

## **Historical Sub Committee Report for 2007 NSWFCA AGM**

The Historical Committee presently consists of Mark Aston (Chairman), Michael Hirst, Ross Garven, Margaret Riddel and Roe Martin.

This year we held one meeting at Ross Garven's residence to start research and discuss the production of 'The History of the NSWFCA'. Many great ideas were put forward for the proposed Reunion Dinner and the Book but these require a lot of time and effort.

It was generally agreed that to produce a book on the History of the NSWFCA was a monumental task and to get things under way first required gathering material for inclusion. Our Treasurer applied for a Grant under the Commonwealth Grants Scheme that has been available but was not successful.

We decided to firstly contact all Divisions to start gathering photos and other material. This was done but very few Divisions have offered any help or material.

To date we have only received material from Clarence River, Hastings and Central Coast Association Divisions.

Due to the time required and the lack of help it was decided that it was not possible to prepare in time for the proposed Reunion Dinner and these plans have been put back till at least the Mini Convention next year.

We now have access to the old Minute Books and Newsletters which will provide a wealth of information but we are lacking many of the results of competitions from the first years through to the late 1960's.

Possibly the more important job for the Historical Committee is the preserving of the Documents and Photos that we do have. It is important that we scan all the material we now have and archive to DVD so that none is lost. In the future it would be good to see copies of all the AGM Meetings and Newsletters available on our Web Site.

In summary for the Historical Committee to produce a book on the History of the NSWFCA will require a lot of work as well as help from all Divisions. The NSWFCA History is not just about the NSWFCA and a few Divisions but about all of them, so I urge you to go back to your Division and send us your information.

Regards  
Mark Aston