

FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST Year in Review

A year of many highlights

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(Pictured above - Clubs involved in the 2018 Junior Grand Finals which were held at Myimbarr Sports fields in Shellharbour)

Chairman's Report

Hi Everyone. Welcome back to the FSC Community Family. This year sees our community much bigger, covering a wider area of the region and includes many more members of our diverse community than ever before. And that shows the success of our sport as the leading inclusive participation sport of the region and the nation.

I am proud to say that as I wrote last year, and as I have been stating over the last few years, FSC – as an organisation and as a Board assesses our performance as an association on 3 benchmarks. <u>SUCCESS</u> in our game (on & off the field of play including Governance, Communication and Leadership), <u>ACHIEVEMENTS</u> in developing, progressing & advancing our sport & its competitions (Junior Boys & Girls Development & Pathways, Club Infra-Structure & Facilities, Community Inclusion Programmes & Quality Competitions) and finally <u>CREDIBILITY</u> and trust within our Communities (Government MPs & Councillors, Business Sector, Social/Charities Organisations, the Football Community and of course our fabulous Club Members). These three core benchmarks "sets the new mark" for the year ahead & gives us all the levels we must surpass going forward.

Yes 2018 was an amazing football year again, with great interest in our competitions; not only across the Premier & District League, as one of the leading regional football competitions in Australia, but also our Junior Competitions and our fast-growing Women's Leagues.

But clearly one of the most important achievements and success by this FSC Board & the Management Team was the construction of the first ever synthetic football pitch in this region.

This is a key piece of infrastructure - that has been desperately missing and needed by our football community. Finally, our football members and communities will have access to its very own all-weather pitch for all competitions to use, especially during those long wet periods. As I have previously stated, I want to thank the South Coast United FC (SCUFC) Committee, Members and their community for making this all happen. This is a generational milestone for football in this region.

Whether you are a player, coach, club committee member, supporter, FSC Football Councillor, FSC Board Member or employee of FSC, you are all part of Football South Coast - which is the <u>largest sports</u> <u>association in regional southern NSW</u>.

FSC Board still has many challenges running such a large and diversified association with so many clubs, thousands of registered players (FSC have over 13,000 players) and the many different stakeholders, because of a lack of people resources, a lack of support funding for desperately needed infrastructure facilities at our member clubs; but we do not despair and FSC Board will continue to focus and lobby Government MPs to support our clubs with funding and projects.

Our success and credibility does not come easy, so I am proud to say that FSC Board have a hard-working management team backed by a group of highly dedicated and focused administration staff striving to make our sport a great success. FSC Board are also very fortunate to have such a highly qualified, energic, innovative and positive thinking Managing Director & CEO in Ann-Marie Balliana (one of a very few group of Female Football Sports Executives across Australia).

FSC Board strategy continues into its 3rd successive year and that is, to invest resources and energy in developing and growing our pathways and coaching standards through our professional and highly focused technical and coaching staff. Our Coaching Staff are headed by Jonathon Forster, who is entrusted to lead with the development of our all players and coaches. In 2018, FSC initiated, for the first time ever in our football history - our very own FNSW representative Club through the NSW State League with South Coast Flame FC.

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FSC's first year in the NSW State League was not easy, but our strategy was to give FSC Juniors & Players (and our Coaches) the opportunity to develop at State Level and showcase Illawarra Juniors (Boys & Girls) for future development. This is a brave & innovative initiative and strategy by FSC Board as it gives our region an additional step in the pathway for all our children, coaches, administration and their families to progress and pursue their dreams and hopes of participating in higher levels of football representative competitions.

In 2018, I stated that FSC will do whatever it takes to ensure the FSC Board maintains our leadership and focus and I trust you will have seen and continue to see that the FSC Board, management and staff continues to "do what it says it will do" in growing our game, particularly first and foremost with our greatest assets – our children – all boys and girls equally. And this mantra continues to abide more so today than ever before. We will not shirk away from this responsibility to protect and lead our game.

Leadership in football is often difficult, but the Board of FSC are very proud to stand together to address and tackle the key and often difficult, emotive but challenging issues facing our game. The Board with the support of the management team, are all focused on creating successful and innovative models that ensures our game is always played fairly and equally by everyone of all abilities, all ages and all genders. The FSC Strategic Plan continues to be our approved platform to strengthen our game and the strategic initiatives ensure that our sport continues to grow.

In 2019 and beyond, the FSC Board is focused to directly assist and support our member clubs across all aspects of club operations, sustainability and provide as many opportunities for our community to experience our beautiful game.

On behalf of my hard working and dedicated Board of Directors and our CEO, I hope you enjoy the 2019 season and that you and your families who either play or watch your family or friends as supporters experience great fun times in football. I wish you all lots of great health, long periods of happiness and many great lasting memories this coming year.

Finally, thank you all for your support and for being part of this very very large Football Family and please don't be afraid to contact us if you have any questions, ideas, suggestions or just want to help us.



Eddy De Gabriele – Chairman Football South Coast

(Pictured above from left; Head of Junior Football, Joe Seco, Head of Women's Football, Cath Lear, Chair of FSC, Eddy De Gabriele, CEO and MD of FSC, Ann-Marie Balliana, Head of the Referee's Council, Dennis Makin and the Deputy Head of Men's Football, Steven Naylor at the 2018 Launch).

Football South Coast – 2018 Year in Review



(Pictured above: Grand Finalists across the female Junior's and Women's Competition)



(Pictured above: Celebrating the commencement of works on the first synthetic pitch in the region. From left; Ann-Marie Balliana, CEO and MD of FSC, Eddy De Gabrielle, Chair of FSC, Gareth Ward, Member for Kiama and Parliamentary Secretary for Education and the Illawarra and South Coast and Gordon Bradbery, the Lord Mayor of Wollongong City Council).

FSC Board

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Cath Lear Elected Director – Women's Bruce Cunningham Elected Director – Men's



Dennis Makin Elected Director – Referee's





John Whiddett Director – Representative and Development



CEO's REPORT

As always putting together the Annual Report is always a great time to reflect on how quick the year went by, and to also acknowledge some of the great work achieved by our football family.

Here are some of the key achievements across football in the Illawarra.

Infrastructure

- The first synthetic pitch was finally delivered for the region at Ian McLennan Park. The project has entailed not only the pitch, but LED lighting across the facility and perimeter fencing.
- FSC also continues to work with clubs and all levels of government to obtain funding for club grounds in our region. In 2018, funding was obtained by clubs for lighting facility upgrades including seating, amenity and fencing upgrades. Clearly there is still a lot of work to be done which includes the installation of adequate irrigation, drainage, lighting and storage across our football facilities. The establishment of a Club Infrastructure Committee will be focusing on these areas moving forward.

