

EDITORIAL PREFACE

Welcome to this first edition of *Sporting Traditions*. It is intended that this journal should provide an outlet for a serious, though not we hope humourless, look at sport, particularly Australian, both historical and contemporary. It is hoped that readers and contributors will be drawn from all quarters; certainly it is not the board's intention to produce a journal solely for and by academics. Hence the range of books covered in our Reviews section and the establishment of our Barrackers' Corner for which we invite comments from our readers on the articles and reviews published in *Sporting Traditions* or on issues in sport or sports history. We cannot believe that members will want to allow the editor's prejudiced Sports Review to escape unscathed.

Can we draw your attention to two announcements in this issue? First the Society is offering a prize for the best student essay on sport so would the Teachers in our audience please encourage their students to enter. Second, arrangements are well in hand for the next *Sporting Traditions* Conference which is to be held in Adelaide. The speakers are all that is missing, so would you please consider responding to the plea for papers.

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