the book. It will be an opportunity for those other than the researchers and writers to become involved in the project.

Anyone with an idea for the cover and back, considering it will be in a wrap style, can submit their thoughts and designs by email to: history@aflnswact.com.au or to us at P O Box 98 Croydon Park NSW 2133.

Maybe this can be a school project or a project for design students. Further particulars from the president on 0412798521.



SCHOLARSHIP ?

With so much history in NSW football yet unwritten, the committee has decided to introduce a scholarship for history honours students at NSW universities. This will entail the student writing a thesis on a subject suggested by the Society. There are times when students undertaking these course have little idea what the subject of their thesis might be so with the Society providing an added financial incentive it could well be that over time various facets of football within the state could receive a much needed boost from outside interests. There will be one scholarship per year.

RENEWAL TIME COMING UP

If you pay your membership each year, you will soon receive a renewal form. Now we bet this has you wondering just how long you did pay for. If you have not received anything by the end of the year you must be a 3, 5 or lifetime member. If you want to upgrade your membership of the Society you can do so through the website or by completing the appropriate section on the renewal form. We depend on you, so please, if it is time, renew your membership with the Society.



IAN WRIGHT GETS LEAGUE LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Long Serving AFL Sydney and Macquarie University Football Club player and official has had his service rewarded with life membership.

Ian is a member of the Football History Society's committee and its former secretary and treasurer. It took the compare at the Sydney Football League's presentation night quite some time to read out Ian's achievements. Well done Ian for in excess of 36 years commitment to football.



ANOTHER BAR-B-QUE AT BUNNINGS

In our quest to raise more finance to fund our never-ending activities, another bar-b-que will be held at **Bunnings, Wollongong**. A request is now put out to those nearby members who have a vacant day on **Saturday 31 January 2015**. Please make contact. These days put a lot of pressure on the Society's limited committee numbers and a hand or two would be most welcome. Let us know if you can help.

AFL GRAND FINAL TICKETS

Each year the AFL(NSWACT) give the History Society two AFL grand final tickets to raffle or utilise so that it can raise additional funds.

We are pleased to announce that \$1,000 was raised using the tickets as the prize. We thank AFL(NSWACT) for their generous gesture and help.

N.S.W. AUSTRALIAN

Former Eastern Suburbs icon, Sydney Hall of Fame member, Jack Dean, has been in and out of hospital. For those friends of Jack who would like to convey their best wishes, he can be contacted on 0481103307

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MORE STUFF SOLD ONLINE

We have recently sold a c1935 Book of Rules of the game for \$21.50 and a 1938 VFL Football Record for \$39.00 at online auction site. Now we might get more money at a public auction but this method is quick and painless and allows us to offload any surplus material.



WHAT A GEM OF AN IDEA!!

Harking back to our book on the impact of B.I.G. WWI had on Sydney Football, the sub committee has come up with a brilliant idea.

They have resolved to invite a son and daughter of a former pre and post WWI state representative who played football in Sydney up to 1927 to launch the book next April. He also served in the 1st AIF.

Better still, the son, Ian Blackeby, played football for Eastern Suburbs in the 1950s and was involved in a number of their premierships.

In due course, you will receive an invitation to attend the launch, which at this stage will be held at the Royal Australian Historical Society, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney and hope you can attend. The date is pending.

1978 SYDNEY MATCH VISION

Some of you may remember Kevin Taylor's *World of Australian Football* Panel Show which was telecast in Sydney at half time on Channel 7's VFL Match of the Day each Saturday. As part of the show, vision of the previous weeks Sydney matches would be shown which the panel would comment on. Twelve canisters of this film have mysteriously turned up and so the Committee decided to *hang the expense* and have this 16mm film digitised. That means it will be copied onto DVDs which we can then offer for sale. Most first grade clubs of the time were involved, apart from Balmain and in a number of instances some clubs feature more than once in this series. Stay tuned for more news on this issue.

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION ON DECEMBER 16

The Society's annual Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, 16 December at the Wests Club commencing at 12noon.

All the normal goodies will be on hand which will make for a great day.

These functions are normally well patronised so book early with us by contacting the secretary on 42842650 or email history@aflnswact.com.au

Last year we had a surprise Santa Clause. What will this year's intrigue include?

What we can tell you is that your visit will involve a guided tour of the Society's rooms and a look at some of the special and unique collectables. Kevin—please note the date.

WE COULDN'T FIT THIS IN THE ABOVE SECTION.....

We now have a Corporate Membership level, so if you know of a friendly company or firm where the management might wish to join up it will be \$500 well spent. Details on the website under membership.



PLAYER REGO FEES IN SYDNEY

Typically players pay between \$300—\$350 in fees to play senior football at their Sydney club these days. Normally the fee supplies a polo shirt, shorts and socks but it's a long way compared to what you paid, if anything, to play when you wore a football jumper. The money clubs are up for these days to put their teams on the field is exorbitant and normally there is no where else that the clubs can get the \$\$\$.

WEBSITE HITS CONTINUE TO CLIMB

The hits on our website continue to climb and now vary between 1300-1600 per day

SCHOOL FOOTY

Way back at the start of last century Sydney sent their champion school team to play the Melbourne champion school team as a curtain raiser to the VFL Grand Final. Petersham Superior Public School had this honour in 1904 and 1905 and won on both occasions. Because of the difference in schooling in the two states, the NSW boys were older, meaning that they were bigger and stronger. Officials failed to recognise this difference in parity when they arranged the game. They won this encounter against Albert Park School 7-6 to 1-0 before a crowd of 20,000. The next year the age issue was corrected but the Petersham boys again were victorious, this time over Clifton Hill School, 3-8 to 2-3. The following year the Petersham School headmaster stopped the boys from travelling south.

Recently we were contacted by the great granddaughter of a Petersham player who supplied photographs, newspaper reports and an image of a fob and chain that her gt grandfather received for winning.

Here's the bottom line...