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**ANNUAL REPORT  
2007**

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

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## SPONSORS



### Social Sponsor Forresters

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Running Science is a new direction in sports footwear. Running Science provides professional advice from podiatrists and physiotherapists instore to make sure you get the right shoe for the right sport from a range of proven footwear.

## 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  
Leslie Gonye  
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  
Anton Lewis  
Leo Magee  
George Maruan  
Alan McIntyre  
Patrick McMahan  
Shane McSpeerin  
James A. McSweeney  
Jack Maude  
Kevin Meade  
Frank Nevill (Deceased)  
Peter Nilson  
Laurie O'Connor (Deceased)  
John Reid  
Ken Ray  
Mark 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

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

	Member Since	Years Service
Damian Anderson	2007	1
Robert Apted	2007	1
Stephen Archer	2007	1
Chris Bambrick	2006	2
Paul Barron	2006	4*
Jeremy Boland	2005	3
Glen Callaghan	1995	13
David Connelly	2004	4
Daniel Coghlan	2007	1
Paul Crockford	2007	1
Mark Davies	2007	1
Danny Deigan	2006	2
Stewart Eckermann	2006	11*
Matthew Eddy	2007	1
Troy Edwards	2007	1
Nicholas Ellis	2007	1
Pierce Field	2007	1
Carl Fletcher	2006	2
Justin Fox	2005	3
John Freeland	2007	TBC
Hamish George	2006	2
Matthew Gestier	2003	5
Roy Goh	2006	2
Scott Golden	2007	TBC
Leslie Gonye	1995	13
Tim Griffin	2003	5
David Harding	2004	4
Michael Heinrichs	2006	16*
Angus Heritage	2007	1
Brenton Hissey	2007	1
Peter Hoffman	2006	2
Sophie Hoffman	2006	2
Peter Humphries	2003	5
Frank Kalayzich	2002	22*
Nathan Lessels	2005	3
Anton Lewis	2003	12*
Greg Lyons	1999	9
Petros Markou	2007	3*
Adam McDonald	2006	2
Thomas McDonald	2006	2
Anthony McGilvray	2007	12*
Luke McSpeerin	2005	6*
Shane McSpeerin	1992	16
Jeff Milne	2006	2
James Morrison	2005	3
Kevin Morrison	2006	2
Steve Murphy	2007	1
David Ng	2006	2
Peter Nilson	1992	16
Scott Nugent	2007	1
Dom O'Callaghan	2004	4
Michael O'Grady	2007	1
Michael Peck	2005	3
James Perrett	2007	1
Emma Polette	2007	1
Ken Ray	1989	19
Sean Richardson	2003	5
Andrew Rutherford	2006	2
Gregory Saggi	2007	1
Andrew Scovell	2005	3
Andy Smyth	2007	1
Alison Stevens	2007	1
Brian Sullivan	2006	5*
Ashley Symons	2007	1
Sergio Villagra	2000	8
Steven Wallbank	1990	18
John H Williams	2006	2

\*Discontinuous service..

## THE 2007 SYDNEY AFL UMPIRING GROUP



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**President**

Anton Lewis

**Vice President**

David Harding

**Secretary**

Sean Richardson

**Treasurer**

Luke McSpeerin

**Ordinary Members**

Carl Fletcher

Michael Peck

Andrew Rutherford

## MEETING ATTENDANCE

	<b>Committee Meetings (10)</b>	<b>Association Meetings (6)</b>
Anton Lewis	10	6
David Harding	10	5
Sean Richardson	10	5
Luke McSpeerin	7	6
Carl Fletcher	8	4
Michael Peck	7	5
Andrew Rutherford	9	6



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Anton Lewis

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2007 President's report.

This year saw a number of changes to the League staff with whom the Association deals with and the relationship with the League and sharing of information seems to have improved for both parties. We will continue to work with the League to ensure our Members obtain relevant information in a timely manner and we are able to resolve any issues that may arise amicably.

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. Our second year with fitness coach Tom Reddin saw a greater level of fitness as well as a holistic approach to training and recovery. On behalf of the Association I would like to thank Tom for his efforts and we look forward to seeing him during 2008 somewhere. Our new fitness advisor Michael has already spent time with us in 2007 and I'm sure he will be as receptive to suggestions as Tom was. We have already had a fitness test in October 2007 with another planned in December 2007 for those on the AFL list.

Graham Glassford resumed his role as the coach of Sydney AFL Umpiring Group this season, as part of his role as Umpiring Development Manager for the AFL NSW/ACT. He had some willing helpers throughout the year - including the gain of Keith Ogston - and with his assistant coaches, things will continue to improve for umpiring in 2008.

This season our Association was represented by two boundary umpires and one goal umpire 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. The dedication and commitment required to reach this level is worthwhile once you step onto the ground for your first AFL game.

Once again the Association explored a significant number of avenues regarding sponsorship. We were very fortunate to retain Forresters, dd(too) (Sean Richardson) and the Intercontinental Hotel (Adam McDonald) as our sponsors and welcomed Columbia Coffee (Peter Nilson) and ACP (Greg Lyons) during the year. Challenges continue to lie ahead in this area, as we are a small association with limited exposure for potential sponsors. This is something that we must all be vigilant on and if you have someone in the corporate world who is willing to sponsor us through either goods in kind or some dollars, please let a Committee Member know.

