

**NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL  
UMPIRES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**



**2006 Annual Report**

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## LIFE MEMBERS

William J. Allan  
Nicholas Angelos  
Jack Armstrong  
George Brack  
Fred Bradley  
J. J. Clancey  
Richard Cox  
Roger Crowhurst  
Danny Daniel  
Tom Evans  
Wally Craig (Deceased)  
Mrs Ruby Craig (Deceased)  
Grant Godfrey  
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  
Jack Leber  
Mal W. Lee  
Leo Magee  
George Maruan  
Alan McIntyre  
Patrick McMahon  
Shane McSpeerin  
James A. McSweeney  
Jack Maude  
Kevin Meade  
Frank Nevill (Deceased)  
Laurie O'Connor (Deceased)  
John Reid  
Ken Ray  
Mark S. Rendell  
Anthony W. St Clair  
James Smail  
Andrew Smith  
Robert Tait  
Roy Thomas  
Steven Wallbank  
Ross Wheeler  
Frank Williamson  
George M. Wood  
David Yole

## HALL OF FAME

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

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS



[B] Anton Lewis, Troy Pannell, Sean Richardson, David Harding  
[F] Ashley Sandison, Tim Griffin, Luke McSpeerin

**President**

Tim Griffin

**Vice President**

Anton Lewis

**Secretary**

Ashley Sandison

**Treasurer**

Tim Griffin

**Ordinary Members**

Troy Pannell

Sean Richardson

David Harding (Casual Vacancy)

Luke McSpeerin (Casual Vacancy)

Gavin Bertarm (Resigned)

David Connelly (Resigned)

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

	Member Since	Years Service
Craig Anderson	2005	2
Joseph Austin	2006	1
Chris Bambrick	2006	1
Paul Barron	2006 (2003)	3*
Anthea Barrow	2004	3
Jeremy Boland	2005	2
Glen Callaghan	1995	12
David Connelly	2004	3
Danny Deigan	2006	1
Brad Delaney	2006	1
Simon Dutton	2006	1
Stewart Eckermann	2006 (1995)	10*
Joel Elliott	2005	2
Carl Fletcher	2006	1
Justin Fox	2005	2
Hamish George	2006	1
Matthew Gestier	2003	4
Roy Goh	2006	1
Leslie Gonye	1995	12
Tim Griffin	2003	4
Mitch Hanrahan	2006	1
David Harding	2004	3
Michael Heinrichs	2006 (1991)	15*
Peter Hoffman	2006	1
Sophie Hoffman	2006	1
Peter Humphries	2003	4
David Jacobs	2006 (1997)	8*
Frank Kalayzich	2002 (1983)	21*
Nathan Lessels	2005	2
Anton Lewis	2003 (1994)	11*
Darrell Luck	2006 (1999)	6*
Greg Lyons	1999	8
Petros Markou	2006 (2004)	2*
Adam McDonald	2006	1
Thomas McDonald	2006	1
Anthony McGilvray	2006 (1990)	11*
Luke McSpeerin	2005 (1993)	5*
Shane McSpeerin	1992	15
Jeff Milne	2006	1
Kevin Morrison	2005	2
James Morrison	2006	1
Peter Nilson	1992	15
David Ng	2006	1
Dom O'Callaghan	2004	3
Robert Osborne	2006	1
Simon Osborne	2006	1
Richard Pallister	2005	2
Troy Pannell	2004	3
Michael Peck	2005	2
Ken Ray	1989	18
Robert Read	2003	4
Sean Richardson	2003	4
Craig Rogers	2006	1
Andrew Rutherford	2006	1
Ashley Sandison	2003	4
Andrew Scovell	2005	2
Steve Smoothy	2005	2
Brian Sullivan	2006 (2002)	4*
Con Tsonis	2000	7
Sergio Villagra	2000	7
Steven Wallbank	1990	17
John H Williams	2006	1
Peter Williams	2005	2

\*Discontinuous service. Member since (and first year joined) provided.



The 2006 Group

## SPONSORS



### **Gold Sponsor** **Landbridge Transport**

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Enfield NSW 2136  
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tim Griffin

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2006 President's report.

Every year provides both old and new challenges for the Association. The start of this year saw the Association sign off on a new three year CBA with the AFL. There were some gains made for our umpires, with the agreement now paying a travel allowance for games played at Wollongong. The agreement also introduced the concept of an accreditation system, with bonus payments for umpires that attended at least 75% of training sessions for the season.

The demands on our umpires continue to increase as the Sydney competition strives to improve across all facets of football. Training standards continue to rise every year, and this year was no exception. The presence of a highly qualified fitness coach in Tom Redin ensured not only a greater level of fitness, but also a more holistic approach to training and recovery. On behalf of the Association I would like to thank Tom for his efforts. We look forward to building on last years level again next season.

Graham Glassford took over as coach of Sydney AFL umpires group this season, as part of his new full time role as Umpiring Development Manager for the NSW/ACT AFL. The creation of this position is a positive step to improving umpiring standards across Sydney and NSW, and will allow our Members to compete and be recognised at a national level.

This season our Association was represented by one field, three boundary and two goal umpires at the AFL level. Congratulations to these Members, and long may you represent NSW umpiring at this, the highest level. The opportunities clearly exist in a smaller football state for those who set their sights on them.

