



Who said the Football season was over?



Now that the Winter Competition has wrapped up – there's lots of football to keep everyone in the game.

Summer Football is now underway and this year we have close to 1300 participants across two locations in Corrimal and Shellharbour.

The competition is all about fun and making new friends, and everyone looks great in their new kits.

There's lots more football to enjoy with the A-League and W-League underway. Sydney FC will be playing against Newcastle Jets at WIN Stadium on the 3rd January – so mark it on the calendar.... And how can we forget the Asian Cup which is just around the corner.





CEO Update



It's been another busy month for football. Just as we take a breath after the winter competition Grand Finals, Summer football is in full swing.

It is great to see so many juniors supporting this program, and a great opportunity for players from other codes to try our great game.

This month we also launched an agreement with Greenacres Disability Services. As part of this relationship, FSC will be offering programs and clinics. In the new year, we will also be offering two scholarships to FSC players to undertake certificate courses with respect to disability services.

To encourage participation and development, FSC is very proud to announce some exciting new initiatives focussing on development for our younger female participants. These include Girls only Academy programs across a number of age groups.

The programs have been endorsed by Alan Stajic (newly appointed Matilda's coach), who is looking forward to visiting our region over the coming months.

We also welcome Bobby Mazeveski to the FSC team. Bobby will be taking on the role of Competitions Coordinator as David Naylor will be retiring from the role after many years of great service to football administration.

On a separate note, I would also like to thank our club volunteers and all FSC football councils in organizing the Grand Finals across all of our competitions. Once again, the weather created a few issues however it was a great team effort to pull it all together for a very successful Grand Finals series.

Ann-Marie

Chairman's Corner



This month I had the opportunity to attend the State Titles held in Kiama.

It was an outstanding tournament and shows the significant economic benefits that our region can derive from our sport.

Football South Coast partners with Sutherland Association in entering teams as Metro Far South which has been very successful partnership.

This year, Metro Far South took out the U15 and 12 girl State Titles. It was a fantastic effort by our region. I also attended the Semi Finals of the Champion of Champions last weekend. What a great way to celebrate a successful season for all teams involved.

After a long wait the A-League and W-League are back and it's exciting to see so many of our own locals represented. **Eddy De Gabriele**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

THERE WILL BE OBSTACLES.
THERE WILL BE DOUBTERS.
THERE WILL BE MISTAKES.
BUT WITH HARD WORK,
THERE ARE NO LIMITS.



Upcoming Events



Some key dates in October to December:

- 13th October – Term 1 Academy Commences
- 9th November – Skills Acquisition Program trials
- 18th November – Skills Acquisition Program (Girls) trials
- 9th December – Regional Conference trials
- 13th December – Summer Football Finals

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Champion of Champions Update



Congratulations to Wollongong Olympic Under 14's who have made it to the FNSW Champion of Champions Grand Final.

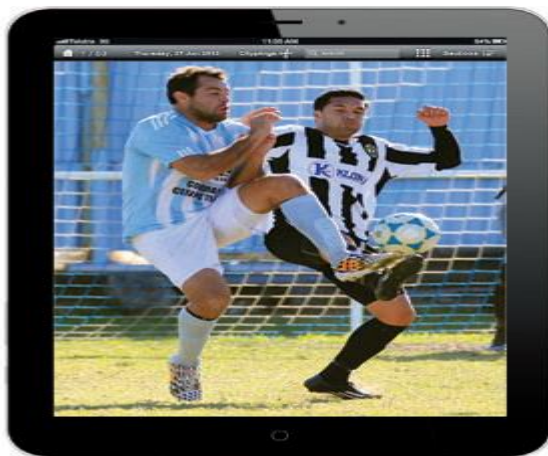
Five teams from Football South Coast made it to the Semi Finals.

In what was a tough day at the office for most of the teams. Wollongong Olympic will be representing the South Coast in the Grand Finals.

Good Luck Lads – we're all behind you.

The FNSW Champion of Champions is a great tournament to assess the depth of talent here on the South Coast.

As with the State Cup, our region had great representation, so well done to all those clubs and teams involved.



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Women's Football Update – Grand Final Wrap



Congratulations to all teams in the 2014 competition for another successful year. Congratulations also to those who made it through to the 2014 Grand Finals. Albion Park and Tarrawanna made it to the Final of the Association Cup and Albion Park made it to the semi finals of the NSW Champion of Champions.

In the Division 1 Grand Final, it was Albion Park lining up as the favourites against Thirroul. The game was played on a chilly Thursday night at JJ Kelly Park to accommodate Park's participation in the NSW Champion of Champions. This was a fast and highly entertaining game. Albion Park jumped out of the starting gates and were rewarded with a goal in the second minute. Despite both teams having their chances, Park were clinical with their opportunities and went into half time 4-0 up.