Membership numbers have grown this year, up from 63 in 2006 to 67 in 2007. This is a welcome development, and all umpires should take credit for contributing to the harmonious and welcoming atmosphere at training. I encourage you to rejoin the Association in 2008 and continue this trend. The Association plays an important role in maintaining and developing the culture of the Sydney AFL group. We continue to take on board the feedback provided by our Members, and hope that the initiatives we have started in 2007 flourish in 2008.

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 special way to help make this season a successful one. I would also like to thank those that assisted the Committee in various ways during 2007. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and did not go unnoticed - thank you.

I hope the 2008 season is beneficial to you all and I look forward to seeing you on the track or at a game in 2008.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sean Richardson

It seems rather cliché, even repetitive, to suggest that the Association is 'undergoing generational change'. Yet the median period of Membership service is just 2 years, and the average age of a Premier Division Senior Grade Field Umpire is just 21½... I'm starting to feel old!

As the 'club' behind umpiring, the importance of the Association cannot be understated. From ice baths to advocates, or the CBA to our marquee of end of season functions, the NSWAFUA is an essential part of umpiring in Sydney. And whilst this list may seem impressive, the Association must continue to ensure that it remains valuable and relevant to our Members.

Attracting and retaining umpires continues to be a challenge across Australia, let alone New South Wales. This has an inherent flow on effect to Association Membership, which fluctuates from year to year. A brief comparison of Membership numbers over the past decade are provided below:

1998	61	2003	65
1999	77	2004	73
2000	109	2005	48
2001	71	2006	63
2002	63	2007	67

The Committee worked hard to maintain a solid Membership base this year, following a significant decline in 2005. I don't believe it is unrealistic for the Association to aim for 100% membership from the umpires that (semi-regularly) attend training. Unfortunately this goal was not realised in 2007, and this will remain a challenge for the future. The revamped Membership structure implemented in 2006 was designed to provide greater choice and value to all Members, and will no doubt continue to be refined in 2008.

The appointment of Graham Glassford as a full time Umpiring Development Manager has seen considerable focus and resources placed into junior umpiring programs across the state, culminating in the Regional Squad and Development Academy. The results of this impressive program are only just coming to fruition, which will hopefully see a greater number of junior umpires 'bridging the gap' to senior groups. Notwithstanding the strengths of the junior program, I can only hope that similar investment be placed into resourcing and supporting senior groups to ensure that umpiring remains a structured and rewarding experience, regardless of age.

The relationship between the Association and the AFL NSW/ACT continues to strengthen, culminating with an invitation for the NSWAFUA to participate in the Towards 2008 planning process and review. The Committee is due take your feedback from season 2007 to the League in mid December for our annual review. We will keep Members up to date with the outcome of this meeting.

The 2008 season promises a number of challenges for the Association. Our existing CBA has only one year left to run, before a new agreement will need to be signed. The challenge will be negotiating a CBA that delivers to our diverse and disparate Membership base. Considerable focus will need to be placed on developing an improved structure and better conditions, rather than merely higher fees.

A number of issues were identified by Members in our 2006 survey that we have sought to improve upon this year. Tracksuits, quality of communication, notification of Association Meetings, parity of Membership categories and frequency of website updates are just some of the areas that have been (at least partially) addressed in 2007. The Committee will, of course, work towards continuing improvements in these areas, along with any other areas identified in general feedback and the upcoming 2007 Member survey.

Being involved with the Committee is a rewarding yet challenging experience. All Committee Members donate a considerable amount of time, energy and resources to ensuring the development and continued success of the Association. Your support of their efforts is appreciated, and I implore you to continue to assist the Committee by actively participating in Association life. Be it RSVPing to functions, replying to emails or simply putting in an apology at a meeting, they all go a long way to making the job that little bit easier.

To my colleagues in 2007, thank you for your hard work and support this year. A special thanks must go to Anton Lewis, who put in an outstanding and often unsung effort as President over the course of the season, and to outgoing Vice President David Harding and outgoing Treasurer Luke McSpeerin.

Finally, congratulations must be extended to Les Gonye, Anton Lewis and Peter Nilson, who were elected as Life Members of the Association at the AGM in 2006.

I hope you enjoy the summer break, and look forward to seeing you just around the corner in 2008.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Luke McSpeerin

Finances in 2007 built on the success of last year, and continue to provide the Association with a position of stability. The driving force our financial strength comes from our membership base. The membership structure was revised in 2006, and was further refined this year, providing Members with choice and value. The Committee will continue to strive to deliver membership packages that cater to the needs of existing Members, whilst helping to grow the reach of the membership base to even higher levels.

Unfortunately the Association's sponsorship deal with Landbridge Transport did not continue in the current financial year, and this valuable source of extra funding was notably missed. Despite the absence of external funding, the Association was still able to return a financial surplus, which is no easy feat.

Finding and retaining sponsorship for the Association is a continuing challenge. Contact has been made with possible major sponsors for season 2008, and the Committee remains hopeful that at least some level of external funding can be secured to help subsidise membership dues.

Our end of year social functions continue to be the greatest expenditure item. The desire for me as Treasurer, and the Committee as a whole, is to keep these functions at a continued high standard whilst making it cost effective to all Members. Whilst it is always hard to find suitable venues that remain value for money, I believe that the Committee did an outstanding job in sourcing venues for this years functions. Special thanks must go to Adam McDonald for his assistance in securing the Intercontinental Hotel.