<u>Sponsorship</u>

In terms of sponsorship and corporate support, we once again thank the wonderful organisations that support football in the Illawarra. These included WIN TV, The Illawarra Mercury, WGC Cranes, Besteam, Fryer Barry Orthodontists, Figtree Physio, Villa D'Oro, The Fraternity Club, Edmen, Peoplecare, Fuji Xerox, Sportzology, IMB Bank, GJ Gardner Homes, Guzman Y Gomez, My Game Guru, RMB Lawyers and South Coast Floor Coverings.

We also welcomed a new sponsor in Dapto Leagues Club who have been a key supporter of our representative teams across SAP, AYL, GCL and Senior squads.

ANE Electrical, Ochre Health and Go Hire – Site Rentals are also new corporate sponsors of Football South Coast in 2019, and we sincerely thank and welcome them to the football family.

Competition Highlights

- The Men's Premiership is one of the highest profiled association based competitions in the country. As a semi professional competition it gains enormous interest and this year was no different with Coniston FC and Bulli FC leading the way in the District League and Premier League respectively
- The FSC Women's Competition is one of the strongest in the state as has been seen in recent years with FNSW State Cup and Champion of Champions success. Albion Park in their 2018 Grand Final Victory, recorded their fifth straight grand final triumph, 56th consecutive victory and their third title for the year. What a tremendous achievement.
- Female Football Competitions have continued to progress. The introduction of the U21s competition in 2017 was further enhanced by the formation of the Women's Youth League which was a joint initiative between the Junior and Women's Football Councils.
- The Community League continues to grow with a phenomenal 82 teams registered in 2018. In 2019, FSC will run the first over 45's competition in the region, with some great work by the Community League Sub-Committee and the clubs involved. It is becoming increasingly obvious that players want to keep playing and this will be a fantastic competition for our community.
- The 2018 Junior Grand Finals was another showcase of the great football talent in the region. Incredibly, 22 out of 25 junior football clubs were represented at the Grand Finals.

Community Programs and Support

IMB Bank Female Gala Day

Over 200 players aged between 5 and 13 participated in the IMB Bank Female Football Gala Day. The day provided an opportunity for our females to play, increase awareness of football and promote football for girls across age groups.

Special guest Margaux Chauvet, future Matilda, was on hand to speak to the girls about her football journey.

Thank you to Albion Park JSC and their fantastic volunteers for hosting the day.



(Pictured above - Players from the IMB Bank Female Gala Day hosted at Terry Reserve)

FSC Knights – The Disability Trust



(Pictured above – Ann-Marie Balliana, receiving the Hall of Fame Award on behalf of Football South Coast, with representatives from The Disability Trust)

FSC continued to provide programs such as the FSC Knights, with the program now in its 5th year. The program is strongly supported by the Disability Trust and assists players with mixed abilities and children with autism, Down Syndrome and mild intellectual disabilities to play football and participate in the mainstream local junior competition.

FSC was proud to receive the Hall of Fame Award which is awarded in recognition of organisations who support The Disability Trust and promote inclusion and opportunities to participants.

Defibrillator Funding Program



(Pictured above: Clubs that were successful in the final round of Funding which included Bellambi FC, Figtree Football Club and Russell Vale FC)

In late 2016, FSC announced a Funding Program to allow football clubs in the region to obtain financial assistance in the purchase of defibrillators.

The Stott Family set up the Antony Stott Memorial Fund to ensure all the region's soccer clubs have access to defibrillators. Antony tragically collapsed and died while playing football for Thirroul Thunder at Thomas Gibson Park on July 16, 2016.

Further funding was obtained from MP for Keira, Ryan Park, and the IMB Bank Community Foundation.

In 2018, additional clubs purchased defibrillators meaning that currently 80% of football facilities now have a defibrillator.

Walking Football

Walking Football is a great addition to FSC Competitions with social games held weekly. It's huge in the UK and a great way to keep playing football. The program focuses on passing rather than speed/running; and highlights the health, well-being and social benefits of regular football and exercise activities.

Refugee Football Program

In 2018 we kicked off our first ever refugee program. We had players from Syria, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and the one language that they all knew was football.

FSC worked with the Illawarra Multicultural Service (IMS) and the Multicultural Communities Council Illawarra (MCCI) to deliver a 10 week program to refugees, uniting them through their love of football. The program included information and education components from guest speakers.

The program was made possible with the financial assistance of the IMB Bank Community Foundation and proved to be so popular that it has continued beyond the 10 week pilot and is a weekly event for members of our community.



(Pictured above: Participants from a MCCI School Holiday Clinic held with FSC Community Development Officers)

FSC Fundraising Initiatives

Supported Accommodation and Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra (SAHSSI)

The Women's Competition held a Charity Round for cash donations or via the collection of goods to support women accessing the service. SAHSSI helps support women and children experiencing domestic violence and provide services for homelessness, Women's Services, Corrective Services and Mental Health Partners in Recovery.

The Homeless Hub

I participated in the Homeless Hub's 'Walk in My Shoes' Challenge to create greater awareness of the services provided by the Hub to the community. FSC Clubs held a charity Round for coin donations which was a great way to raise awareness and funds for this great cause.

Finals for the Farmers

To assist with fundraising for our farmers, the FSC Junior Football Council organised collection points at each of our FSC Junior Finals host club grounds.

Other Community Programs

Football South Coast also supports the following programs on an annual basis:

<u>Relay For Life</u> is a chance for communities to recognise and celebrate those who have overcome cancer or are undergoing treatment, as well as the people who care for them. Relay also provides an opportunity to celebrate the memory of loved ones lost to cancer.

<u>The Disability Trust BlueScopeWIN Community Partners Sports Ready Group Day</u> – with over 150 students from a variety of local primary schools attending the annual day.



(Pictured above: Players from The Greenacres Futsal competition - The Disability Trust side won their fourth successive title)

In concluding I would like to thank the FSC Board and all of our sub-committee's. These volunteers make up a huge part of the work FSC performs and includes our football councils, working and disciplinary committees. Their ongoing commitment and support assist the FSC office team and we can't thank them enough for their tireless efforts.

In what has been a busy 2018, we look forward to the season ahead, and wish all of our clubs, volunteers, players, coaches and referee's a wonderful 2019 football season.

Ann-Marie Balliana CEO and MD of Football South Coast

COUNCIL MEMBERS

JUNIOR COUNCIL

Head of Council and Football South Coast Director: Joe Seco Deputy Head: Martin Rowney Deputy Head: Leigh Blanch Member Protection Officer: Danielle Foster Council Member: Reg Moran Council Member: Ian Dewey Council Member: David Swan Council Member: Paul Hennessy Specialist Councillor: Craig Webster

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Head of Council and Football South Coast Director: Dennis Makin Council Member: Phil Torpy Council Member: Greg Reid Council Member: Peter Ilcevski Council Member: Ryan O'Sullivan

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Community League Convenor: Ivo Spanicek Committee Member: Alex Viselli Committee Member: Danny Gades Committee Member: Anthony Timillero Committee Member: Rob Belsito Committee Member: Adrian Arciuli

HEAD OF COUNCIL REPORTS

JUNIOR FOOTBALL COUNCIL

Here we are again at the end of another challenging yet rewarding season that has shown the teamwork and contribution by all that makes Football South Coast (FSC) an enjoyable sporting environment.