Whatever was said, or drunk at half time saw a different Thirroul come out in the second half and they managed to claw back 3 goals. Thirroul were throwing everything at Park in the last 10 minutes but were unable to score the elusive equaliser. The game finished Albion Park 4, Thirroul 3. Thirroul's Alex Sands was awarded Player of the Match for a dominant performance in both attack and defence.

In Division 2, Shellharbour lined up against Fernhill who finished first and second in the competition. This game also began at a cracking pace with Fernhill scoring two goals in the first five minutes. Fernhill scored early in the second half taking them to a 3-0 lead. Shellharbour clawed one back mid way through the half but a further late goal saw Fernhill taking out the game 4-1. Fernhill's Kendall Williams was awarded the Phyllis Knight Player of the match.

Women's Football Update – Grand Final Wrap Continued



Helensburgh and Corrimal lined up in the Division 3 Grand Final. It was an enthusiastic start to the game with both keepers called into action within the first 2 minutes. The Helensburgh girls were utilising their speed across the park and had several quick breaks. An early goal to Helensburgh was cancelled out by a well taken Corrimal penalty in the 25th minute. Helensburgh were not to be denied and had their second goal 10 minutes before half time.

Both teams managed to add to the scoreboard in the second half however the game finished Helensburgh 3, Corrimal 2. The player of the match was awarded to the Corrimal Goal Keeper, Kylie Layland who despite a number of physical encounters stayed strong and kept her team in the match.

The last game of the season came down to Tarrawanna who finished first in the competition up against Woonona who finished third in Division 4 . This Division had previously been the Over 30's so it was great to see so many players in that age group playing in the Grand Final.

Both teams had periods of domination and chances in the first half however it was a shot by Belinda Barker just short of half time that saw Tarrawanna finish the half 1-0 up.

Woonona managed to score a goal in the second half but unfortunately for them Tarrawanna scored another 2 and the score finished Tarrawanna 3, Woonona 1. Player of the Grand Final was Woonona's centre back Maree Lea.



Men's Premiership Update – Grand Final Wrap Up



Men's Football reached its climax recently with a super weekend of Grand Final Football at WIN Stadium.

Watched by just over 4000 spectators over the two days in balmy Spring weather, there was plenty of great football for all to see.

On Saturday, the Illawarra Credit Union District League took centre stage with the Reserve Grade first cab of the rank which saw League Champions Balgownie Rangers take on Thirroul FC

These two teams were very close throughout the season and this game was no different with extra time required to separate the two teams before the Thunder prevailed over the Rangers by two goals to one.

In a very entertaining Youth Grade encounter, League Champions Thirroul FC got the better of Corrimal Rangers to the tune of five goals to two with the two sides producing a terrific brand of end to end football which created an abundance of goalmouth action.

The main game between Warilla Wanderers and Picton Rangers didn't quite live up to the entertainment provided earlier in the day which ended with Picton taking the trophy west on the back of a 9th minute goal from Dayne Morley.



Men's Premiership Update – Grand Final Wrap Up

Sunday dawned with two mouth-watering clashes in the Illawarra Mercury Premier League in store.

The Youth Grade contest between League Champions Bulli and Wollongong United was the first game to have first use of a wonderful surface at 'WIN'. The two sides didn't disappoint with a terrific game of football that yielded a five goal thriller. United eventually got the better of Bulli three goals to two with four goals being shared in an absorbing opening 45 minutes.



That set the scene for the season finale between heavyweights - Bulli and Dapto Dandaloo who finished the regular season in first and second position.

The League Champions from the Northern Suburbs went into the game as firm favourites on the back of the head to head encounters during the League Campaign but as everyone knows that can count for nothing come Grand Final day and so it proved in this one.

Bulli who were playing in their third straight Grand Final once again failed at the final hurdle. Fury came into the big day with a game plan that nullified Bulli's normal attacking prowess which generally provides them with an early goal and an upper hand, but it wasn't to be in this one.

No goals in the opening stanza and it was DDF who drew first blood with a terrific goal from the head of Shaun McRae eight minutes into the second period.

The Fury continued to stifle the Bulli attack and when Joe Crowley unleashed with a peach of a volley five minutes from time the last piece of silverware on offer for the 2014 season was on it's way south as Dapto Dandaloo ran out winners two goals to nil.

It is interesting to note that over the weekend, not one of the five teams that won their major semi-finals and were first into the Grand Finals picked up the winners' trophy on the last day of the season.

FSC Junior Update

Despite the wet weather causing a bit of havoc the Junior Grand Finals were a huge success. Games were held at a number of grounds mid week and at Ocean Park on the 6th and 7th September. Congratulations to all teams involved in the Final Series. A huge thank you to our volunteers and the Junior Council in making these Grand Finals so memorable for everyone involved.

Here are some great snaps to capture the moment:



Junior Grand Final Moments





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