



FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST



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2022
YEAR IN REVIEW



15TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON



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Pictured above – Clubs involved in the 2023 Registration Launch



Pictured above – U6 Players From Port Kembla Juniors and Coniston Junior FC who participated in the U6/U7 Super Saturday at Ian McLennan Park

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome everyone.

It is great to focus on the 2023 Football Season because so much has been said of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Seasons. That's history and those 3-difficult years at least served us all for community purposes more than for football competitions. So we move forward.

Football is a particular Family Friendly Activity. It is easily one of the most inclusive Sports available in Society that provides a great healthy positive distraction that adds great value to all our lives.

FSC Board, Management & Staff continue to focus on providing all our community with structured sports programs and competitions for all abilities, gender, and age. That's the key objective.

Everyone at FSC did a magnificent job over the last 3-years but kicking off this Season 2023 is particularly an exciting step forward for everyone in getting all our members' players out on to the fields of play, and simply just enjoying our usual football challenges of, playing, winning, losing in either cold, wet, windy or hot weather and talking football for days before and many days after games. That's football life.

Tonight, we are finally all here in one big room together as the FSC family - just enjoying being together launching our Season as the largest sporting group in the Illawarra.

I thank and welcome our good friends, FNSW Chairman, Mr Gilbert Lorquet and FNSW CEO John Tsatsimas for accepting FSC Invitation to personally attend FSC 2023 Competitions Season Launch. It is an honour and a privilege to have you both here with us tonight. We have had a very long successful and collaborative relationship since the unification of football here in 2008. Thank you both for personally being here.

It is a feature of FSC's Leadership that our Members have experienced stability and credibility through the FSC Leadership and a mature responsibility that has achieved commercial and operational sustainability over so many years that we have been successful as a leading Football Association in NSW.

FSC has proven through our innovation to test different competition and operating models to progress our game but importantly become more unified across our game and sustainable through multi-focused club pathways (from mini roos all the way up to community football for Over 45s in each club) for all abilities and for all males & females. That's the foundation and focus that will ensure long term success for every club and for our sport in the future.

And I am really very proud to say, that after lots of debates, discussions, open honest consultations and then amendments to modelling, with our Member Clubs, we have all worked together collaboratively in achieving difficult changes to progress our great game - as it is almost impossible to have everyone agree on everything and then roll-out those Strategies. But FSC are so fortunate to have such a mature, positive, and active football community that openly participate and engage in our FSC process of direct consultation to help and support us to make and then support those decisions on Strategy.

Yes, I know many times we may not all agree, but we are all united in improving our game for the best outcomes; so, I really thank you for not only all your honest, passionate, and active debates and feedback but more importantly for accepting FSC Board's (through our Football Council's) decisions and innovative approach after those consultations. And can I say thank you FNSW (Gilbert & John here tonight and Stuart before that) for also always having an open mind, listening to us, and supporting our innovative approach to changes and progressing our game on the South Coast.

As part of Season 2023 Launch, I wish to update you all on our previously announced Plans & Strategies. I am very happy to say that the August 2020 plan to embark on a comprehensive modernisation strategy of FSC through the Organisational Structural Review and a 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, was completed early to mid-2021 during an open consultation process with all our Club Members, Staff and Referees to re-shape & reset football operations for the next 10-years after operating under the previous 14-year unification model.

This modernisation and organisational reset was started in August 2020 to ensure that FSC is the best Football Association in NSW and hopefully in Australia, with a special focus in: Sports Leadership, Competition Innovation including Equality and Diversity with a Community Focused Inclusiveness Competitions, greater club focused allocation of Infra-Structure and Facilities Govt Grants, ensuring one of the Lowest Participation Fees in NSW, a transparent merit based Players, Coaches, Administrators Development Practice Program, an Association (Member based) controlled and operated Pathways direct to FNSW Competitions for our Men's, Boy's, Women's & our Girl's and Representative Teams for all our Member Clubs' participants.

That modernisation with the FSC Organisation Structural Review (August 2020) is still in a "rolling-out mode"; many elements have been successfully completed through our FSC Management and the Football Councils and other stages are also progressing well, but other stages are moving slower than expected. You all know change is not easily accepted, so all change needs; lots of care, more information, lots of respect, full transparency of intent, acceptance of corrections and amendments and also direct personal involvement and explanations by FSC Directors. So, as we do respect our football community members, the Organisational Structural Review will take the appropriate completion time to demonstrate the benefits of modernisation and introduce best operating practices for football in our South Coast Region.

As well, I can report that those FSC Independent Director changes that were implemented in late 2020, where each Independent Director also now sits on our FSC Councils, have all occurred and have been a great success in improving and opening the communication links between our member clubs, Councils, and the Board. As well the new Football Council that was created (Community League Football Council) has also been a huge success.

The clarification to the roles and responsibilities between FSC Board, Management, Staff and Councils has also been of great value to everyone and has enabled FSC as an organisation to focus on efficiencies and internal relationship building. Simply meaning we now focus on - "How we do things better in Football now & tomorrow".

Our 2022-2027 Strategic Plan details **6-Key Pillars** that our Directors, our Councils, our Member Clubs, Management & Staff (including our Coaches) identified as the core focus that Football South Coast must prioritise to advance and progress our Sport of Football over the next 5-(maybe 10) years. I encourage everyone to visit FSC Web Site – under the "About Us" Tab then scroll down to the "Corporate Documents" Tab to understand this key planning Master document to see just how fabulous our Football Community all came together to develop Our Master Plan for the sustainable Growth and inclusiveness of Illawarra & South Coast Football. There is no need to say anything more about this, other than just see for yourselves.

As Chair of FSC, I am so proud that since 2008 our Sport has grown so quickly and is the biggest participation sport with close to 15,000 registered players and with a growing number of females now playing football. But we are so far behind in having the appropriate Facilities and Services for our Member Clubs and our many male & female participants and referees. Football needs to get proper financial support from all 3-levels of government to provide Female Changing Rooms & Showers, Drainage so we can play during winter & during wet weather. We expect & we want to play when it is raining – but poor drainage makes grounds too water-logged and dangerous. I believe all funding and support should be "community performance based" and funding should be based on the size of the sport and openly calculated on the number of registered players for that sport and that ground. Now that would be fair.