A further initiative of the Committee this year was to start a high interest account for our cash holdings. The canteen continues to be a financial success, bouyed by the addition of the very popular protein bar.

In summary, I am pleased to announce that the Association has run at an operating surplus for the second year running. It is the challenge for any future Committee to continue this trend of financial strength - to improve the position of the Association such that it can deliver for its Members and weather any potential downturns.



Action from Drummoyne Oval

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### New South Wales Australian Football Umpires Association Incorporated

Statement of Financial Performance  
for the year ending 31 October 2007

	2007	2006
<b>Revenue</b>		
Membership	9,660.00	9,480.00
Sponsorship	0.00	4,800.00
Functions	2,605.00	2,000.00
Fundraisers	3,866.20	1,792.00
Canteen	3,669.65	1,792.18
Merchandise	115.00	287.00
Tracksuits	1,100.00	0.00
Interest	402.18	11.92
AFL Payment	0	150.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>21,418.03</b>	<b>20,313.10</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Functions	9,347.25	9,611.20
Fundraisers	2,000.12	960.08
Tracksuits	4,092.00	0.00
Merchandise	165.00	1,099.88
Trophies	1,540.56	1,568.05
Canteen	2,293.15	980.64
Honour Boards	0.00	554.23
Printing	0.00	485.00
Postage	146.50	107.00
Internet / Website	330.00	125.00
Bank Charges	15.00	7.50
Department of Fair Trading / Incorporation	63.00	36.00
Keys	14.25	0.00
Committee Expenses	0.00	68.00
Filing Cabinet	0.00	50.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>20,006.83</b>	<b>15,652.58</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>1,411.20</b>	<b>4,660.52</b>

### New South Wales Australian Football Umpires Association Incorporated

Statement of Financial Position  
as at 31 October 2007

	2007	2006
Opening Cash at Bank	14,034.80	9,777.30
Add: Operating Surplus (Deficit)	1,411.20	4,660.52
Less: Write Off	0.00	(403.02)
<b>Closing Cash at Bank</b>	<b>15,446.00</b>	<b>14,034.80</b>
Add: Cash on Hand	0.00	39.00
<b>Net Member Funds</b>	<b>15,446.00</b>	<b>14,073.80</b>
Add: Receivables	166.00	0.00
Less: Payables	0.00	0.00
<b>Gross Member Funds</b>	<b>15,612.00</b>	<b>14,034.80</b>

The Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

## 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, standards or 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 Items

The following list of items owned by the Association are considered significant, but do not form part of the Statement of Financial Position.

Item	2007	2006
Association Tracksuits	13	0
Bunnings Training T- Shirts	18	67
Sweatbands	4	-
Whistles	2	-
Plastic Chairs	38	38
Trestle Tables	2	4
Massage Tables	1	1
PVC Goal Posts	4	4
Metal Goal Post Bases	4	4
White Boards	2	2
Filing Cabinet	1	1
Trundle Wheels	0	1

### Note 3 - Receivables

The following list of receivables are owed to the Association.

Receivable	Amount
Fundraisers - Cadbury chocolates	96.00
Functions - President's Night	70.00
Total	166.00

## 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 Association's (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:

Anton Lewis  
President  
Tuesday 4 December 2007

Luke McSpeerin  
Treasurer  
Tuesday 4 December 2007

## COACH'S REPORT

### Graham Glassford

Umpiring the game of Australian football is a challenging but often rewarding pursuit of our great game. Season 2007 was no different for the Sydney AFL Umpiring Group.

Generational change of the Sydney AFL Umpiring Group is occurring. A number of new young fresh faces are appearing out on the field. With any generational change a number of growing pains will be experienced. While these 'growing pains' are a part of change the devotion that the umpires have in striving to produce their very best week in week out cannot be underestimated.

Umpires, not unlike players, work hard to improve their fitness, their skills required to umpire a game of Australian football and to maintain a level of consistency throughout a game and across the whole season. While there are times when they may not get the decision correct the umpires continue to work hard to produce their best.

The Sydney AFL Umpiring Panel is the most diverse umpiring group in Australia with elite level umpires i.e. AFL Umpires all the way down to the recreational umpire. With this in mind, training and coaching needs to be spread across the whole divide of experiences. This proves a great challenge for all coaches to adapt to the individual needs of each umpire. For many of the group training began in mid October for umpires to ensure their fitness levels were able to cope with the demands of the game.

All umpires need to have a level of fitness that matches the game that they umpire. Over the course of the season the Strength and Conditioning Coach was able to study the umpires in games via GPS units. The outcome certainly provided some excellent results. In Premier Division Seniors a Field umpire will cover approximately 12 kilometres, 7 kilometres of that is running at effort (i.e. over 10 kilometres per hour), a Boundary umpire will cover 14km, 9.5km at effort. While in Division One Seniors a Field umpire covers 12.5km, 7km at effort. The physical demands of umpiring a game of Australian football cannot be underestimated.

In the last couple of seasons there have been a number of law and interpretation changes that not only players/coaches have had to adapt to but also the umpiring fraternity. In 2007 the umpires' successfully implemented the quick kick after a behind, protection of the ball player while their head is over the ball and the stricter interpretation of hands in the back in a marking contest.