Once again the Association explored a significant number of avenues regarding sponsorship. We were very fortunate to gain Landbridge Transport as our Gold Sponsor. Credit must go to Troy Pannell for securing this sponsorship, which was the contributing factor in the Association making an operating surplus for 2006. Challenges continue to lie ahead in this area, as we are a small association with limited exposure for potential sponsors. This is exacerbated by the serious doubt over television coverage of the Sydney AFL next season, following the closure of the Fox Footy Channel.

Any sponsor that wishes to have their logo on our match day uniform presents an additional challenge. This year the Association established that this requires clearance from the NSW/ACT AFL, to ensure there is no clash with AFL sponsors at a national level. Further, the NSW/ACT AFL purchases and claims ownership of the uniforms, and therefore demands a "return" for allowing a sponsor to have their logo placed on them. Special thanks are extended to Sean Richardson for securing training shirts from Bunnings Warehouse Artarmon. These shirts are a great way to advertise umpiring and the Association when out and about in Sydney.

Membership numbers have grown this year, up from 48 in 2005 to 63 in 2006. This is a welcome development, and all umpires should take credit for contributing to the harmonious and welcoming atmosphere at training. I implore you to rejoin the Association in 2007 and continue this trend. The Association plays an important role in maintaining and developing the culture of the Sydney AFL group.

Of course, the increased number of umpires have been significantly assisted by the work of Graham Glassford, who has successfully implemented a number of umpiring programs and recruitment initiatives.

The Committee has worked tirelessly this season to provide a number of suitable and enjoyable social functions. Planning and scheduling these occasions continues to be a challenge, as Members are spread out across Sydney and it is difficult to find a time and location to suit all Members. Your continued support for these functions is necessary for the Association to continue to unify the group and create a positive umpiring environment.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work this year. Each Committee Member has contributed in their own way to help make this season a successful one. A special mention must go to Ashley Sandison, who is leaving Sydney for Melbourne. Thank you for your tireless and efficient work on the Committee over the past few years, and as Secretary this year. The Association wishes you all the best with your future umpiring endeavours, and hope the extra exposure in Melbourne will enable you to get that elusive finals appointment.

I will be stepping down as President at the end of this due to the pressure of my work commitments. I wish the incoming Committee every success for the upcoming year.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Ashley Sandison**

Season 2006 has seen vast improvement and change for the Association. There have been several key improvements to the Association this year. The year started off with a new look website, which Sean must be thanked for. A new three year CBA was agreed to with the AFL, which was worked on by Anton, Tim and Robert. Additionally, we saw increased membership numbers which every Member helped contribute to.

The Committee has strived to implement a new era of professionalism and integrity. Whilst some of the changes take time, they do require the support of the membership group. The Association will continue to work to represent the interests and welfare of all Members.

The new fee structure was designed to incorporate the differing needs of all members, and whilst there may be a need for further adjustments, the key concept has been largely supported by our Members. Generating revenue for the Association is increasingly difficult in this economic climate. The Association has limited marketing potential, which makes obtaining a key financial sponsor difficult. There has been much hard work this year in attaining major sponsors for 2007, but so far this has been to no avail.

It would be remiss of me not to thank our current sponsors for 2006. Firstly, our gold sponsor Landbridge Transport. Our bronze sponsors were Bunnings Warehouse Artarmon, dd(too), Forresters, Gatorade and Running Science. I can only encourage and commend their support for our Association, and we can return the favour by supporting their business where possible. Further information about these companies is included at the front of this document.

Whilst I feel the Association has made some progress developing our professionalism, there is much more work to be done in order to maintain the high standards already set as well as continuing to move forward. Whilst being on the Committee can be a time consuming activity, it is vital to the functioning of a vibrant Association. There are many challenges ahead.

I have got a lot out of umpiring, and being involved with the Association is one means of giving something back. I would encourage others to take up this challenge.

This is my first and last Secretary's report as I am moving to Melbourne. I look forward to hearing the progress and achievements of the Association and all its Members in the future.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Tim Griffin**

The financial year of 2006 was the best year the Association has had for some time. An increase in membership contributed to funds and the securing of a major sponsor enabled the Association to produce a trading surplus. The number of different membership levels enabled any umpire to join the Association. This should always be the first aim of any membership structure. The incoming Committee will have the opportunity to revise this year's structure should they deem it necessary. The aim must be to provide value to all levels of membership.

Securing sponsorship helped to stabilize the Association's funds. It is hoped that the Association can secure another such an arrangement next season to take the pressure off the finances and continue to give Members value for money.

It is always a difficult process in setting pricing and types of functions when our membership spans students with low incomes and full time workers. The aim of the Committee in setting prices is to be inclusive. Feedback is essential if the Treasurer and Committee are straying from this principle. The cost of social functions continues to grow and the expense associated with venues for our major functions continues to present a challenge.

In summary total members funds has grown this year after a number of years in decline. Hopefully this trend will continue.

