



## Message from the Chairman

March 2018

Hi to all of you in our Football Family!

I don't know about you, but I can't wait for the season to start for our local competitions.

To see the joy and excitement from all those new under 6's as they take up our sport for the very first time to those of us that have been around for what seems and is a "lifetime" of involvement it is a special time indeed.

To all the club volunteers and our own office staff that have contributed to the planning and successful launch of season 2018 a massive thank you!

As I write this report Justin (Macca) and Amanda have been hard at work putting together the various competition draws which is a massive and somewhat complicated and intense process. So on behalf of all of you I pass on my personal thanks for the efforts required to put our boys and girls and men and women on the park each week.

Our Referee recruitment and training and mentoring is going to plan and we continue to have a much better structure of education, recruitment and retention moving forward so again my thanks to all involved in this much needed revision of the way we operate and support our officials.

The NPL and WPL High performance competitions have already commenced and are on track for a good season and ably supported by our Technical Director Larry Budgen and the various coaches and associated personnel.

Our SAP programs (Skills Acquisition Program) for the Junior players is also in full swing and has been well supported and is encouraging for our aim of providing the best experience and coaching for those participants.

We continue to put programs and coaching clinics on throughout the year and also to encourage and support clubs to achieve accreditation and register and train their coaches and administration personnel.

The Board, Bruce Potter our General Manager and our team in the office and I, continue to work on your behalf to secure better infrastructure, facilities and funding across our Zone.

As we approach Easter and the Holiday break my wish for all of you is to be safe on the roads and be kind to one another whatever your beliefs or nationality or backgrounds.

We are indeed linked by one common thread and that is our love of our family and the love of our brand of Football. This can only be a recipe for goodwill and harmony.

In a year that will see our "Socceroos" playing in the World Cup and the Matildas arguably the most talked about and respected National team of any Code our game is in great shape and a proud time to be associated with our sport.

To all of you that volunteer thank you, without you, we would not have the ability to supply the administration and the fundraising required to facilitate matches for our children and our grandchildren to play.

I would encourage others to follow in your footsteps and lighten the load just a little.

To the media and politicians and interested parties that this communication goes out to please support us in the need for improved infrastructure and more lit fields and car parks so that our players can have the amenities and ability to enjoy our brand of Football now and for future generations.

To the mums and dads and grandparents, caregivers and supporters I wish you well and hope to see you out and around the grounds this year.

Most importantly to all of you that are playing this season.

From the Aldi Mini-roos to the Premier league and over 35's, to all the boys and girls and men and women.

Thank you for participating in our sport and turning up to play the game you love.

Not only for playing but enjoying the social interaction and all the benefits that team sports bring to you as an individual and to the community as a whole.

*My personal best wishes for the season ahead and thanks again for being part of our Football family that is Football Mid North Coast!*

See you out and around...

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized oval shape with a horizontal line through it, and a short vertical line extending downwards from the center of the oval.

Mike Parsons

Chairman FMNC