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# Football South West Queensland

*For the attention of all Member Clubs, Competition Administrators, Zone Standing Committee Members, Referees, Coaches, Players, Administrators and friends of the Football Family.*



## **Presidents Report 2015**



2015 has been everything we expected and hoped for from the game in Asia, Australia, Queensland and the South West. The Asian Cup got football off to a flyer and showed just how far the National game has come since the formation of the FFA in 2003. International success is critical to the growth of the game and provides community football with an ever present promotional tool to keep the game in the public eye. The success of the tournament had an immediate impact across our Zone where our registrations reflected a positive increase. Registrations across the State have been very positive and but there remains much to be done in order to break into the main stream markets.

## **The Whole of Football Plan**



In March this year the hugely anticipated Whole of Football Plan was released amongst great fanfare. The plan acknowledged the potential for incredible growth in community participation with a view that the population would be able to enjoy Football “Anytime, Anyhow and Anywhere”.

In a national context, the Government of Australia and education authorities see Football as a key sporting and social movement which will assist the nation in achieving social cohesion, health and well-being and optimal international relations. The plan has established 9 key lines of development which will see significant change across the football landscape in coming years.

The targets for the Plan are bold and we will see a real investment in our Associations, Clubs, Referees and Coaches that is aimed at increasing our participant’s experience and fan engagement.

The Whole of Football Plan will roll out progressively in coming years and everything we do, will be linked back to this critical foundation plan.



## Zone Championships 2015



2015 once again saw the Zone hosting the hugely important Zone Championships which seeks to provide a regional representative opportunity to all non-elite players. We as a Zone are charged with providing competitions and events above the weekly club competitions in home CAs that allows for our players, coaches, volunteers and Referees to be involved in tournaments that leave a lasting legacy on their participation within the game. For us the Championships are a critical component of our legacy, we deliver them for our clubs, associations and players and we are proud of their purpose within the game. I call on all our clubs and associations to continue to support the championships and to think about the impact they have on players who don't get the opportunity to play elite representative football.

## Gold Coast Champions Youth Cup 2015



The Gold Coast Champions Youth Cup has replaced the Kanga Cup as our destination of choice for Zone representative teams. The Championships themselves are well run and provide our teams, coaches and volunteers an opportunity to play with the best of the rest. Our aim has always been to find tournaments and events which stretch our players and give lifelong memories for families and friends of the game. Details of this year's championships are articulated in the Junior Standing Committee report tabled as an annex to this report.

## The FFA Cup 2015



The 2<sup>nd</sup> season of the competition saw the region entering 8 teams into the FFA Cup. Of significance this year, we saw the FFA introduce a \$300 participation fee which came as a surprise and potential barrier to our teams. I was delighted to see that the Zone's offer to cover 50% of the participation fee was well received and will be something which we hope will bring greater numbers in future years. I am aware that some clubs see no point in entering the competition as they are of the opinion that they cannot compete against some of the larger clubs. My challenge to you all is simple. The FFA Cup is unique; it brings the whole football family together and provides Senior Men's amateur players an opportunity to play at a higher level against different teams in a competition that over time will become a critical pathway for players.

I'd like to recognise all clubs that participated this year and I congratulate West Wanderers for reaching the local Final against the SWQ Thunder. Thunder were unfortunate to lose in a penalty shoot-out against Palm Beach who left the Garden City mightily relieved to have escaped against the unfancied country team.

## Refereeing



One of the greatest challenges facing the game today is the paucity of available referees to manage our games. I am grateful to all across our referee cadre and thank them for delivering essential services to football. As always we have a number of challenges facing our referee cadre which need your support. Our highest priority at this point in time is to change the culture both on and off the field in the treatment and behaviours being displayed by players and spectators towards our young men and women.

The Respect Program is a critical program aimed at raising awareness and reducing the harassment and intimidation which our referees face on a weekly basis. Our lack of referees can be directly linked to the abuse they receive when carrying out their duties to the game. I call on all members of the football family to put a stop to Referee abuse and I ask you to intervene and call bad behaviour when it occurs.

