

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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PAST AND CURRENT LIFE MEMBERS

William J. Allan
Nicholas Angelos
Jack Armstrong
George Brack
Fred Bradley
Glen Callaghan
J. J. Clancey
Richard Cox
Roger Crowhurst
Danny Daniel
Stuart Eckerman
Tom Evans
Wally Craig (Deceased)
Mrs Ruby Craig (Deceased)
Grant Godfrey
Leslie e
E. J. Griffin (Deceased)
Peter Hampshire
Henry Harrop
Theo Haughan
Michael Heinrichs
Max Henry
William Hunkin (Deceased)
Chris Huon
Martin Jackson
George Jones (Deceased)
Frank Kalayzich
John Lanser
John Leber (Deceased)
Mal W. Lee
Anton Lewis
Leo Magee
George Maruan
Alan McIntyre
Patrick McMahon
Shane McSpeerin
James A. McSweeney
Jack Maude
Kevin Meade
Frank Nevill (Deceased)
Peter Nilson
Laurie O'Connor (Deceased)
John Reid
Ken Ray

Mark S. Rendell
Sean Richardson
Anthony W. St Clair
James Smail
Andrew Smith
Robert Tait
Roy Thomas
Steven Wallbank
Ross Wheeler
Frank Williamson
George M. Wood
David Yole

Andrew Scovell
Robert Taylor
John Curran

EXISTING HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

HALL OF FAME

Graham Allomes
Peter Hampshire
Frank Kalayzich
John Leber
Mal Lee
Alan McIntyre
James McSweeney
Kevin Meade
C. Murray
Len Palmer
Ken Ray
John Reid
Mark Rendell
James Smail
Bill Wagener
Steven Wallbank
Ross Wheeler
David Yole

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President: Trav Stemper

Vice President: Darren White

Treasurer: Nic Ford

Secretary: Theresa Taylor

General Member: Terry Southwell

General Member: Cypress Hart

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Trav	Stemper
Robert	Taylor
Patrick	McMahon
Gary	Forster
Frank	Kalayzich
Steven	Wallbank
Joshua	Graeve
John	Curran
Richard	Cox
Michael	Heinichs
Alex	Strassberg
Cypress	Hart
	Mc
James	Sweeney
Richard	Cornish
Nick	Angelos
Sean	Richardson
Aengus	Taylor
Mark	Rendell
Andrew	Scovell
Anton	Lewis
Bradley	Stewart
Theresa	Shortt
Phil	Hamilton
Ken	Ray
Jerome	Murillo
Dave	Bell
Damian	Anderson
Gavin	Bertram
Mick	Kirk
	Davidson
Dylan	Jones
Kristian	Whitaker
Ben	Panandrea

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2020 has been an extremely difficult year for many Australians, football players and umpires due to the many challenges Covid-19 has created. Before Covid-19 and in late '19 and early '20, Sydney and many other parts of NSW and the country, experienced some of the worst bushfires in history.

It is important to acknowledge early the uncertainty that our group and community felt during the early days of Covid-19 and even up unto (and well after) writing this report. Many umpires and members have been directly affected and have felt some impact, even if they have been fortunate and not contracted Covid-19.

Members of our community had family members or friends lose jobs, they had lost jobs themselves or have had other financial burdens affect their day to day lives. We are fortunate that our restrictions were initially limited and did not reach the same extent or length that our friends in Victoria experienced.

We are also mindful of the affect Covid-19 had on the AFL organization and AFL NSW. The idea and experience of sport is to interact with others, invite friends over to watch the game or go to the game and to socialise. The AFL and AFL Sydney were heavily affected by Covid-19 restrictions and our season, along with the national season were cut short. Many AFL employees were stood down or lost their jobs as a result and some AFL staff were only able to resume their previous positions at the start of November.

Finally, whilst many umpires enjoy the experience of umpiring Australian Football, there are many costs associated, including our time and travel. We agreed early on, working closely with Simon Wilson at AFL Sydney, to a 30% pay cut across the board in senior football. The committee worked very hard at the start of what would have been the season to find a medium that would create the least disruption to our members and community, and the community reacted extremely maturely to the temporary decrease in match day payments.

Having started with the negative aspects of 2020, I wish to finish on a high. It was extremely fortunate and through the hard work of many people in AFL Sydney and the community that we managed to play a 2020 season. We were able to establish a competitive season across all grades and finish with some fantastic and tense finals matches.

There are many people to thank for making 2020 a successful season, including our match day coaches, coaches and everyone that volunteered.

I would like to make a special mention to **Lachlan MacDonald**, who was thrown into what could be described as around six different jobs, as a senior and Premier Division Field coach, Goal coach, mentor, match day observer and usually an umpire as well. I cannot imagine the time Lachlan committed to the community in 2020, along with working his normal full-time job. Kudos to a job well done.

From an association aspect, 2020 was limited. We could not run many social events due to Covid-19 restrictions, which was a massive focus that the committee and AFL Sydney had worked on in last 2019.

Fortunately, our expenses remained minimal and we will look to restart in 2021. Our main expenses were bushfire charitable donations, and donations to the Jane McGrath foundation after some of the committee members raised just over \$2000 for the Prostate Cancer foundation in August.

Our website looks good and is low maintenance, and most expenses that are visible in the 2019 Annual Report will not reoccur for several years to come as the foundations have been laid.

As a part of our negotiations and partnership with AFL Sydney, we chose to forego the annual grant supplied by AFL Sydney for each of our members and AFL Sydney have covered our trophy expenses, so these two items will also not appear in our financials.

2021 should build on our plans from 2020 and is looking very encouraging. Our MOU (terms and payment agreement) is due for renewal in 2022 so this will be a major focus for the committee, along with social events and community planning.

Trav Stemper
President NSWAFUA

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Opening Balance	Debit	Credit	Closing Balance
AFL Subsidy			\$4940	
Silent Auction Income			\$140	
Donation Expense		\$200		
Website Expense		\$242.90		
Accounts Payable		\$420		
	\$ 1822.09			\$6459.19

Nic Ford

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It has been a very different season but at least we had one.

Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions we lost the opportunity to socialise and bring the umpire group together.

However, we did try and get involved where possible. In September a few members took part in The Long Run a charity involved in research into prostate cancer. The goal was to run or walk 72kms in that month. We raised almost \$2000. We also passed a small amount on to Breast Cancer research. Well done all.

Trav aka David Bailey, spent time at some grounds taking some awesome photos of umpires in action. I know I had a couple of favorites!

The Association supplied energy drinks and waters to all umpires that received Final appointments as a token of congratulations. On Grand Final day Trav , Ben, Emily and Taylah played the parts of drinks runners during the games which was a great effort as it was a very hot day. Thank you.

As said before a very tricky season but hopefully the next one will be back to normality. We look forward to it.

Theresa Shortt
Secretary

AWARD WINNERS

The 2020 award winners have been selected but not formally presented at this stage. This report will be updated in the future once the winners have received their awards.