CHAIRMANS REPORT CONTINUED

Now let me move on. The Illawarra Football Unification Journey and transformation of Illawarra Football started in 2006, and it has taken many excellent people as passionate lovers of our game over all those years to contribute to this success – many are now FSC Life Members – and it was all of them that helped to get FSC to where it is today - a strong, vibrant and successful leading Sports Organisation magnificently managed by our dedicated, highly skilled and qualified CEO, Ann-Marie Balliana and her Management Team and Staff.

But I must say no-one more than anyone else, but my good friend Milco Stojanoski (Deputy Chair FSC for many years) made such a significant and critical contribution to the success of FSC as the unification body. Milco was there with me from the start, and Milco only just left FSC Board - after many term extensions – on finally completion of his final term in December 2022. Milco has been a life time contributor to Football not only through his life membership with Cringila Lions FC but more strategically important as an Inaugural Director of FSC back in 2008. Milco's vision, strategic thinking, analytic processes, professionalism, and decision-making balance for our sport has been an integral part of my successes as Chairman of FSC but also provided our FSC Organisation with that strong decisive Leadership and Stability that was required during those early and very challenging formation years of unification.

Without Milco, FSC would not look what it does today, and we are all in a better football and organisational position because of Milco's contribution, knowledge, skills, passion, and focus. For me as FSC Chairman and as an individual, he was a great football business partner with many say he was the Ying as I was the Yang of this Football Leadership Partnership over so many years with Milco providing the hard "steel" to our partnership – sorry for the pun Milco - and of course he & his wife Vicky were great friends to me & my wife Silvana during all those early difficult years of creating this new Football Unification Association. Simply just saying "Thank You" does not come anywhere near enough to describe the value & worth of Milco to football but "thank you" Milco Stojanoski from me and from all of us here in Football.

Of course there are others who left FSC this year – many who dedicated and contributed many hours in helping football, like, Joe Seco the Head of Junior Football Council. A magnificent volunteer to our game, and again we all thank Joe for his great contribution and many years of loyal dedication. Thank you Joe.

And finally as I head into my final year after 19-years continuous Football Leadership Service – my extended term finishes at the next FSC AGM in March 2024 - I really hope that you and your families, experience great fun times in football in 2023 and I wish you all great health, stay safe and enjoy long periods of happiness with many great lasting memories in this coming 2023 football year and thank you all in our football community for your great support.

The FSC Board of Directors, our CEO, the Football Council Members, our Management Team, and our staff are dedicated to working with our Member Clubs and all of our stakeholders. Remember that we are all here to **work with you** to ensure football continues to be a key part of our lives and our local community as we want to provide you all with a fantastic experience for all involved in our football game as a sport.

Best Regards and have a great 2023 year.

Eddy De Gabriele – Chairman Football South Coast



Pictured above – Photo's from the 2022 FSC Season Launch held at The Fraternity Club



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The 2022 FSC Board

Eddy De Gabriele
Chair
Independent Director



Martin Rowney
Deputy Chair
Independent Director



Tracey Freeman
Independent Director



Milco Stojanoski
Independent Director



Bruce Whalan
Independent Director



Joe Seco
Elected Director
Junior Council



Emi Skopal
Elected Director
Women's Council



Bob Hennessy
Elected Director
Men's Premiership Council



Alex Viselli
Elected Director
Community League Council



Rex Leighton
Director
Referee's Council



CEO's REPORT

After 2 years of covid we were all looking forward to a smooth 2022. Mother nature certainly had different plans with record levels of rain across the region.

As in 2020 and 2021, as an organisation and working with our Football Councils and of course our member clubs, it was a year of contingencies and scheduling changes. On the back of this we had the UCI Road World Championships in Wollongong which made it difficult to extend the season.

Regardless of these challenges, on average across our junior, women and community league competitions, 75% of games were scheduled. The District League Competition achieved 100% of their games and the Premier League, albeit with a changed draw format, played the majority of the 22 rounds.

Some of our junior teams managed to kick off on the 27 April and the synthetic pitch was in extremely high demand during the year. During the months of April to August the pitch was used in excess of 300 hours each month. And I don't think anyone will ever forget the super human effort of our club volunteers who were cutting the grass with push mowers and whipper snippers in an attempt to allow grounds to dry out to facilitate training and games.

The size of our sport of course makes the wet weather even more of a challenge. Across our association we have 500 games played each week for 13,000 winter registered players. We acknowledge that the 'goal posts' kept changing in relation to ground availability and we sincerely thank our club committees, players, coaches and referees for your understanding and patience as we navigated the season.



The continued focus of FSC, the board and Football Councils was to focus on playing as many games as possible across all of our competitions especially off the back of COVID.

With the support of all of our clubs this was achieved even with some clubs having to find new training and playing grounds for periods.

Despite the challenges during the year there were certainly a number of highlights especially as we celebrate the gallant performance of the Socceroos at the FIFA Men's World Cup in Qatar and as we lead into the FIFA Women's World Cup. Some of these highlights include:

- Being shortlisted as a Training Base Cup and the receipt of funding to enable the association to utilise Ian McLennan as a home base with an administration centre, two additional change rooms and Field 2 refurbishments;
- Utilisation of Ian McLennan Park to facilitate Super Saturday and Sunday concepts across all of our competition's. This included our very first Under 6 / Under 7 Gala Day where over 120 teams participated in a full day event;
- The women's Division 1 Grand Final was livestreamed for the first time and it was a great night to showcase the strength of female football in the region and leading into the introduction of the Women's Premier League; and
- The appointment of a dedicated resource to focus on the promotion of female football with lots of initiatives under way across different programs and competitions.

Congratulations to all league champions and the award winners during the year. In a year of disruption it was fantastic to see our clubs continue to engage with their players and teams to continue the season. I have said many times that our sport provides an immense service to our community. This is the collective result of many, especially our member clubs, who volunteer and dedicate so much time to the region.

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 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 Fraternity Club, Peoplecare, The Illawarra Mercury, Legea, Fryer Barry Orthodontists, Figtree Physio, Villa D'Oro, Fuji Xerox, Sportzology, Guzman Y Gomez, RMB Lawyers, South Coast Floor Coverings, Dapto Leagues Club, The Grange, MM Kembla, Wollongong Printing and Mojo Building Designs.

