

Acknowledgement



Almost all of the content for "From the Beginning" up to the 1950's and 1960's comes from two sources. Firstly, there is a beautifully bound 394 page large book titled "Newcastle Rugby League 1908 - 1949" by Eric Humphries. Originally the details were recorded by Eric Humphries on both sides of 70 sheets of cardboard (36" by 18"). Through the efforts of Jack Hutchinson, Mrs Humphries graciously acceded to loan the documents to enable Eric's definite history of the Newcastle Rugby League to be recorded. The records are a permanent memento of Eric's achievements. Secondly, there is a smaller 159 paged bound book titled "The Saga of the Western Men" by Bob Power. The book provides detailed information and photos of the Western Suburbs Rugby League Football Club from prior to 1910 to 1966. Bob Power wrote "The Saga of the Western Men" in 1966. Any person with an interest in the Western Suburbs RLFC should beg, buy or borrow this book. As you can see by the *photo below* Bob Power was hale and hearty and still supporting the

Rosellas in 2009. The Western Suburbs RLFC salutes Bob Power, and thanks him for detailing the history of the club from 1910 to 1966 in "The Saga of the Western Men". In the introduction to the book Bob penned the following poem

As an artist would paint in colour
So I will write with pen
The glorious passing chapters
Of the mighty Western Men
'Tis a picture though crudely painted
But a moral it surely imparts
Of the records achieved down the ages
And tells where the West story starts
All times on the fields of Rugby League
They battled our prestige to rise
Sure, the rainbow has Red and Green colours
And it's mighty high in the skies!!



Information from the 1950's onwards has been gained from 4 sources – firstly from micro film records of the Newcastle Morning Herald held at Newcastle City Library, and secondly, and importantly, from the records held by League Historian, and West supporter, Kerry Clarke (*pictured right*). Thirdly, records held by West Football Club – playing records from 1951 and AGM booklets from 1967. Fourthly, photos by Trish Evenden have been used to enhance year summaries from 2010.



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