It makes me feel very proud to be part of such a supportive team from the FSC Board to the Junior Council, Junior club committees, coaches, managers, parents and players, your contribution has made the 2018 season successful and these contributions are much appreciated.

It is important to acknowledge the FSC Junior Council and FSC staff, David Ware and Debbie Hoyn, for their excellent management of all our competitions. A special note of thanks to all the club committees and volunteers for their commitment provided at all times and for the right reasons: a safe and nurturing environment for the development of our young players and, most importantly, for their enjoyment.

It was also very encouraging to be able to witness so many junior players playing and relishing football, whether it was during the season, the finals series or representing Football South Coast at the FNSW Association tournaments. Congratulations to all the League Champions, Grand Final Champions, all the participants and successful club teams in the FNSW State Cup and Champions of Champions. You have all made Football South Coast proud.

To our Junior Clubs that hosted semi-finals, finals and FNSW State Cup matches, a very special thank you. A special mention and thank you to the Shellharbour Junior Soccer Club for hosting a very well-coordinated and enjoyable 2018 Grand Final weekend which also included the Women's Grand finals - a mammoth effort in planning and hosting of over 3 days.

Our representative football pathway continues to thrive; all FNSW development programs and representative teams from FSC SAP, FSC AYL (Association Youth League), FSC Girls SAP and FSC GCL (Girls Conference League) being well supported and successful. Special mention to the AYL U13's, U15's and U16's teams for making the semi – finals, U16's team was also the FNSW AYL League Champion and both the U15's and 16's AYL teams making the Grand Finals. Also, a special mention to the GCL U14's, U15's and U17's teams all being FNSW GCL League Champions and all teams making the Grand Final, both the U14's and U17's teams being Grand Final Champions. Congratulations and thank you to Jonathon Forster and his team for their contribution in coordinating and implementing these development programs.

It was very encouraging to see the development of our junior referees this season. The professional and tireless work ethic shown this season by the Referees Development Committee (RDC) is to be acknowledged and supported as our junior referees continue their progression. Congratulations to Leigh Blanch and Paul Flemming from the RDC for their efforts in coordinating our referees during our Junior Finals series.

Bring on 2019!

Kind Regards Joe Seco Head of Junior Council



(Pictured above: Players from Unanderra Hearts before their Grand Final game against Kiama).



(Pictured above: Coledale Under 13 players who were victorious in the Division 1 Grand Final)

MEN'S FOOTBALL COUNCIL

The review of the 2018 season demonstrates that the competitions at all levels were keenly contested and the results closer than was anticipated at the start of the year with both the Illawarra Premier League and the District League coming down to the last matches in the normal competitions to establish the League Champions

There was healthy semi-finals competitive spirit that was hard fought with strong support from the football family and general public. The results thereafter demonstrated that it was going to be a strong battle for supremacy in both Leagues with Bulli Football Club eventually coming out as the grand final winners that was richly deserved and finally removed there run of Grand Final losses over several years. Celebrations were extended as the drought had finally broken and congratulations goes out to the Bulli Football Club Officials, Coaching staff and of course the ever-reliable players.

The IPL U23s tournament was a new initiative in the competition structure that had been established to foster and develop players within the clubs. It was evident that there was a need to make some minor adjustments and through consultation, the Men's Football Council were able to adjust accordingly and the results on the pitch demonstrated that the decisions made were vindicated.

Cringila were worthy winners of the Grand Final over Corrimal Rangers 3-1, with Bulli Football Club the League champions. I am sure that the quality of football on display undoubtedly reflected the transition of several younger players that undoubtedly will be pressing for first grade spots in 2019. It is acknowledged that the Cringila club demonstrated true spirit and determination to succeed in the grand finals which is a testimony to the clubs enduring efforts to put competitive teams on the pitch week-in and week-out.

The Youth Grade grand finals were hard fought with the League champions (Wollongong United) succumbing to a strong and resilient Bulli Football Club 2-0. It is evident that some of the youth on display showed maturity above their years and will place a few clubs in a positive position as they all build their future playing ranks.



(Pictured above – Illawarra Premier League Clubs. Top row from left; Port Kembla FC, Wollongong United, Wollongong Olympic, Woonona Sharks FC, Tarrawanna Blueys and Fernhill FC. Middle Row; Corrimal Rangers, Albion Park White Eagles, Picton Rangers and Cringila Lions FC. Bottom row: Bulli FC and South Coast United FC).

The Illawarra District league was strongly contested and the performance of the Coniston Football Club was especially worthy of mention. It is acknowledged that efforts of the entire club officials, coaching staff and players have brought the club forward from being promoted into District League to ultimately League Champions in First Grade and Youth Grade with their Reserve grade equipping themselves admirably.

The club were also able to win the Club Championships along with consideration for promotion which was recommended and approved by the Board of FSC. The Grand Finals saw Coniston triumph 3-0 over a gallant Warilla Wanderers side. The retirement of the Warilla Wander's long serving Coach -Barney King cannot go without a mention, as his career has been based on remarkable success for many years. The entire football community wish Barney and his family every success in retirement and trust that you will not be a stranger as a supporter of football in general.

The Reserve Grade grand finals was a tightly contested affair with Thirroul Football Club running out winners over a resilient and committed Oak Flats team 1-0.

This match had everything and went down to the wire; however, the success of Thirroul Football Club was consistent with their League Champions title status but Oak Flats Football Club showed that they are worthy of making the grand finals and surely will be a force going forward in 2019.

The Youth Grade Grand finals was a robust game of football with Coniston Football Club running out winners 2-1 over the League Champions Helensburgh Thistles. Again, this fixture showed that football is alive and building along with the demonstrated performance of these players is representative of the competitiveness of the youth grade, that reinforces the future for several players.



(Pictured above – Illawarra District League Clubs. Top row from left; UOW FC, Coniston FC, Thirroul Thunder, Warilla Wanderers, Helensburgh Thistle and Oaks Flats Falcons. Seated from left; Unanderra FC, Balgownie Rangers FC, Bellambi Rosellas FC, Kiama Quarriers FC and Berkeley FC).

The Community League was played in the spirit and competitiveness of years gone by. The competitions were established under a structured framework with multiple divisions that included Division 1 (First and Second Grade) Division 2 (First and Second Grade) along with Masters 1, Masters 2, Masters 3, Masters 4 and Masters 5.