Ground Improvements

There were many great stories of successful funding for our clubs and although there is still much work to be done, it has been fantastic to see our clubs being so proactive and all levels of government recognising the needs of football as the largest participation based community sport. Here are some examples:

- Oak Flats Junior Soccer Club received just over \$1 million for a new amenities building at Panorama Oval
- A big thank you to Alison Byrnes MP for her support in assisting our local sporting communities such Russell Vale Junior Football Club, Wollongong Olympic FC and Coledale Waves for funding towards much needed drainage and Helensburgh Thistles Soccer Club for fencing upgrades.
- As part of the NSW Football Legacy Fund, Russell Vale FC received \$118k to assist with drainage and Balgownie Juniors received \$64k. Figtree FC received \$32k for LED Light upgrades and Woonona Juniors FC received \$30k for an amenities upgrade.
- Funding of \$330k was also obtained to upgrade lighting to LED at Terry Reserve under a NSW Government Funding Program.
- Helensburgh were awarded \$250k to assist with the planned redevelopment of toilets, changerooms and referee's room.



Pictured left – FSC CEO Ann-Marie Balliana with female players from across the region celebrating the funding announcement to upgrade Ian McLennan Park

PLAYER WELFARE

Football South Coast was proud to throw its support behind an initiative seeking to improve the mental health of thousands in the Illawarra footballing community. Port Kembla FC have got the ball rolling in partnering with the University of Wollongong to structure an evidence-based mental health program designed specifically for sports teams and FSC will assist in taking this forward in 2023.

We were also happy to support the Heartbeat of Football who during the season travelled up and down the east coast of NSW along with the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute nursing team. The team visited Rex Jackson Oval and Ian McLennan Park performing heart health checks.

Ian McLennan Park also became the first sporting ground in Australia to turn on a fully monitored life-saving AED-system that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. The system was installed and is operated by #stayingalivehealth.



Summer Football

With the impacts of COVID cancelling the season in 2021, we launched summer football in January 2022 and also ran our traditional competition between October and December 2022. In total we had close to 2000 players which enforces the popularity of non social competitions across the football landscape.

Sydney FC

In 2022 we continued our relationship with Sydney FC with the running of School Holiday Clinics and the Skills Training Program. In September 160 students participated in the inaugural Sydney FC Schools Cup held at Ian McLennan Park which was a huge success and local juniors were also lucky enough to participate in the Sydney FC Game Day Experience.



Pictured above – Heartbeat of Football representatives performing Heart Health Checks at Ian McLennan Park.

Pictured left: School players that took part in the inaugural Sydney FC School Cup.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

2022

JUNIOR COUNCIL

Head of Council: Joe Seco
Council Member: David Swan
Council Member: Leigh Blanch
Council Member: Danielle Foster
Council Member: Reg Moran
Council Member: Ian Dewey
Council Member: Allyson Giustiniani
Council Member: Giovanni Del Turco

MENS PREMIERSHIP COUNCIL

Head of Council: Bob Hennessy
Council Member: Dylan Arvela
Council Member: Lindsay Hodda
Council Member: Alan Maidman
Council Member: Steven Naylor
Council Member: Peter Vrtkovski

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Head of Council: Emi Skopal
Council Member: Jasmine Cario
Council Member: Sandy Depers
Council Member: Gemma Crighton
Council Member: Leigh Blanch
Council Member: Brad Walter
Council Member Hayley Walkinshaw

REFEREE COUNCIL

Head of Council: Rex Leighton
Council Member: Leigh Blanch
Council Member: Paul Flemming
Council Member: Robert Robertson

COMMUNITY LEAGUE COUNCIL

Committee Member: Alex Viselli
Committee Member: Danny Gades
Committee Member: Rob Belsito
Committee Member: Adrian Arciuli
Committee Member: Roger Carter
Committee Member: Ralph Harrison
Council Member: Matt Dawson

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JUNIOR COMPETITION

HEAD OF COUNCIL REPORT

Wow! What a year it has been! 2022 football season brought with it many significant challenges along with continual disruptions due to wet weather. However, we did as much as we could to maximise the number of junior football matches as possible.

Junior football has been tested like never before, but the passion and dedication of the FSC team members once again showed that by working together, using our skills and know-how, we can come together and contribute to a successful season in an unpredictable year.

I would like to acknowledge my fellow Junior Councillors who have worked determinedly to ensure and coordinate playing time for our Juniors. They have risen to the challenge and delivered. I am extremely proud and humbled to be part of such loyal, hardworking group of individuals.

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

We are privileged that our major sponsor IMB Bank and our other valued sponsors, maintained their obligation to support Junior Football. Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to all the League Champions and all the participants and successful club teams in the NSW Champions of Champions. You have all made Football South Coast very proud of your achievements. A special mention to the Shellharbour Junior Soccer Club having 3 teams crowned champions - a great achievement!

I would also like to acknowledge the continued support of Junior Councillor Leigh Blanch and Paul Flemming from the Referees Coordination Council, for their commitment to the growth and development of our young referees during this challenging season.

On a personal note, I would like to say that it has been a privilege to be part of Football South Coast in so many different roles over many years and that I am proud of what has been accomplished.

Finally, and on behalf of all Junior Councillors, I wish you all and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and success in 2023 as you lead our beloved junior football community.

JOE SECO

HEAD OF JUNIOR COUNCIL



Pictured above – Kiama Junior's enjoying the rain



Pictured above – U6 Players From Russell Vale Juniors and Thirroul FC who participated in the U6/U7 Super Saturday at Ian McLennan Park on 27 May. 120 teams participated across the day.

HONOUR ROLL - JUNIOR COMPETITION

Age	Div	League Champion	Age	Div	League Champion
12	1	South Coast United	14G	1	Shellharbour Sapphire
12	2	Thirroul	14G	2	Unanderra
12	3	Lakeside Orange	15	1	Shellharbour
12	4	Kiama	15	2	South Coast United (White)
12G	1	Balgownie Black	15	3	Coledale
13	1	Balgownie	16	1	Figtree
13	2	Corrimal	16	2	Bulli
13	3	Lakeside	16G	1	Fernhill
13	4	Shellharbour	17/18	2	Shellharbour
14	1	Shellharbour	18	1	Helensburgh
14	2	Bulli			
14	3	Kiama	WYL	1	University



Pictured above – The Shellharbour Junior FC—Under 15 League Champions

MENS PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION

HEAD OF COUNCIL REPORT

2022 was a long and disrupted season but in the end a successful one.

