



From the Chairman's Desk

August 2016

As promised on behalf of the board and the Administration office here is another update on what is happening and what is being planned for our Football Family here on the Mid North Coast.

As I write this our NPL and WPL teams are wrapping up their competitive seasons and have played with pride and passion and excellence and we look forward to many of the teams qualifying for the Finals in the next weeks..

We look forward to a successful formation of a Standing Subcommittee being formed to oversee and direct the future of our representative teams and with the assistance of the office with a view to becoming independent and have a say in their own destiny and structure moving forward.

There is an enormous amount of effort and genuine expenses to put together these programs and funding to support teams as well as equipment and ground facility and the like.

With the successful formation and continuation of the representative programs I would encourage those interested in joining these committees that your input and assistance will be crucial to the ongoing viability of the programs and future generations of players wishing to make a career or aspire to higher levels of competition.

Having said, that we have just finished a very successful and informative round of Community Club meetings and Premier League Club Meetings where there was an enormous amount of support for our plan to begin an A Division competition involving both the Southern and Northern Zones in a joint higher level competition series starting with the Under 12's 13's age groups as a trial.

This should still leave enough sides that wish to play locally but also give those players who wish to test themselves an opportunity to match standards across the entire Zone.

Our hope is that this will evolve over time and keep more players in our game in the 16/17 and over age groups where we tend to have a higher level of players leaving for many and varied reasons but we strongly believe this level of competition will stem the "churn rate" as well as provide entertaining Football and more even contests in the local leagues as well as the Zone competitions ensuring players enjoy their time on the park.

We are bringing Lawrie McKinna the new CEO of the Jets to town for a community coaching session and Q and A session details which will be sent to the club secretaries and I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend so we can plan more of these such visits in the near future and moving in to next season plan to hold many more such opportunities for our "grass roots" coaches.

We are also offering some 50% subsidies for anyone wishing to undertake C license coaching courses we will be sending information on this to the clubs in the next few days there will be a limit of 20 for this course that will be held locally.

Also we will be providing a senior Referees course towards the end of this season in planning for next season that will be FREE of charge and a uniform subsidy to those that take up the dedicated task of Refereeing and helping to provide a platform for our players to take the field each week under controlled officials.

We also are close to securing a visit from one of the country's most successful and acclaimed Referees, From the A – League to the World Stage. Stay tuned!

More information can be obtained from the office of FMNC or your clubs.

We have just successfully run an Assessors course for the Referees and have 7 new Assessors join the ranks in order to mentor and assist our Junior Referees as well as Coach and Assist our seniors and more advanced whistle blowers.

As we approach the Finals series and the end of Football for some teams and the prospect of championships for others I am also keen to recognize the Teams that win the points table and give them the accolades that they deserve for an entire season of consistent performance.

Many of them will perhaps go on to win their respective Grand Finals but I believe that both these achievements deserve to be recognized as equally important.

We are working hard to promote our Premier League Grand Final and will have entertainment and children's activities as well as Alcohol Free Zones and plenty of added attractions that we will promote as we get closer to the big day!

In addition to the Premier League and Reserve Grade Grand Finals on the day at Port Regional Stadium we will also be hosting our first ever Zone Grand Final between the top teams from the North and South competitions as we join the under 17/8 competitions top 4 teams in a separate Finals series for the first time in our history.

As Chairman and representative of the Board and your great game of Football I am proud to back these initiatives and drive not only these but many new and innovative ideas such as Family Fee discounts, subsidies and avenues for scholarship or hardship cases as well as investigating some form of Club assistance for Loans towards grants and or for infrastructure and the like as we move forward.

My wish is to continue to re-invest more funding to "grass roots" Football and "Community Coaching" at all levels from Under 6's through to our higher age groups.

To also continue to encourage and support women's Football and am proud of our achievements to date including the Southern Zones introduction of Friday night Ladies Football which has been an overwhelming success.

Also our continued support and reemergence of our over 35's competitions including the newly formed and well supported Northern League.

From the youngest players to the oldest, to our Men, Women, Boys and Girls this is a great time to be involved in local Football as we change our strategy and vision to do far more on the ground than we have in the past and be more proactive and decisive in delivering a better product to you our stakeholders.

West Ham Junior coaching clinics and others are planned for next year and the recent Celtic Junior coaching clinics coming up have been over-subscribed and an enormous success in terms of interest and should be a wonderful experience and benefit to all involved.

The game is about “you” and “you” are our number one priority and we as a board and through the General Manager and staff of the office, my promise on behalf of these valuable people, is to deliver you even better value and better infrastructure and an even better experience and hopefully more enjoyment and better levels of skill and assistance around “Park Football”.

We are currently in the process of a strategic planning phase where we will be seeking not only input from a panel of board members but our General Manager will be seeking input from some of your club officials as we continue to develop plans mentioned and maintaining a clear and focused direction in the short , medium and long term.

I envisage that this strategic planning document and blue print for our future direction and needs will be finalized prior to next season.

I will continue to keep you all informed and up to date as much as possible with news and information and in the meantime please feel free to contact the office or through your club for any more in depth information on anything mentioned in my newsletter.

As always my thanks to my fellow board members and all of our Office Staff and Technical director for your continued support and professional and expert guidance.

Good luck to all of you that may be in contention for Finals and thank you to those of you that have enjoyed the season so far.. Win, lose or draw!

Like all of you I will be watching with interest and hoping that the Matildas’ have a successful Olympics and represent our country with pride.

See you around the grounds!

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Mike Parsons

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