Development of umpires is certainly a hot topic and this year a Greater Sydney Junior Regional Umpiring Squad was established with 13 junior umpires from the five junior associations involved. These umpires are the next generation of umpires in Sydney football and beyond. The policy of the Umpiring Department is directed in the development of junior umpires in junior associations. This is no more evident than in the last couple of rounds of the U18 Premier Cup having junior umpires making their debut in Sydney AFL having participated in the Regional Squad and the NSW/ACT Umpires' Development Academy.

Currently the Sydney AFL Umpiring Group does not have the umpiring numbers to cover all games be it field, goal and boundary umpires. While the obvious goal is to have every game with League appointed umpires the foreseeable future suggests that this is not likely.

Three umpires from the Sydney group were part of the AFL Umpiring Panel, Adam McDonald, Luke McSpeerin (boundary) and Sergio Villagra (goal). All three umpires had an outstanding year in the AFL, with McDonald celebrating 150 AFL games in Round 22.

## SYDNEY AFL / AFL NSW/ACT COACHING STAFF

### Umpiring Development Manager

#### Sydney AFL Coach

Graham Glassford

### Field Umpires Coach

Keith Ogston

### Field Umpires Assistant Coach

Nick Angelos

Richard Cox

Andrew Jones

### Boundary Umpires Coach

Greg Lyons

### Boundary Umpires Assistant Coach

Stewart Eckermann

### Goal Umpires Coach

Ken Ray

### Strength and Conditioning Coach

Tom Reddin

### Appointments Coordinator

Justin Fox

## UMPIRING STATISTICS

Premier Division Senior Grade Panel statistics	Field	Boundary	Goal
Number of Umpires on panel	20	19	15
Debutants	6	7	0
Average age of panel	21.5	33	23

### Free kick statistics

Number of free kicks per game	35
Decisional Accuracy of Field umpires	85% correct
Number of decisional errors per umpire per game	2.25

### Bouncing statistics

Contestable bounces	69% accuracy
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## SOCIAL REPORT

Andrew Rutherford

This year's social calendar provided our Members with an array of stimulating events. Our first function was held in March, well before the season's opening bounce, and featured the return of Barefoot Lawn Bowls at Lane Cove West Bowling Club on Sunday 18 March. Having spent one year in the wilderness, this event was well received by Members, and is an event the Committee is keen to cement on the social calendar.

Our traditional end-of-month drinks commenced the weekend following Lawn Bowls, again being held at Forrester's on Sunday nights. Unlike previous years, the attendances at these regular outings were not as encouraging. The Members that did take up the offer of the financial support offered by Forrester's were treated to a quiet drink or two. It was also a chance to relax over a meal with friends, and reflecting on the recent individual and group efforts on the field. Due to a change of management and subsequent renovations, Forrester's are unable to continue with our arrangement for the following season, and we thank them for their support over the last few years.

The season was launched on Thursday 12 April with a pie night, officially welcoming new Members to Reg Bartley and the season proper. 'Pie' nights and Association Meetings took on a new meaning, with a variety of foods being prepared to provide variety. The chicken wraps in particular were a big hit!

It was back to the barbecue however for the 'Back to Bartley' Heritage Night on Thursday 5 July. Members dressed-up for the occasion in the oldest and daggiest umpiring uniforms they could find. The winners of this night were Glen Callaghan and Pete Nilson.

The Third Annual Ten Pin bowling night was held at new venue this year, travelling to play at Southgate AMF at Sylvania on Sunday 3 June. This has proved to be very popular with our Members, and this year was no exception. A new concept was introduced, which saw teams and individuals vying for top honours. It was great that some partners attended this event, as they play a significant role supporting all the umpires during the season. The only downfall of the evening was the food, or lack of, which will be addressed in the future.

As this season neared its conclusion, the Association celebrated the First and Second Division Grand Final Appointments with Vice President's Night on Tuesday 4 September at Reg Bartley. This too is becoming a regular feature of the NSWAFUA social calendar as the AFL (NSW/ACT) continues to stagger the Grand Finals over two weekends.

This year's major social functions saw significant improvements in the choice of venue. President's night was held on Tuesday 11 September at the Intercontinental Hotel in Sydney. It provided a fitting evening for the announcement of the Premier Grand Final appointments, and could not have been possible without the support of Adam McDonald. The Association is keen to maintain this arrangement in the future, such was the success of the evening.

Presentation Night on Saturday 22 September was held at Bond Café and was the culmination of a fine and very successful season for the group, and a number of individuals who were recognised on the night. Bond Café provided us with a cosy yet vibrant environment in which to relax and unwind from a long season, and gave the Association many positives in which to base next year's Presentation Night on.

Grand Final drinks were held in between these two events at The Cock 'n' Bull Hotel in Bondi Junction. This venue proved to be a very comfortable and appropriate place for social drinks, and is the venue for this year's Annual General Meeting.

The Committee works had 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. This year has seen efforts made to bring social events to Members, with Lawn Bowls being held north of Sydney (Lane Cove), and Ten Pin Bowling being held in Sydney's south (Sylvania).