To get through this season successfully and to be able to celebrate at our first Gala Awards in 3 years has taken commitment from a lot of people.

I want to thank and acknowledge our FSC Board and particularly Bruce Whalan who has joined us on the Men's Premiership Council this year as part of enabling a better flow of communication between the board and our Premiership football stream. A number of decisions made throughout this year have required a rapid turnaround of support by the board and they have stepped up each time in support of good outcomes for men's premiership football.

I'd also like to thank members of the Men's Premiership Council who have had to commit time energy well above what is normally expected in their role. It is a credit to the passion and commitment of this team that we consistently found ways through the complexities of 2022.

Thanks to Ann-Marie Balliana and the FSC Office team ... and particularly to Bobby Mazeovski for the enormous commitment he has shown to our Premiership Football stream this year. And while I'm talking about Bobby I want to express the gratitude of the men's premiership football community for the many years of service he gave us as a referee and congratulate him on the distinguished refereeing career he has had in our association culminating in yet another PL GF this season.

Thankyou as always goes to our valued sponsors The Fraternity Club, Villa D'Oro, Peoplecare, Legea and South Coast Floor Coverings. The support of these companies is critical in the sustainability of our Men's Premiership Leagues.

But most importantly I want to thank the many club volunteers ... and their partners!... who have really been the ones who have gone over and above this year to get a season done. Your ongoing commitment to our sport and the great personal and community outcomes it can generate are the only reason we are able to maintain these competitions which were the foundation of football in our region starting in 1903.

Congratulations to all of our winners this season. It was a well contested grand final series with a number of our premiership winning sides losing in their attempts to win on the big day. I particularly want to acknowledge the winners of our Club Championships, Coniston in the Premier League and Helensburgh in the District League.

Winning this award demonstrates depth in the club and in its support in their respective communities. The sustainability of our clubs will increasingly rely on these community links and the links to our community men's, women's and junior football streams that both of these clubs have built over the last decade.

It was also fantastic to see Wollongong United FC reach the national stage and round of 32 in the Australia Cup. It was a historical moment for the club and shows the strength of football in the region.

Yours in Sport

Bob Hennessy
Head of the Men's Premiership Football Council



Pictured above – Players from Woonona FC and Coniston FC in action during the season



Pictured above – Players from Thirroul Thunder FC

HONOUR ROLL – Men’s Premiership Competitions

FRATERNITY CLUB PREMIER LEAGUE

First Grade

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

Second Grade

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

Youth Grade

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

Club Champion

Coniston FC

Australia Cup: Round of 32 – Wollongong United FC

PEOPLECARE DISTRICT LEAGUE

First Grade

League Champions – Helensburgh Thistle
Runner Up – Shell Cove FC
Grand Final Winners – Unanderra Hearts
Grand Final Runner Up – Helensburgh Thistle

Second Grade

League Champions – Helensburgh Thistle
Runner Up – Thirroul Thunder
Grand Final Winners – Helensburgh Thistle
Grand Final Runner Up – Unanderra Hearts

Youth Grade

League Champions – Thirroul Thunder
Runner Up – Helensburgh Thistle
Grand Final Winners – Thirroul Thunder
Grand Final Runner Up – UOW FC

Club Champion

Helensburgh Thistle



Pictured above – Players from Wollongong United FC celebrating their Premier League 1st Grade League Championship. Wollongong United also progressed to the Round of 32 of the Australia Cup. The first time an association club has progressed to the National draw stage.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE COMPETITION

HEAD OF COUNCIL REPORT

Just when we thought we were getting over the Covid Pandemic and looking forward to somewhat of a normal season we got hit with mother nature which we had no control over.

After waiting months to get back on the park we finally got off and running and managed to salvage the season and get as many as fourteen rounds in, but unfortunately, due to more rain and the UCI event, we were unable to have a finals series.

On the bright side, we completed the Peter Webster cup for all ages and masters teams. Congratulations to All Age winners, Hilltop Soccer Club and Masters winners Coledale Waves. They were two great games of football.

In order to combat referee shortages, the Community League Football Council worked with the Referee council to introduce All Age teams nominating a member to complete the Level 4 referee course. This initiative was a great success with coverage in All Age 1 and All Age 2 increasing from 35% to 86% and will be expanded to Masters clubs for the 2023 season.

Thank you to all community league clubs for your patience and understanding in what was a difficult season. There were many challenges with the disrupted season and extremely difficult in keeping all players interested along with sponsors happy. Despite all of this, all clubs remained committed and we thank you for all your efforts again this year.

I would personally like to thank everyone on the Community League Football Council, a fantastic group that continually strives to improve our competition. A massive thank you to all at the FSC office, especially Bobby Mazeveski, David Ware and referee coordinator Enzo Sansone. Also thank you to my fellow board members. It was a pleasure learning and working with you all.

Just to finish I would like to wish all clubs and teams a great 2023 best of luck and enjoy playing this great game.

Yours in Sport
Alex Viselli
Head of the Community League Football Council



(Pictured above – Players from the Community League Competition during the 2022 season.



Pictured above – Dandaloo FC players celebrating a goal during the season



Pictured above – Hill Top FC celebrating their Grand Final victory in the All Age Peter Webster Cup

HONOUR ROLL – Community League Competitions

ALL AGE COMPETITION

AA1 - First Grade

League Champions – Gerringong Breakers
Runner Up – Hilltop

AA1 Second Grade

League Champions – Gerringong Breakers
Runner Up – Dandaloo FC

AA2 – First Grade

League Champions – Uni Bomb Brews
Runner Up – Hogs FC

AA2 – Second Grade

League Champions – Helensburgh Hogs FC
Runner Up – Uni Spurs

Peter Webster Cup

All Age—Hilltop
Masters—Coledale Waves

Club Champions

AA1 – Gerringong Breakers
AA2 – Gerringong Breakers

MASTERS COMPETITION

Masters 1

League Champions – Coledale Waves
Runner Up – Russell Vale FC

Masters 2

League Champions – Uni Wolves
Runner Up – Coledale Waves

Masters 3

League Champions – Woonona Sharks Blue
Runner Up – Figtree Blaze

Masters 4

League Champions – Oak Flats Falcons
Runner Up – Woonona Red

Over 45's

League Champions – Coledale Waves
Runner Up – Ground Hogs



Pictured above – Gerringong FC were the 2022 League Champions in the Division 1 All Age Community League competition earning the right to promotion into the Men's Premiership District League competition

WOMEN'S COMPETITION

HEAD OF COUNCIL REPORT

The Women's Council would like to thank its 2022 sponsors The Grange who sponsored the All Age Women's competitions, as well as MM Kembla who sponsored the Women's Youth League. We truly appreciate your continued support.

