



Victorian Amateur Football Association/ Victoria University

SEVENTH ANNUAL Football History Essay Competition 2010

THE HISTORY SUB-COMMITTEE of the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA), in conjunction with the Victoria University Football Studies Unit (VUFSU), is keen to preserve and promote the history and heritage of amateur football clubs in Melbourne. In 2010, the VAFA and the VUFSU will again be co-sponsoring the annual 'Football History Essay Competition'.

The conditions and terms of the competition are as follows:

CATEGORY A PRIZES

- \$250 AND CERTIFICATE for the best essay by a postgraduate student
- \$125 AND CERTIFICATE for the runner up essay by a postgraduate student
- CERTIFICATES for any other essays of merit by postgraduate students

Essays in CATEGORY A should be between 2500–3500 words, and must include footnotes or endnotes.

CATEGORY B PRIZES

- \$150 AND CERTIFICATE for the best essay by an undergraduate tertiary student
- \$75 AND CERTIFICATE for the runner up essay by an undergraduate tertiary student
- CERTIFICATES for any other essays of merit by undergraduate tertiary students

Essays in CATEGORY B should be between 1500–2500 words, and must include footnotes or endnotes.

CATEGORY C PRIZES

- \$100 AND CERTIFICATE for the best essay by a secondary college student
- \$50 AND CERTIFICATE for the runner up essay by a secondary college student
- CERTIFICATES for any other essays of merit by secondary college students

Essays in CATEGORY C should be between 800–1200 words, and must include an alphabetical list of sources.

ALL ESSAYS must deal with some aspect of the history of the VAFA or the involvement of its constituent clubs in the development of the code. Suitable topics may include player, coach, umpire or administrator biographies, or aspects of a club's history, such as formation, notable premierships or particular incidents. Sources might include interviews, press reports, club minute books, or VAFA records.

There is a limit of one entry per person. Joint entries will not be accepted.

All entrants must be enrolled as either full-time or part-time students in 2010. The category of 'Postgraduate students' includes graduate certificate, Honours, Masters and PhD students.

All entries submitted must be original work, word processed, double-spaced, single-sided, and submitted in hard copy format. Book prizes might replace cash prizes at the discretion of the judges.

The VAFA and the VUFSU reserve the right to publish or display the details of entries that are submitted. A panel of judges will short-list entries, nominate winners of prizes and certificates, and notify winners accordingly.

All entries must be received by the close of business on FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2010. Late entries will not be accepted.

Enquiries about the competition or the suitability of proposed topics may be directed, in the first instance, to either Dr Ross Booth <Ross.Booth@BusEco.monash.edu.au> or Dr Rob Hess <Robert.Hess@vu.edu.au>.

Details about aspects of the history of the Association can be found at the VAFA website www.vafa.asn.au.

General information about the football history essay competition, including an archive of winning entries, can be found at <http://www.staff.vu.edu.au/RobHess/VAFA.htm>.

Previous winning entries have included essays by Rachel Winterton ('The Amateurs March On: The Victorian Amateur Football Association at the Olympic Games'), Loren Dawes ('Football in the Jewish Community: The Ajax Football Club'), Elizabeth Chomiak, ('Keith "Bluey" Truscott: Legend of the VAFA'), Rachel Winterton ('The Debut of Mentone Footballers in the Victorian Football League, 1960-70') and Alexander Hay ('Against the Odds: De La Salle's 2009 Season').

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

Two non-returnable copies of essays must be sent by mail to 'Football History Essay Competition', c/o VAFA, PO Box 359, Elsternwick 3185. Each copy must be accompanied by a separate cover sheet that includes the following information:

- NAME, HOME MAILING ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER and EMAIL ADDRESS
- DATE OF BIRTH
- EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION and proof of student status (eg., photocopy of student ID)
- Category of Submission:
CATEGORY A — Postgraduate;
CATEGORY B — Undergraduate;
CATEGORY C — Secondary
- TITLE of essay and TOTAL NUMBER OF WORDS in essay (including footnotes or endnotes)