Finally I will be stepping aside as Treasurer and wish the new Treasurer every success.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### New South Wales Australian Football Umpires Association Incorporated

Statement of Financial Performance  
for the year ending 31 October 2006

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Membership	9480.00	5850.00
Sponsorship	4800.00	0.00
Functions	2000.00	3075.00
Fundraisers	1792.00	2404.00
Canteen	1792.18	1400.00
Merchandise	287.00	0.00
Interest	11.92	13.72
AFL Payment	150.00	1420.00
Clothing	0.00	665.00
Raffle	0.00	192.58
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>20313.10</b>	<b>15020.30</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Functions	9611.20	10631.14
Fundraisers	960.08	1528.00
Canteen	980.64	859.69
Merchandise	1099.88	0.00
Trophies	1568.05	815.43
Trophies 2004	0.00	839.58
Honour Boards	554.23	0.00
Tribute/Donations/Honour Boards	0.00	307.24
Postage	107.00	0.00
Printing	485.00	0.00
Printing/Postage/Stationary	0.00	532.00
Incorporation	36.00	41.00
Department of Fair Trading	0.00	35.00
Website	125.00	250.00
Bank Charges	7.50	0.00
Committee Expenses	68.00	0.00
Meetings	0.00	68.00
Filing Cabinet	50.00	0.00
Taxi	0.00	20.50
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>15652.58</b>	<b>15927.58</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>4660.52</b>	<b>(907.28)</b>

### New South Wales Australian Football Umpires Association Incorporated

Statement of Financial Position  
as at 31 October 2006

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Opening Cash at Bank	9777.30	9675.94
Add: Operating Surplus (Deficit)	4660.52	(907.28)
Add: Receivables	0.00	762.50
Less: Payables	0.00	(599.98)
Less: Write Off	(403.02)	0.00
<b>Gross Member Funds</b>	<b>14034.80</b>	<b>8931.18</b>
Closing Cash at Bank	14034.80	9777.30
Cash at Hand	39.00	
<b>Net Member Funds</b>	<b>14073.80</b>	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 1

#### Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared in order to satisfy the requirements of the Constitution of the New South Wales Australian Football Umpires Association Incorporated. The Committee of the Association have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that the Association's financial statements are not subject to the application of the relevant accounting frameworks and other professional reporting requirements, nor have these been applied. Rather, the records have been prepared in order to accurately present a true and fair record of the financial affairs of the Association, and have been presented in a consistent manner to the previous year.

### Note 2

#### Non Financial Assets

The following inventory of property are items of significance owned by the Association, but do not form part of the Statement of Financial Position.

Bunnings Training T- Shirts	67
Plastic Chairs	38
Trestle Tables	4
Massage Tables	1
PVC Goal Posts	4
Metal Goal Post Bases	4
Two Seater Sofas	2
White Boards	2
Filing Cabinet	1
Trundle Wheels	1

## STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that these special purpose financial statements need not be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the Financial Statements.

These records represent a statement from the Committee which is not misleading and gives a true and fair view for the last financial year of the Associations (a) income, (b) assets and liabilities, (c) mortgages charges and other securities, and (d) trust properties.

This report is signed for on behalf of the Committee by:

Tim Griffin  
President/Treasurer  
Monday 11 December 2006

Anton Lewis  
Vice President  
Monday 11 December 2006

## SOCIAL REPORT

Anton Lewis

Another year is over, and what a bumper year we have had on the social front. The year kicked off with the continued support from Forresters on Sunday nights. There were a number of new faces seen at these functions each month, and with the financial support that Forresters provided your Association we were able to ensure that everyone could have a quiet drink or two after their games. This was a great opportunity to reflect on some of our Members finer (or not so finer) moments from the weekend.

A lawn bowls night was scheduled for Sunday 26 March, but unfortunately this event had to be cancelled at short notice. This is certainly an event that the Committee will explore again with Members next year, as the 2005 event was both well supported and a success.

We kicked off the year with our infamous pie night on Thursday 6 April, providing an opportunity to welcome new Members to Reg Bartley and the season proper.

The Second Annual Ten Pin bowling night was held at Mascot on Sunday 21 May. We had 26 keen bowlers strut their stuff at disco bowling, with some good team and individual scores emerging on the night. (Obviously there is some misspent youth out there in umpiring land.) This event is a certain feature event for the 2007 social calendar.

Heritage Night was held on Thursday 27 July. A fantastic night was had by all at Reg Bartley, with a BBQ and lots of Members dressing up for the night showing off their old garb. The eventual winner on the night is probably the only bloke who could fit into his gear from when he first started umpiring – Jim McSweeney. Second place went to Peter Nilson, who brought out the tie and labcoat. Another feature event for 2007.

As part of our Collective Bargaining Agreement with the AFL, the Association was able to provide Swans tickets to Members. These were shared amongst the group throughout the year and I'm sure went down a treat with all that received them.

With the First and Second Division Grand Finals now held a week before the Premier Division Grand Finals, a special Grand Final Night BBQ was held on Thursday 31 August. This has the potential to become a frequent event based on the draw the NSW/ACT AFL put out each year. This inaugural night to recognise those doing the First and Second Division Grand Finals went down well, with all in attendance enjoying some snags and drinks.

Presidents Night was held on Wednesday 6 September at the Lane Cove Country Club, on a night that brought plenty of rain to Sydney. Once the heavens opened that night they continued on for the rest of the Sydney football season!

Once the season was over, Presentation Night was held on Saturday 16 September. This was a wonderful conclusion to the season, with both the night and the new goblet style trophies going down a treat with Members. The open bar tab was certainly a hit, and the city venue provided a central and accessible location for Members to get to (and stagger from).

Unfortunately the Inaugural Race Day on Saturday 21 October had to be cancelled due to a lack of interest, however the Third Annual Golf Day on Saturday 19 November was a 'hit' (pardon the pun), with some spectacular and some not so spectacular shots displayed by our Members.

The Committee works hard to provide affordable and enjoyable social events that are suitable for our broad membership base. Inevitably we sometimes are unable to please all our Members all the time, however we continue to strive to do so, and we welcome your feedback at any time.