After two years of interrupted seasons in 2020 and 2021, we were all hopeful that 2022 would be different, and we kicked off the season with the always popular Bonnie Lassie Cup. However, this year we made a change and removed all Division 1 teams and entered them into the newly formed Julie Porter Cup. The Julie Porter Cup inaugural winner was Albion Park White Eagles in what was a very tight contest against their foes UOWFC. Unfortunately, as we are all aware the weather had different plans for our season and therefore the Bonnie Lassie Cup was eventually abandoned to focus on the remaining regular season matches.

With the ever constant rain during 2022, playing football or any sport became impossible with grounds water-logged for weeks on end. Thankfully, we did have a short break in the weather, and were able to get a number of games away but were further deterred by the UCI Event where the season once again had to be paused. The Women's Council would like to thank the FSC Staff and clubs for their continued efforts during this time to source alternate options to have matches played.

We congratulate those clubs who were successful as League Champions – UOWFC (WYL), Kiama Quarriers (O30s), Berkeley FC (AAW Division 4), Fernhill FC (AAW Division 3), UOWFC (AAW Division 2) and Albion Park White Eagles (AAW Division 1).

Whilst we know a lot of you did not have the seasons you were hoping for, and players and volunteers were constantly trying to adjust to the changing conditions, we hope that the matches you were able to play were enjoyable and provided some respite during the year.

Thankfully, we were able to complete a final series for our AAW Division 1 Competition which saw for the very first time ever, the match available online via live stream. A great crowd turned up for the match, and both teams took the game head on with multiple chances created. Tensions were high, the crowd was loud, and it was a great way to finish the season. Congratulations to UOWFC for their 2022 Championship (a long time coming after five years in the Grand Final).

As we look forward to 2023 I look forward to seeing you all return to the pitch as well as a number of new players, coaches, volunteers and referees. It will be a huge year for Women's Football globally, and locally the FSC Women's Council, FSC Staff, FSC Board and Clubs have worked together to launch the inaugural Illawarra Women's Premier League. Furthermore, we will continue to work with the Junior Council to improve our pathways from juniors to seniors and provide more suitable options for those wanting more social playing options.

There is so much to come, and I would like to thank the tireless efforts of the FSC Board, FSC Staff and in particular the FSC Women's Council in 2022 – Sandy Depers, Gemma Crighton, Brad Walter, Hayley Walkinshaw, Leigh Blanch and Jasmine Cario with extra assistance from Tracey Freeman. Each one of you were vital to improving the women's game in the Illawarra.

Yours in Sport

*Emi Skopal
Head of Women's Football*



Pictured above: Women's Division 1 Grand Final winners UOW FC who defeated Albion Park 3-1 at Ian McLennan Park.



Pictured above: Official Albion Park White Eagles were winners of the inaugural Julie Porter Cup Final with a come from behind win over rivals University of Wollongong Football Club at Terry Reserve.



Pictured above – Players from Albion Park White Eagles and Bulli FC in action during the season.



Pictured left—The Kiama Quarriers in full flight during the 2022 season.

HONOUR ROLL – Women’s Competitions

The Grange—Division 1

League Champions—Albion Park White Eagles
Runner Up—UOW FC
Grand Final Winners—UOW FC
Grand Final Runner Up—Albion Park White Eagles

The Grange - Division 2

League Champions—UOW FC White
Runner Up— UOW FC Yellow

The Grange Division 3

League Champions—Fernhill Foxes
Runner Up—Albion Park White Eagles

The Grange—Division 4

League Champions—Berkeley Sports
Runner Up—Gerringong Breakers Blue

The Grange—Over 30s

League Champions—Kiama Quarriers
Runner Up—Russell Vale Pink

MM Kembla— Women’s Youth League

League Champions—UOW FC
Runner Up—Woonona FC

Julie Porter Cup

Grand Final Winner—Albion Park White Eagles
Runner Up—UOW FC



Pictured left – Albion Park White Eagles celebrating their Julie Porter Cup win against UOW FC at Terry Reserve

Pictured below— players from UOW FC after their Division 1 Grand Final victory



REFEREES

HEAD OF COUNCIL REPORT

2022 was the third extremely difficult year in a row for football generally and this also was the case for referees. Having survived the disruption caused by COVID 19 in 2020 and 2021, no one could have anticipated the total confusion and disruption caused by the unpredictable and highly inclement weather experienced during the year. Whilst referees are a small group in the overall picture, as individuals, many were extensively inconvenienced by short notice change of appointments, change of draws and schedules and so on impacting on many aspects of their lives. Nevertheless, the vast majority responded magnificently particularly given the increasing shortage of members.

Many were doing several games a week, doubling up on game days, doubling up on weekends but generally contributing in a superb way to covering as many games as possible.

The shortage of people prepared to take up refereeing is though, a significant concern – not just to referees but one the game as a whole needs to take stock of. This is not a problem unique to this area – it is being experienced in many areas not just in Australia but worldwide.

There are several major contributing factors:

- The massive increase in participatory competitions for older players – in past years and decades many former players took up refereeing and provided an ongoing source of mature heads who knew the game and needed less time to adjust to being a referee – now the playing career appears to be never ending and, for many, is a much easier option.
- Many, in particular, younger referees, walking away from the refereeing calling because of the increasing level of abuse and decreasing respect. This could be written about in detail.

As a result of the first, a greater focus has been on the development of younger referees and with some varying success – for a few years until the callings of a career or other directions in life enforce a decision not to continue.

We have been active and somewhat successful in producing some very good referees moving them into the senior ranks only for life choices to take precedence over continuing with refereeing in the short to medium term. We remain hopeful that they will return.

Our greatest concern is the attraction of people in the 25-40 age group which we, along with many other referee bodies are finding the most difficult.

This year we trialed in the community league, the concept of a “team referee” which we intend to try to build on.

We would like to acknowledge the success of some referees during the year – a former junior FSC referee Lachlan Keevers, now resident in Melbourne has gained selection on the A league referees panel whilst another, Delphina Dimoski now resident in the ACT has retained selection on the A League W AR panel and a third, Brodie Merchant has been included in the National Talent Pool which puts him in line for possible progression to higher things.

