

YEAR IN REVIEW 2020

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(Pictured above - Clubs involved in the 2020 Registration Launch with Sydney FC Players Mackenzie Hawkesby and Joel King)



(Pictured above – Players from the 2020 Summer Football program held at Ian McLennan Park)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was not that long ago that we all doubted that we could all meet and celebrate anything together again as a group – but once again football community has adapted, and we saw off a very difficult 2020 Season for everyone.

I know how hard it was for all our member clubs with lots of uncertainty with financial challenges, getting players & our referees safely on the field to play in competitions, creating safe practices for having our fabulous supporters attend grounds and of course getting through a season with many changes and variations to contend with. But you and my team at FSC did it – and you did it well. Your focus on your players, referees and your supporters was fantastic and so responsible. I congratulate you all for your hard-earned efforts and hard work in making Season 2020 happen and finishing it so well for everyone.

I want you all to know that it was always very important for the FSC Board of Directors that FSC offer a playing calendar for our member clubs and their supporters – that was because FSC Directors saw that having a playing year for our community as our primary responsibility for the good mental health of our football and our wider community.

It would have been so easy for FSC Directors to just call off all competitions and not have to face the risks and uncertainty and do any of the hard work in managing such difficult times and conditions – but because of our great FSC Team with your fabulous input, your contribution and your acceptance of the Playing Season changes and adjustments – together, we all made it happen for the good of the community.

Well done everyone – I was so proud of our FSC Board, all our Member Clubs, our Referees and our FSC Management, Administration Team and our FSC Councils.

So, what awaits us in Season 2021? No-one really knows, but together we will Launch Season 2021 like never before and hopefully like always before.... and what-ever challenges come up in this coming 2021 Season, I am confident that together we will face them and discuss the way forward.

So as we welcome 2021, I will not dwell on the past year (2020) very much at all as we usually do in these Year In Review Reports, we all know & understand the ill-effects it had on everyone everywhere in our community. However, I can report that FSC during one of the most difficult financial years we have ever faced, because of those strategic and wise decisions made by this FSC Board of Directors, was able to ensure FSC remained sustainable, financially secure and stable even with those financial initiatives made by FSC Board to assist our member clubs (i.e. removal and reducing a large number of member club costs and fees, etc..).

FSC also had to move our office headquarters by 30th June 2020 from the Fraternity Club to 45 Chapman Street Fairy Meadow right in the middle of this horrible pandemic year. So overall the office move and particularly the financial position achieved through excellent FSC Board decisions and support from our Financial Auditors in KPMG, was an excellent result for our member clubs, especially so knowing that many other sporting codes, organisations, businesses, and our fellow football associations throughout NSW struggled very hard in 2020 to meet their financial responsibilities.

So, we can now move into Season 2021 knowing that FSC have a great financial base and security.

My FSC Board of Directors & I, with the direct help of the FSC Management Team, our FSC Football Councils and all our Members Clubs aim for Season 2021 is a simple one.

TO: Provide a responsible full Playing Calendar that has no or minimal interruptions so that ALL our members "almost forget" that football is in a very difficult year ahead again. If we can do that – then it will be a very good year for our football community and for the mental health of all our members.

Looking forward to this year, as usual FSC Board of Directors never stop trying to get better and being the best Football Association for our member clubs in NSW; so as previously announced in our FSC Board Briefing Papers last August 2020, a number of Structural Reviews are currently in progress. Namely, after over 10-years of successful Unification of Football in this area, representatives from our member club elected Football Councils (Men's, Women's, Juniors, Referees, Representative Teams and the Community Leagues) who represent each member football club, will be leading and undertaking a review of current Football operational & corporate structures including the FSC Board, Management, Councils, Volunteers, Disciplinary Representations and much more. This includes a review all the roles & responsibilities for every element in our game.

Your Football Councils will communicate and interact with every member club as this review progresses and will present a Draft Report to member clubs for final comments. Once these comments are collated then the Final FSC Football Councils Review Report will be presented to the FSC Board of Directors for consideration.

The success of FSC and our competitions still creates many challenges for FSC Directors, and <u>our priorities</u> <u>remain for 2021</u> and that is to present and obtain government (all levels) support for our member clubs to improve facilities such as lighting, gender and all-abilities appropriate change rooms, drainage, and access to more fields. It's important that together we all tackle the enormous challenge to meet the "supply demands" of our sport.

FSC Board's strategic plan has completed its final year of our 3-year cycle and a new strategic plan will shortly be developed that encompasses the current challenges, the high levels of uncertainty ahead and our sport's growing demands. Further consultation with our Member Clubs through your Football Councils will occur shortly, so please provide input and your ideas.

So, as I welcome you to the 2021 Season, on behalf of my Board of Directors and our hard-working MD and CEO Ann-Marie Balliana and her fabulous and professional hard-working team, I hope you all enjoy an uninterrupted and safe Football Season 2021. I hope that you and your families, experience great fun times in football but more importantly I wish you all great health, safety and long periods of happiness and many great lasting memories this coming football year.

