

# **SPORTING TRADITIONS XIII**

**Adelaide, South Australia**

**10-13 July 2001**

The 2001 conference of the Australian Society for Sports History will be held at Aquinas College, North Adelaide, South Australia from 10- 13 July 2001.

## **IDENTITY AND NARRATIVE**

In a year which celebrates the Centenary of Federation and (for many) the real start of the new millennium the time is opportune for an examination of Australian sporting identities. The conference will be both reflective and forward looking. It will look at where we have come from as well as where we are going. An *Olympic postmortem*, for example, would offer the opportunity to measure both our international performance as an event manager as well as our national performance. In looking *Beyond Sydney* we could consider both identity questions again. What do we want for Australian sport in the future? What balance do we strike between recreational sport and elite sport?

Presenters may consider developing papers that deal with the following identities:

**International      National      Regional      Imperial**  
**Aboriginal/Racial    Ethnic      Personal**

and realise the freedom and flexibility such categories allow. (International = managing major events such as Olympics, Commonwealth Games, Grand Prix racing, America's Cup; Regional = state, town, suburban identities including fandom; Imperial = Empire and Commonwealth Games, Bodyline; Personal = individual athletes put self before nation, fandom, etc.)

A sub-theme will be the role of narrative in Australian sports history. Narrative has made a strong comeback in the wider world of history and writers like Martin Flanagan in *The Call* have blended historical fact and fiction. This session is intended to open up debate and recognise that among our best sports writers and sports journalists are also some of the best exponents of history we have.

## **Call for Papers**

Abstracts of no more than 200 words should be submitted by **30 November 2000** to:

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(attachments on Word 6 or earlier)

## **Opportunity to Host ASSH Conference in 2003**

Expressions of interest to host the Sporting Traditions XIV Conference in 2003 are now being invited. It is expected that the conference will rotate back to somewhere in south-east Australia, such as Sydney, Melbourne or a regional area. ASSH XIV will follow the 2001 Conference, which will be held in Adelaide. More details about the forthcoming Sporting Tradition: Conference will be available in the next Bulletin.

Please note that expressions of interest are not binding, and formal offers will be sought at a later date.

Please send your expressions of interest to:

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Previous Sporting Traditions Conferences have been held in:

1977 Sydney (University of NSW)  
1979 Sydney (University of NSW)  
1981 Melbourne (La Trobe University)  
1983 Melbourne (Melbourne Cricket Ground)  
1985 Adelaide (Flinders University)  
1987 Melbourne (Melbourne Cricket Ground)  
1989 Sydney (White City)  
1991 Canberra (Australian Institute of Sport)  
1993 Launceston (University of Tasmania)  
1995 Brisbane (University of Queensland)  
1997 Perth (Edith Cowan University)  
1999 Queenstown (University of Otago)  
2001 Adelaide (Aquinas College)