It is our mission to continue to bring such events to our Members, and relies on your support to ensure the success of these events. The Committee asks for your support again next year by responding to and attending events organised by the Committee. As always, 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



The Lawn Bowls Night

## SOCIAL REPORT



The Third Annual Ten Pin Bowling Night

## SOCIAL REPORT



Grand Final Day

## SOCIAL REPORT



Grand Final Night Drinks

## SOCIAL REPORT



Presentation Night

## AWARD WINNERS

### **The Golden Whistle**

Best Field Umpire  
Anton Lewis

### **The Peter Hampshire Award**

Best Boundary Umpire  
Adam McDonald

### **The Michael Heinrichs Award**

Best Goal Umpire  
Sergio Villagra

### **The President's Award**

Contribution to the Association  
Sean Richardson

### **The A. W. St Clair Shield**

Best All Rounder  
Danny Deigan

### **The Umpires' Umpire**

Best Team Player  
Sean Richardson

### **The AFL Award**

Most Promising Umpire  
Paul Barron

### **The Mark Rendell Shield**

Best First Year Umpire  
Andrew Rutherford

### **The John Swensen Trophy**

Most Improved Umpire  
Field: Glen Callaghan  
Boundary: Paul Crockford  
Goal: Kevin Morrison

### **The Spirit of Umpiring Award**

Outstanding Commitment to Umpiring  
Justin Fox, Ashley Symons

### **The Trainers Award**

Best Trainer  
Danny Deigan, Paul Crockford

### **The 100m Sprint Medallion**

Fastest 100 Runner  
1st: Luke McSpeerin  
2nd: Sean Richardson  
3rd: Danny Deigan

## AFL REPRESENTATIVES

Boundary: Adam McDonald, Luke McSpeerin  
Goal: Sergio Villagra

## SYDNEY AFL REPRESENTATIVES

### NAB AFL Under 18 Championships

Field: Paul Barron, Nathan Lessels

### NAB AFL Rising Stars Under 16 Championships

Field: Andrew Rutherford

Goal: Roy Goh

### Rod Carter-Alex Jesaulenko Shield

Sydney AFL versus Canberra AFL

Field: Damian Anderson

Boundary: Paul Crockford

Goal: Simon Osborne

## GAME MILESTONES

Justin Fox	50 Total Games	Round 1
Matthew Gestier	50 Total Games	Round 1
Nathan Lessels	50 Total Games	Round 18
Peter Humphries	200 Total Games	Round 7
Glen Callaghan	300 Total Games	Round 13
Les Gonye	300 Total Games	Premier Division Semi Finals
Paul Barron	50 Senior Games	Round 18
Matthew Gestier	50 Senior Games	Round 18
David Harding	50 Senior Games	Round 12
Dom O'Callaghan	50 Senior Games	Round 2
Peter Nilson	100 Senior Games	Round 4
Sergio Villagra	100 Senior Games	Round 13
Shane McSpeerin	268 Senior Games All time Sydney AFL record	Round 7
Frank Kalayzich	350 Senior Games	Round 17
Ken Ray	350 Senior Games	Round 11

## SENIOR GRADE DEBUTANTS

Damian Anderson	Field	Round 1
David Connelly	Boundary	Round 5
Paul Crockford	Boundary	Round 1
Matthew Eddy	Field	Round 1
Justin Fox	Field	Round 2
Angus Heritage	Boundary	Round 2
Brenton Hissey	Field	Round 1
Jim Perrett	Boundary	Round 2
Andrew Rutherford	Field	Round 10
Greg Saggi	Boundary	Round 1

## GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



### Premier Division Senior Grade

Saturday 15 September

St George versus North Shore

Field: Anton Lewis, Nathan Lessels, Damian Anderson

Boundary: Luke McSpeerin, Robert Taylor, Tim Griffin

Goal: Simon Osborne, Sergio Villagra

Emergency: Paul Barron



### Premier Division Reserve Grade

Saturday 15 September

Pennant Hills versus East Coast Eagles

Field: Sean Richardson, Frank Kalayzich, Glen Callaghan

Boundary: David Connelly, Les Gonye

Goal: David Harding, Kevin Morrison

Emergency: Peter Humphries



## GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



### **Under 18 Premier Cup**

Saturday 15 September

North Shore Wildcats versus Pennant Hills

Field: Justin Fox, Michael Peck, Andrew Rutherford

Boundary: Paul Crockford, Adam McDonald

Goal: Peter Nilson, Roy Goh

Emergency: Brenton Hissey



### **Under 18 Challenge Cup**

Sunday 9 September

Riverview versus Manly-Warringah

Field: Carl Fletcher, Ashley Symons

Boundary: Adam McDonald, Mitchel Murphy

Goal: Dominic O'Callaghan, Emma Polette

Emergency: Daniel Coghlan

## GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



### **First Division Senior Grade**

Saturday 8 September

Southern Sharks versus Manly-Warringah

Field: Matthew Gestier, Danny Deigan, Paul Barron

Boundary: Paul Crockford, Les Gonye

Goal: Greg Pickford, Peter Nilson

Emergency: Pierce Field



### **First Division Reserve Grade**

Saturday 8 September

UTS versus Manly-Warringah

Field: Nick Ellis, Brad Wooding

Boundary: Robert Osborne, David Ng

Goal: Andrew Scovell, Jeff Milne

Emergency: Troy Edwards

## GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



### **Second Division**

Saturday 8 September

Pennant Hills versus UNSW/ES Bulldogs

Field: Steven Wallbank, Jeremy Boland

Boundary: Alison Stevens, Angus Heritage

Goal: John Curran, Ken Ray

Emergency: Mark Davies

## GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



Action from the Premier Division Grand Finals

## GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



Action from the First and Second Division Grand Finals

## KEN RAY SETS NEW GOALS

Goal Umpire and Life Member Ken Ray officiated behind the goals in his 350th Sydney AFL Senior game in Round 11.