Ethan Zvarguilis, Hayden Michlmayr and Charlotte Flynn represented FSC Referees with great distinction at National Championships in 2022. Four were chosen for the Football NSW Referees’ Academy”: Hayden Michlmayr, Charlotte Flynn, Selina Harden and Mayson Griffith whilst Charlotte Flynn, Lauren Leung and Selina Harden gained Champion of Champion Grand Final appointments

It would be wrong if we did not acknowledge the retirement of two of our best referees over the past decade – Bobby Mazevski after 36 years of refereeing and Andrew Naylor (the latter through a chronic injury), but a perfect example of a former player taking up a very successful refereeing career at the end of a stellar playing career. Bobby went out in style with appointment to the IPL Grand Final. We congratulate them both for what they have given and look forward to them now imparting their vast knowledge and experience through mentoring and supporting younger referees.

We should also acknowledge those who received awards for their service and success.

Rookie of the Year: Damian Delovski

Most Improved: Jay Walpole

Club Person of the Year: Italo Roncato

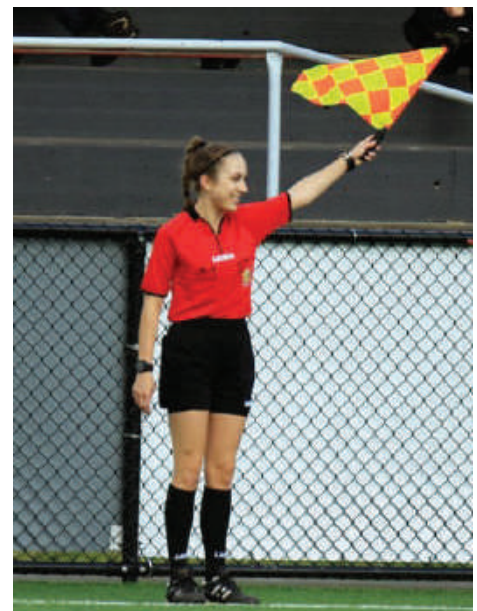
Vince Master’s Referee of the Year: Bobby Mazevski

In closing I would like to sincerely thank my fellow Referees' Councilors: Rob Robertson, Leigh Blanch and Paul Flemming for their incredibly committed volunteerism in a difficult area and Phil Torpy, our coach for his unlimited commitment and enthusiasm for the cause of refereeing. Thanks to those in the team at the FSC office particularly Enzo Sansone for their support and we look forward to that continuing as we move forward.

Most of all, a big thank you for all referees who gave above and beyond what could reasonably be expected in a very, very difficult year.

Yours In Sport,

Rex Leighton
Head of the Referee Council



Pictured above – FSC Referees during the 2022 season

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT

Association Development Programs

Flare Football Program

In 2022, despite the unprecedented weather we experienced at the start of the season, our Flare Football programs returned to the field after the challenges and cancellations of these programs in the 2020 and 2021 seasons due to COVID-19.

Flare Football In-Club Coaching Program

Our in-club coaching programs finally got under way after a number of initial wash outs at the start of the year with both Russell Vale and FSC delivering an excellent 8 week program for their junior players. A total of 75 players registered and participated in the program with the delay in starting the program not deterring the players and coaches' enthusiasm. Credit to all the committee at the club for working through the challenges of the wet weather to ensure that their players didn't miss out on this very successful development program.

Flare Football School Holiday Clinics

Our 2022 holiday clinics returned to the field after 2 years of cancellations and it was great to see our regions children returning to the 3-day clinics. In the January and April holiday period, FSC combined with Sydney FC to deliver a combined holiday clinic experience which was very successful. The FSC school holiday clinics returned in July and September at Albion Park, Wollongong, Helensburgh, Kembla Grange, and Thirroul with over 300 junior players participating across the venues.

Sydney FC Partnership

FSC and Sydney FC continued our partnership this season and were excited for the return of our combined Holiday Clinics and Skills Training Term program after the previous 2 years disruptions. As mentioned, FSC and Sydney FC delivered combined school holiday programs in January and April with Sydney FC delivering their own clinics in July and September. The Sydney FC Skills Training Term program was delivered through the school terms with strong numbers throughout the year. We do however say goodbye to Domenico Tripodi who leaves his role as the Sydney FC Development Officer for our region, returning to Sydney to pursue new football coaching and development opportunities. We thank Domenico for his great effort and dedication throughout the season and wish him all the very best for the future.

Development Programs

FSC Pre-SAP and SAP Development programs continued throughout 2022 after a delay in starting due to the wet weather. The program continues to target 7–8-year old's (Pre SAP-Development Program) and 9-12 year old's (SAP Development Program) with the aim to deliver Skill Acquisition style training sessions to supplement the players club training. Both programs also providing a platform for players to be identified for the 2023 representative Skill Acquisition Program. Despite the wet weather and session cancellations early on in the season, the players completed the 30-week program and our coaching staff were extremely impressed with the level of commitment and dedication every player had towards their football development.

As with the FSC Pre-SAP and SAP Development programs, The Youth Development Program also continued in 2022 for Under 13 to Under 16s age group for those players looking to supplement their training that they have at their clubs. Like that of the PRE SAP and SAP development programs, the aim for the program was to also identify players for possible representative selection. The program also had a delay in its commencement at the start of the season and all the players showed immense commitment often being asked to do double sessions to ensure the 30-week program was completed prior to the end of the season.

Football South Coast Cup

2022 saw the return of the FSC Cup in July after a 2-year absence. Teams from across the region came together over 2 days to compete in a round robin format concluding with semi-finals and finals football. It was a great occasion and gave all the players involved the opportunity to play competition football having had many weeks cancelled within their own association competitions.

Girls Only Development Program

This year we were proud to deliver a new female only development program targeting female players of 6 years to 16 years. The program was designed to provide additional training opportunities for our female players to supplement their club training commitments. The program was delivered at Ian McLennan Park and was a huge success with 35 players on average attending each term. As we lead into the woman's world cup, we look forward to providing further development opportunities for our region's female players to continue to grow the female game.

