

EDITORIAL PREFACE

Clearly sports history is alive and well in Australia. We have been delighted with the number of subscribers which *Sporting Traditions* has attracted. The extent of the support has enabled us to expand the size of this issue and, if we continue to obtain further members, then there is a possibility of us offering more than two issues per year. Hence we hope that you will all use the renewal form enclosed within this issue. If you are unhappy with any aspect of the journal or have any suggestions for improvements then please let us know.

We are less enthusiastic about the manuscripts which we have received for publication. Their quality is not in doubt, but almost all of them stem from academic quarters. We would like to obtain some contributions from sports historians from other backgrounds. These need not be full length articles: short essays, comments on the contents of *Sporting Traditions* or on contemporary sports issues, or research notes are all welcome. The forthcoming *Sporting Traditions* Conference (Adelaide, 14-16 August) promises to be a stimulating blend of academic and non-academic contributions; so let's repeat the combination in our publications.

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