

Editorial Preface

Thanks to John O'Hara, Publications Officer of ASSH for some four years, I have inherited a journal in good shape. John introduced a new and convenient format for the journal, which will be retained, and a wider range of ASSH publications including more student theses and an index. The publication of outstanding student theses has been a very valuable part of ASSH publications and will continue to be given a high priority. I'm sure that all members will join me in thanking John for his many contributions.

It is also appropriate to acknowledge again the pioneering work of the founding Editor, Wray Vamplew, given that Wray will soon become Head of the School of Arts and Humanities, De Montfort University, Leicester. Wray and John have established a journal which has achieved a fine reputation in Australia and overseas.

A primary aim will be to maintain and build on this standard of excellence.

Although *Sporting Traditions* will continue to be primarily a journal of Australian sport and of articles written by Australian-based writers, I believe that it is appropriate to publish from time to time other articles of quality. Given that the journal is now read widely outside Australia, there is no reason why we should not cast our net a little wider.

One immediate interest is to encourage a series of historiographical articles to survey the existing writing and sources, academic and popular, on particular Australian sports and to suggest

future research agendas. I have already been promised articles on horseracing and rugby league and plan to commission others. Volunteers for others are welcome.

I hope to encourage more authors to submit their work on disk (along with hard copy). While the journal will be set up on Macintosh Microsoft Word, we can handle other computer systems. Receiving material on disk will reduce errors in the journal and speed up the editorial process.

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