It was disappointing that a number of Members indicated their intentions to attend events this year, but in turn did not show up on the day. This creates both logistical and financial difficulties for the Committee. Next year we ask that our Members continue to support the Association by both responding to and attending the events that the Committee organise, wherever possible.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or would be willing to assist with an event next season, please speak with a Committee Member.

## SOCIAL REPORT



Action from the Second Annual Ten Pin Bowling Night

## SOCIAL REPORT



Action from the 2006 Presentation Night



## SOCIAL REPORT



Action from the Third Annual Golf Day

## AWARD WINNERS

### 100m Sprint Medallion

Fastest 100m Runner  
1st: Andrew Rutherford  
2nd: Nathan Lessels  
3rd: Chris Bambrick

### Trainers Award

Best Trainer  
Ashley Sandison  
Hamish George

### Service to Umpiring Award

Outstanding Commitment to Umpiring and the Association  
Peter Nilson

### President's Award

Contribution to the Association  
Sean Richardson

### A. W. St Clair Award

Best All Rounder  
Kevin Morrison

### John Swensen Trophy

Most Improved Umpire  
Field: Paul Barron  
Boundary: Tim Griffin  
Goal: David Harding

### Mark Rendell Shield

Best First Year Umpire  
Roy Goh

### AFL Award

Most Promising Umpire  
Nathan Lessels

### Mike Heinrichs Award

Best Goal Umpire  
David Harding

### Peter Hampshire Award

Best Boundary Umpire  
Ashley Sandison

### The Golden Whistle

Best Field Umpire  
Joel Elliott

## AFL REPRESENTATIVES

Field: Troy Pannell  
Boundary: Adam McDonald, Luke McSpeerin, Ashley Sandison  
Goal: Robert Read, Sergio Villagra

## SYDNEY AFL REPRESENTATIVES

### NAB AFL Under 18 Championships

Saturday 24 June to Sunday 2 July  
Field: Nathan Lessels

### NAB AFL Rising Stars Under 16 Championships

Saturday 22 July to Saturday 29 July  
Field: Paul Barron

### Rod Carter-Alex Jesaulenko Shield

Sydney AFL versus Canberra AFL  
Saturday 1 July  
Field: Joel Elliott, Frank Kalayzich  
Boundary: Craig Anderson, Richard Pallister  
Goal: Con Tsonis

### State Development Match

Sydney Swans Reserves versus Sydney AFL Under 21  
Saturday 1 July  
Field: Michael Peck, Sean Richardson  
Boundary: Mitch Hanrahan, James Morrison  
Goal: Simon Osborne, Andrew Scovell

## GAME MILESTONES

Brian Sullivan	250 Total	Round 3
Con Tsonis	150 Total	Round 3
Sean Richardson	50 Senior Grade	Round 6
David Jacobs	50 Senior Grade	Round 7
Sergio Villagra	150 Total	Round 7
Shane McSpeerin	250 Senior Grade	Round 8
Anton Lewis	200 Senior Grade	Round 10
David Jacobs	150 Total	Round 11
Stewart Eckerman	100 Senior Grade	Round 11
Ken Ray	450 Total	Round 12
Les Gonye	200 Senior Grade	Round 15
Robert Read	50 Senior Grade	Round 15
Frank Kalayzich	450 Total	Round 16
Anthea Barrow	50 Total	Round 17
Luke McSpeerin	50 Senior Grade	Round 17
Peter Nilson	400 Total	Round 17
Jeremy Boland	50 Total	First Division Semi Finals
Sean Richardson	100 Total	Premier Division Semi Finals

## SENIOR GRADE DEBUTANTS

Roy Goh	Goal	Round 1
Mitch Hanrahan	Boundary	Round 1
Adam McDonald	Boundary	Round 4
Tom McDonald	Field	Round 4
Andrew Scovell	Goal	Round 6
James Morrison	Boundary	Round 6
Danny Deigan	Field	Round 11
Jeff Milne	Goal	Round 12
David Ng	Boundary	Round 13

## GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



### Premier Division Seniors

Saturday 9 September

East Coast Eagles versus Pennant Hills

Field: Joel Elliott, Frank Kalayzich, Nathan Lessels  
Boundary: Craig Anderson, Luke McSpeerin, Tim Griffin  
Goal: David Harding, Con Tsonis  
Emergency: Sean Richardson



### Premier Division Reserves

Saturday 9 September

Pennant Hills versus East Coast Eagles

Field: Anton Lewis, Michael Peck, Craig Rogers  
Boundary: Les Gonye, Ashley Sandison  
Goal: Ken Ray, Kevin Morrison  
Emergency: Glen Callaghan

## GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



### **Under 18 Premier Cup**

Saturday 9 September

Pennant Hills versus North Shore Bombers

Field: Paul Barron, Danny Deigan, Tom McDonald

Boundary: Mitch Hanrahan, Shane McSpeerin

Goal: Roy Goh, Sergio Villagra

Emergency: Andrew Rutherford



### **Under 18 Challenge Cup**

Saturday 9 September

Balmain versus Western Suburbs

Field: Justin Fox, Daniel Coghlan

Boundary: Hamish George, David Ng

Goal: Andrew Scovell, Greg Pickford

Emergency: Carl Fletcher

## GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



**First Division Seniors**  
Saturday 2 September  
Sydney University versus UTS

Field: Andrew Cohen, Troy Pannell, Sean Richardson  
Boundary: Craig Anderson, David Ng  
Goal: Simon Osborne, Peter Nilson  
Emergency: Frank Kalayzich