Kick on For Woman Program

FSC and FNSW partnered in 2022 to roll out the FNSW Kick On For Woman program. The free development program designed to introduce the game of football in a safe, fun, inclusive environment was delivered at Unanderra Oval and attracted female participants from across our region to participate in football for the first time. The 3-week pilot program was great fun and due to its success, FSC will be offering 8 week Kick on For Woman programs throughout 2023.

Free Come and Try School Visits

This season saw the introduction of free come and try school sessions to expose the game of football to students who may not have experienced football before and connecting those students to their local association club. The sessions were well received by both the students and the teachers, and we look forward to rolling out further school development programs throughout 2023.

Coach Education

Football South Coast continues to have a key focus for our association to develop good coaches to provide the best football experience for our region's players. The wet weather early in the season made delivering coaching courses a challenge with several coaching courses having to be cancelled. Despite this, we were able to deliver Mini-Roo's courses with over 80 coaches in attendance and a Skills Training course with 22 coaches gaining their accreditation.

In addition to the formal coaching qualifications, we delivered numerous online zoom workshops in the Mini-Roo's and Skill Acquisition space. In 2023 we will be continuing to offer this online based learning opportunity as an alternative way to provide coach education for coaches, team managers and parents to access as well as recording Mini-Roo's model sessions for coaches to utilise.

It has been another challenging year for football with extreme weather at the beginning of the season, it's important to reflect and be grateful that football has returned and was played despite the delay in the commencement of the season after two years of COVID lockdown. We thank everyone who has worked tirelessly and volunteered their time to ensure that our regions footballers have been given the opportunity to play the game that we all love and adore.

AWARD WINNERS



MEN'S PREMIERSHIP – Sponsored by the Fraternity Club (Premier League) and Peoplecare (District League)

Premier League Youth Player of the Year	Sami Benton (Coniston FC)
Premier League Second Grade Player of the Year	James Agnostopoulos (Port Kembla FC)
District League Youth Player of the Year	Riley Smithson (Helensburgh FC)
District League Second Grade Player of the Year	Ethan Lehn (Helensburgh FC)
Neville Arrowsmith Medal	Jarrold Benham (Helensburgh FC)
George Naylor Medal	Chris Price (Wollongong Olympic FC)
Sharp Shooter Awards - District League	Youth Grade Corey Burling (Helensburgh FC)
	Second Grade Chris Murdzevski (Unanderra Hearts)
	First Grade Kade Kinsella (Helensburgh FC)
Sharp Shooter Awards – Premier League	Youth Grade Jayden Makowski (Wollongong United)
	Second Grade Jordan Prentoski (Cringila Lions FC)
	First Grade Ben McDonald (Bulli FC)
Golden Gove	Premier League Justin Pasfield (Wollongong Olympic FC)
	District League Damien Bedwell (Balgownie Rangers FC)
Coach of the Year	Premier League William Tsovolos (Wollongong United FC)
	District League Andrew Paine (Helensburgh FC)

Fair Play Awards	District League Oak Flats Falcons
	Premier League Woonona Sharks
Referee of the Year	Bobby Mazevski
Media Recognition	Tim Gibson – Match Reporter Alison Dihn – Match Reporter Solomon Beddow – Match Reporter Nathan Turner – Match Reporter Dylan Arvela – Match Reporter Pedro Garcia – Photographer Kiah Hufton – Photographer Graham Brown – Photographer Dana Guthrie – Photographer Richie Wagner – Photographer John Carusi – Photographer



Pictured above left – Chris Price from Wollongong Olympic FC who was awarded the George Naylor Medal

Pictured above right— First Grade Premier League Coach William Tsovolos from Wollongong United FC was the 2022 Premier League Coach of the Year

COMMUNITY LEAGUE – Sponsored by RMB Lawyers

All Age		Masters	
Division 1 First Grade	Player of the Year Josh Hawker (Gerringong) Leading Goal Scorer Jack Packham (Gerringong)	Division 1	Player of the Year Ben Smith (Bulli) Leading Goal Scorer Ben Allison (Coledale Waves) Marcello Molina (Coledale Waves)
Division 1 Second Grade	Player of the Year Matt Scaverelli (Uni Spurs) Leading Goal Scorer Oktay Turkmen (Albion Park Cows)	Division 2	Player of the Year Matthew Smart (Russell Vale) Leading Goal Scorer Josh Faulks (Albion Park City)
Division 2 First Grade	Player of the Year Andrew Breslin (Uni Bomb Brews) Leading Goal Scorer Andrew Breslin (Uni Bomb Brews)	Division 3	Player of the Year Ralph Harrison (Figtree FC) Leading Goal Scorer Robert Ogie (Figtree FC)
Division 2 Second Grade	Player of the Year Jordan Mar (Gibson Park Rangers) Leading Goal Scorer Alex Tuovinen (Helensburgh Hogs)	Division 4	Player of the Year Scott Deighton (Oak Flats Falcons) Leading Goal Scorer Barry Jones (Oak Flats Falcons)
Over 45's	Player of the Year Fergus Rourke (Coledale Waves) Leading Goal Scorer Brad Bell (Ground Hogs)		



Pictured above - photos from the end of season Community League presentation held at Dapto Leagues Club

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

Player of the Year	Division 1 Jordan Wheatley (Woonona Sharks FC)
	Division 2 Mahalia Royter (Woonona Sharks FC)
	Division 3 Stephanie Coates (Coniston FC)
	Division 4 Chloe Poulton (Gerringong Breakers FC)
	Over 30's Leah Argent (Kiama Quarriers FC)
	Women's Youth League Elena Miccoli (Tarrawanna Blueys FC)
Golden Boot	Division 1 Eliza Cowen (Albion Park White Eagles)
	Division 2 Karissa High (Cringila Lions FC)
	Division 3 Robyn Moylan (Albion Park White Eagles)
	Division 4 Chloe Poulton (Gerringong Breakers FC)
	Over 30's Rebecca Lewis (Thirroul Thunderbirds)
	Women's Youth League Kasey Bennett (Woonona Sharks FC)
Dot Reed Stephenson Club Person of the Year	Representatives from across each club



Pictured above left – Jordan Wheatley from Woonona FC was the Division 1 Player of the Year

Pictured above right—representatives from Albion Park White Eagles accepting their awards for the 2022 Season including Division 1 League Champions 33

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:

IFRA	IFA	IJFA	Football South Coast
1923 W. CUNNINGHAM *	1941 James HOOD *	RJ BUCHANNAN *	2015 – Eddy De Gabriele
1923 S. E. COPE *	1944 Frank POSITTI *	RF POSITTI *	2015 – Claude Cuda
1932 Tom SIMMONS *	1944 John POSITTI *	WJ GAVIN *	2015 – Milco Stojanoski
1932 Jack SCOTT *	1944 Les ISEDALE *	WJ DALY *	2016 – David Swan
1947 Andy DAVIDSON *	1944 A 'Bert' BAMPTON*	C SHIPTON *	2016 – Bruce Cunningham
1952 Jim SEATH *	1945 Frank ISEDALE *	RM TOWNSON *	2017 – Tom Clark
1958 George RICHARDSON *	1945 Pat SKERITT *	Judy MASTERS *	2019 – Sandy Depers
1960 Peter BANKS *	1945 Harry SKERITT *	A DAVIDSON *	2020 – Joe Seco
1960 Dave MEREDITH *	1963 Gordon LEWIS	John POSITTI *	
1960 Bob BROWN *	1964 Neville ARROWSMITH	1977 Laurie LAMB *	
1961 Jim VICKERY *	1966 J 'Jock' SMITH *	1977 Frank POSITTI *	
1964 Albert ROBINSON *	1968 J 'Jock' HAMILTON *	1977 FJ ETHERINGTON	
1964 Jack SIMPSON *	1971 Peter BANKS *	1977 AJ BURROWS*	
1966 Doug HAYMAN	1974 A 'Tony' McDONALD	1977 RG NEWELL	
1968 Jack STIFF	1975 Helmut VOGEL *	1977 EG RING *	
1969 Tom SCOTT *	1978 Barry SCOTT *	1977 GB ROBSON *	
1970 John CRAIG *	1984 Harry BROWN	1977 A DAVIDSON *	
1974 Vince MASTERS *	1985 Frank SHUTTLEWORTH *	1977 N DAVIDSON	
1977 Phil CLARKE	1987 George NAYLOR *	1977 DV HAYMAN	
1980 Barry SCOTT *	1992 Neil KEMP	1977 WH SIMPSON *	
1984 George NAYLOR *	1994 John WALKER	1977 D THOMAS *	
1987 Robert ROBERTSON	1995 Mavis NAYLOR	1977 AG STYLES	
1988 Phil TORPY	2002 Emilio GIGLIOTTI	1977 GL EDWARDS *	
1990 Peter GRAHAM	2004 Otto BADER	1978 Harold MOORES	
1994 Mike SHEDDEN	2005 Peter DENT	1978 Neil KEMP	
1997 Les PARKER *	2006 Alan WALTON *	1979 Joe EVRY	
1998 Rex LEIGHTON	2008 Paul MANHANDIS	1980 Bruce PLEASANT *	
2001 Eddy UITTERLINDEN		1981 Jan MAUGHAN	
2008 Stephan JAROS	IWFA	1985 Bob MAUGHAN	
2011 Phil HOLT	1990 Phyllis KNIGHT *		
	1995 Joan HUDSON	1985 Florence STEPHENSON	
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS	1995 Dot REED-STEPHENSON	Pre1994 Richard SMART	
2001 Phil MURPHY *	1999- Rod RODERICK	1994 Joan HUDSON	
2006 Mario MASTROIANNI *	2005 Carol LEWISTON	1995 David COWIE	
	2010 Jenny SHELTON	1996 Vicki TIDSWELL	
	2012 Jody CONFORD	1997 John MUNRO	
	Margot NAYLOR	1998 David WARE	
	Susan REED STEPHENSON	2000 Sheila MORRIS	
		2000John WHIDDETT	
		2008 Jimmy NOLAN	
		2008 Dawn POWER *	

NSW STATE AWARD AND CONTRIBUTION TO FOOTBALL RECIPIENTS

NSW STATE AWARD—2022 Recipient

Affectionately known as Torps, Phil Torpy (pictured below) became a member of the ISRA in 1970 as a junior member and has completed 53 years' service to the referees in Illawarra and was awarded life membership in 1988. He served on committees for 25 years in voluntary administrative positions and many positions in the referees' association over the period of his membership.

Phil was awarded referees' clubman of the year in 1975, 1979, 1983, 1998, 2008 and was the first referees coach in Illawarra and a position that he held from 2009 to 2012. He continues to serve as the referees coach and coordinator of assessors whilst regularly assisting with the conduct of New Referee courses. He is a recognised Assessor and Instructor.

Phil has been always involved in the administration and organization of football fixtures including matches including Illawarra, National league level, A league level and at FIFA sanctioned matches and also refereed at State League and NSL level.

Whilst giving so much to refereeing, he has also served as a Voluntary Match Commissioner on International and NSL. He also spent 3 years as a Volunteer Board Member with the Wollongong Wolves and participated in the working party establishing the Illawarra Stingrays.

Phil has been an integral part of football in the Illawarra, NSW and Australia wide for a number of years and is still working towards improving referee standards in the Illawarra.



Service to Football Award Recipients – FSC Season Launch

Each year at the FSC Season Launch, each Football Council awards a Service to Football Award to individuals involved in football for a minimum of 10 years and who have been a key and visible contributor to the football community in the Illawarra.



At the 2022 Season Launch the Contribution to Football Award Recipients were:

Junior Football Council

Robert Sindevski (Cringila Lions Junior Football Club)

Bryan Southall (Woonona Junior Football Club)

Women's Football Council

Regina Moran (Albion Park Soccer Club)

Lin Hampton (Thirroul Junior Football Club)

Men's Football Council

Bob McDougall (Kiama Quarriers FC)



2022 Contribution to Football Award Recipients were:

Above Left: Regina Moran (Albion Park Soccer Club)

Above Right: Lin Hampton (Thirroul FC)

Middle Left: Mick Dunn (accepting the award on behalf of Bryan Southall) (Woonona Junior FC)

Middle Right: Rob Sindevski (Lake Heights Junior FC)

Bottom Left: McDougall (Kiama Quarriers FC)

Champion of Champions



Pictured above: Results of FSC teams that competed in the FNSW Champion of Champions Grand Finals held at Valentine Sports Park



Pictured above right

U15 Boys Shellharbour 2022 FNSW Champion of Champions



Pictured Left:

U16 Girls Shellharbour 2022 FNSW Champion of Champions

Pictured Right:

U13 Boys Shellharbour 2022 FNSW Champion of Champions



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