Finally, thank you all for your great support and for being part of this large and passionate football family. The FSC Board, Football Council Members, Management and staff are dedicated to working with our member clubs and all of our stakeholders. Remember that we are here to work with you to ensure football continues to be a key part of our local community and a fantastic experience for all involved. Best Regards and have a great year,

Eddy De Gabriele – Chairman Football South Coast



(Pictured Above Left: Opening the 2020 season at the Season Launch was FSC Deputy Chair Milco Stojanoski, Head of Women's Football Cath Lear, Head of Men's Football Frank Gigliotti, Head of Junior Football Joe Seco and FSC Board Member Martin Rowney)

(Pictured Above Right: FSC Chair Eddy De Gabriele with Sandy Depers who was presented with FSC Life Membership at the 2020 Season Launch)

Football South Coast – 2020 Year in Review







Pictured above: Photo's from the 2020 FSC Season Launch



FSC Board

Eddy De Gabriele Chair Independent Director



Milco Stojanoski Deputy Chair Independent Director



Ann-Marie Balliana CEO and MD Independent Director



Bruce Whalan Independent Director



Joe Seco Elected Director – Junior's



Martin Rowney Independent Director

Rex Leighton Director – Referee's





Cath Lear

Elected Director – Women's

Frank Gigliotti Elected Director – Men's



Theo Papakosmas Director – Representative and Development



CEO's REPORT

In March 2020, FSC held our Season Launch. As we celebrated the upcoming season and took a breather before the season ahead, no one could have imagined what was in store for us for the remainder of the year.

A couple of weeks after our launch and in the midst of our Pre Season Cups for both our Men and Women's competitions, football activity was indefinitely suspended. It was a time of unknowns for our football family, not just in terms of our sport, but also our everyday lives, our jobs and our families. It was a forced opportunity to reset some of our priorities.

From an FSC perspective we recognised the importance of ensuring community sport could continue. We worked with FNSW and other associations to ensure football was in the best position to resume once changes to restrictions were announced. We had in place plans for multiple resumption scenarios and also worked closely with Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Local Councils to ensure COVID Safe plans and considerations could be implemented. During this time, Cricket Illawarra were also incredibly accommodating in working with us to ensure our season could continue well past our normal season end dates.

With the provision of COVID-Safe Plans, it was a huge effort from our clubs to ensure that our sport could resume in the safest way possible. The demands on volunteers certainly increased with COVID Safe processes and on behalf of every player in the region, we cannot thank our club volunteers enough for allowing the season to proceed.

We also thank our referees for taking a reduction in their match fees to ease the financial burden on clubs which were adversely impacted by sponsorship and other revenue streams such as canteen due to reduced spectators.

Despite the impacts of COVID, our players numbers across our winter competition were approximately 200 players lower than last year however our summer competition was the biggest to date. The Summer Competition has proven a valuable opportunity to allow players to try football and in 2020; 20% of players were non-winter registered players. In addition, our Free Come and Try day was another great program to introduce younger females to the world game.

During this year it was also important that the football family worked together with our member clubs to ease the financial strain of impacted sponsorships and as a result the following assistance was provided to clubs; reduced capitation and insurance costs, ground hire fee reductions, reduced referee payments, waiving of other FSC fees applicable to competitions.

Football South Coast comprises of many individuals that are part of our organisation from the Board, Football Councils, Judiciary Panels and competition sub-committees. Our fantastic FSC Staff work with each of these stakeholders to deliver competitions and programs for the 13,000 players in this region and ensure that the largest community sport in this region provides the many social and economic benefits this sport provides.

I would also like to thank the FSC Board and our Football Councils for their support and assistance over the year in such challenging circumstances. There is so much work that goes behind the scenes for any sporting association, and football in the region is very lucky to have so many dedicated people involved.

In terms of sponsorship and corporate support, especially in such a challenging year, we once again thank the wonderful organisations that support football in the Illawarra. These included IMB Bank, The Illawarra Mercury, Besteam, Fryer Barry Orthodontists, Figtree Physio, Villa D'Oro, The Fraternity Club, Peoplecare, Fuji Xerox, Ochre Health, ANE Electrical, Sportzology, Guzman Y Gomez, RMB Lawyers, KPMG, South Coast Floor Coverings, Dapto Leagues Club, MM Kembla, Wollongong Printing and Seafood Brothers. In 2020, we also welcomed Mojo Building Designs and VDG Services.

Community Programs and Support

FSC takes pride in the many programs we run to support the community and our local clubs. Despite COVID interrupting much of our nomal season, the following is a summary of the programs we continued to run in 2020.

IMB Bank Female Gala Day

This is becoming a key part of our calendar, and enables young female players to attend a free clinic including training sessions and games. Growing our female playing base is a great opportunity for football especially with the Women's World Cup just around the corner in 2023.



(Pictured above - Players from the IMB Bank Female Gala Day hosted at Judy Masters Oval, Balgownie)

Football for Firies

With the devastation of the bushfires, the local football community pulled together to raise over \$30,000 for the Salvation Army to assist families impacted. Led by Adrian Arciuli from Albion Park City FC, it was a great opportunity for the football family to work together for a great cause and we thank everyone for their contribution to the day.



(Pictured above left; Players from the Women's All Star game with local fire officers. Players involved for the County team included local players from Albion Park FC and the Illawarra Stingrays who played against players from Sutherland Shire FA who represented the City Team)

Pictured above right; First Grade Wollongong Wolves Coach Luke Wilkshire with Karen Walker from the Salvation Army, Adrian Arciuli from Albion Park City FC and CEO and MD of FSC Ann-Marie Balliana)

The Disability Trust – FSC Knights

The FSC Knights are an integral part of the Junior Competition promoting the inclusiveness of the sport in our region.

The program is now in its seventh year and is strongly supported by the Disability Trust.

The Knights includes players with mixed abilities and children with autism, Down Syndrome and mild intellectual disabilities, and allows them to play football and participate in the mainstream local junior competition.



(Pictured above – The FSC Knights enjoying one of their games against Woonona Juniors)

Community FC

Football South Coast and Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra (MCCI) jointly run the Community FC program which has been soaring for the last few years. The program provides newly arrived communities with the opportunity to play football in the Illawarra area. Weekly training sessions are held and in 2020, 30 of the participants played within local community clubs for the first time.