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The overall effort, planning and results that culminated in the Grand Finals being played at Macedonia Park was truly a showcase. The weather tried hard to rain on the parade, however the determination of the total football family was part of the spectacle. The pitches and facilities were well presented by the Wollongong United club and our sincere thanks go out to them to host the day.

We were able to get all of the matches played with a late evening to finalise the day. The fixtures played were able to be completed almost according to plan although some of the matches went to extra time that resulted in a late finish. This being the case it was evident that everyone was going to be there for the long haul, that ultimately ended up in a goal fest which saw Dandaloo First Grade run out winners 7-0 over a gallant Cringila First Grade. Division 1 second grade was a tighter affair, with the roles being reversed and Cringila Stallions running out eventual winners 3-0 over Dandaloo.

In Second Division first grade Albion Park Cows were successful over Vale Banter Pups to the tune of 1-0 and the second grade ending up in a nil all draw and Vale Banter Pups winning on penalties. There were glimpses of past performances from players that show there is still the urge to be competitive and compete to the end.

Masters competitions was split into five (5) levels with the following results coming at the end of the Grand Finals:

- Masters 1 Bulli Masters 1 over Helensburgh Sweat Hogs 0
- Masters 2 South Coast United Reds 2 over a gallant Port Pumas 0
- Masters 3 Helensburgh Ground Hogs 2 over Gibson Park Rangers Super Hoops 0
- Masters 4 Fernhill IFS 1 over Fernhill 0
- Masters 5 Kiama Quarriers 1 over Woonona 0



(Pictured above – Community League Division 1 Clubs . Top row from left; IFS Wolves, Uni Wolves, Coledale Waves, South Coast United. Seated, from left; Thirroul FC, Port Kembla Pumas, Oak Flats and Puckamia Bay Dugongs)

On a sombre note, the football fraternity and family have seen the passing of several stalwarts of the game including Phil Murphy. Phil was well known around the district amongst the football family through several activities that extended over a fifty-year period as a player, journalist, IFA judiciary member and all-round character of the game.

The legacy he leaves is such that the overall promotion of football in our region from a struggling sport craving to get exposure to the widely recognised and accepted main stream predominant sporting code in the region today. To Bernie and the extended family, we send our sincere condolences and trust that his efforts are well respected and remembered in the future amongst the football fraternity

The Men's Football Council have been tireless in their efforts to provide positive governance, consistent delivery across all competitions and sound judgement in promoting football across the Region. To Steven Naylor, Kevin Wisemen, Peter Dent and Ivo Spanicek and the engine room of Operations at FSC, led capably by Ann Marie Balliana, my sincere thanks for all the commitment and late hours to deliver an impressive competition that continues to grow in strength and stature.

In conclusion, all in all a positive year of exciting football that looks forward to another exciting competition at all levels in 2019. Look forward to seeing everyone there around the grounds

Bruce Cunningham

Head of Men's Football



WOMEN'S FOOTBALL COUNCIL

The Women's Council would like to thank its 2018 sponsors the Builders Club. We would also like to thank all players and officials for a successful season which concluded with our second combined Grand Final Weekend with the Junior Council hosted by Shellharbour Junior Football Club. This collaboration was again extremely successful and led to large crowds taking in the "festival" type atmosphere.

In the Builders Club League Grand Finals, Division 1 Albion Park were too strong for UOWFC, completing a very successful team season. Division 2 saw newcomers South Coast United defeat UOWFC, meanwhile Division 3 saw Kiama defeated Oak Flats Wildcats. Division 4 had South Coast United take out their second grand final of the day by overcoming League Champions Coniston and our Division 5 grand final had two new clubs represented with Wollongong United defeating Jamberoo. This year saw our WYL competition culminate with Thirroul too strong for rivals Warilla.

Congratulations to the League Champions for all grades. Division 1 Albion Park, Division 2 UOWFC, Division 3 Oak Flats Wildcats, Division 4 Coniston, Division 5 Wollongong United and WYL Thirroul.

Albion Park and Woonona represented FSC in the FNSW State Cup competition with Albion Park claiming the trophy with a dominant win over Northbridge FC and Russell Vale were successful in the Champion of Champions with a 2-1 victory over Wakehurst FC.

We have also continued to develop our players within the league by holding Goalkeeping training throughout the year and would like to thank Belinda Barter for her continued time and commitment to Women's Football in the region.





(Pictured above; Players from Thirroul Thunder and Warilla Junior FC in the Women's Youth League Grand Final)



(Pictured above – players representing women's teams. From left; Fernhill FC, Woonona FC, Balgownie Rangers FC, Albion Park SC, Kiama Quarriers FC, Thirroul Thunderbirds and Russell Vale SC)



(Pictured above: Grand Finalists across the Builders Club Women's Competition players across 6 Women's Competition Divisions including the newly formed Women's Youth League)

REFEREE COUNCIL

Reflecting on the season 2018, the Referee's Council, is required to ensure all streams of football can be best serviced by our limited number of referees that are available to officiate the increasing competitions administered by Football South Coast. Increasing the number of referees is a major ongoing project for the FSC Referee Council.

We have worked very hard to move some of our older Junior Referees into our Senior ranks so that they gain as much education and experience as possible before officiating at the Senior level.

We now have 25% of our active referees that are female, and we look forward to increasing this number each year. We also have a number of our young referees who travel to Sydney to gain experience in the State-run competitions and the FNSW Referees Academy.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff in the Football South Coast office, for their assistance throughout the year, to assist the Referee's Council with our administration of the referee's.



(Pictured above - FSC Referee's getting ready to officiate during our Junior Competition Grand Finals)

I would like to finish up by taking the opportunity to thank each and every one of my fellow members for their outstanding efforts both on and off the field in season 2018, and I look forward to working with you all again in season 2019.

Season 2019 will have some exciting changes that we hope will streamline many of the areas involved with refereeing at Football South Coast.

To my fellow councillors on the Referee's Council, I thank you for your sterling efforts in assisting with the off-field duties of the referee. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated in a somewhat thankless task.

To my partner, Kerrie, thanks for your patience and understanding, for the many hours away from home attending various meetings whilst undertaking this role, your love and support is greatly appreciated.

Dennis Makin Head of Referee's Council



(Pictured above; the officials for the Premier League First Grade Final at WIN Stadium).

TECHNICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Junior Academies

FSC continued in 2018 to provide development opportunities for our association's youngsters across the Illawarra. The academy program provided, professional, structured, coaching sessions in accordance with the FFA National Curriculum Building Blocks for players in the Discovery and Skill Acquisition age groups and is designed to supplement the players club training to assist the player to reach their full potential.

School Holiday Clinics

FSC school holiday clinics continue to provide a great opportunity for our regions youngsters to continue to play the game whilst on school holidays. The four-day clinics provided a great opportunity for girls and boys to meet to new friends, discover the game and keep active in the holiday period. We continue to bring holiday clinics to Albion Park, Dapto, Thirroul, Balgownie and Helensburgh to provide everyone across the region the opportunity to be involved and will look forward to bringing the clinics to Kembla Grange, home of the first synthetic football in the region.