The second challenge on our horizon is the need to recruit and return referees to our game. As football continues to grow and the number of games needing officials increases, it becomes imperative that clubs and associations find a pool of referee's as part of the annual recruitment process.

2016 is dedicated to recruiting more referees to our Cadre and I seek everybody's support in finding them. We need to attract more people with "Football common sense," this means targeting ex-players at the grassroots level.

## Coach Education



Coach education remains a critical issue in our community clubs as we convert our "Mums and Dads" into Junior Coaches.

The National Curriculum has provided our Coaches with a magnificent resource which enables time poor coaches with excellent resources to plan for and deliver high quality football coaching sessions. We must however remain vigilant and it is imperative that we continue to invest in Club Coach education. Research has continued to show that a positively motivated and highly organised coach will significantly contribute to the player and parent experience.

Nobody wants to be surrounded by a negative experience so let's get behind any initiative we can that raises the standard of community football coaching. One of the positive take away points from 2015 is the fact we have successfully lobbied against Football Queensland charging an annual registration fee for all our registered volunteer coaches.

The Zone continues to argue for a return of a Community Coaching Development Officer to support our Grassroot Clubs. If we are to raise the bar, then we need to raise the standard of community coaching.

## **2015 Zone Awards**

In 2013, the Zone introduced the SWQ Zone Awards aimed at recognising our key volunteers across the game and the region. In our 3<sup>rd</sup> year, we once again recognise and congratulate some important people from across the Football Family.

### **Volunteer of the Year : Nominated by Nanango / Football South Burnett.**

#### **Sandra DeWeers – Nanango Soccer Club**

Sandra DeWeers has been a long time member of the Nanango club where she has been registrar for many years doing a wonderful job of transitioning members to online registration and the use of **myfootballclub**. Sandra also assists with secretarial duties, first aid, canteen, fundraising and Sponsorship. Sandra has been an integral part of the junior standing committee for many years and has been helpful in getting rep teams on the park, development programs running as well as support to coaching courses at the club.

This year Sandra was a great help with the interclub challenge between South Burnett, Dalby and Chinchilla along with stepping up for various roles on the standing committee when the chairperson was indisposed. Sandra is encouraging of club members to be helpful at the club and works well with the other clubs for the good and betterment of the game within South Burnett.

### **Male Coach of the Year : Nominated by West Wanderers / Football Toowoomba**

#### **Rob Fowler**

West Wanderers nominate Rob Fowler for his commitment to their junior academy teams, as well as coaching club teams in the local Football Toowoomba competition for many years and his commitment previously to coaching SWQ Rep teams.

Rob coached the West Wanderers Colts Team this year, making it to the Presidents Cup, and winning the local FT Colts Grand Final against Rockville. Rob helped many Colts players transition with their debut into Premiers and Reserves this year as well.

He is also the Club Director of Coaching, which he has held for a few years. Rob ensures every team has a qualified Coach and helps Coaches with their training programs and their ongoing training. ^He successfully organized for 6-8 West Wanderers Coaches to do their community coaching licences, as well as 2 complete their Youth C Advanced Course.

He has taken time in his busy life to set up and run a Skills training academy program for the U9, U10 & U11 age groups at the club, as well as setting up a goalkeeper Academy whilst having no children in these age groups. He also coached the U9 and U10 age groups within their academy.

The children at these academies have advanced under his knowledge and participated in carnivals which before they would not have attended, all whilst learning and developing under the FFA Skills Acquisition Program syllabus.

**Female Coach of the Year : Nominated by Football South Burnett**  
**Sarah Vanderkolk**

Sarah has coached for many years and thoroughly enjoys watching the players develop over the course of a season. Sarah has coached both junior and senior teams both male and female. She has a great way with speaking to the players and gets the best she can out of each one of them by recognising their strengths and working on their weakness. Sarah has taken junior teams to grand final wins in different age groups in the junior competition.

