



**FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST**  
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**FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST CORPORATE PROFILE**





# FOOTBALL IS THE LARGEST PARTICIPATION SPORT ON THE SOUTH COAST WITH OVER 13,000 REGISTERED PLAYERS.

The football family consists of players, parents, coaches, referees and volunteers.

Football is a great way to reach the many residents and businesses in the local Illawarra and South Coast area and beyond. Through its size and continual growth, football is a wonderful vehicle to keep our community healthy, active and is a key social contributor to our region.

## Who is FSC?

Organised football competitions have been conducted in the Illawarra for over 120 years.

Prior to 2010, football in the Illawarra was fragmented. Football South Coast was formed to bring a number of different associations (Junior's, Women's, Men's, Amateur's and Referee's) under the one entity so that football could be represented as a unified body.

FSC is regulated by ASIC and is a not for profit organisation. FSC Management, Board and Board Sub-Committee's consist of professional and committed individuals who are passionate about football and its contribution to the community.

## What does FSC do?

FSC is responsible for the overall management and promotion of football in the Illawarra and parts of the South Coast and provides a vast array of competitions and programs for the development of players, coaches and referees.

## Who plays Football?

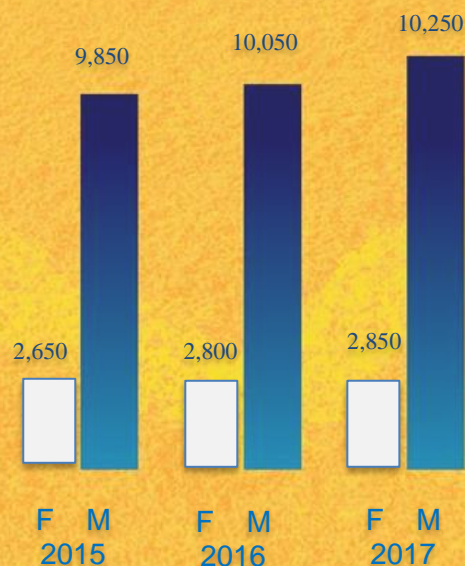
FSC caters for football competitions and programs for both males and females. Starting from under 6's football truly is a sport for any age and any ability.

In 2017, 13,000 people officially registered and participated in the world game in our region thus making football the top sport in the Illawarra in terms of participation. Approximately 10,000 of these are juniors and close to 2,900 of total players are female.

## Our Geographic Spread



## Gender Player Participation





# OUR AFFILIATIONS

Football South Coast is affiliated with Football NSW (FNSW) and Football Federation Australia (FFA).

This means that we are members of these organisations and our programs and competitions are based on relevant national and state guidelines and frameworks.



## FSC STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Facilitate Pathways for all participants

Improve Facilities and Infrastructure

Encourage participation for all members of our community

## WHY WE LOVE THE WORLD GAME



### FSC Vision

Every member of our community on the South Coast will experience the teamwork and social inclusion created by participating in the game of football.

# OUR COMPETITIONS



Football South Coast runs competitions for Junior's from 5 years of age to our open age competitions.

FSC runs the following competitions:

- Junior competition for ages under 6 to under 18
- Men's Illawarra Premier and District League
- Women's Youth League and All Age
- Men's Community League
- Summer Football
- Five A Side
- All Ages All Abilities (a program for those with a special need and the first of its kind in our region)

## Our Volunteers – The Foundation of Football

There are so many members of our community that contribute to football. Without them our game would not be the success it is today. These include:

- Football Clubs and their Committee's
- Coaches and Managers of the many teams across our competitions
- FSC Volunteers - the FSC Board and Board Sub-Committee's which include Competition Councils that oversee and run all FSC competitions



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# DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



We firmly believe that the future is with our juniors and we are committed to providing quality development opportunities to all junior players regardless of what level they aspire to play.

FSC runs the following programs:

- FSC Academy for players aged 6 to 15 that would like additional coaching and development
- Junior Development Programs (from under 7 to under 12) that caters for boys and girls to take part in free football programs
- School Holiday Clinics
- Representative teams that are part of Football NSW competitions:
  - Boys and Girls Skill Acquisition Programs (from under 9 to under 12)
  - Association Youth League (boys under 13 to under 16)
  - Girls Conference League (U14, U15, U17)

Our junior programs have been acknowledged by former Football NSW Technical Director and Socceroo Alex Tobin:

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The development programs implemented by FSC are one of the most comprehensive and are of the highest quality in the State.

FSC's commitment to Junior Development can be exemplified by employing highly qualified Technical Directors and Coaches to oversee all programs.

# REPRESENTATIVE PATHWAYS

## Our History

There is a rich history of football on the South Coast. Founded in 1883, Balgownie is believed to be the oldest running association football club in Australia.

The multiculturalism of the South Coast has forged a strong bond between the 'beautiful game' and our community.

In the 1950's both Bob Bignell and Bob Young (from Corrimal) played for and captained Australia at various times. In 1956 Bob Bignell captained the Australian Olympic team. Since then there are 55 current and ex-Socceroos who began their football careers in the Illawarra, some of whom have forged successful careers in Europe.

Players such as Peter Wilson who went on to captain the first ever Socceroos team to play in the World Cup Finals (1974), Max Tolson, Adrian Alston, Scott Chipperfield, Mile Sterjovski and Luke Wilkshire all are products of the strong Illawarra football nursery.



## The Future

Current Matilda players Caitlin Foord and Michelle Heyman are forging strong careers in football and young girls in the region are hoping to emulate their successes.

The profile of football continues to increase with the Socceroos reaching their 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive World Cup, the success of the Matildas and the successful A-League and W-League competitions. Added to this, the success of football in the Illawarra comes from the many people that play and watch the game every week.

The South Coast Flame FC play in the Football NSW Men's State League and this provides a clear pathway and an opportunity for males that aspire to play representative football.





# OUR REFEREES

Our referees are a key part of our game and FSC is one of the few associations in NSW to have referee's as members of our organisation.

There are approximately 350 referee's that officiate across FSC Competitions starting from the age of 13.

It's a great way for members of our football community to take leadership positions in football and there are many opportunities for our officials to follow a pathway within FSC, FNSW, FFA (Football Federation Australia) and FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association).



## A GAME TO BE PROUD OF...

At Football South Coast we believe our game is about respect, teamwork and keeping healthy and active.

It's about providing an opportunity to every member of our region to participate in the 'world game' as a player, coach, referee or volunteer.

Our game thrives from members of the community and the contribution made by our volunteers who commit so much of their time and passion to the sport.

## FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST & COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

To continue the survival of mixed ability playing opportunities at a local level, FSC has partnered with the Disability Trust and Greenacres Disability services to ensure the world game is accessible to everyone in our community.

The University of Wollongong has partnered with FSC to develop a program – Ahead of the Game, which aims to deliver improvements in youth mental health through community sport.

FSC also support a research project focusing on injury prevention in football developed in partnership with UOW, a first of its kind in Australia.





For more information about Football South Coast and how you can support our great sport through sponsorship, volunteering, playing or refereeing – please let us know, we'd love to hear from you.

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