Sydney FC / Football South Coast Joint Holiday Clinics

2018 saw the inaugural year of the joint Sydney FC / Football South Coast Holiday Clinics that were delivered throughout the year at WIN Stadium. The clinic's provided an excellent opportunity for our regions youngsters to be coached by Sydney FC and FSC accredited coaches and to play their football in WIN Stadium, a venue well suited for our regions next Matilda's and Socceroos.

Girls Skill Acquisition Program

Our FSC Girls Skills Acquisition Program in 2018 competed in the Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program with two additional age groups, under 11 and under 13's added to our under 10 and under 12 squads from 2017.

The program provided the opportunity for a number of players to experience representative football for the first time and their application and commitment to their development along with the girls previously in the program was an absolute credit to the region.

The squads developed significantly throughout the season and played their games in the right spirit across the region.

We wish all of our Under 13s girls all the very best after graduating from the program going onto play Under 14 football in NPL, GCL and local competitions.

Girls Conference League Program

The inaugural Girls Conference League program kicked off in 2018 and was a huge success not only for Football South Coast but for all the inaugural clubs involved in the competition. The program has expanded association player pathway opportunities for girls in the U14, U15 and U17 age groups from the Skill Acquisition Program.

The success of our squads in the competition was an absolute highlight for everyone involved at Football South Coast, with all three age groups being crowned minor premiers after dominating throughout the season with the Under 14s and Under 17s taking out the Grand Final at Valentine Sports Park.



(Pictured above; Players from our female representative teams including SAP and Girls Conference League)

Skills Acquisition Program (SAP) – Mixed (U9s – U12s)

Our Mixed Skills Acquisition Program had another successful season off the back of 2017.

The football played and the manner in which it was played was recognised across Football NSW by opposition Technical Directors and NSW State Technical Directors.

Our Under 12s graduated and we are extremely proud of the team's achievements highlighting in four players being identified and selected by the Sydney FC Academy to represent them in their Under 13s squad for 2019.

(Pictured left: SAP U12 players with Kelly Cross, Technical Director of the Sydney FC Academy) $% \left({{\rm SAP}} \right)$



Association Youth League (U13s-U16s)

The Association Youth League program continues to go from strength to strength after the 2017 season in which the program went to a full-time representative program. The importance of this pathway was evident in 2018 with the quality of competition and opposition from the likes of Central Coast and Sutherland Associations. The squads enjoyed great success throughout the season with our under 13s narrowly missing out on the finals football, the under 14s reaching the semi-finals and both our 15s and 16s falling just short in the grand final. A number of players were successful in being selected for NPL 1 football for 2019 and eight players from the Under 16s squad being selected into the South Coast Flame Under 18s which demonstrates further the success of the program in 2018.



(Pictured above; Players from the FSC Mixed and Girls SAP Squads at the Season Launch held at The Grange)

Association Youth League Development Program

The Association Youth League Development program commenced in 2018 for community players in the Under 13 and Under 16s age group who were identified by FSC coaching staff as showing potential for representative selection. The program involved one night a week technical coaching and tactical training sessions with the Association Youth League squads to understand the FSC playing style and philosophy. The players involved were a credit to their club demonstrating an excellent attitude and commitment to their development. As Technical Director I was extremely pleased that seven players from the program were selected in NPL1 and AYL representative football for 2019.

Coach Education

Coach Education courses continues to be made available at both a community and advanced level by our association. It's an area of football that I am particularly passionate about with the importance of coach education in developing the player not to be underestimated. Throughout 2018 community courses were made available for Grassroots, Skill Acquisition, Game Training and Senior Licence certificates with healthy numbers of registered coaches attending.

	Courses Delivered	Number of coaches attended	
Grassroots Licence	5	101	
Skill Training Certificate	2	26	
Game Training Certificate	2	18	
Senior Licence	1	23	

In the Advanced Coach Education pathway, Football South Coast hosted an Advanced AFC/FFA Youth C Licence at the Illawarra Sports High School. As the Coach Educator for the course, I was extremely impressed at the quality of the twenty-nine coaches that attended. Their knowledge of the game, their willingness to have an open mind set to learn and attention to detail working through the course modules will only benefit the players they will be coaching in 2019.

On reflection, 2018 will be seen as an historic year for Football South Coast with the introduction and expansion of the girl's player pathway into the Girls Conference League and the expansion of the boy's player pathway into senior football with the birth of South Coast Flame FC. Providing players with greater opportunities to develop and fulfil their football aspirations is a responsibility everyone in football has and I look forward to working with the association's clubs, players and coaches in 2019 so that more of our regions players and coaches can reach their full footballing potential.



Jonathan Forster

FSC Technical Director

HONOUR ROLL

Juniors – Competition

Age	Div	League Champion	Grand Champion	Age	Div	League Champion	Grand Champion
12	1	Figtree	Bulli	14G	2	Balgownie	Woonona
12	2	Kiama	Kiama	15	1	South Coast United	University
12	3	Kiama	Figtree	15	2	Lake Heights	Lake Heights
12	4	Lakeside	Lakeside	15	3	Woonona	Woonona
12G	1	Shellharbour	Shellharbour	15W	1	Shellharbour	Shellharbour
13	1	Lake Heights	Port Kembla	16	1	Lake Heights	Fernhill
13	2	South Coast United	Kiama	16	2	Kiama Blue	Kiama Blue
13	3	Lakeside	Lakeside	16	3	Albion Park	Dapto
13	4	Shellharbour White	Shellharbour White	16W	1	Fernhill	Shellharbour Blue
13G	1	Russell Vale	Coledale	16W	2	Figtree	Bulli
13G	2	Fernhill	Fernhill	17/18	1	South Coast United	South Coast United
14	1	Figtree	Shellharbour Blue	17/18	2	Figtree Blue	Figtree Blue
14	2	Unanderra	Highlands	WYL	1	Thirroul	Thirroul
14	3	Balgownie	Balgownie				



(Pictured above – players from the U14 Division 3 Balgownie Juniors who were Grand Final Champions in 2018)



(Pictured above - the Grand Final winners from the Fernhill Juniors, Under 13 Division 2 competition)

HONOUR ROLL – Men's Premiership Competitions

ILLAWARRA MERCURY PREMIER LEAGUE

First Grade

League Champions – Bulli FC Runner Up – Wollongong Olympic Grand Final Winners – Bulli FC Grand Final Runner Up – Wollongong United

Under 23

League Champions – Bulli FC Runner Up – Cringila Lions Grand Final Winners – Cringila Lions Grand Final Runner Up – Corrimal Rangers