Sarah was the junior chairperson at South Burnett again this year and was encouraging of getting teams into the SWQ Zone Championships. Sarah attended with the SB teams to Zone championships in Gatton and Warwick and was a great assistant to the coaches. Sarah has been a driving force for female football within the South Burnett. To this end Sarah took on coaching the SWQ team to travel to the Gold Coast Cup. Following 10 weeks of training,

Sarah brought a bunch of 12, 13 and 14 year old girls together who ended up competing in the under 16 comp – keeping those u16 teams to 0-0 – and to then take out the u14 comp. Sarah promoted Football South Burnett and others realised that we can produce quality coaches in the bush

**Team of the Year- : Nominated by Warwick & District Football Assn.**  
**WDFFA Senior Colts**

Coached by Jon Pearson and playing in the Football Stanthorpe Competition. The WDFFA Senior Colts went through 2015 undefeated and picked up back to back premierships.

A lot of the team has been together for a few years now and under Jon's leadership have had a couple of great seasons. In 2015 they finished top of the ladder, had the best goal difference and team member Sam McLennan was awarded Colts player of the year and Colts leading Goal scorer awards

**Referee of the Year : As determined by Football SWQ**  
**Danielle Potticary**

Danielle has had a phenomenal year as this season has been her first as a full-time referee. Following her success in 2014 at the U15 School State titles, she was selected to be on the National Premier Leagues panel for 2015, officiating on many NPL games both locally & in Brisbane. Danielle has worked hard to continue her development, listening and actioning feedback to improve. This dedication was rewarded when she was selected to officiate at the U19 Schoolgirls State Titles where she officiated on the Grand Final. Her performance in that tournament, gained an invitation to the U19 Schoolgirls National Titles in Coffs Harbour. The National titles are a huge step up but Danielle took it in her stride and did her best. She was highly rated at these titles which has subsequently provided her with the opportunity to referee at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide having just returned last week.

Locally, she made her Football Toowoomba Men's Premier division refereeing debut and went on to officiate in a further 3 Premier matches before the end of the season.

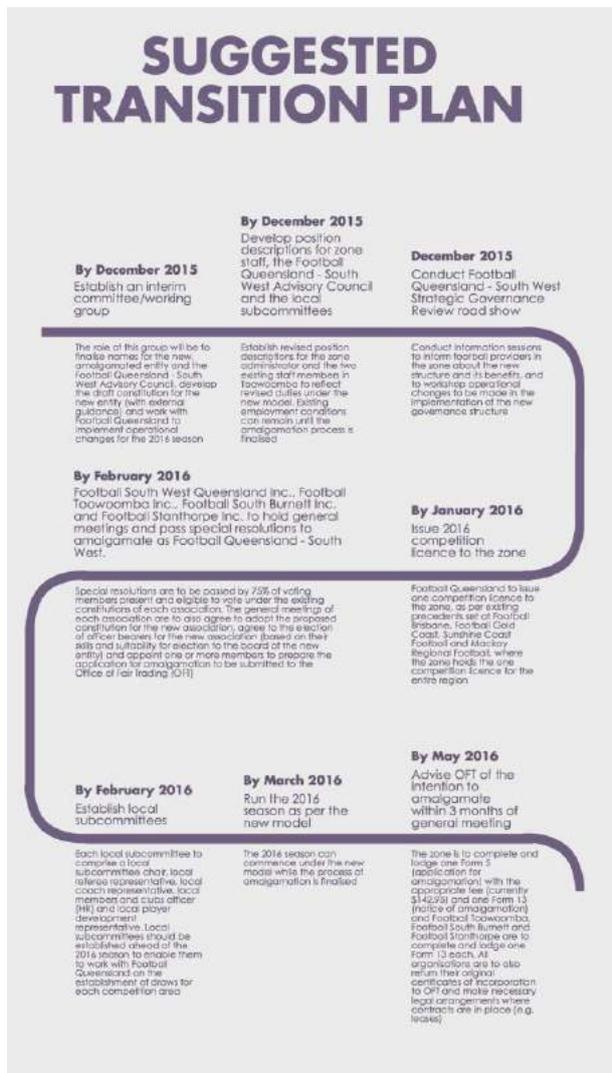


region and not Toowoomba allowing the TD of Thunder to service that area alone. This along with dedicated HR support to all competitions across the Zone and a reduction on the volunteer community is a significant win for football and provides a further stimulus for the growth of the game.

