



FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST - NEWSLETTER

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On the International Stage

There's been lots of world class football on show in Australia. With a visit from Liverpool FC, the Brazilian and Argentinian national teams and the upcoming visit from Arsenal FC, football fever has once again hit our shores.

And you know the World Cup is just around the corner when the Confederations Cup has just kicked off. With a great win over Saudi Arabia in the World Cup Qualifiers, our Socceroos are in action.



CONFEDERATIONS CUP RUSSIA 2017

DID YOU KNOW?

- The FIFA Confederations Cup is an international association football tournament for national teams, currently held every four years by FIFA.
- It is contested by the holders of each of the six (UEFA, CONMEBOL, CONCACAF, CAF, AFC, OFC) regional championships, along with the FIFA World Cup holder and the host nation, to bring the number of teams up to eight.
- The current champion is Brazil who won the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup, by defeating Spain in the final for a record fourth title.
- The tournament has been held in the nation that will host the FIFA World Cup in the following year, acting as a rehearsal for the larger tournament. However, 2022 FIFA World Cup host Qatar will not host 2021 FIFA Confederations Cup as announced by FIFA in 2015 due to Qatar's high temperatures during the summer period
- The teams competing in 2017 will be Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Germany, Portugal, Cameroon and Mexico

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CEO Update



It's hard to believe we are already half way through the season.

Competitions are all full steam ahead, the Bert Bampton Cup is underway and the FNSW State Cup is heading into the Semi Final Stages. With the way the draw has fallen, it is possible that there could be three all FSC Grand Finals in the U16 Boys, U18 Boys and All Age Women. Congratulations to the following teams who will play their Semi Finals on the 2nd July:

U12 Boys - Shellharbour JFC & Woonona JFC
U13 Boys - Shellharbour JFC
U16 Boys - Coniston JSC & Lake Heights JFC
U18 Mens - Kemblawarra Fury & Tarrawanna SC
U14 Girls - Fernhill JFC
U16 Girls - Shellharbour JFC 2
U18 Women - Albion Park SC
All Age Women - Albion Park SC & Tarrawanna SC

On the 24 June I will be attending The Disability Trust Recreation Illawarra Awards Night. It's a great evening organised by the Trust to recognise the many participants in their wonderful programs including the FSC Knights.

FSC is proud to support many community organisations such as The Disability Trust, Greenacres, the Homeless Hub and Illawarra Multicultural Services over the past number of years.

Also congratulations to the FSC Women's Football Council and their clubs for organizing the annual charity round. This round raised much needed funds for the SASSHI group, a womens refuge for domestic violence victims. On behalf of FSC and the Women council, thank you to all the clubs that contributed to this great organisation.

FSC Junior Clubs will also be holding a charity round for SASSHI over the coming weeks with more details to be announced shortly.

With the School Holidays fast approaching, FSC will be running our popular Clinics across many locations, so be sure to check out our website for further details.

Ann-Marie

Chairman's Corner



Well here we are right in the midst of another season, HALF finished. Wow, how time flies when you are so busy, with so much great football happening. I am particularly so proud of ALL of our Junior Football Development Programs and it's worth mentioning these now. SAP, AYL, the WIN Junior Academy, the Girls Development Skills Acquisition Academy and the WIN Network School Holiday Clinics.

FSC Board and management have strategically invested a great deal of time and resources into these programs because we see that junior participation and development is the key foundation for the success of our Sport.

These highly successful programs are growing very fast and are run by our highly professional, qualified and experienced team including our Technical Directors and coaches. Player and coaching pathways continue to be a key focus for FSC.

Thank you to everyone in football land for helping out at your local Club, with your Team and of course also thank you to my fabulous football colleagues in the Men's, Junior, Women's, Referees & Representative Football Councils along with my fellow FSC Board of Directors who have such a great focus & vision for Football in our Illawarra Region **Eddy**

Quote of the Month

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100% OF THE
SHOTS
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Some key dates over the next few months:

- 3 July to 13 July —FSC WIN Network School Holiday Clinics
- 17 July—FSC WIN Network Academy (8 week term)
- 20 August—FREE Girls Gala Day—registrations still open
- June—September—Junior and Senior Boys Talent ID Gala Days
- 8th September—Summer Football Registration Closes

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FSC Schools Development Program

This month saw the launch of the Football South Coast Schools Development Program that is being delivered by our FSC development Coaches Peter Dohnt and Michael Panozzo.

The program is designed to bring 'football' to the primary schools of the Illawarra with a key focus on reaching out to our regions school children who may never have played the game before.

The program can be delivered before school, during lunch time, after school or as part of the Schools Sports days.

In addition to bringing the game to children for the first time, it will also provide an opportunity for those currently playing in our junior competitions to continue their development.

The coaching sessions will be delivered in a safe environment with a focus on FUN football exercises to help the players build a love for the game through discovery and natural development.

If your school is interested in finding out more about this program please contact FSC on 42 856929 or visit our website at www.footballsouthcoast.com.



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Women's Competition – Preview

It's the halfway point of the Master Builders Women's competition and all five Divisions are gearing up for an exciting few weeks in the lead up to Semi Finals.

Division 1 sees heavyweights Albion Park on top of the competition. Albion Park are yet to lose a game and are looking like favourites to take out the Division 1 Minor Premiership, after losing it at the last hurdle last year to rivals Tarrawanna.

