

## Chairman's Monthly Update October 2016

2016 has been one of the best seasons on record for Football Mid North Coast.

The weather held up for most of the season allowing us to have an uninterrupted number of rounds and matches.

We had another year on year increase of around 5% in player registrations with over 6,500 participants that required us to provide a massive 10,750 matches for our players from Under 6's through to Over 35's and our Premier League not including Finals or our Representative games.

We provided the infrastructure and support to all the clubs and associated personnel for our Men, Women, Boys and Girls.

Simply putting together the draw for this amount of games is a major event in itself requiring a massive effort from all concerned at all levels from all of our clubs and our Administration office.

Our Representative teams had outstanding results qualifying 6 out of the 8 teams for Finals Football and participating in 3 Grand Finals in the WPL and NPL with our Under 14's NPL taking out the title in their division.

To all the clubs that hosted Finals and Grand Finals this year a massive thanks and congratulations on a job well done.

To the eventual Premiers in all divisions that won the points table in their respective age groups and competitions and to those that won Grand Finals and were crowned Champions for 2016 Congratulations on your achievements.

This was our first year of rewarding and acknowledging our point's table winners as "Premiers" and acknowledging our Grand Final winners as "Champions".

Our Premier League and Under 18's Zone championship day was a huge success and I can honestly say that "Football was the winner on the day".

Congratulations to all the clubs that played on the day and the match officials for playing and providing quality Football and giving your supporters on the winning and losing sides something to cheer for and the clubs to be proud of.

My thanks to all involved in the promotion, staging, participation and assistance prior to and on the day.

To all the spectators that turned up I hope you also had an enjoyable and memorable day celebrating the end of our season.

We had an all-time record of paying adults as well as promoting free entry for Under 18's.

We succeeded in our aim of putting on a "Family Friendly" day and look forward to building on the goodwill created this year in to 2017 and beyond.

The board and office is currently planning for 2017 and we are looking at tidying up some of our rules and structures as well as an overhaul of our Judiciary system.

We are close to finalizing our Strategic Plan for the next 5- 10 years so that we have a clear direction and all of you in our "Football Family" are involved and understand what we are trying to achieve and deliver on your behalf.

Overall it has been a very good season and as with any organization I am happy to acknowledge that despite our best efforts we have not always got it perfect and we continue to review our own performance and make improvements to our processes and methods.

Having said that I am confident that overall we have provided an improved level of service and structure this year to all of our stake holders and I look forward to seeing your clubs represented at the AGM in November.

I hope you all enjoy the off season and I look forward to welcoming you all back for another year of Football in 2017.

It has been my genuine privilege to represent Football Mid North Coast as your Chairman and President this year and my sincere thanks and appreciation to all my fellow Board members for their support and encouragement and their input and involvement in the decision making process for the many changes and innovative programs that we have or are planning to put in place as we move forward.

A special mention to all the Administration staff in the office and to all the Volunteers throughout our organization and all our Clubs.

To all the Officials/Referees that participated this year a huge thank you for what can be a challenging role at times and certainly not without its pressures and stresses.

Without these people we would not have been able to put those 10,000 plus matches on the park this year.

I will also make public on this web site my Annual Report after the AGM in November.

See you at the beach over summer and on the training paddocks next year!

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Mike Parsons

Chairman FMNC