Sydney FC Partnership

In recent years, Sydney FC has strengthened its partnership with FSC. In terms of community activity this has included school visits across the region and community engagement through the W-League game held at WIN Stadium on the 27 February 2020 in a game against Perth Glory.



(Pictured above: Players across the region that participated in the Girls Only Clinic prior to the W-League Game between Sydney FC and Perth Glory)

Donation of FSC Clothing to Papua New Guinea



In March 2020, while building a school in PNG, a member of our football family was able to provide some clothing to the local community.

It was great to see our gear being put to such good use and more importantly great to see the smiles on the kids faces.

In what has been a busy 2020, we look forward to the season ahead, and wish all of our clubs, volunteers, players, coaches and referee's a wonderful 2021 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: David Swan Deputy Head: Leigh Blanch Member Protection Officer: Danielle Foster Council Member: Reg Moran Council Member: Ian Dewey Council Member: Allyson Giustiniani Council Member: Giovanni Del Turco Specialist Councillor: Craig Webster (stepped down in 2020)

MENS COUNCIL

Head of Council and Football South Coast Director: Frank Gigliotti Council Member: Steven Naylor Council Member: Kevin Wiseman Council Member: Darryl Waller (stepped down in 2020) Council Member: Lou Cvetkovski Council Member: Marcello Chiodo (stepped down in 2020) Council Member: Alex Viselli

New Council Members for 2021: Alan Maidman Bob Hennessy

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Head of Council and Football South Coast Director: Cath Lear Deputy Head of Council: Emi Skopal Minute Secretary: Sandy Depers Media Liaison: Kelsey Clements (stepped down in 2020) Council Member: Gemma Crighton Council Member: Brad Walter

REFEREE COUNCIL

Head of Council and Football South Coast Director: Rex Leighton Council Member: Leigh Blanch Council Member: Paul Flemming Council Member: Dennis Makin (stepped down in 2020) Council Member: Robert Robertson

COMMUNITY LEAGUE SUB-COMMITTEE

Committee Member: Alex Viselli Committee Member: Danny Gades Committee Member: Anthony Timillero Committee Member: Rob Belsito Committee Member: Adrian Arciuli

JUNIOR COMPETITION

HEAD OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL COUNCIL REPORT

What a season! Out with the ordinary and in with the many challenges raised with COVID – 19.

It didn't look as though we would be playing the 'beautiful game' this season at one point, but we made it. The teamwork and support shown by all of our Football South Coast (FSC) team members in working together has contributed to the success of this season. The collective efforts of everyone at FSC in adjusting to the COVID – 19 guidelines has shown once again that by working together we can achieve so much. Thank you for your considerable contributions.

I would like to acknowledge my fellow Junior Councillors for the commitment and wisdom they bring to Council. The continued work to cohesively address and resolve a number of contentious issues has earned my sincere admiration and gratitude.

I take this chance to extend my sincere thanks to our supportive FSC Junior Competition Coordinator: David Ware, for his outstanding management of all our competitions.

I would also like to thank our Junior Football major sponsor IMB Bank and other FSC sponsors for their support this season and the vital roles they play in helping to make football happen.

The continual role that all of us play in delivering opportunities for our young players to develop and grow their football skills were achieved this season. To see so many junior players enjoying their football and at the same time striving to achieve their best gives me a lot of pride to know that we all have been part of the skills development of so many young players.

To our junior clubs that hosted an incredible 78 finals matches over 4 days in very challenging times and with difficult weather conditions, a mammoth effort in planning and hosting this event - Junior Council expresses their appreciation to all host club committees and volunteers. We are immensely proud to work so collaboratively with our Junior Clubs.

Without referees we don't have the game, so it was particularly satisfying to witness the growth and development of our referees over the season. Their tireless commitment and professional work ethic was evident this season, a credit to the Referees Coordination Council (RCC). A special mention to Junior Councillor Leigh Blanch and Paul Flemming from the RCC for their efforts in coordinating our referees during this challenging season. Thank you for your support of our junior referees.

I look forward to building on our relationship throughout the coming season. Bring on 2021!

JOE SECO HEAD OF JUNIOR COUNCIL

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(Pictured above; Coledale U16 Girls Celebrating their Grand Final Win and were also League Champions)



(Pictured above; Coniston Under 12 Division 4 Grand Final Winners)

HONOUR ROLL - JUNIOR COMPETITION

Age	Div	League	Grand	Age	Div	League	Grand
		Champion	Champion			Champion	Champion
12	1	South Coast United	South Coast United	15	1	University	University
12	2	University	Bulli	15	2	Shellharbour	Shellharbour
12	3	Oak Flats	Berkeley	15	3	Figtree Red	Figtree Red
12	4	Fernhill	Coniston	16	1	Lake Heights	Shellharbour
12G	1	Figtree	Figtree	16	2	Thirroul	Figtree
13	1	University	Bulli	16	3	Lakeside	Lakeside
13	2	South Coast United	South Coast United	16G	1	Woonona	Russell Vale
13	3	Figtree	Lakeside	16G	2	Coledale	Coledale
13	4	Fernhill	Fernhill	16G	3	Coledale	Coledale
14	1	Lake Heights	South Coast United	17	1	Coniston	Coniston
14	2	Oak Flats	Albion Park	18	1	Coniston Snr	Coniston Snr
14	3	Port Kembla	Port Kembla				
14	4	Bulli	Bulli	WYL	1	Shellharbour	Shellharbour
14G	1	Shellharbour Blue	Shellharbour Blue				
14G	2	Helensburgh	Helensburgh				

MENS COMPETITIONS

HEAD OF MEN'S FOOTBALL COUNCIL REPORT

I am very honoured to present my first report as Head of Football South Coast Men's Council. I would like to start by thanking all the Clubs for their support and their cooperation through this unprecedent period.