Woonona have been Albion Park's nearest contenders and went down 1-0 when the two teams faced off. Woonona had not lost a game until the two sides met and since then they dropped vital points with a draw to Kiama.

The question remains if Woonona can hold their early form and make up the lost points and challenge Albion Park or have they done their dash too early in the season? Only time will tell.

Tarrawanna sit third with injuries having halted the first half of the season but Tarrawanna have been a strong team for a number of years and it would be no surprise to see them march strongly into the second half of the season.

Surprise packets Kiama round out the top four, after a disastrous start to the competition in 2017 they went down 6-1 to Thirroul but have since bounced back challenging the top teams. Kiama have a game in hand which will see them pull away from the rest of the chasing pack. If they can keep their squad together their team could cause a few more upsets in the remaining rounds and have a huge influence on who makes the finals series.

Thirroul White and University are sitting 5th and 6th and are hoping they can have a more improved second half of the season and make up points to qualify for the finals.

In Division 2, newcomers Dandaloo have pushed to outright leaders. After winning the Division 3 Grand Final last year the women from Dandaloo have not slowed down and have the Minor Premiership within their sights. Dandaloo have not lost a game only conceding a draw with nearest rivals Helensburgh. There is a log jam for the remaining spots with Helensburgh, Wests, Albion Park, Woonona and University, all within a few points of each other and it will be impossible to predict who will keep their run going and who will falter.

Division 3 sees Oak Flats Falcons leading the way. The Falcons have only lost one game and are looking the goods to take out the Minor Premiership. Russell Vale Pink are sitting closely behind in second and have also only lost one game. Russell Vale is an impressive side and may be Oak Flats biggest rivals in this upcoming finals series. Oak Flats Wildcats are sitting one point behind Russell Vale and will be hoping the second half of the season can push them up into first or second and have a potential battle for the Minor Premiership played out between both Oak Flats Clubs.

Division 4 has the Fernhill Vixens out in front of the competition on 22 points. The Women from Fernhill are yet to lose a game. Coniston are their nearest rivals on 19 points with Figtree and Oak Flats Falcons rounding out the top 4.

The Under 21s competition has kicked off in 2017 with 6 teams in the competition. Strong junior club Balgownie are one point clear at the halfway point and have Albion Park closely behind them. Thirroul and Bulli round out the top four, but will need to hope that Albion Park and Balgownie forms drops in the second half of the season if they want to challenge for the Minor Premiership.



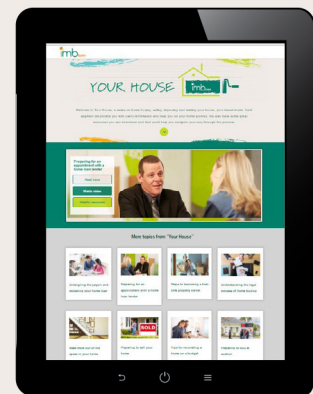
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The Defibrillator Funding Program Update

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

Earlier in the year, the Stott Family set up the Antony Stott Memorial Fund to ensure all the region's soccer clubs have access to defibrillators. Antony collapsed and died while playing soccer for Thirroul Thunder at Thirroul's Thomas Gibson Park on July 16. In addition MP for Keira, Ryan Park also supported the cause through funding via the Community Building Partnership Program. There may be some further exciting funding announcement to be made shortly.

FSC opened Round 1 of funding to clubs and is pleased to advise the following clubs have been successful and will have defibrillators available at their facilities. Congratulations to the following clubs:

- Wollongong United FC
- Balgownie Junior and Senior Football Clubs
- Unanderra Hearts Soccer Club and Wests Illawarra FC
- Coniston FC / Stingrays
- Coledale Waves Football Club

Round 2 of funding has opened and all clubs are encouraged to apply.



Men's Competition Update

Things are really starting to heat up in the Illawarra Premier League with Bulli, Wollongong Olympic, Kemblawarra and Tarrawanna having broken clear and at the half way point of the season, they seem to be the only clubs in with a genuine chance at winning the title.

Tarrawanna are having a stellar year and quietly going about their business and could be the dark horse in what is effectively a four horse race. Port Kembla, Wollongong United and Albion Park are battling it out for the other playoff spot. At the other end, Woonona, Picton and Corrimal seem to be in a dog fight in their bid to avoid finishing bottom.

A month ago, Fernhill were cruising and looked unbeatable in the WGC Cranes District League however a couple of unexpected results have opened the door for the likes of Thirroul and Warilla Wanderers who sit right on their tail. Some key games coming up over the next few weeks for these clubs as they look to secure the championship and give themselves a chance at pushing for promotion.

After a great start to the season, Coniston seem to have lost their way a bit and sit outside the playoff positions with Helensburgh and Oak Flats making up the top 5 at this stage. Bottom position looks destined to fall to either Bellambi, Wests Illawarra or Berkeley Sports who will need a big second half of the season if they are going to salvage anything from their current ailing seasons.

In the RMB Lawyers Community League Division 1 competition, Dandaloo FC have hit the lead however Shell Cove FC are a point behind with a game in hand. The competition is shaping as a two team race although anyone of the next five teams (Oak Flats, Uni Wolves, Wollongong Fury, Coledale Waves and Cringila Stallions) can make the playoffs as they are only separated by three points.



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