Ken played junior football for Western Suburbs but it has been goal umpiring in which Ken has truly made his mark.

Ken, a well known character of Sydney footy both on and off the field, has now umpired in over 400 total games and still performs admirably each week, whether in his capacity as an umpire or coach.

To demonstrate his skill as an umpire, it must be noted that Ken has been selected to umpire in an amazing five Premier League senior division grand finals. These were the big games in '94, '96, '99, '03, and '05. Coach Kenny is still umpiring as strong as ever and we may see him on the field in the biggest game in September again in the future.

Ken began his life as a goal umpire almost 20 years ago, completing his first full year ducking under kicks in 1989. Ken took quickly to the mental and physical demands of the discipline, being selected for the AFL goal umpiring list during seasons 1998, 1999, and 2000. During this time he officiated in many AFL games at the SCG.

For 13 years, Ken has also been the coach of the goal umpiring group for the Sydney AFL. This means that every goal umpire officiating each weekend owes much of their skills, fitness, and indeed selection, to Ken. He has helped countless young (and older) men and women into a greater understanding of goal umpiring, and Australian football itself, for over a decade. Ken takes great pleasure in seeing umpires grow and improve and has become adept at creating original and taxing drills to hone their skills on the training field.

Over the last few years Ken has also been the highly successful coach and mentor of the NSW goal umpires on the AFL umpiring list. This is yet another big commitment on his part.

Congratulations, Ken Ray - the NSWAFUA hopes to see you straddling the line for many more seasons to come.



## FRANK WHISTLES UP 350

One of Sydney's most recognisable field umpires – Frank Kalayzich – umpired his 350th Senior Grade game in the Round 17 match between Sydney University and North Shore. Frank is well known and respected by all of the Premier Division clubs in the Sydney AFL, as well as the officials and players. All associated with football in Sydney have appreciated Frank's open and friendly discussions both on and off the field. His relationships with various senior clubs ties back to his early playing days when he played for North Shores Under 18's team with many of the football personalities still involved in various Sydney football clubs today.

Frank has been umpiring in the Sydney AFL for 24 years, and it is a great achievement for him to maintain the high standards he has set over such a long period of time. Frank is known for his quality and consistency in decision making, which does not waiver in any circumstances. Frank is also a valued Life Member of the Association, which he was awarded in 1996.

Frank could not know, as a teacher at Christian Brothers' Manly, that when he was asked to play for Seaforth and umpire in the North Shore juniors in 1978, that it would start him on such an illustrious umpiring career. Frank began umpiring in the Sydney AFL in 1983 and officiated in his first Senior Grade game three years later. To think that he has been umpiring at the highest level in Sydney for 21 years is testament to his professionalism and drive.

Frank has also umpired 50 VFL/AFL Reserves games over the years and has also officiated in an amazing eight Sydney AFL Senior Grand Finals (1987, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2006), including four in a row in the early nineties and last year's epic battle between the two Hills teams at a very wet Henson.

As the years have passed, keeping Frank on the track each week has required a bit of work. He enjoys spending time in the pool a number of times a week, doing numerous laps to loosen up and maintain the tan. The hours on the massage table at training (and at various grounds) have also proved invaluable in helping him stay injury free. He is generally the first to get on the table when the opportunity arises.

Frank's consistently good form and extensive understanding of the game have seen him become a Sydney favourite on either side of the boundary line. When asked why he still enjoys putting in all the hard work needed to stay at the top of umpiring, he replied that "the enthusiasm of the umpiring group is great, and has developed significantly in recent years with David Howlett and Graham Glassford at the helm - and to maintain my fitness."

Frank is a teacher by trade at Santa Sabina College, where he and football are often discussed in the corridors (his wife Jane is the school principal). Frank is currently enjoying being 'Mister Mum' at home due to taking some extended leave, and is enjoying his time away to let him attend to all those household chores that he has never previously had the time to do.

The NSWAFUA would like to extend their congratulations to Frank on umpiring his 350th Senior game. We hope to see you in the mid zone for many more.



## MCSPEERIN SETS NEW BOUNDARIES

Boundary Umpire and NSWAFUA Life Member Shane McSpeerin broke the Sydney AFL record for the most games officiated by a boundary umpire in the Round 7 match at Drummoyne Oval. The clash between the Balmain Dockers and Pennant Hills was McSpeerin's 268th senior appearance - a huge achievement in anyone's language.

McSpeerin has been involved in umpiring for 15 years, and during that time he has rarely missed a game. He is also a Life Member of the Association. McSpeerin is well known to all of the first grade clubs in the Sydney AFL competition, as well as many officials and players.

Players and officials have welcomed his friendly and approachable manner and this has done much to promote closer relationships between clubs and umpires. He is a keen student of the game and his insights into the game are well respected. The line "I have a theory" usually precedes some of his most astute insights. He has also been known to offer "assistance" to field umpires who may be debating their best and fairest votes at the end of a game.