The New look Football Queensland – South West Zone would look like this and would provide a clearer less cluttered football landscape linking all our clubs directly with a single governance model .



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The review has now been presented to all Competition Administrators and Club delegates and we now enter a critical decisive phase as we take time to reflect on the bold decisions which we must take if we are to move forward as a region.

The transition plan itself is ambitious and requires the cooperation of the clubs and associations to make it occur and to be a successful model for the future.

Our first hurdle has been achieved with the decision by football stakeholders at the State Level agreeing to connect the brand that is Football Queensland all the way down to Clubs. The new entity will be known as **Football Queensland – South West** and all 30 Clubs will become direct members of that association.

The next couple of months are critical if we are to get the authority and approvals from clubs to proceed with the review recommendations.

I am the first to acknowledge that there will be some who are uncomfortable with the new structure but I am also confident that the significant uplift in resources and support will compensate for any perceived loss of control.

### **Life Members**

Notwithstanding the incredible work that occurs throughout our game, it is always a pleasure to recognise the impact that some individuals have on our region and in our case the Zone itself. As this is likely to be the last identified Football South West Queensland Annual General Meeting, I think it is fitting that we welcome in our last ever life members. Life Membership is something that is important to all organisations and I am honoured to be able to recognise those who have given above and beyond what is expected of a volunteer association. Please join me in recognising the significant contribution to Football South West Queensland by the very last Life Members who are :-

**Janelle Robb – For services to Refereeing and the Zone**

**Tracey Tunstall – For services to Junior Development, and**

**Janelle Sothmann – For exemplary service to Football in a Professional and Voluntary capacity.**

### **In appreciation**

I would like to thank all members of the Zone Council, Our Standing Committees, Association and Club Delegates for their tenacity over the last 12 months and I wish everybody a safe and happy Christmas break.

Nigel Fanning

President

Football South West Queensland

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2015**





# Football South West Queensland

## **Junior Standing Committee Report 2015**

With the Junior Standing Committee being committed to providing a pathway for the development of players who want to do that 'next level' from Saturday football and cannot for whatever reason commit to NPL, the Junior Zone Championships was again run this year.

Following on from the positive feedback from last year, we again revised the format, with a vision to deliver an even further improved model in 2015 for the benefit of players and coaches alike.

With the number of teams nominated, it was decided to go with 2 days instead of 3 - Gatton 31st May and Warwick 21st June. Thank you to those two clubs for hosting great days. It was wonderful to be able to head out to Warwick for one of the days as a change. They put on a great show.

We had 3 x U12 teams (Warwick, Lockyer United and Toowoomba Hawks), 6 x U13 teams (Warwick, South Burnett, Lockyer United, Dalby, Toowoomba North and West Wanderers) and 5 x U14/15 teams (South Burnett, Lockyer United, Toowoomba Hawks, Warwick and Stanthorpe) Though numbers were down, the teams who participated enjoyed the experience.

We ran a round robin comp with games being 2 x 25min halves. This length of game was an opportunity for coaches to settle teams and put into place the strategies they wanted to. Thank you to the referees for their help throughout the tournament. The young refs did a great job and worked their butts off when numbers were low.

The draw for the whole championships was devised and delivered at the offset. Bonds were put into place and were not refunded if there was a team withdrawal and all teams were invoiced prior to the carnivals. This all seemed to work quite well.

Medallions and perpetual trophies were awarded in all age groups. Congratulations to the winners and runners up in each age division.

U12's - Toowoomba Hawks and Warwick  
U13's - West Wanderers and South Burnett  
U14's - South Burnett and Stanthorpe

Congratulations also to the Players of the series: Ben Lyons (Warwick) U12, Joel Macri (South Burnett) U13 and Harrison Dipple (Lockyer United) U14/15's. These again were voted on by the opposition coaches which worked well.

All teams were given the relevant information regarding the Gold Coast Champions Cup along with the selection process. Teams for the Gold Coast Champions Cup were selected from the Zone Championships.

Appointed officials were U12 - Tim Gaske and Matt Kairouz, U13 - Sam Macri and Snow Green, U15 - Michael Willmot and Jacqui Robinson and U14 Girls - Sarah Vanderkolk and Mel Jocumsen.