**First Division Reserves**  
Saturday 2 September  
UTS versus Sydney University

Field: Peter Humphries, David Jacobs  
Boundary: Hamish George, Robert Osborne  
Goal: Peter Williams, Sophie Hoffman  
Emergency: Petros Markou

## GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



### **Second Division**

Saturday 2 September

Nor-West Jets versus UNSW/ES Bulldogs

Field: Jeremy Boland, Peter Hoffman

Boundary: Anthea Barrow, Max Friend

Goal: Bill Johnston, Jeff Milne

Emergency: Steven Wallbank

## OUT AND ABOUT



Out and about at the 2006 Sydney AFL Final Series



## Year in Review

### LEFT FIELD

#### The Field Marshall



#### Field Umpire Terrain Conditions

The 2006 Sydney AFL season went off with a bang this year, and, like any promising season, early numbers on the track provided plenty of cover. With new management of the squad under Captain Cranky and Tom 'Belter' Reddin, improvements in umpiring were seen across all types of terrain, from the youngest and greenest of the umpires to the most hardened double black campaigners. And how couldn't it be, with plenty of boys carving up the track in next to nothing. Conditions were definitely on the warm side, although the scenery of Thredbo or Hotham may have been a little more picturesque than some of the boys with their tops off (keep it on in the future, Frank). A multitude of prospective grand final haircuts also made an early appearance, with some heads showing little ground cover (GG and his preseason chop possibly the lowlight of the grooming year).

As the year built, Joel and Frank began fighting it out for mountains of TV ratings. Mid-season on the track was slightly disappointing, with only the most hardy and experienced daring to brave the extreme cold conditions. Cover at Reg Bartley was often unsuitable, seeing the group train off piste out at the point under true match day ground conditions, resulting in a war of its own - for the table. Frank, Joel, Nathan and Monte were notable contenders for the Memorial Massage Table Award. More often than not, mid-season saw more action off the mountain than on (as is usually the case), with more poker than training going on. It was hotly contested, highly regarded, and often extremely controversial. These games saw highlights a plenty, whether on the Umpires Poker Tour (UPT) or Lair Series Poker (LSP). Most notable were Danny's rubbish calls, which included... "Like the republic, I Czech", "More green than Henson Park", "More blues than the GF", "Like an origami expert, I fold" and "More queens than Oxford Street". The only thing possibly more ridiculous than the stuff coming from DD's mouth this year was Carl Fletcher's ridiculous efforts travelling back and forth across NSW just to get to training. That and Pannell's throw in... I mean ball up at Campbelltown. Like making a snow plough look difficult, really.

But one thing that the season did serve up was a plethora of new games into the training program. Plenty of the boys found new and interesting ways for their mates to injure themselves, with favourite new activities including dodge ball (from Pies, last seen sinking a few XXXX in QLD) and European handball (courtesy of Hollywood Frank). Some shorter-lived activities included frisbee (thanks Agro) and lacrosse (care of Chucky Rutherford). Also short-lived was some boys attendance at training. Great to see you Dubbo Ranger, Turtle and FIGJAM.

With (for the most part) a season of excellent weather, rain on Grand Final day rendered conditions highly unsuitable - a day in which all lifts would have normally been declared closed. In an act of lunacy, competition was called to go ahead, but the day was enjoyed by all umpires in true umpiring fashion - by hanging rubbish on your mates from the comfort of the sheds - whilst watching the rain belt down on those out in the centre.

So the season came to a close, but not without its toll. The year's injury list included Jeremy (broken arm), Richo (ankle), Lessels (knee), Frank and Anton (Menopause... I mean calves), DD (wallet at poker), Foxy and Monte (livers), Monte (frisbee nose), Turtle (wrist), Buck (legs in general), Harvey (broken toe), Hamish (frisbee glasses), Richo (body in general, from playing lacrosse)...

A number of umpires from the ranks won't be returning for season 2007, so massive farewells go out to DJ (Dave Jacobs), Buck (Craig Rogers), Goblet (Joel Elliott) and the Beater (Troy Pannell). Thanks for your contributions to Sydney AFL and we wish you the best in your future endeavours.

With an extra game next year, a loss of umpires from the ranks and a stack of young up-and-coming newbies there are a number of opportunities to be taken next year. During the year the coach had been seen running 400's before training. After his recent appearances at pre-season training (although few and far between), could he be trying to cement his spot in seniors for 2007? I'd suggest he stick to the green runs. Speaking of pre-season training, there is plenty going on, with a multitude of training sessions across Sydney, from Lane Cove to Cronulla to Penrith (as long as there is no dragon boat racing).

In the mean time train hard and I might see you out and about 'off- piste'.

## Year in Review STICKY ACTION The Goal Whisperer

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holidays to all umpires and friends of umpires who may be reading this missive this massive holiday season. For the uninitiated, 'Sticky Action' is a regular column which chronicles the life and times of the greatest goal umpires in the world: Sydney goal umpires! (Yours truly did not choose the name, but what the hey – it gives Willow a laugh!) Season 2006 has just flown by. What happened? Well read on if you care! I mean, if you dare!