McSpeerin possesses an uncanny recall of sporting statistics and his coverage extends to numerous sports. He has a prominent sporting background, having played football for Melbourne from 1971 to 1973 during which time he made 16 senior appearances. He would have played many more senior games if not for persistent hamstring injuries. He possessed excellent athletic ability, and was also a talented cricketer who played A Grade cricket in the Melbourne suburban competition.

After moving from Melbourne to Sydney, McSpeerin became involved with the Sydney Swans Under 19s and was the team's runner for three seasons from 1989 until 1991. When the Under 19 competition was disbanded, McSpeerin moved into the umpiring ranks. In more recent years, he has battled leg injuries, but despite these he has still managed to get the task completed each week. The hours on the massage table at training have clearly proved invaluable.

McSpeerin is in the twilight of his career and despite the years ticking away he still performs admirably at first grade level. Congratulations to McSpeerin - the NSWAFUA hopes to see him "round the boundary" for many more seasons to come.





## HEINRICHS HANGS UP HIS WHISTLE

Mike Heinrichs officiated in his last Sydney AFL game in the Round 16 Premier Division Reserve Grade match between Balmain and North Shore at Drummoyne Oval. While he is largely unknown to most of Sydney's football fraternity, Heinrichs achieved the pinnacle in umpiring - officiating as a goal umpire in the 1999 AFL grand final.

Responding to an advertisement calling for umpires that appeared on the SCG scoreboard during a Sydney Swans match, Heinrichs contacted the then State Director of Umpiring, David Levens. After trimming off a few kilograms through regular exercise and a change in lifestyle, Heinrichs' talents as an above average goal umpire became evident. He was appointed to his first Sydney AFL grand final in 1994, only to break his shoulder the day before the match. The following year, he umpired the first of his five Sydney AFL Grand Finals.

More significantly his career progressed at the AFL level through Reserve Grade, achieving his first senior AFL appointment in 1995, when an injury to another goal umpire led to him officiate in the second half of a match at the SCG. In 1998, Heinrichs was selected to officiate in the AFL State of Origin and his first AFL finals series, including being appointed as the emergency goal umpire for the AFL Grand Final. The following year, he went one better becoming the first Sydney umpire to officiate on the last Saturday in September - the 1999 AFL Grand Final between North Melbourne and Carlton.

Australian Football also took him to London and Wellington (NZ) for AFL pre-season and exhibition matches. But his moment of fame came at his 'home' ground, the SCG, where he gave the signal and waved the flags for Tony Lockett's record breaking 1300th goal at the SCG. When he retired from the elite level, he had umpired 80 AFL senior matches, including six finals.

Following his decision to 'retire' from the goals in 2001 after 133 senior Sydney AFL games, he decided to stay involved in football, as a field umpire. His final game as an umpire was in the field, between Balmain and North Shore at Drummoyne Oval in the Premier Division Reserves.

Off-field, Heinrichs was a strong, active supporter of the NSWAFUA, having held the positions of Treasurer (1996-1999) and President (2000). He also 'mentored' the development of other goal umpires at both the Sydney AFL and at a national level. His commitment to the Association was rewarded with Life Membership in 1999. He has been a great ambassador for the umpiring community and football. He has selflessly offered his time to assist in the development of the game in Sydney and given considerably to a sport that has also provided him with great spoils. A fantastic career for somebody who used to kick the footy around in the lower grades for Macquarie University, and answered a call for umpires on the SCG scoreboard!



## STATISTICS

FIELD		2007			Career		
Surname	First Name	Prem Snr	Other	Total	Prem Snr	Other	Total
Anderson	Damian	20	0	20	20	0	20
Bambrick	Chris	0	9	9	0	9	9
Barron	Paul	16	1	17	51	47	98
Boland	Jeremy	0	16	16	0	68	68
Callaghan	Glen	14F, 1B	8	23	35F, 3B	271	309
Coghlan	Daniel	0	16	16	0	67	67
Davies	Mark	0	15	15	0	55	55
Deigan	Danny	17	5	22	25	19	44
Eddy	Matthew	12	8	20	12	13	25
Edwards	Troy	0	7	7	0	7	7
Ellis	Nick	0	16	16	0	16	16
Field	Pierce	0	19	19	0	21	21
Fletcher	Carl	0	22	22	0	31	31
Fox	Justin	15	8	23	15	57	72
Freeland	John	0	4	4	0	7	7
Gestier	Matthew	16	3	19	51	17	68
Golden	Scott	0	13	13	25	67	92
Heinrichs	Michael	0	12F	12F	133G	214	347
Hisey	Brenton	15	5	20	15	33	48
Hoffman	Peter	0	14	14	0	32	32
Humphries	Peter	14	7	21	46	168	214
Kalayzich	Frank	19	1	20	352	122	474
Lessels	Nathan	17	1	18	46	7	53
Lewis	Anton	21	0	21	230	27	257
Markou	Petros	0	16	16	0	46	46
McDonald	Thomas	10	10	20	19	16	35
McGilvray	Anthony	0	17	17	8G	182	190
Nugent	Scott	0	13	13	0	17	17
O'Grady	Michael	0	17	17	0	18	18
Peck	Michael	18	3	21	37	24	61
Richardson	Sean	21	2	23	84	40	124
Rutherford	Andrew	7	13	20	7	24	31
Smyth	Andy	0	20	20	0	37	37
Sullivan	Brian	0	9	9	0	270	270
Symonds	Ashley	0	12	12	0	12	12
Wallbank	Steven	0	21	21	2B, 2G	437	441