A massive thanks you to these coaches and managers who gave up loads of time to work with these teams in preparation for the Gold Coast.

We had ten weeks of training along with a carnival in Kingaroy and games at different training days

The Gold Coast Cup was a great experience for all involved. Yes, we were up against some teams who play together weekly, however we are mindful of distance and cost within our zonal area.

The results from some of the teams showed just what can be achieved in that 10 week time frame. This was a first time experience for a number of players. Though some of the players found this next level a bit tougher than usual, they all came away from the week long carnival with a greater respect for the game.

It was a pleasure to be down at the Gold Coast & see the teamwork, sportsmanship and comradery within the Zone Rep teams. The players certainly were fantastic ambassadors for SWQ Zone.

Again after seeing the games throughout the Zone Championships, along with the performances at the Gold Coast Cup, the continuing development of players within our zone is very positive.

Tracey Tunstall  
Chairperson  
Junior Standing Committee  
Football South West Queensland



## SWQ GOLD COAST CUP TEAMS 2015

U12	BOYS	CLUB
Andrew	Duncan	Sth Tmba Hawks
Hugh	Goodwin	Sth Tmba Hawks
Connor	Byrd	Sth Tmba Hawks
James	Sullivan	Sth Tmba Hawks
Joshua	Haines	Gatton
Curtis	Bachmann	Gatton
Joshua	Mackay	Sth Tmba Hawks
Ben	Lyons	Warwick
Jorden	Wright	Sth Tmba Hawks
Declan	Clegg	Warwick
Hayden	Doherty	Warwick
Harrison	Mcmahon	Warwick
Jacob	Walters	Warwick
Jacob	Suhr	Sth Tmba Hawks
Harry	Beeton	Chinchilla
Garrarde	Donald	Gatton
Tim	Gaske	<b>COACH</b>
Matt	Kairouz	<b>MANAGER</b>

U13	BOYS	CLUB
Max	Boshammer	Football Dalby
Jacob	Nolan	West Wanderers
Jack	Leggett	Highfields
Shahil	Narsey	West Wanderers
Daniel	Gotz	Withcott
Sam	Healy	West Wanderers
Joel	Macri	Kingaroy
Jake	Sullivan	Kingaroy
Bailey	Stimpson	Kingaroy
Sigi	Beschel	Garden City
Craig	Uprichard Green	Garden City
Jahrem	Richardson	West Wanderers
Leon	Hall	Gatton
Bradley	Cook	Warwick
Bailey	McDonald	Warwick
Carl	Gray	Warwick
Sam	Macri	<b>COACH</b>
Snow	Green	<b>MANAGER</b>

U14	GIRLS	CLUB
Alice	Cook	Warwick Wolves
Rhyanna	Payne	Warwick Wolves
Alix	Weatherstone	Warwick Wolves
Amy	Jocumsen	Highfields
Renae	Vanderkolk	Barambah FC
Emily	Clarke	Gatton Redbacks
Coby	Hansen	Gatton Redbacks
Shannon	Facer	Sth Tmba Hawks
Mackenzie	Robinson	Sth Tmba Hawks
Rachel	Cox	Sth Tmba Hawks
Talia	Wallace	Sth Tmba Hawks
Chloe	Faggotter	Football Dalby
Sarah	Staheli	Football Dalby
Lili	Peachey	Garden City
Kimberley	Lane	Sth Tmba Hawks
Rosemary	Peek	West Wanderers
Sarah	Vanderkolk	<b>COACH</b>
Melanie	Jocumsen	<b>MANAGER</b>

U15	BOYS	CLUB
Christopher	Medcalf	Kingaroy Jnrs
Bayley	Brennan	Highfields
Devon	Cooper	Warwick Wolves
Mitchell	Lyons	Warwick wolves
Lachlan	Willmot	Sth Tmba Hawks
Joshua	Richards	Sth Tmba Hawks
Ryan	Cartwright	Sth Tmba Hawks
Michael	Sullivan	Sth Tmba Hawks
Caleb	O'Reilly	Sth Tmba Hawks
Nicholas	Mansfield	Warwick Wolves
Harrison	Dipple	Gatton Redbacks
Dylan	Politch	International FC
Alex	Mattiazzi	International FC
Martin	Wylie	International FC
Saad	Shabbir	Sth Tmba Hawks
Tom	Gilbert	Goondiwindi
Michael	Willmot	<b>COACH</b>
Jacqueline	Robinson	<b>MANAGER</b>