Youth Grade

League Champions – Wollongong United Runner Up – Wollongong Olympic Grand Final Winners – Bulli FC Grand Final Runner Up – Wollongong United

Club Champion Bulli FC

Fraternity Club Cup – Premier League Group Winner – Wollongong United Runner Up – Bulli FC

Bert Bampton Cup Winner – Wollongong Olympic Runner Up – Corrimal Rangers

WGC CRANES DISTRICT LEAGUE

First Grade

League Champions – Coniston FC Runner Up – Bellambi Grand Final Winners – Coniston FC Grand Final Runner Up – Warilla Wanderers

Reserve Grade

League Champions – Thirroul FC Runner Up – Bellambi Grand Final Winners – Thirroul Grand Final Runner Up – Oak Flats Falcons

Youth Grade

League Champions – Helensburgh Thistle Runner Up – Coniston FC Grand Final Winners – Coniston FC Grand Final Runner Up – Helensburgh Thistle

Club Champion Coniston FC

Fraternity Club Cup – District League Group Winner – Helensburgh Thistle Runner Up – Coniston FC

Youth Cup Winner – Port Kembla Runner Up – Cringila Lions



(Pictured above - Bulli FC, Illawarra Premier League First Grade League Champions and Grand Final Champions)

Football South Coast – 2018 Year in Review



(Pictured above - Conistion FC who were the 2018 Illawarra District League Grand Final and League champions earning the right for promotion into the Illawarra Premier League)



(Pictured above – Illawarra Premier League U23s Grand Final game between Cringila Lions FC and Corrimal Rangers. Cringila were crowned Grand Final Champions at WIN Stardium).

Football South Coast – 2018 Year in Review



(Pictured above – Reserve Grade Grand Final action between Thirroul Thunder FC and Oak Flats Falcons)



(Pictured above – Wollongong Olympic were the 2018 Fraternity Club, Bert Bamption Cup Champions winning against Corrimal Rangers at Wetherall Park, Primbee)

Men's Competition – RMB Community League

ALL AGE COMPETITION

First Grade – AA1

League Champions – Uni Wolves AFC Maroon Runner Up – Dandaloo Grand Final Winners – Dandaloo Grand Final Runner Up – Cringila Stallions

Second Grade – AA1

League Champions – Cringila Stallions Runner Up – Uni Wolves AFC White Grand Final Winners – Cringila Stallions Grand Final Runner Up – Dandaloo

AA2 – First Grade

League Champions – Albion Park Cows Runner Up – Albion Park City Razorbacks Grand Final Winners – Albion Park Cows Grand Final Runner Up – Vale Banter Pups

AA2 – Second Grade

League Champions – Hogs FC Runner Up – Vale Banter Pups Grand Final Winners – Vale Banter Pups Grand Final Runner Up – Albion Park Razorbacks

MASTERS COMPETITION

Masters 1

League Champions – Sweat Hogs Runner Up – Bulli Masters Grand Final Winners – Bulli Masters Grand Final Runner Up – Sweat Hogs

Masters 2

League Champions – South Coast United Red Runner Up – Port Puma Masters Grand Final Winners – South Coast United Red Grand Final Runner Up – Port Puma Masters

Masters 3

League Champions – GPR Super Hoops Runner Up – Ground Hogs Grand Final Winners – Ground Hogs Grand Final Runner Up – GPR Super Hoops

Masters 4

League Champions – Fernhill IFS Runner Up – Fernhill FC Grand Final Winners – Fernhill IFS Grand Final Runner Up – Fernhill FC

Masters 5

League Champions – Kiama Quarriers Runner Up – Woonona Masters Red Grand Final Winners – Kiama Quarriers Grand Final Runner Up – Woonona Masters Red



(Pictured above - Vale Banter Pups during the All Age 2, Second Grade Grand Final)



(Pictured above - players from the Fernhill IFS celebrating their Masters 4 Grand Final win at Macedonia Park)

WOMEN's Competition- THE BUILDERS CLUB COMPETITIONS

Division 1

League Champions – Albion Park SC Runner Up – University FC Grand Final Winners – Albion Park SC Grand Final Runner Up – University FC

Division 2

League Champions – University FC Runner Up – South Coast United Grand Final Winners – South Coast United Grand Final Runner Up – University FC

Division 3

League Champions – Oak Flats Wildcats Runner Up – Kiama Quarriers Grand Final Winners – Kiama Quarriers Grand Final Runner Up – Oak Flats Wildcats

Division 4

League Champions – Coniston FC Runner Up – Fernhill Vixens Grand Final Winners – South Coast United FC Grand Final Runner Up – Coniston FC

Division 5

League Champions – Wollongong United Runner Up – Jamberoo Ravens Grand Final Winners – Wollongong United Grand Final Runner Up – Jamberoo Ravens

Women's Youth League

League Champions – Thirroul Thunderbirds Runner Up – Warilla Juniors Grand Final Winners – Thirroul Thunderbirds Grand Final Runner Up – Warilla Juniors



(Pictured above - Division 1, All Age Grand Final winners Albion Park FC)



(Pictured above – Grand Final action between South Coast United and UOW FC in the Division 2 Grand Final. South Coast United were Grand Final Champions with a 1-0 win)



(Pictured above – spectators enjoying the Grand Final action across the Builders Club Women's Competition Grand Final games held at Myimbarr Sports Fields, Shellharbour)

AWARD WINNERS



MEN'S PREMIERSHIP – Sponsored by the Illawarra Mercury (Premier League) and WGC Cranes (District League)

Edmen Sharp Shooter Awards	Youth Grade		
WGC Cranes District League	Lachlan Cole (Bellambi)		
	Reserve Grade		
	Oscar Pruks (Thirroul)		
	First Grade		
	Dinko Terzic (Coniston)		
Fair Play Awards	WGC Cranes District League		
	Helensburgh Thistle		
	Illawarra Mercury Premier League Fernhill Foxes		
Referee of the Year	Nicholas Ryan		
Media Recognition	Dylan Arvela – (Match Reporter)		
	Cal Behrendt – (Match Reporter)		
	David Atherton – (Match Reporter)		
	Tim Gibson – (Match Reporter)		
	Liam Emerton – (Match Reporter)		
	Jordan Warren – (Match Reporter)		
	Nathan Turner – (Match Reporter)		
	Pedro Garcia – Photographer		
	Kiah Hufton – Photographer		
	Noel Wynn – Photographer		
	Dana Guthrie – Photographer		
Golden Glove Awards	District League		
	Suguru leda (University)		
	Premier League		
	Yuya Kuwata (Bulli)		
Club Champions	District League		
	Coniston		
	Premier League		
	Bulli FC		



(Pictured above – George Naylor medal winner Yusuke Ueda, with Mavis Naylor and Head of Men's Football Bruce Cunningham)



(Pictured above; Gala Night Award Winners from Bulli FC; From Left; Yuya Kuwata, Blake Hewson, Matt Baily and Luca Gaudiosi)