The 2020 season started with the preseason Fraternity Cup. The final was played at Memorial Park Corrimal under a huge cloud of a pandemic of the sorts we have never seen before. Nevertheless, we had a successful day with Wollongong United running out winners on the day.

The 2020 season became very challenging and demanding to everyone involved as the COVID 19 pandemic started to spread. Football was hit very hard by the coronavirus pandemic causing cancellation or postponement of Leagues around the country and the world. Many Football Clubs in our region lost most of their revenue as many of their sponsors found it tough during the pandemic. With the pandemic spreading quickly in March 2020, it left FSC no choice but to postpone all competitions. We did not know if we would have a competition at all in 2020.

With the easing of the pandemic, we were able to start our competitions in July through to September 2020 and play 11 rounds with semi-finals and grand finals. We would like to thank all the Clubs, volunteers, and match officials for embracing and participating in this shortened season. I would also like to thank the players and coaches for their commitment in very trying times.

Congratulations to Woonona FC for winning their first IPL League Championship, winning it on the last round of the competition. Congratulations to Oak Flats who were deserved winners of the District League. Congratulations to all other teams who were crowned League Champions in the other Grades.

Our Grand Final were all played at Ian McLennan Park over 3 days due to restrictions in crowd numbers and it also gave FSC the opportunity to share all profits made from the gate and canteen with all 24 Clubs.



(Pictured above – Illawarra Premier League Clubs. From left; Tarrawanna Blueys FC, Wollongong Olympic FC, Corrimal Rangers FC, Coniston FC, Port Kembla FC, Cringila Lions FC, South Coast United FC, Bellambi Rosellas FC, Woonona Sharks FC, Wollongong United FC, Albion Park White Eagles FC and Bulli FC)

For the first time, FSC played the IPL and IDL Youth Grade grand finals on a Friday night. This was a huge success and we all saw entertaining football.

Special congratulations to Wollongong United (Premier League) and Oak Flats (District League) on being crowned 2020 First Grade Grand Final Winners.



Pictured above– Illawarra District League Clubs. From left; Kiama Quarriers FC, Picton Rangers FC, Fernhill FC, UOW FC, Unanderra Hearts FC, Warilla Wanderers FC, Oak Flats Falcons FC, Helensburgh Thistle FC, Shell Cove FC, Thirroul Thunder FC, Berkeley FC, and Balgownie Rangers FC).

The 2020 Community League Season was conducted successfully with some great moments throughout the season. Congratulations to all the League Champions and a big thank you for all your efforts. Our Grand Finals were at Ian Mc Lennan Park and at Unanderra.



(Pictured above – Community League Clubs . From left; UOW FC, Gerringong Breakers FC, Vale Pups, Albion Park City FC, South Coast United FC, Dandaloo FC, Oak Flats AFC, Port Kembla Pumas, Uni Wolves FC and Coledale Waves)

I must thank Bobby Mazevski (FSC Competition Coordinator) for all his tireless and professional work throughout the whole season and in particular, his commitment to make the 2020 happen.

I would like to acknowledge the support MFC has received from the FSC Board, FSC CEO Ann-Marie and all of the office staff. I would also like to acknowledge our Match Reporters and all the Photographers who really excelled during this difficult period.

I would like to acknowledge the Referees for their efforts in making the 2020 season a success and the Match Review Committee for their tireless work.

A special thank you to my fellow councillors, Kevin Wiseman (Deputy Head of MFC), Darryl Waller, Steven Naylor, Lou Cvetkovski, Marcello Chiodo, and Alex Viselli. Their commitment in making 2020 happen was immense and their dedication is second to none.

I would like to wish all Clubs a successful 2021 and remind everyone that COVID19 is still here so we must all be vigilant, and we must all follow the COVID guidelines to ensure the safety of all parties associated with our beautiful game.

Yours in sport.

Frank Gigliotti

Head of Men's Football Council



(Pictured above; Wollongong United FC First Grade team celebrating their 1-0 Grand Final win against Woonona Sharks at Ian McLennan Park. Wollongong United were also First Grade Fraternity Club and Bert Bampton Winners for the 2020 Season)

HONOUR ROLL – Men's Competitions

ILLAWARRA MERCURY PREMIER LEAGUE

First Grade

League Champions – Woonona Sharks Runner Up – Wollongong United Grand Final Winners – Wollongong United Grand Final Runner Up – Woonona Sharks

Second Grade

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

Youth Grade

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

Club Champion Wollongong United

Fraternity Club Cup – Final Winner – Wollongong United Runner Up – Coniston FC

Bert Bampton Cup Winner – Wollongong United Runner Up – Bulli FC

PEOPLECARE DISTRICT LEAGUE

First Grade

League Champions – Oak Flats Falcons Runner Up – Unanderra Hearts Grand Final Winners – Oak Flats Falcons Grand Final Runner Up – Unanderra Hearts

Second Grade

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

Youth Grade

League Champions – Balgownie Rangers Runner Up – Thirroul Thunder Grand Final Winners – Picton Rangers Grand Final Runner Up – Helensburgh Thistle

Club Champion Helensburgh Thistle

Fraternity Club Cup – Third Place Playoff Third Place – Wollongong Olympic & Tarrawanna

Youth Cup Winner – Wollongong United Runner Up – Coniston FC



(Pictured Above: Oak Flats Falcons FC who were the League Champions and Grand Final Winners of the Illawarra District League)