# Football South West Queensland

## Women's Standing Committee Report 2015

Earlier this year - Stanthorpe, Kingaroy & Wondai conducted Girls only come and try days to increase the awareness of girls only football in their respective areas. These days attracted many female players and helped boost girls in football initiatives in each area.

2015 also started with the preparation and planning for the second SWQ Women's Zone Championships. This event was scheduled to be held on the Queen's birthday weekend in June, to coincide with the Men's championships.

This year we planned to run a fillies competition to encourage more participation from younger players. Unfortunately due to lack of nominations, the Women's and Fillies competition had to be cancelled.

SWQ Zone still selected a group of U14 girls from the Junior Zone Championships, along with an invitation to age appropriate girls to attend trials, and managed to put together a team to go to the Gold Coast Champions Youth Cup. This team along with one other U14 team, played in the U16 Girls competition against teams playing regularly in their own age group, however managed to conduct themselves very well during the week. The U14 Teams played off in a final to conclude the carnival, with our girls coming away victorious.



There has been a steady increase in girls and women playing our wonderful game across Australia and with the success of the Matilda's at the Women's World Cup this year to spur participation we are hoping for a very successful 2016.

Sarah Vanderkolk  
Chairperson  
Women's Standing Committee  
Football South West Queensland





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## Men's Standing Committee Report 2015

The FFA Cup this year saw SWQ Zone help with nomination fees, with 8 teams nominating throughout the Zone- Gatton Redbacks; Kingaroy Seniors; South Tmba Hawks, USQ; Warwick; West Wanderers, Willowburn & St Albans battling each other through 3 rounds culminating in a local final in Round 4 between SWQ Thunder & West Wanderers, coming down to a goal in extra time to SWQ Thunder to progress into Round 5. This game saw SWQ Thunder take on Palm Beach Sharks in a home game played at St Albans during the Men's Zone Championships, giving a highlight for all travelling teams to stay & witness a FFA Cup game with Palm Beach coming out on top in a very close game.

Due to the absence of a Men's Standing Committee this year, Members of the Zone Council then took on the organization of the Men's Zone Championships as well.

Setting down the June long weekend for this 2 day carnival at Middle Ridge Park, hosted by St Albans, saw information for Men's & Colts Divisions distributed throughout the Zone.

A total of 5 x senior teams – Western Power (Combination of Dalby & Chinchilla players); South Burnett; Stanthorpe, West Wanderers & South Tmba Hawks nominated in Men's & 3 x Colts Teams – South Burnett; Stanthorpe & West Wanderers nominated in the Colts division.

Somewhat disappointing, however the carnival was still held with enthusiasm from travelling teams and local Tmba teams to have extra games against teams they would not normally play against.

With nomination fees in place and a bond, the Draw was done with each team playing 4 games for men's, culminating in a Grand Final, & two games each for Colts, with a Grand Final as well for an extra game.

Thanks to Sarah Vanderkolk who was Carnival Coordinator over the weekend, with assistance from David Olischlager as Points allocator & Steve Donald as Ground Official.

South Burnett & West Wanderers headed into the Grand Final for Senior Men with scores locked at 1-1 at the end of regulation & extra time, resulting in a penalty shoot-out to determine the winner, going to South Burnett.

The Colts Grand Final saw West Wanderers take the trophy over Stanthorpe.

Moving forward, we hope to keep the SWQ Men's Zone Championships alive & envisage every Club with Senior Men's teams wanting to participate in the future. For those teams that were involved this year, they enjoyed a healthy level of competition at another level, with some close and entertaining games.

SWQ Zone Council  
Football South West Queensland



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## FUTSAL Standing Committee Report 2015

Futsal started with the State Titles in Brisbane on 4 and 5 April 2015. We had team nominations for Youth Men and Boys U15 as well as 8 individual nominations. Six Toowoomba players were successful in making the squad teams. This will be an annual event on the Futsal Calendar.

