



Football South Coast

Monthly Board Summary Update

Board Meeting Date: 11 June 2019

A. Infra-Structure Update including Artificial Pitch Project

1. FIFA testing pending sign off for the synthetic pitch
2. Items still outstanding at Ian McLennan Park (IMP):
 - Installation of gates behind grandstand for ball retrieval which was not implemented in accordance with FSC requirements
 - Installation of the Disability Toilet and change room and associated pathways
 - CCTV and Alarm installation is being finalised
3. Member clubs have booked the synthetic ground for 22 hours in May and 4 hours for schools.
4. The Infrastructure Club Committee will commence documenting priorities for all facility enhancements across the region, to assist with future funding applications and priorities around these projects.

B. Other Strategic Matters Update

1. FSC Flare Football In-club programs have been a success across Unanderra, Figtree, Fernhill and Gerringong with good feedback received. Additional clubs will be launching the program in Term 3 which include Balgownie, Port Kembla, Warilla, Kiama and Albion Park. With the introduction of a second active kids voucher in 2019, clubs are making the most of this opportunity to offer the program to their players.
2. The Sydney FC Skills Training program which will replace the Flare Term Program, will be launched for Term 3
3. A competitions framework review will take place. This will entail a review of competition structures across all FSC football streams to look at ways to streamline and efficiently utilize resources across infrastructure, referees and volunteers. This review will be led by FSC office and competitions staff for further update and board discussion.

C. Referee Coordination Council Update

1. Rex Leighton has accepted the role of the Men's Coordinator until the end of season.
2. The Development Coordinator role has been split into (a) Assessments and Records and (b) Development. Phil Torpy has accepted the Assessments and Records.
3. There is still a vacancy for the Women's Council Representative. The team as a group are currently fulfilling this role.
4. The Withdrawals Policy and Communication Guidelines have been issued and circulated by email to all senior members and members are asked to acknowledge receipt.

5. Critical issues are:
 - i. Significant shortage of referees - Focus on getting the assessment process under control to promote referees where appropriate
 - ii. Match Ref performance and functionality
 - iii. The RCC is now meeting weekly
6. We have commenced drafting role descriptions for all RCC members - “no gaps, no overlaps”
7. A significant emerging issue is the observed and reported poor behaviour of some players and Clubs. The main concerns are abuse, disrespect and inappropriate language. The proposed plan to address this:
 - i. Referees will be directed and coached to enforce the rules of the game
 - ii. Request the Councils to communicate to all clubs that unsatisfactory behaviour will no longer be tolerated and the laws of the game will be imposed, with the family friendliness of our football at all levels a key goal
 - iii. The RCC will prepare a detailed proposal for Board approval and support for implementation. This will include a potential new reporting mechanism for the referees so a culture of respect and behavioural accountability is developed amongst the wider football community.

D. Men's Football Council Update

Update from the MFC Meeting conducted on the 15 May 2019:

1. The Peter Webster Cup Grand Final was held on Monday, 10 June at Ian McLennan Park. The Final was between Port Kembla Pumas and Albion Park City Razorbacks. The concept of the cup was well received, and consideration will be given to extending the competition to potentially include other divisions.
2. Discussion regarding the need to present to the member clubs a discussion paper regarding Player Distribution System and that FSC Board approval was sought and granted as a discussion only. This was presented at the Member Club Meeting with feedback requested by the middle of June 2019. All feedback will be assessed by MFC and further feedback provided at the IPL Forum scheduled for July 2019
3. Member Clubs Meeting held with open consultation and communication regarding the following
 - i. Overdue accounts (60 days +)
 - ii. BAR TV proposals and presentation. (An initial sponsor was found for the first match to be screened on JUM Media between Wollongong United and Wollongong Olympic on 1/6/19) Successful debut to broaden the reach of the game in general
 - iii. Clarification provided by the office regarding invoicing arrangements against the yearly calendar. (Formal written feedback has been provided to member clubs on all account invoicing arrangements)
4. Feedback for the appointment of a new member to the MFC with FSC Board acceptance of Marcello Chiodo to come onto the MFC for the remainder of the year. Marcello has a broad background and strong business acumen that ultimately will be an invaluable addition to the current MFC.
5. Community League - Competitions have been completed successfully to date with some minor issues however this is seen as a positive opportunity to improve across the league.

E. Women's Football Council Update

Competition Update:

1. The WYL competition will split after this weekend's round (9th June). The subcommittee will confirm the competition split with the Competition Manager once all games are completed. This has provided each team to play each other once and there is a clear top half and lower half. The draw will be created to finish the season with two divisions for this competition. The clubs impacted have been consulted as part of this process.
2. UOWFC and Albion Park played in the State Cup round of 16 and have both progressed to the quarter finals to be held on the 16th of June. UOWFC def. Northbridge 1-0 and Albion Park def. Dunbar 2-1. Congratulations to both teams.
3. AAW competition continues to run well. After this weekend, one full round of the competition has been completed for all divisions and most games have been very competitive.
4. EOIs to host the AAW Semi-finals and Finals will be sent to clubs by the end of June and required back by mid-July. The Grand Finals will be held at Ian McLennan Park.

Charity Round/Female Football Week:

5. The MM Kembla Charity Round was held at the start of Female Football Week on Sunday the 26th of May. Most clubs made donations of cash or goods. A representative from the Illawarra Women's Health Centre attended the first division game at Ian McLennan Park to collect the goods and watch the game and was impressed and thankful for all of the thoughtful donations. Final tally of monetary donations will be notified once we have word from the charity.
6. All teams that played at Ian McLennan Park over the course of Female Football Week were grateful for the chance and enjoyed playing on the pitch. Referee coverage for these three games was also appreciated (with a full complement of female referees on the Wednesday night)

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday 12th June from 6:30 (at FSC)

Next Clubs Meeting: Tuesday 13th August from 7:00 (at Dapto Leagues Club)

F. Junior Football Council

Junior Council Competition Review

1. U12 Division 3 and 4 competitions have been declared (12 teams in each division)
2. U12 Division 1 and 2 to be declared after round 9 (20 teams to be graded, 10 teams in each division), competition starts for these teams in round 10.
3. U12 Boys and Girls participation in the FNSW State Cup and Champions of Champions was reviewed and voted on at ASC meeting May 13 (ASC agrees that current format is to be retained).

FNSW State Cup

4. Round 3 completed with 9 FSC remaining teams progressing to the quarter finals.
 - 14 Boys – South Coast United and Port Kembla
 - 4 Girls – Russell Vale 1
 - 16 Boys – South Coast Utd
 - 16 Girls – Thirroul
 - 18 Women - Shellharbour
 - 21 Men - Wollongong United
 - AAW – University of Wollongong and Albion Park.

Other

5. Junior Council Ground Checks:
 - i. Junior Councillors have been visiting clubs to assist with compliance of match day requirements.
 - ii. Follow up visits are scheduled at clubs that need further assistance or are not complying.
6. Basic First Aid Training - sessions have been held to assist Junior Clubs, 1st session well attended by several clubs, training provider (Wollongong First Aid) has also held training sessions at some Junior Clubs.

Next Junior Council meeting – June 24th 2019

Next Junior Club meeting – June 12th 2019

Next Association Standing Committee – July 29th 201

G. Finance Update

Financials for the 2018/2019 were reviewed and approved.

H. Representative and Development Update including South Coast Flame FC

No key issues or points to raise