As I so correctly predicted at the start of this season, 2006 was destined to be a big year for our goalies, and for once I wasn't talking about everyone's waistslines! As I wrote in the very first issue of White Line Fever in April,

"What the?! Has the whole world gone topsy-turvy? Unless you have been hiding in Sergio Villagra's closet, you would have realised that Tuesday's training sessions are now regularly frequented by... goal umpires! Jaws are dropping each week as more and more of them show up in the hopes of dropping their 'fat bugger' tags."

Some of the crew actually stayed committed to this joyful abandon in enjoying fitter, healthier bodies up until September. Mr Reddin gave out a Trainer's Award at Presentation Night recently but controversially overlooked every goalie on the paddock. Its quality not quantity people! So to rectify this situation, I am now handing out the inaugural, official Sticky Action "I'm Now A Goal Post Award"! Who is the winner? Disney or Sergio who have been really committed and improved out of sight? Roy "Doesn't" Goh who can now run an entire lap? Peter "Methuselah" Nilson who is still alive? No! The winner is Con! Wow, how much weight have you lost all up? 6000 kgs? Well done!

Those in the know understand that goal umpiring is really the most difficult of all the umpiring disciplines, and is the most rewarding and dignified job on the field. Some goalies, however, found this season to be one of the most challenging in recent years – and I'm not talking about struggling with the six times table. As few are aware, the order and means by which a goal umpire gives his or her signals were drastically altered by the AFL which caused great confusion. Once, Simon "The Wiz" Osbourne got so confused and caught up in his signals that he accidentally brought a 747 in to land in the middle of Henson Park. Yes, you now have to be a rocket scientist to be a goal umpire, though having the ability to distinguish between a goal or a behind is still optional.

In 2006 goalies were also directed to become faster, speedier, and more streamlined than the previous models, especially when waving flags. Players in the AFL no longer have to wait for the flags to be waved (or is it woven?) after a goal. In Sydney football they still do wait. This is good. I have seen enough flying flags and smacked faces for one year, thank you.

Speaking of the AFL, Rob and Sergio have continued to perform well in the biggest arena, representing the group with pride. Congrats must go to them for all their hard work and dedication which has seen them perform so well for so long. (Please note: I am regretfully sorry there was no joke in this paragraph about Sergio and Rob. Don't worry; we lay into them hard all year. Please also note: by saying 'lay into them hard' I am referring to the tall poppy syndrome, not anything bedroom related.)

A great initiative started (or rather, resumed) this year, which was giving some of the up and coming umpires the opportunity to umpire in Swans Reserves games at the SCG and Telstra Stadium. Our boys performed well despite the large and obnoxious crowds behind them. On one occasion, a friendly crowd member 'helped' a golf ball over the fence towards Disney. It did not make contact but our friendly goalie retrieved the ball for the young ruffians so that was nice. Thanks must go to Coach Basil Fawley, the ACTAFUA and the AFL Canberra for these fantastic opportunities for our umpires and other golf enthusiasts.

May I pass on my official congratulations to all those who achieved significant milestones and benchmarks this year. If you are a goal umpire and successfully tallied up a large amount of games in an increment of fifty, well done! (You know who you are, I don't.) A special mention should be made of Coach Kenny and Pete "Never Say Die" Nilson, who have now umpired in over 800 games between them. Get off the oval already! Well done to those goalies who got a grand final this year too, as well as the Most Improved and

Mike Heinrichs award winners. Kudos and Sudokus to you!

Everyone who pulled on the orange and black this year (and is a member of our fine association) must be mentioned and thanked for all their hard work, dedication, support, professionalism, and other things they probably didn't do. Well done to Roy "Crabs" Goh, David "Disney" Harding, Sophie Hoffman, Jeff Milne, Kevin "Big Kev" Morrison, Peter "Never Say Die" Nilson, Dom "Never Shows Up" O'Callaghan, Simon "The Wiz" Osborne, Ken Ray (the respected and fantastic coach – thanks for all your work this year!), Robert "Adobe Acrobat Reader" Read, Andrew "I Used to be a Real Umpire" Scovell, Sergio "The Serge" Villagra, Con "Connie" Tsonis, Peter "Willow" Williams, and John "At Least He Tries" Williams. If I've missed anyone please complain to one of the Committee Members of the NSWAFUA.

OK, I know this is a repeat, but we must add a quick summary year in review for easy digestion. (Please note Mr Editor: Do not eat this!) Here you are! The top five "greatest" goal umpiring moments from season 2006!

5. Roy's new nickname "Crabs". I'm not sure if it refers to how he runs or some sort of infection he's picked up, but either way it's a stayer!
4. Willow's breaking of the World Record! He managed an amazing 243 chest taps in one second after a behind in round 9.
3. Connie winning the Goal Umpire Biggest Loser competition. He dropped an amazing amount of weight during the year. Plus, he shaved off his moustache!
2. The water fight which broke out between Disney and The Serge at Henson Park during three quarter time. Apparently they both had to umpire the final quarter looking like they had just taken a shower. Now that's professionalism!
1. And the number one greatest achievement of the year was Peter "Never Say Die" Nilson's 400th total game which he umpired this year. And in only his 98th season!!! Now give us an error free game Pete!

Have a fantastic summer and I look to seeing you next year for more "Sticky Action"!