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

## STATISTICS

BOUNDARY		2007			Career		
Surname	First Name	Prem Snr	Other	Total	Prem Snr	Other	Total
Apted	Robert	1	3	4	1	3	4
Archer	Steven	15	5	20	15	5	20
Connelly	David	15B	5B	20B	29F, 15B	37F, 5B	66F, 20B
Crockford	Paul	15	2	17	15	2	17
George	Hamish	1	2	3	6	11	17
Gonye	Les	17	3	20	222	80	302
Griffin	Tim	15	1	16	83	3	86
Herritage	Angus	5	11	16	5	11	16
Lyons	Greg	14	2	16	75	18	93
McDonald	Adam	6	2	8	10	4	14
McSpeerin	Luke	9	1	10	61	18	79
McSpeerin	Shane	20	0	20	281	50	331
Morrison	James	4	1	5	10	8	18
Ng	David	14	3	17	20	15	35
Perrett	Jim	4	3	7	5	9	14
Saggi	Greg	7	0	7	7	0	7
Stevens	Alison	0	11	11	0	11	11

GOAL		2007			Career		
Surname	First Name	Prem Snr	Other	Total	Prem Snr	Other	Total
Goh	Roy	17	5	22	34	11	45
Harding	David	18	4	22	58	29	87
Hoffman	Sophie	2	8	10	2	21	23
Milne	Jeff	18	4	22	18	11	29
Morrison	Kevin	19	4	23	41	22	63
Murphy	Steve	10	5	15	10	5	15
Nilson	Peter	18	5	23	113	314	427
O'Callaghan	Domonic	13	4	17	62	83	145
Polette	Emma	0	18	18	0	18	18
Ray	Ken	19	4	23	359	225	584
Scovell	Andrew	7G	3G	10G	17G	16G, 16F	33G, 16F
Villagra	Sergio	9	1	10	104	61	165

## OUT AND ABOUT



Action from the 2007 Season

## Appendix 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

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

Monday 11 December 2006  
Forresters Hotel, 336 Riley Street, Surry Hills

Meeting opened 7:30pm  
Chairperson Tim Griffin

#### **Attendance**

Paul Barron, Glen Callaghan, David Connelly, Richard Cox, Danny Deigan, Stewart Eckermann, Carl Fletcher, Justin Fox, Tim Griffin, David Harding, Frank Kalayzich, Anton Lewis, Luke McSpeerin, Shane McSpeerin, Jim McSweeney, Michael Peck, Ken Ray, Sean Richardson, Andrew Rutherford, Con Tsonis, Steven Wallbank

#### **(a) Apologies**

Craig Anderson, Matthew Gestier, Peter Humphries, Ashley Sandison

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

Moved Frank Kalayzich  
Seconded Michael Peck

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

Moved Frank Kalayzich  
Seconded Anton Lewis

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

#### **(e) Committee Reports**

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

Tim Griffin spoke on his published report.

Moved Richard Cox  
Seconded Con Tsonis

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

Sean Richardson spoke on Ashley Sandison's published report.

Moved Jim McSweeney  
Seconded Andrew Rutherford

##### **(iii) Treasurer's Report**

Tim Griffin spoke on his published report.

Moved Luke McSpeerin  
Seconded Stewart Eckermann

#### **(f) Financial Statements:**

Tim Griffin spoke on the Financial Statements.

Moved Carl Fletcher  
Seconded Con Tsonis

#### **(g) Notice of motions**

Nil.

#### **(h) Election of Life Members**

Tim Griffin spoke on the criteria for Life Membership, as per the constitution.

Tim Griffin and David Connelly were proposed as scrutineers for the ballot. No Members opposed.

**Nomination for Glen Callaghan**

Sean Richardson spoke on the nomination on behalf of Ashley Sandison. Tim Griffin seconded the nomination.

**Nomination for Les Gonye**

Shane McSpeerin spoke on the nomination and Tim Griffin seconded the nomination.

**Nomination for Anton Lewis**

Frank Kalayzich spoke on the nomination and Michael Peck seconded the nomination.

**Nomination for Peter Nilson**

Sean Richardson spoke on the nomination on behalf of Roy Goh. David Harding seconded the nomination.

Ballot papers were distributed and counted.

**Result of Life Member elections:**

Glen Callaghan	Declined
Les Gonye	Accepted
Anton Lewis	Accepted
Peter Nilson	Accepted

Congratulations were extended to Les Gonye, Anton Lewis and Peter Nilson.

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

Nominations have been lodged with the secretary as follows:

President	Anton Lewis
Vice President	David Harding
Secretary	Sean Richardson
Treasurer	Luke McSpeerin
Ordinary Members	Carl Fletcher, Michael Peck, Andrew Rutherford.

All nominated persons were elected unopposed.

**(h) General Business**

Sean Richardson thanked Tim Griffin for his outstanding contribution as outgoing President.

Sean Richardson thanked Members present at the meeting for their support of the Association by attending the AGM.

Meeting closed 8:25pm

## Appendix 2 AGENDA OF THE CURRENT AGM

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

Tuesday 4 December 2007  
The 'CNB' Hotel, 89 Ebley Street, Bondi Junction

- (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

