



AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR SPORTS HISTORY

On behalf of the Honours and Awards Committee of the Australian Society for Sport History (ASSH), I am pleased to advise that your book *Line & Length: A History of the Geelong Football Club*, published by Slattery Books, is the winner of the 2025 ASSH Book Award.

Your book was chosen by a subcommittee comprising Douglas Booth (Chair) from the University of Otago (New Zealand), Angie Abdou from Athabasca University (Canada), Rob Hess from Victoria University, Jane Hunt from Bond University, and Greg Ryan from Lincoln University (New Zealand). The Committee was effusive in its praise for *Line and Length*. It described the book as a forensically researched, detailed and deep exploration of the Geelong Cricket Club. The Committee noted that the text was written with energy, passion and exceptional clarity, and that you broadened the history of a cricket club into a social history of Geelong and its hinterland including the city and the region's global links. The Committee further identified *Line & Length* an exemplar of a meticulous reconstructionist history in which you subject the sources to critical interrogation and your interpretations and conclusions to the highest standards of evaluation. The sources and historical records are especially noteworthy with respect to the extensive, and nuanced, reconstruction of cricket in the 1840s.

The Committee also takes this opportunity to publicly acknowledge Slattery Books for allowing you the space to flesh out all the historical details pertaining to the Geelong Cricket Club and its predecessors.