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## ON THE TRACK



The 2006 Group

## STATISTICS

FIELD		2006			Career		
Surname	First Name	Prem Snr	Other	Total	Prem Snr	Other	Total
Austin	Joseph	0	5	5	0	8	8
Bambrick	Chris	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barron	Paul	14	3	17	35	46	81
Boland	Jeremy	0	12	12	0	52	52
Callaghan	Glen	5	11	16	21F 2B	263F	284F 2B
Connelly	David	9	6	15	30	37	67
Deigan	Danny	8	15	23	8	15	23
Delany	Brad	0	13	13	0	13	13
Dutton	Simon	0	14	14	0	14	14
Elliott	Joel	18	3	21	39	3	42
Fletcher	Carl	0	11	11	0	11	11
Fox	Justin	0	20	20	0	49	49
Gestier	Matthew	0	3	3	35	14	49
Heinrichs	Michael	0	12	12	TBC	TBC	TBC
Hoffman	Peter	0	18	18	0	18	18
Humphries	Peter	7	12	19	31	160	191
Jacobs	David	17	3	20	61	98	159
Kalayzich	Frank	20	0	20	333	121	454
Lessels	Nathan	19	0	19	29	6	35
Lewis	Anton	18	2	20	209	27	236
Luck	Darrell	0	6	6	78	117	195
Markou	Petros	0	14	14	0	40	40
McDonald	Thomas	9	6	15	9	6	15
McGilvray	Anthony	0	13	13	8G	165F	8G 165F
Pannell	Troy	5	1	6	32	7	39
Peck	Michael	16	5	21	19	19	38
Richardson	Sean	19	2	21	63	38	101
Rogers	Craig	13	4	17	13	4	17
Rutherford	Andrew	0	11	11	0	11	11
Smoothy	Steve	0	14	14	0	25	25
Sullivan	Brian	0	14	14	0	261	261
Wallbank	Steven	0	20	20	2B 2G	416F	416F 2B 2G

Statistics are only maintained for games umpired whilst a Member of the Association.

## STATISTICS

BOUNDARY		2006			Career		
Surname	First Name	Prem Sen	Other	Total	Prem Sen	Other	Total
Anderson	Craig	15	1	16	36	8	44
Barrow	Anthea	2	11	13	6	47	53
Eckermann	Stewart	7	3	10	100	77	177
George	Hamish	5	9	14	5	9	14
Gonye	Les	18	2	20	205	77	282
Griffin	Tim	17	1	18	68	2	70
Hanrahan	Mitch	13	4	17	13	4	17
Lyons	Greg	6	7	13	62	17	79
McDonald	Adam	3	3	6	6	3	9
McSpeerin	Luke	7	0	7	52	17	69
McSpeerin	Shane	18	1	19	260	50	310
Morrison	James	8	7	15	8	7	15
Ng	David	6	14	20	6	22	28
Osborne	Robert	11	9	20	11	9	20
Pallister	Richard	13	0	13	28	0	28
Sandison	Ashley	5	2	7	22	9	31

GOAL		2006			Career		
Surname	First Name	Prem Sen	Other	Total	Prem Sen	Other	Total
Goh	Roy	18	6	24	18	11	29
Harding	David	20	2	22	41	24	65
Hoffman	Sophie	0	15	15	0	15	15
Milne	Jeff	1	8	9	1	8	9
Morrison	Kevin	15	5	20	23	19	42
Nilson	Peter	16	6	22	96	310	406
O'Callaghan	Dom	5	13	18	49	81	130
Osborne	Simon	0	16	16	0	16	16
Ray	Ken	18	7	25	341	221	562
Read	Robert	9	1	10	52	18	70
Scovell	Andrew	11	13	24	11G	16F 13G	16F 24G
Tsonis	Con	15	0	15	92	70	162
Villagra	Sergio	7	2	9	95	60	155
Williams	John	0	1	1	0	1	1
Williams	Peter	17	4	21	29	21	5

## Appendix 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

### New South Wales Australian Football Umpires Association Inc Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 30 November 2005  
Forresters Hotel, Surry Hills

Meeting opened 7.45pm  
Chairperson Robert Read

#### Attendance

Sean Richardson, Ken Ray, Jim McSweeney, Mark Rendell, Frank Kalayzich, Jeremy Boland, Glen Callaghan, Robert Read, Peter Hampshire, Craig Anderson, David Harding, Troy Pannell, Ashley Sandison, Anton Lewis, Graham Glassford, Con Tsonis, David Connelly, Robert Tait, Richard Cox, Steven Wallbank, Michael Peck, Nathan Lessels and Matthew Gestier.

#### (a) Apologies

Les Gonye, Tim Griffin, Justin Fox, David Yole, Nicholas Angelos

#### (b) (i) Confirmation of the minutes from the previous AGM

Received	Graham Glassford
Adopted	Anton Lewis
Seconded	Frank Kalayzich

#### (ii) Confirmation of the minutes from any previous EGM

These minutes were distributed to Members as a separate document to the Annual Report.

Received	Anton Lewis and Frank Kalayzich
Adopted	Con Tsonis
Seconded	David Connelly

#### (c) Business arising from these minutes

Nil.

#### (d) Correspondence relating to the AGM

Nil.

#### (e) Committee Reports

##### (i) President's Report

Robert Read spoke on his published report.

##### (ii) Secretary's Report

Peter Hampshire thanked the group for his time as a Member of the Association, and announced that he will be retiring from Umpiring and standing down as the NSWAFUA Secretary.

#### (f) Treasurer's Report:

Robert Read spoke on behalf of Tim Griffin for the financial matters of the Association.

Received	Ken Ray and Sean Richardson
Business Arising	Need to have comparative figures from previous year.
Adopted	Graham Glassford
Seconded	Steven Wallbank

### All Reports

Received Craig Anderson and Sean Richardson.