Men's Competition – RMB Community League

ALL AGE COMPETITION

AA1 - First Grade

League Champions – Gerringong Breakers Runner Up – Port Pumas Grand Final Winners – Gerringong Breakers Grand Final Runner Up – Port Pumas

AA2 Second Grade League Champions – Dandaloo FC Runner Up – Port Pumas Grand Final Winners – Port Pumas Grand Final Runner Up – Oak Flats AFC

AA2 – First Grade

League Champions – IFS Wolves Runner Up – Hogs FC Grand Final Winners – IFS Wolves Grand Final Runner Up – Hogs FC

AA2 – Second Grade League Champions – Figtree Heat Runner Up – Hogs FC Grand Final Winners – Figtree FC Grand Final Runner Up – United Wolves White

Peter Webster Cup Not played

Club Champions

AA1 – Gerringong Breakers AA2 – Hogs FC

MASTERS COMPETITION

Masters 1

League Champions – South Coast United Runner Up – Russell Vale FC Grand Final Winners – Port Pumas Grand Final Runner Up – Russell Vale FC

Masters 2

League Champions – Northern FC Runner Up – Figtree Titans Grand Final Winners – Northern FC Grand Final Runner Up – Figtree Titans

Masters 3

League Champions – Fernhill FC Runner Up – Gibson Park Rangers Grand Final Winners – Fernhill FC Grand Final Runner Up – Coledale Waves Maroon

Masters 4

League Champions – Coledale Pink Runner Up – Albion Park SC Grand Final Winners – Coledale Pink Grand Final Runner Up – Figtree Blaze

Over 45's

League Champions – Russell Vale United Runner Up – Coledale Waves Grand Final Winners – Russell Vale United Grand Final Runner Up – Coledale Waves



Pictured Left;

The Gerringong Breakers celebrating their Grand Final win against the Port Kembla Pumas in the All Age Division 1 Grand Final held at Ian McLennan Park.

WOMEN'S COMPETITION

HEAD OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL COUNCIL REPORT

2020 was a year that threw up many challenges for the football community. The uncertainty, the new game day/training procedures and policies that had to be implemented, the overall unknown of if we would have a season and what it would look like. One thing it did show without a doubt, was the ability for all members of the football community to work together, to be able to get competitions up and running and return some sort of "normalcy" back to life. Participating in football is a release for many people. It is their "happy place", and the focus and commitment of all parts of FSC, the member clubs, players and volunteers, made for a successful running of a season that we were not sure would even happen.

Together, we were able to be reminded of the main reason we participate in this game we love, be it as a player, a volunteer, a referee, or administration personnel. Connections. The connections we have with our team mates, the club, the lifelong friends and family that we gain from being a part of this beautiful game. The Women's Council have always strived to have a focus on participation and 2020 was no different. We are a grassroots competition. Our players play for the love of it, the friendships. There is no money, only passion for the game and pride in having fun on the field.

Even though it was an uncertain start, there were many successes that occurred within the women's game in 2020. Our pre-season tournament, The Bonnie Lassie Cup (that started in March and finished in July) was held at Ian McLennan Park, giving all clubs a chance to play on the synthetic pitch. A 14-round competition got up and running with clubs competing across four AAW divisions, as well as the WYL. We were also very excited to have the Over 30s Competition back up and running for this season, providing yet another pathway to keep players within the game. Our Final Series ran a lot later than we are used to, but still had that winter weather feeling thanks to a late cold snap in October, culminating in the Grand Finals being held at Ian McLennan Park. Thank you to the clubs that hosted our semi-finals matches and congratulations to all of the clubs that participated, as well as the League Champions and Grand Final Champions for each division.

We were also proud of the support our clubs gave to the Illawarra Women's Health Centre for our rescheduled Charity Round. In the difficult times that we were in, our clubs showed their unwavering community spirit in giving back to others in need.

We would like to also thank our sponsors that remained on board for the 2020 season, The Grange and MM Kembla. Their continued support for the women's game, in particular during difficult times, is greatly appreciated.

I would personally like to thank all of the office staff at FSC, the FSC Board, David Ware and the other members of the Women's Council for all of the extra hours that were put in to make the 2020 season as successful as possible. We are all looking forward to the 2021 season, and the continued growth and development of the women's game in the region.

Cath Lear Head of Women's Football Football South Coast – 2020 Year in Review



(Pictured above: L to R - players representing the 2020 Women's teams across all Divisions)







Pictured Above Left:

Action in the WYL Grand Final between Wollongong United FC and Shellharbour Juniors FC

Pictured above right:

Players from the Over 30s Grand Final between Russell Vale Pink FC and Jamberoo Ravens FC.

Picture left:

Helensburgh celebrating their Division 3 win.

WOMEN's Competition – Honour Roll (Sponsored by The Grange and MM Kembla)

The Grange - Division 1 League Champions – Albion Park SC Runner Up – UOW FC Grand Final Winners – Albion Park SC Grand Final Runner Up – UOW FC

The Grange - Division 2 League Champions – UOW FC Runner Up – Russell Vale FC Grand Final Winners – UOW FC Grand Final Runner Up – Russell Vale FC

The Grange - Division 3 League Champions – Helensburgh FC Runner Up – Berkeley Sports FC Grand Final Winners – Helensburgh FC Grand Final Runner Up – UOW FC

MM Kembla Bonnie Lassie Cup Winner - UOW FC Runner Up – Kiama Quarriers FC **The Grange - Division 4** League Champions – Gerringong Breakers FC Runner Up – Dapto Phoenix FC Grand Final Winners – Dapto Phoenix FC

