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| <p> OUR SICK LIST</p> <p>Age brings with it all sorts of problems and you can count yourself lucky if you have managed to dodge them – so far.</p> <p>Our Registrar, Jenny Hancock, has just been in for a hip replacement; former treasurer and Pennant Hills FC legend, committeeman, Gus McKernan, has informed us that he has pancreatic cancer while another committee member, Tom Mahon has just come out of hospital after having his prostate removed.</p> <p>And former secretary, Kevin Taylor – “K.T.” is still hanging in there.</p> | <p>AFL GRAND FINAL TICKETS</p> <p>We are again indebted to the AFLNSW/ACT for the support they have shown to us by supplying two grand final tickets which we were able to use to raise much needed funds.</p> <p>Our little programme netted us \$1200 for the two great seats at the MCG which were among the other 100,000 screaming footy fans</p> | <p>CLUBS & GROUNDS</p> <p>In our last newsletter we asked for people who might be interested in collating lists of clubs that existed or presently exist and grounds used for Australian Football in NSW.</p> <p>We got a call from Roger Dunkley from Chirnside Park in Victoria, a former player with the Commonwealth Bank Club. He said he would be happy to help. Roger has already started harvesting the information mostly from TROVE, an arm of the National Library of Australia.</p> | <p>TIMELINE STILL HAPPENING</p> <p>Work is still progressing on establishing a timeline on our website which will contain the dates of significant events in Australian Football throughout the state.</p> <p>Not only is it a big job organising a programme to carry the data but so too is finding material that is considered sufficiently important to be added to the list.</p> |
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Do you get a chance to look at our website? If you do, you will notice the different stories we regularly publish on football in NSW. We also have upload different publications which might be of interest to people who were formerly involved with the game.

For example only just the other day we posted the minutes of **Sydney Football Association** (second division) meetings from 1999-2002; maybe boring to some but it's all part of history and we would be happy to post old minutes from various clubs and leagues throughout NSW.

Another feature we are considering is having a regular section on people who played a significant part in the game throughout the state and we welcome information and images which might help with these stories. A point we made recently is that people come and go in football; some make a huge impact and yet they, and their contribution are often forgotten as time moves on. We understand that that is how life is - unless someone does something about it.

Because we are based in Sydney we tend to focus on the competitions in the metropolitan area. However, we really want to spread this to other areas in the state and recognize people and their involvement from all over. If you know of someone, let us know.

Finally, you will be please to know that the site still gets over 2,000 hits a day.

NEW MEMBERS



We have recorded two new members in recent months. **Barry Hill** took the opportunity to join by using our revised online membership programme along with **Iain Dunstan**, the President of the mighty East Sydney Junior Club, the biggest junior club in NSW. These are the first memberships we have received using this new method which does prove it works and, it takes our member numbers to 92.

REGENT STREET OFFICES – GONE!



Can you remember the League Offices at 64 Regent Street Chippendale? They were purchased in early 1965 and stayed in NSWAFU hands until 1981. Well it and the whole group of old buildings that adjoined the offices were bulldozed recently with an apparent set of apartments designed to take their place. **See what white ants can do to you?** Sale price: Approx \$1.3 million.



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A VISIT FROM JILL



The other week the grand-daughter of Jim Kealey, Jill McRae, rang and paid us a visit to our rooms at Croydon Park.

The grand-daughter of whom, I hear you say? Jim was the long term chairman of Sydney Football's Tribunal from the 1920s – 50s and at one time was the sole 'Commissioner' who dealt with player reports and complaints etc. He died in 1965.

Jill brought in several of his football medals including his (9 carat gold) NSWANFL life members badge. Unfortunately she took them all home with her, but she is doing a wonderful job in capturing some of her grand-father's heritage.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are holding our annual Christmas Party on Tuesday 12 December at Magpie Sports, the old Wests Aussie Rules Club. It is for lunch (buy your own), a few drinks and of course a visit from Santa. All members are invited and if you live in the Sydney area, come along. You must book, phone: 02 9716 0433 (leave a message)



FACEBOOK

The Society has a Facebook site and a Twitter Account and whilst member, Mark Spooner edits both, he is ecstatic about the progress the Facebook Account is making.

Already it has 383 'Likes', to you philistines, that means followers or supporters, which is great and wonderful progress. By all accounts the number is growing which means lots more of followers of the game in NSW who now track the Society's progress through Facebook – With it, we anticipate, more to come.



MILES HELPS WITH VFL/AFL PLAYERS CONNECTION

Author of the book, Australian Football Clubs in NSW (see pic), Miles Wilks, a member of the Football History Society, has taken on the role of adding all the NSW players who went on to play in the VFL/AFL. He wrote a magnificent publication on all those who have gone from grass roots NSW to playing in the big time in Melbourne and later in the enlarged AFL.

He has had to undertake additional research on many of these players to enlarge their profile for our site which now includes much more info of them than was first written. Eventually, as we said, we want to put everyone who was involved in footy in NSW on this site, including you. So stayed tuned, we just need a few extra hands to make it all happen.

JOINING AND RENEWING

Our Treasurer, John Addison has tweaked the membership section on the website to enable new and renewing members to choose from a variety of membership categories. You can now pay just \$10 online or right up to \$1000 to be a member of the Society. It might interest you to learn that many of our members have selected the Benefactor class which at **\$250 FOR LIFE**, is really good value. Or you can do what **Ron & Jeannette Jackson** did and change their membership to **FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP** Level.

2017 JOURNAL

Boy, do we have some great stories in this year's journal for you. We have used many that were written for our website for the little booklet which will no doubt interest you and provide some facts which you may not be aware of. The Journal will be published in the next few weeks and we anticipate its circulation to our membership shortly after that.

JIM PHELAN



The City of Sydney Council have developed a website which gives details and images of all Aldermen and Councillors who have served on their council and the other councils which have over time been incorporated into the City of Sydney area. These include Jim Phelan (*Phelan Medal*) who served on the old Erskineville Council and Frank Dixon who was deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney City in 1961-62.

You can view the website at www.sydneyaldermen.com.au

INTERNET CONNECTION

Some time ago we had a land line connected to our room at Magpie Sports Club in order to get better internet connection. This took place after years of poor reception by using a SIM card, similar to that used in mobile phones. The issue now is that the download and upload speeds through our Internet Service Provider is extremely slow, so much so that it has taken days to backup our system to our Dropbox account.

The problem is exacerbated when the six computers on the system are being used at the one time. So the search for a solution continues.