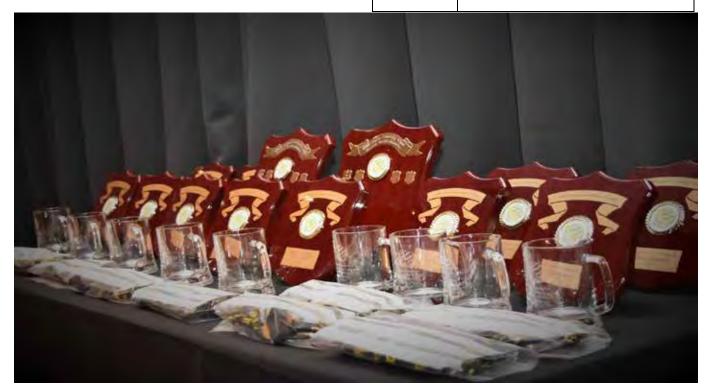
(Pictured above; ID Coach of the Year Rodney Williams with Peter Dent from the Men's Football Council)

Award	Winner
Coach of the Year	District League
	Rodney Williams (Coniston)
	Premier League
	Matthew Bailey (Bulli)
Illawarra Mercury Premier League	Youth Grade
League Champions	Wollongong United
	Under 23's
	Bulli FC
	First Grade
	Bulli FC
Edmen Sharp Shooter	Youth Grade
Illawarra Mercury Premier League	Robert Liberante (Cringila Lions)
	Under 23's
	Nicholas High (Cringila Lions)
	First Grade
	Yusuke Ueda (Wollongong Olympic)
Premier League Youth Player of the Year	Luca Gaudiosi (Bulli)
District League Youth Player of the Year	Matthew Poposki (Coniston)
Premier League Under 23's Player of the Year	Blake Hewson (Bulli)
Neville Arrowsmith Medal	Tim O'Brien (Bellambi)
George Naylor Medal	Yusuke Ueda (Wollongong Olympic)



COMMUNITY LEAGUE – Sponsored by RMB Lawyers

All Age		Masters	
Divison 1	Player of the Year	Division 1	Player of the Year
First Grade	Michael Woodcroft (Uni Wolves)		Ben Smith (Bulli FC)
	Leading GoalScorer		Leading GoalScorer
	Lachlan Blayney (Dandaloo FC)		Ben Smith (Bulli FC)
Division 1	Player of the Year	Division 2	Player of the Year
Reserve Grade	Robert Brown (Cringila Stallions)		Marcelo Molina (Coledale Waves)
	Leading GoalScorer		Leading GoalScorer
	Robert Brown (Cringila Stallions)		Shane Crampton (South Coast Utd)
Division 2	Player of the Year	Division 3	Player of the Year
First Grade	Anthony Coborelos (Albion Park Cows)		Peter Curkoski (Ground Hogs)
	Leading GoalScorer		Leading GoalScorer
	Timothy Walsh (Albion Park City Razorbacks)		Bryan Southall (Woonona Blue)
Division 2	Player of the Year	Division 4	Player of the Year
Reserve Grade	Matthew Vandy (Vale Banter Pups)		Travis Machan (Fernhill IFS)
	Leading GoalScorer		Leading GoalScorer
	Matthew Vardy (Vale Banter Pups)		Travis Machan (Fernhill IFS)
		Division 5	Player of the Year
			Steve Parkes (Kiama Quarriers)
			Leading GoalScorer
			Daniel Pridham (Kiama Quarriers)





(Pictured above: Players from Helensburgh Community League teams celebrating a fantastic year at the end of year presentation night)



(Pictured above: The Community League Sub Committee with members of the Men's Football Council. From left; Danny Gades, Steven Naylor, Bobby Mazevski, Alex Viselli, Anthony Timillero, Rob Belsito and Ivo Spanicek)

WOMEN'S LEAGUE – Sponsored by the Builders Club

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Youth League
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nton (University)



(Pictured above - The Builders Club recently hosted the 2018 Women's Awards Night with Albion Park's Michelle Foscarini (right) who was awarded Player of the Season)



(Pictured above - Players from Russell Vale Pink celebrating their season)



(Pictured above: Head of Women's Football, Cath Lear and Coach of the Year; Brod Crighton)



Pictured left:

Women's Youth League Player of the Year and Golden Boot Winner, Emma Gomez from Warilla Junior FC.

FNSW COMPETITIONS – HONOUR ROLL

STATE CUP

Winners:

14 Girls – Shellharbour Junior Football Club

All Age Women – Albion Park Football Club

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Winners:

Under 14 Girls – Shellharbour Junior Football Club

Over 30 Women – Russell Vale Soccer Club

Runners Up: All Age Women, Albion Park Women's Soccer Club Under 13 Boys - Lake Heights Junior Football Club



(Pictured above – Players from U13 Lake Heights, Russell Vale Over 30s and U14 Girls Shellharbour who were all finalists in the prestigious FNSW Champion of Champions tournament)

LIFE MEMBERS

Many individuals give countless hours of their time, unquestioned loyalty and a dedicated service to the game of Football. Without these wonderful and dedicated people, our beautiful global game of football cannot and could not have prospered and would not have provided that basic enjoyment to our community, of a simple game of football every week.

Prior to unification the Illawarra Referee Association (IFRA) the Illawarra Women's Football Association (IWFA), the Illawarra Junior Football Association (IJFA) and the Illawarra Football Association (IFA) honoured some wonderful contributors of the game:

IJFA

IFRA 1923 W. CUNNINGHAM * 1923 S. E. COPE * 1932 Tom SIMMONS * 1932 Jack SCOTT * 1947 Andy DAVIDSON * 1952 Jim SEATH * 1958 George RICHARDSON * 1960 Peter BANKS * 1960 Dave MEREDITH * 1960 Bob BROWN * 1961 Jim VICKERY * 1964 Albert ROBINSON * 1964 Jack SIMPSON * 1966 Doug HAYMAN 1968 Jack STIFF 1969 Tom SCOTT * 1970 John CRAIG * 1974 Vince MASTERS * 1977 Phil CLARKE 1980 Barry SCOTT * 1984 George NAYLOR * **1987 Robert ROBERTSON** 1988 Phil TORPY 1990 Peter GRAHAM 1994 Mike SHEDDEN 1997 Les PARKER * 1998 Rex LEIGHTON 2001 Eddy UITTERLINDEN 2008 Stephan JAROS 2011 Phil HOLT