The Grange – Over 30's League Champions – Russell Vale Pink FC Runner Up – Jamberoo Ravens FC Grand Final Winners – Russell Vale Pink FC Grand Final Runner Up – Jamberoo Ravens FC

Grand Final Runner Up – Gerringong Breakers FC

MM Kembla - Women's Youth League League Champions – Shellharbour Juniors FC Runner Up – Wollongong United FC Grand Final Winners – Shellharbour Juniors FC Grand Final Runner Up – Wollongong United FC

MM Kembla Bonnie Lassie Plate Final Winner – Helensburgh FC Runner Up – Berkeley Sports FC



(Pictured above – Division 1, All Age Grand Final winners Albion Park FC who defeated UOW FC at Ian McLennan Park in the Grand Final)



(Pictured above: Division 2 Grand Final Winners and League Champions, UOW FC)



(Pictured above; Helensburgh players celebrating their Division 3 Grand Final win)

REFEREES

HEAD OF REFEREE COUNCIL REPORT

It will be said throughout this report of Football South Coast that 2020 was a year like no other due to the issues associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. From the perspective of referees this is completely true. We had some members who chose not to take the risk during the season limiting our numbers even more, particularly at the senior football levels, however, we are very proud of those who took the cut in match fees in good faith to assist the competitions to go ahead.

We are constantly pleased with the very significant numbers of new referees we attract each year in the younger age groups for junior games. With total membership of close to 340 over 300 are less than 18 years of age.

Whilst it has always been hard to attract people to refereeing, it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract people over 25 to begin a career that could give them enormous satisfaction for many years. One of the prime causes of that is the rapidly increasing competitions for players in older age groups. Many ex-players have turned to refereeing in the past when their playing career finished but now that playing career is never ending.

Nevertheless, our Members' efforts during last year were magnificent. Many doubled up of a weekend consistently as well as doing mid week games. We were significantly short in the senior ranks but those who participated deserve much more credit than what has been given to them by many in the game.

The performance of all referees across the Final Series in all competitions (Men's Premiership, Community League, Women's and Juniors) was superb and in this, we share enormous pride in those Members.

We have seen in recent years some outstanding young potential referees coming through the juniors through a well structured Development Program from which many progress through to the Football NSW Referee Development Program. We are deeply indebted to Paul Flemming along with Leigh Blanch for the amount of time they commit to the development of referees and their movement through the Development Program.

We also have a very dedicated group of older members who continue to perform at a high level. They too are deserving of credit for their LONG COMMITMENT to the game.

This was also a year of one of the largest modifications to the Laws of the Game in the past three decades that referees had to take on Board. We were able to obtain the services of Strebre Delovski, the FA's A-League Referees' Manager and one of Australia's most decorated International Referees to conduct an excellent seminar on the changes attended by a very large contingent of referees.

I have mentioned Paul Flemming and Leigh Blanch and their work with juniors above, however, I should also acknowledge the contributions of Rob Robertson the Men's Referees' Coordinator, Dennis Makin the Women's Referees' Coordinator and Phil Torpy the Coach. Special thanks also to Jas Pearce from the FSC Office who provided such a great level of support to the Council and our members. In addition, it would be remiss of me not to also mention the contributions of Junior Club Referees' Coordinators who assist us immensely in the development and protecting the welfare of those Junior Referees.

I would acknowledge also the following Members for their achievements:

- Andrew Naylor FSC Referee of the Year
- Jay Walpole Most Improved referee
- Casey Flemming Rookie of the Year and
- Brendon Fotheringham Club Person of the Year

We have many challenges in front of us, particularly in attracting people with enough character to have a go, however, to all those who refereed last year a very, very big thank you.



(Pictured above; Lotti Cabassi Power was the recipient of the Referee of the Year Award at the 2020 Female Football Awards)



(Pictured above: Match Officials for the Premier League First Grade Grand Final held at Ian McLennan Park)

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT

Flare Football Program (In Club Coaching and School Holiday Clinics)

A year in which COVID-19 dominated not only the headlines but impacted hugely on all grassroots sport, our FSC Flare Football Programs enjoyed plenty of success despite being affected by the pandemic. Our In-Club Coaching program after a successful inaugural year in 2019 was cancelled due to COVID and we look forward to rolling these programs out in 2021 to a number of clubs.

Although COVID impacted our April school holidays clinics, either side of the lockdown our school holiday program proved a great success for our local players aged 6-13 years with numbers extremely healthy despite pandemic. We look forward to continuing to provide a low-cost holiday program in 2021 with the focus very much on safe, fun and structured football activities delivered by our experienced and qualified FSC coaching team.

Sydney FC Partnership – Skills Training and School Holiday Clinics

Our partnership continues to grow with the Sydney FC School Holiday clinics being delivered in Wollongong and also south at Gerringong. 2020 also saw the introduction of the Girls only 1-day Holiday Clinic which proved to be a huge success with over 90 girls showcasing their talent on the day. Moving into 2021, the Sydney FC School Holiday Clinic will be rolled out at further venues at Albion Park and Thirroul and the Girls Only 1 day clinic continuing to be delivered in Bulli. The Sydney FC Skills Training program, although impacted also by COVID-19, still had very strong registration numbers at their Wollongong and Albion Park Venues on Monday and Wednesday evenings throughout the school terms. As this program also grows, we are excited to see that the program will be expanded into the Northern Suburbs for 2021.



