



# Football South Coast

## Monthly Board Summary Update

**Board Meeting Date:** 12 November 2018

### A. Referee Board Committee Review

1. The review is progressing with work on (1) roles and responsibilities (2) organisational structure and (3) drafting the report
2. Next Steps
  - Continue to liaise with key stakeholders on preliminary findings and recommendations
  - Present findings, recommendations for FSC Board approval

### B. Infra-Structure Update including Artificial Pitch Project

1. Synthetic Pitch Usage Model - awaiting final feedback from Men's Football Council / clubs on the usage model. All other councils have provided feedback
2. Synthetic Pitch Project Update
  - Indicative completion date (pending confirmation from Wollongong City Council) is mid February 2019
  - There will be some capital expenditure around security, upgrading amenities and equipment that will be required. This will be funded via FSC funds, funding / grants and in-kind sponsorship opportunities

### C. Other Strategic Matters Update

1. The FSC Academy will be rebranded as the FSC Flare Football School which will incorporate a number of differing programs.
2. WGC Cranes have advised they will cease sponsorship in 2019 and will be focusing on junior clubs
3. A number of other proposals have been sent to potential sponsors
4. The Board approved Gerringong FC as a Class A member club pending approval from FNSW
5. FSC currently pays close to \$35,000 per annum for office rental and is to commence an assessment on constructing an administration building at Ian McLennan Park. Grants / funding will be sort to fund this, however consideration is also to be given to utilizing the funds within the Preserve Fund Account which will result in cost savings to registered players.

### D. Men's Football Council Update

#### 1. Budget:

The MFC have been actively reviewing a number of factors as a result of the 2018 competition year including:

- mechanisms available to reduce expenditure
- the need to increase application fees by \$200 across IPL and DL which is the first time these fees increased in over 10 years,
- player registration was reviewed and a minor adjustment of \$5 for all players will be introduced

## 2. Fraternity Cup

- The preseason competition (Fraternity Cup) was successful and will be looked at going forward with some suggestions from the major sponsor towards also having a quarter final.

## 3. IPL / DL Competitions

- Competition changes have been communicated to clubs
- This includes eliminating the need to have a minimum number of professional players, aligning player contracts with the FFA standard contract and including a seven (7) day cooling-off period before it is processed within the MyFootball Club

## 4. 2019 Competition Rules & Regulations

- The finalisation of the review will be completed by mid November
- There are some minor changes that will be communicated later once finalised
- It is not considered that there are major changes that would have a major impact at IPL/DL level and more in line with administrative corrections and clarification to remove some complexity (E.G. Eligibility for the Final Series for players of the same club in lower grades)

## 5. Wet Weather Policy

- The Wet Weather Policy is subject to review
- Once reviewed, MFC shall present the details to the IPL/DL clubs after discussion with FSC Office staff as part of the consultation process and then the final document will be presented to the FSC Board in early 2019 for final ratification and adoption in 2019.

## 6. Promotion and Relegation

- The MFC made a recommendation on the composition of the competitions based on club applications
- The MFC is discussing the possibility of starting the assessment of promotion and relegation earlier to provide certainty to clubs in relation to trials, etc.

## 7. Community League (CL)

- Another successful year has been completed and the new structure has been effectively implemented.
- The CL continues to grow with both participation and professionalism which is evident with the introduction of an Over 45's competition in 2019. This has been nurtured and developed over the last few years and a number of clubs have expressed their interest in the new league.
- The review of the Competition Rules has been completed for CL and passed onto David Ware for incorporation into the overall Competition Rules.

## E. Women's Football Council Update

1. Congratulations to Russell Vale O30s for winning the Champion of Champions tournament. They defeated Wakehurst FC 2-1. Albion Park AAW lost in the final 2-1 to Dunbar Rovers.
2. The Women's Council have received an EOI from Moss Vale to have an AAW team join the competition for 2019 (they would be considered as a guest club and have made the request to help keep players in the game). We are currently reviewing this in line with competition requirements.
3. ACM schedule for the 21 November.

F. Junior Football Council

1. Junior Council Election of Council positions held November 5 with the following positions filled:

Head of Council - Joe Seco

Deputy Head of Council - Martin Rowney

Deputy Head of Council - Leigh Blanch

Councillors; Danielle Foster, David Swan, Craig Webster, Regina Moran, Ian Dewey and Allyson Giustiniani

2. It was resolved that the Junior Council will run with 9 Councillors with a casual vacancy open to a specialist role as required and at the discretion of the Junior Council.
3. Competition Rules 2019 - Council and clubs have reviewed the 2019 draft competition rules and have forwarded rule proposal changes to David Ware.

G. Finance Update

1. The profit and loss has been finalised for the year and will result in a break even position
2. End of year audit date to be scheduled
3. Budget and the proposed fees for 2019 were approved by the board. The key changes to fees are to the Men's Premiership player registration fees and club nomination fees. Other fee increases are due to FFA increasing the National Registration Fee (NRF).

H. South Coast Flame FC

1. Planning continues for 2019
2. An EOI was published for additional directors and the FSC Board to approve any new appointments.