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS 2001 Phil MURPHY * 2006 Mario MASTROIANNI * IFA 1941 James HOOD * 1944 Frank POSITTI * 1944 John POSITTI * 1944 Les ISEDALE * 1944 A 'Bert' BAMPTON* 1945 Frank ISEDALE * 1945 Pat SKERITT * 1945 Harry SKERITT * 1963 Gordon LEWIS 1964 Neville ARROWSMITH 1966 J 'Jock' SMITH * 1968 J 'Jock' HAMILTON * 1971 Peter BANKS * 1974 A 'Tony' McDONALD 1975 Helmut VOGEL * 1978 Barry SCOTT * 1984 Harry BROWN 1985 Frank SHUTTLEWORTH * 1987 George NAYLOR * 1992 Neil KEMP 1994 John WALKER 1995 Mavis NAYLOR 2002 Emilio GIGLIOTTI 2004 Otto BADER 2005 Peter DENT 2006 Alan WALTON * 2008 Paul MANHANDIS **IWFA** 1990 Phyllis KNIGHT *

1995 Joan HUDSON

1999- Rod RODERICK

2005 Carol LEWISTON

2010 Jenny SHELTON

2012 Jody CONFORD

Susan REED STEPHENSON

Margot NAYLOR

1995 Dot REED-

STEPHENSON

RJ BUCHANNAN * RF POSITTI * WJ GAVIN * WJ DALY * C SHIPTON * **RM TOWNSON *** Judy MASTERS * A DAVIDSON * John POSITTI * 1977 Laurie LAMB * 1977 Frank POSITTI * **1977 FJ ETHERINGTON** 1977 AJ BURROWS* 1977 RG NEWELL 1977 EG RING * 1977 GB ROBSON * 1977 A DAVIDSON * 1977 N DAVIDSON 1977 DV HAYMAN 1977 WH SIMPSON * 1977 D THOMAS * 1977 AG STYLES 1977 GL EDWARDS * 1978 Harold MOORES 1978 Neil KEMP 1979 Joe EVRY 1980 Bruce PLEASANT * 1981 Jan MAUGHAN 1985 Bob MAUGHAN 1985 Florence **STEPHENSON** Pre1994 Richard SMART 1994 Joan HUDSON 1995 David COWIE 1996 Vicki TIDSWELL 1997 John MUNRO 1998 David WARE 2000 Sheila MORRIS 2000John WHIDDETT 2008 Jimmy NOLAN

2008 Dawn POWER *

Football South Coast

2015 – Eddy De Gabriele 2015 – Claude Cuda 2015 – Milco Stojanoski 2016 – David Swan 2016 – Bruce Cunningham 2017 – Tom Clark

CONTRIBUTION TO FOOTBALL RECIPIENTS

FNSW State Award: Bob Hennessy

State Award winners are nominated by their Association in recognition of their tireless efforts and service to football in their local community. State Awards formally recognise individuals who have provided consistent and valuable service. In 2018, Bob Hennessy was the Football South Coast recipient of this award. Here is a summary of Bob's contribution to football:



With over 40 years involvement in Football, Bob has been an integral part of Helensburgh Junior and Senior Football Clubs and was also a member of the Football South Coast Board. Here are some of Bob's achievements:

- Championing the amalgamation of both the Junior and Senior Clubs into one strong united Club has which now has 500 players. And thanks to his continued efforts, the Club has senior players (both men and women) coaching Junior teams
- Coached and mentored many youth over his years at the club, including coaching a women's side, back when the club only had the one, for 4 years.
- He has passionately supported the growth of female football in Helensburgh and the Club now boasts three Women's Teams and five All Girls Junior Teams.
- Through leadership and hard work in applying for grants and community sponsorship the following projects have been completed:
 - o Completion the Clubhouse, a project 40 years in the making;
 - Construction and completion of a new storage facility, canteen and BBQ
 - The installation of lighting at Rex Jackson Oval
 - New drop in goals for both fields; and
 - o Refurbishment of the Clubs Grandstand

Bob has dedicated many years of experience and his time to football on the South Coast and is a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

Men's Premiership – Service to Football

Frank Stella (Port Kembla) Mark Vinton (Oak Flats) Veronica Shaw (Woonona) Sue Hadden (Fernhill) Lynn Banks (Woonona)



(Pictured above - Recipients of the Men's Premiership Service to Football Awards)

Contribution to Football Award Recipients – FSC Season Launch

Stream of Football	2018	
Junior's	Allyson Giustiniani	
	Martin Rowney	
Women's	Emi Skopal	
	Joanne Davis	
Referees	Bruce Jackson	
Men's	Ted Valic	
	David Naylor	



(Pictured above; Head of Women's Football Cath Lear with Emi Skopal (left) and Joanne Davis (right) who were 2018 Contribution to Football Recipients)



(Pictured above; South Coast United's Ted Valic (left) with the Head of Men's Football Bruce Cunningham (right)



(Pictured above; Allyson Giustiniani receiving her Contribution to Football Award from the Head of Junior Football, Joe Seco)



(Pictured above left: Bruce Jackson recipient of the Contribution to Football Award for Referee's)

(Pictured above right; David Naylor receiving his award with Bruce Cunningham, the Head of Men's Football).

FSC SUMMER FOOTBALL

Since its inception in 2013, Summer Football has become an integral part of the football calendar. A tenweek competition is run from October to December and in 2018, there were close to 1600 players that participated.

In 2018, games were held across numerous locations which included Thomas Dalton Park, Terry Reserve and Holy Spirit College. The competition provides a great opportunity to play in a social environment with friends and keep players active.



(Pictured above - one of our FSC Summer Football teams on the presentation day at Holy Spirit)



(Pictured above – the fantastic Summer Football support team)



(Pictured above - players enjoying their final game)

INDIGENOUS FOOTBALL

In January 2018 local players Tenaya Davis, Aleisha Chessell and Brodie Foster were selected in the National Indigenous team participating in the Trans-Tasman Football Series being held in New Zealand.

Tenaya and Aleisha were part of a historical moment as part of the very first Female Aboriginal Football Team (First Nations MARIYA'S) representing their people at the "Clash of Cultures" Tran-Tasman Football Series against (Maori TE IKAROA) in Auckland.

Richard (Macca) Davis, who was the 2017 FSC Women's Coach of the Year was also selected as the Assistant Coach for the Women's team.

Local players were also represented in the National Indigenous Football Championships were held at South Nowra and ended with Illawarra and Shoalhaven teams being crowned winners in both the men's and women's tournaments.



In August 2018, Albion Park Soccer Club led the way with NAIDOC celebrations (pictured below). It was a fantastic way to celebrate the wonderful contribution our indigenous communities have made to football.



FNSW State Cup Winners



(Pictured above – Albion Park All Age Women's – State Cup Grand Final Winners)



(Pictured above - Shellharbour Junior Football Club - Under 14 Girls - State Cup Grand Final Winners)

FNSW Champion of Champions



(Pictured above - Over 30's Women's Russell Vale Soccer Club - Champion of Champions Winners)



(Pictured above - Shellharbour Junior Football Club - Under 14 Girls - Champion of Champion Winners)

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