(Pictured Above: Players from the Girls Only School Holiday Clinic held at Balls Paddock)

Development Programs

FSC Pre-SAP and SAP Development programs continued throughout 2020 despite the COVID interruptions. The programs continued to target 7-8 year old's (Pre SAP-Development Program) and 9-12 year old's (SAP Development Program with the aim to give the players in these age groups Skill Acquisition style training to supplement the players club training. Both programs also providing a platform for players to be identified for the 2021 representative Skill Acquisition Program. The players showed great commitment in what was a very difficult year, and we thank both the players and their families for the flexibility and patience shown as the scheduling for the program was impacted due to the pandemic lockdown.

The Youth Development Program continued in 2020 for Under 13 to Under 16s age group for those players looking to supplement their training with their clubs. Similar to that of the PRE SAP and SAP development programs, the aim for the program was to also identify players for possible representative selection. We would like to thank the players and parents also for their patience and flexibility working with us so that the program could be delivered as promised.

Football South Coast Cup

Ian McLennan Park continued to host the Football South Coast Cup competition for girls and boys Under 12s to Under 16s in the July school holidays after its inaugural year in 2019, COVID-19 couldn't dampen the programs spirits with a stronger number of teams entering the competition to that of the previous year.

The competition was played in a great spirit throughout the week and it was evident all of our young players were just excited to be playing football again after the pandemic had caused the game to be suspended.



(Pictured above; Players from the FSC Cup held at Ian McLennan Park)

Coach Education

Coach Education in 2020 had also been hugely impacted due to the COVID pandemic with a number of the scheduled pre-season community coaching courses being cancelled. We were successful in delivering the Senior Coaching Licence in January with the course fully subscribed with coaches from across our men's and woman's clubs in attendance and two MiniRoos Certificates that were hosted by Figtree and Bulli Junior Football Clubs.

Towards the end of the season, we were able to deliver Skills Training and Game Training Certificates in preparation for the 2021 season.

Despite the interruption on Coach Education, the COVID Lockdown did provide a great opportunity for session plans across all ages and levels of football to be designed and populated with both COVID safe non-contact and standard sessions available online.

In the advanced coach education pathway, Football South Coast again hosted an Advanced AFC/FFA Youth C Licence at the Illawarra Sports High School during November, December and January months. The course again was well attended with over 20 coaches across the Illawarra and surrounding regions coming together for the 7-day course. It was great to see our regions association and representative clubs well represented by their coaches. I wish all the coaches all the very best as they complete their post-course final assessments.

Football South Coast continues to deliver Community Coach Education courses for our region's coaches. In an area of the game that is vital for the future development of our region's players, it was great to see so many coaches attend the courses throughout the season, engaging and buying into the FFA National Curriculum Vision and Philosophy on player development.

2020 will of course go down as the most exceptional year ever seen for football. The sport however showed that it could react, change its practices and processes to ensure that our association players continued to enjoy the game we all love. The year also highlighted from a mental health perspective just how important football is as an outlet for physical and social activity. I thank all of the football community, players, coaches, parents and administrators for the collective work put in throughout the season.



Jonathan Forster

FSC Football Development Manager

SOUTH COAST FLAME FC

Football South Coast has delivered representative programs since its inception and prior to this under the Illawarra Junior Football Association banner. FNSW competitions and programs such as the Skill Acquisition Program (SAP), Association Youth League (AYL) and Girls Conference League (GCL) have been part of Football South Coast for many years. One of FSCs key strategies is to continue and promote player and coaching pathways which was why South Coast Flame FC was created.

The Skill Acquisition Program this year continued throughout 2020 despite the numerous COVID interruptions. The players across both our Mixed and Girls Only programs showed great resilience and were extremely competitive across all of our age groups with noticeable improvement across all squads. For our Under 12 Mixed and Under 13 Girls SAP players, we wish everyone all the very best as they enter NPL 1, NPL2 and association football having graduated from the Skill Acquisition Program.

As with all of football, our Girls Conference League squads had a very stop start year due to the pandemic. Throughout the lockdown, the girls were given home training programs to keep not only fit but for them to continue their technical development. The hard work in that period certainly paid off as the girls hit the ground running when the competition returned across all age groups with our Under 15s (pictured below) and Under 17s crowned league champions in their respective age groups.

Our NPL Youth boys had a very similar year to that of our Girls Conference with their competition hugely impacted due the pandemic. In the lockdown period, the boys were put through an extensive home training program to ensure they were prepared for when the competition resumed. In the first round of results, our squads finished second in the club championship behind the A League Emerging Jets.

Our senior squad competed in a shortened 2020 NPL4 competition with the decision being made due to COVID by Football NSW to run a 12-round competition with no opportunity for promotion. As a result, we used the season to expose as many youngsters from the Under 20s and Under 18s squads as possible to first team football with the view to preparing them for the 2021 season. The players performed extremely well despite the squad's inexperience finishing 6th place.

A very special mention to all the coaching staff who managed the COVID situation with great professionalism. With everybody being impacted by the pandemic in their personal lives, the coaches continued to work extremely hard to ensure their players were motivated and remained psychologically and physically healthy in what was an extremely challenging year.