Futsal Toowoomba's season started 4 October 2015. We had the following team nominations:

6 Teams - U9/10	6 Teams – U11	4 Teams – U12
8 teams - U13/14	6 teams - U15/16	
8 teams - Men Pool A	6 teams - Men Pool B	
8 teams - Girls Pool A	6 teams - Girls Pool B	
6 teams - Girls Pool C	8 teams - Girls Pool D	

We had 405 players register for Futsal this year. Venues were USQ, Harristown and Fairholme. Competition ran for 9 weeks with Finals Tuesday 1/12/2015 and Thursday 3/12/2015.

The competition was welcomed with open arms at USQ, with the General Manager of the Clive Berghofer Centre particularly committed to Futsal Toowoomba considering USQ home for the 2016 season. This relationship is to be nurtured into the future to secure a mutually beneficial agreement.

The FQ Futsal Working Group has previously discussed the possibility of running a Futsal Premier League here in the South East corner of QLD. The idea is to replicate the highly successful FNSW Premier Futsal League which has been running in NSW for a decade. There has been a proposal to FQ and FQ Futsal Working Group that we try and implement our own version next year for 2016/2017 Summer Season. There is a Draft (Version 1) "Competition Regulations" available to peruse. It is in the early stages of discussions.

Futsal is run in many other centres throughout SWQ under varying organizations. It is the ongoing ambition to bring Futsal under the FFA/FQ banner in all areas in SWQ.

Bruce Matthews  
Chairperson  
FUTSAL Standing committee  
Football South West Queensland





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## Referees Standing Committee Report 2015

The Referees Standing Committee commenced the 2015 season with a new chairperson at the helm following SWQ Zone Elections in March this year, & subsequently the committee electing to vote in myself as Chairperson of this committee.

Janelle Robb remains on the Standing Committee as Zone Referees Coach, along with new committee members for the next two years.

Referee Level 4 Courses have been held in various centres with Tmba x 10; Kingaroy x 8; Warwick x 10. Unfortunately a second course in Tmba and one in Stanthorpe were cancelled due to insufficient interest. A Level 3 Course was held in Tmba x 8 participants; An Instructors Course was held with 2 participants and partially completed; Club Officials Courses were arranged with limited interest.

It is hopeful Club Official Courses can be arranged in each area in 2016 as this will greatly help any area with limited officiating Referees.

Janelle looked after the appointments and coaching for the NPL Officials. She also attended local games in Stanthorpe and worked with match officials and provided training in Warwick for new Refs.

Zone training was held in Twmba every second Tuesday evening and fitness tests were run once a month. Referees also had the opportunity to officiate at the Junior Zone Championships, utilising refs from Tmba for the carnival in Gatton & young referees from Warwick and Stanthorpe for the Warwick Carnival. The Senior Men's Zone Championships provided Referees with more games as well.

Our Referees gained the opportunity to ref at State Championships and at the National level as well.

Danielle Potticary & Kaylah Vejle attended the U19 Schools State Titles;

Stephen Potticary, Dannielle Alexander and Alex Hohn attended the U15 Schools State Titles;

Danielle and Kaylah also attended the National Girls Championships in Coffs Harbour, where both young ladies performed very well. Janelle also attended as Head Instructor. From these championships, Danielle was then elected as a Qld rep to officiate at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide.

She was also commissioned by FQ to officiate at the Grand Finals in Mt. Isa & as well as local recognition in receiving the Brian Tilburey Award for Female Ref of the year in Toowoomba, has also been awarded the Referee of the year for Football SWQ.

Recruitment and retention of Referees within our Zone becomes the main focus for our Sanding Committee leading into next season.

All Zones throughout Qld have in the past two years have experienced a Referees shortage.

A plan is currently being tabled by this committee to look at Course Planning & scheduling; better education for Clubs, improving Referees through training and development & increased Referee Assessors in our area.

Kehan Ryley  
Chairperson  
Referees Standing Committee  
Football South West Queensland