#### Business Arising

Craig Anderson asked about what sponsorship monies would be spent on. Robert Read replied in that money raised from sponsorship would support Members by providing training shirts and other initiatives for Members, returning the value obtained from sponsorship.

Richard Cox pointed out the financial report should have last financial years figures to compare. Robert Read agreed and assured that these figures would be distributed to Members once Tim Griffin was back from his holiday.

Adopted Jeremy Boland  
Seconded David Connelly

### (g) Notice of motions

Nil.

### (h) Election of Life Members

Nomination for Anton Lewis

Frank spoke on the nomination and Ashley Sandison seconded the nomination.

Nomination for Patrick McMahon

Mark Rendell spoke on the nomination and Jim McSweeney seconded the nomination.

Ballot papers were distributed and counted.

Result of Life Member elections

Anton Lewis Declined

Patrick McMahon Accepted

Congratulations to Patrick McMahon

Robert Read presented Life Member badges to Ken Ray and Richard Cox.

### (i) Elections of Office Bearers and Ordinary Members

Nominations have been lodged with the secretary as follows

President Tim Griffin

Vice President Anton Lewis

Secretary Ashley Sandison

Treasurer nil

Ordinary Members Sean Richardson, Gavin Bertram, David Connelly, Troy Pannell.

All elected.

Discussion took place.

The Constitution allows for 3 Ordinary Members and 4 Office Bearers, however nominations have been received for 4 Ordinary Members and 3 Office Bearers.

Robert Read spoke to the meeting in regards to the situation, and further debate took place.

Troy Pannell proposed to be Treasurer, and all Members agreed.

All nominated persons are elected unopposed.

### (h) General Business

Robert Tait asked if the Associations books are audited. Peter Hampshire explained that a decision was made 5 years ago not to have the books audited as it was not a legal requirement.

Mark Rendell thanked Peter Hampshire for his work with the Association.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

## Appendix 2 MINUTES OF ANY PREVIOUS EGM

### New South Wales Australian Football Umpires Association Inc Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting

Thursday 30 March 2006  
Reg Bartley Oval, Rushcutters Bay

Meeting opened 8.10 pm  
Chairperson Tim Griffin

#### Attendance

Luke McSpeerin, Sergio Villagra, Tim Pow, Simon Dutton, Michael Peck, David Harding, David Ng, Kevin Morrison, Peter Nilson, John Williams, Stewart Eckermann, David Jacobs, Andrew Scovell, Danny Deigan, Jeremy Boland, Frank Kalayzich, Robert Read, Sean Richardson, Ken Ray, Jim McSweeney, Michael Heinrichs, Mark Rendell, Anton Lewis, Ashley Sandison, Tim Griffin, Troy Pannell, Peter Williams.

#### Apologies

Nathan Lessels, Joel Elliott, Glen Callaghan, Shane McSpeerin.

The purpose of the meeting was outlined by Tim. The EGM has been called by the Members to change the NSWAFUA Rule 36 (c) of the Constitution as distributed by the Secretary. The Committee has also raised a special resolution to change the NSWAFUA Constitution Rule 30 and Appendix 3.

Tim noted that it is the right of a Member to call a EGM, however it was encouraged that Special Resolutions be raised yearly at the AGM. It was outlined that the voting procedure would be by ballot for the 1st Special Resolution and by show of hands for the 2nd Special Resolution.

#### 2nd Resolution

The 2nd Special Resolution was discussed and voted on first. Ashley Sandison spoke on behalf of the committee for the Special Resolution to change the number of days notice for a Special Resolution to be passed at an AGM to 21 days. This was a minor anomaly that was over looked during recent constitutional changes. The change to Appendix 3 was also proposed in order to be consistent with the above motion.

The Special Resolution was voted on and passed by majority of the Members present and proxy votes.

#### 1st Resolution

Frank Kalayzich spoke on behalf of the 1st Special Resolution to change Rule 36 (c) in regards to the number of proxy votes that can be carried by Members at an AGM or EGM. Currently the constitution allows for five proxy votes to be carried by each Member. The Special Resolution was proposed to change this to one proxy per Member.

Robert Read and Jim McSweeney spoke against the motion. There was open discussion in regards to the proposed motion. Mark Rendell also spoke against the motion.

Frank was given the opportunity for a right of reply to the discussion that took place.

The Special Resolution was voted on in a secret ballot, proxy votes were counted and the 2nd Special resolution was Declined.

Ashley Sandison will lodge the amended Constitution with the Department of Fair trading to confirm the results from the EGM.

Meeting closed 9.10pm.



## Appendix 3 AGENDA OF THE CURRENT AGM

### New South Wales Australian Football Umpires Association Inc Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

Monday 11 December 2006  
Forresters Hotel, Surry Hills

- (a) Apologies.
- (b) Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any Extraordinary Meeting held since that meeting.
- (c) Business arising out of the Minutes.
- (d) Correspondence relating to the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) To receive from the Committee reports upon the activities of the Association during the last preceding financial year.
- (f) To receive and consider a statement from the Committee which is not misleading and gives a true and fair view for the last financial year of the Association's:
  - (i) Income;
  - (ii) Assets and liabilities;
  - (iii) Mortgages, charges and other securities; and
  - (iv) Trust properties.
- (g) Notice of Special Resolution (if any).
- (h) Election of Life Members.
- (i) Election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Members.
- (j) General business.