AWARD WINNERS



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

Premier League Youth Player of the Year	Jack Scotcher (Albion Park White Eagles)
Premier League Second Grade Player of the Year	Connor Pontarolo (Coniston FC)
District League Youth Player of the Year	Christopher Hollingshead (Balgownie Rangers)
District League Second Grade Player of the Year	Luke Foscarini (University FC)
Neville Arrowsmith Medal	Doug Woodiwiss (University FC)
George Naylor Medal	William Tsovolos (Wollongong United)
Sharp Shooter Awards - District League	Youth Grade Christopher Hollingshead (Balgownie Rangers)
	Second Grade Save Treneski (Unanderra Hearts)
	First Grade Mark Picciolini (Unanderra Hearts)
Sharp Shooter Awards – Premier League	Youth Grade Daniel Cunzolo (Tarrawanna Blueys)
	Second Grade Jordan Prentoski (Wollongong United)
	First Grade Vaughan Patterson (Bellambi Rosellas)
Coach of the Year	<u>District League</u> Nathan Minutillo and Fabian Cappetta (Oak Flats Falcons)
	Premier League Daniel McGoldrick (Woonona Sharks)
Golden Glove Awards	District League Tyrone White (Berkeley Sports)
	Premier League Blake Horton (Coniston FC)

Fair Play Awards	District League Helensburgh Thistle			
	Premier League			
	Woonona Sharks			
Referee of the Year	Andrew Naylor			
Media Recognition	Dylan Arvela – Match Reporter			
_	Jarrod Pollard – Match Reporter			
	Tim Gibson – Match Reporter			
	Nathan Turner – Match Reporter			
	Nic Wilson – Match Reporter			
	Fletcher Winning – Match Reporter			
	Dominic Criniti – Match Reporter			
	Pedro Garcia – Photographer			
	Kiah Hufton – Photographer			
	Noel Wynn – Photographer			
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	John Carusi - Photographer			
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	Graham Brown - Photographer			



(Pictured above left: The George Naylor Medal Winner William Tsovolos from Wollongong United

Pictured above right; Coach of the Year, Daniel McGoldrick from Woonona Sharks FC with the Head of the Men's Football Council, Frank Gigliotti)

COMMUNITY LEAGUE – Sponsored by RMB Lawyers

All Age		Masters	-
Divison 1	Player of the Year	Division 1	Player of the Year
First Grade	Ben Zucco (Port Pumas)		Adam White (Berkeley Sports)
	Leading GoalScorer		Leading GoalScorer
	Jack Packham (Gerringong)		Shane Crampton (South Coast United)
Division 1	Player of the Year	Division 2	Player of the Year
Second Grade	Liam Empson (Coledale Waves)		Bryan Southall (Woonona Sharks)
	Leading GoalScorer		Leading GoalScorer
	Robert Brown (Port Pumas)		Nicholas Smith (Northern FC)
Division 2	Player of the Year	Division 3	Player of the Year
First Grade	Anthony Coborelos (Albion Park Cows)		Barry Jones (Oak Flats Falcons)
	Leading GoalScorer		Leading GoalScorer
	Tony Morgan (Albion Park Cows)		Ron Fogerty (Shellharbour Juniors)
Division 2	Player of the Year	Division 4	Player of the Year
Second Grade	Steve Hancox (Utd Wolves FC)		Daniel Brungs (Coledale Waves Pink)
	Leading GoalScorer		Leading GoalScorer
	Steve Hancox (Utd Wolves FC)		Ralph Harrison (Figtree Blaze)
			Gerard Beattie (Coledale Waves Pink) Daniel Brungs (Coledale Waves Pink)
Over 45's	Player of the Year		•
	Stephen Hanlon (Russell Vale United)		
	Leading Goal Scorer		
	Andy Hobeika (Russell Vale United)		



(Pictured above left: Masters Division 2 Leading Goal Scorer Nicholas Smith from Northern FC with Rob Belsito)

(Pictured above right: Masters Division 1 Player of the Year Adam White from Berkeley Sports FC)

WOMEN'S LEAGUE – Sponsored by The Grange and MM Kembla (Women's Youth League)

Golden Boot	Division 1 Brittany Ring (Albion Park SC)
	Division 2 Kate Stewart, (UOW FC)
	Division 3 Kiara Teuma (Berkeley Sports FC)
	Division 4 Simone Botting (Dapto Phoenix FC)
	Over 30's Kelly Lowry and Julie Norris (Russell Vale Pink FC)
	Women's Youth League Shante Lenartowicz (Shellharbour Juniors FC)
Player of the Year	Division 1 Brittany Ring (Albion Park)
	Division 2 Lauren Tait (Russell Vale FC)
	Division 3 Kiara Teuma – Berkeley Sports FC
	Division 4 Tani Hendricks – UOW FC
	Over 30's Julie Norris – Russell Vale Pink
	Women's Youth League Shante Lenartowicz – Shellharbour FC
Coach of the Year	Richard Davis (Albion Park)
Dot Reed Stephenson Club Person of the Year	Gemma Crighton



Pictured Left:

Brittany Ring being presented with the Player of the Match Award by the Head of the Women's Football Council Cath Lear. Brittany was also Golden Boot Winner and Player of the Year for the Division 1 competition.

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

RJ BUCHANNAN *

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 MAHANIDIS

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

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 2019 – Sandy Depers 2020 – Joe Seco

CONTRIBUTION TO FOOTBALL RECIPIENTS

Contribution to Football Award Recipients – FSC Season Launch



Junior's	lan Dewey
	Angela Scaglia
Women's	Julie Norris
	Jordan Van De Voorde
Men's	Beryl Dent
	Peter Kotamanidis
Referees	Bobby Mazevski
	Mick Agim
	Paul Flemming

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 2020 a senior competition was also introduced.

Over 2,200 players registered for Summer Football and incredibly 20% of these players were non – winter players. Summer Football is a great way for many players to try to the game for the first time given the social nature of the competition.

In 2020, games were held across numerous locations which included Thomas Dalton Park, Holy Spirit College and mid week at Ian McLennan Park.



(Pictured above - FSC Summer Football participants enjoying the synthetic pitch at Ian McLennan Park)



Pictured left:

lan McLennan Park hosted Senior Summer Football for the first time in 2020. Men's, Mixed and Women's Divisions were played under lights at the facility and hosted players from across the region.

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