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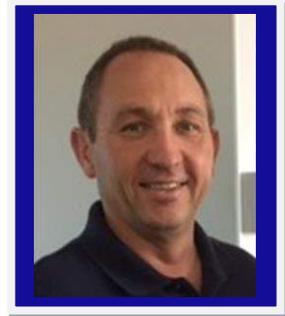


# Football South West Queensland

## **Zone Presidents Report – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016**

Dear Club Executive, Zone Councillors, Standing Committee members, Coaches, Players, Volunteers and Football supporters.

I would also like to recognise our past Presidents, Life Members and Patrons of the game and of course all past players and members of the football family who have taken their last post during the year.



The Zone Executive continues to have a good balance from across the Zone provided by our Treasurer, Paul Butler from Warwick, and Secretary Janelle Sothmann from Toowoomba. I would like to acknowledge the support provided by Kehan Riley who chaired the Referee Standing Committee, Sarah Vanderkolk who looked after the Women's portfolio and longstanding chair of the Junior Standing Committee Tracey Tunstall.

Our thanks are also extended to Bruce Matthews who has chaired the FUTSAL standing committee. Furthermore, I thank all members of the Standing Committees who assisted our chairs in delivering football programs across the region.

Individual standing committee reports are provided separately to my overall report.

As I begin my report today I thought it would be worth reflecting on the mandate which football clubs gave the Zone Council in December last year when they approved in principle the recommendations of the CPR report into the Strategic Governance Review.

The time will forever be remembered as a watershed moment within the South West as the catalyst for change and optimism in the game. The process was not without casualties; reputations were publicly challenged; unkind and untrue allegations were made, investigated, and subsequently admonished.

Regrettably, our greatest opportunity nearly turned into our darkest hour as a bitter campaign attempted to bring the game to its knees, however I would like to thank those who showed resolve and stood for the greater good of progress and the future of Football.

As a consequence, it was in February of this year that Football Queensland took the unprecedented step of removing the operating licence from the central competition administrator and also took operational control of that competition.

At this juncture, I'd like to publicly thank Susanne Turner, our long standing administrator of football in the central region for her contribution, dedication and tenacity as a champion of community football and we wish her well in her future endeavours. Her individual influence on the game over the last ¼ century has left a lasting legacy, I thank you.

The first season has not been without its problems and the football community are justifiably looking for improvements in 2017 which is why a competition review launched in November is now well underway. The review itself is looking across the whole competition and all age groups and will look at ways of maximising the promotional branding of senior competitions and bringing in social structures as well.

One key area of responsibility also rests with invigorating the representative structures above club but outside the Elite Player Pathway.

This component of the review embraces the whole Zone and is particularly focused on the Zone Championships and Zone Teams in future years.

Our role as a Zone along with the rest of the community clubs is to focus on the local scene and ensure we have a vibrant well run sport that brings more and more young Australians into the game. Our collective goal is to support our Zone Staff and Volunteers in delivering programs, competitions and events for our players, coaches and teams across the South West region. In addition, we need to find ways of bringing in our isolated communities in the hope of growing the game.

Back in 2013 I said that generally people were content with the organization of the game but wanted to see a better return from the tiers above club in regards to their hard earned fees.

Like any other sport in the community, we expect our peak bodies to support us in the form of media and marketing of the game. That is why this year, we have found sufficient space in the budget to commence the recruitment of a Media Officer to assist us in growing the brand and selling the game. Our hopes are high but of course we will need your assistance in making it work.

What is absolutely clear from the last 12 months is the fact that our Football Family is strong and vibrant but continues to be challenged by individuals who are by nature competitive but also adversarial. If we are to take the community football forward, we need to behave with dignity and respect for others and be cooperative when working for the betterment of Football in this vast Zone.

To achieve this, I ask again that we stop battling with competition administrators and work collaboratively as a unified team so we can become the greatest code in Australia and the region.

### **“So where to from here you may ask?”**

I am reliably advised by that the interim arrangements for the Zone are now being finalised. It is our expectation, that Football Queensland will distribute the new constitution shortly and it is the clubs who will subsequently determine by a vote to accept the new structure.

The major changes will see the organisation move to a Company Limited by Guarantee which will be managed by a Board of Directors.

Football Operations will continue to be delivered by paid staff however operational discussions will be facilitated through the introduction of Club Presidents Meetings.

### **Recognising the efforts of our Isolated Competition Administrators**

The work of our volunteer administrators in the regions is something that I acknowledge as a remarkable achievement; their tenacity in delivering isolated competitions, events and representative teams is something that retains my absolute admiration.

I congratulate you all on your ongoing success and we seek to work collaboratively with you in future years. My attendance at the Football Stanthorpe Gala Dinner along with 350 members was a memorable example of what mobilised, energetic communities do well. It is a lesson for all of us. I extend this recognition to our members in South Burnett, Dalby, Chinchilla, Goondiwindi, St George and Warwick who through the tyranny of travel, make incredible lifestyle decisions in pursuit of their passion which is Football.

## **THE ONGOING SUCCESS OF THE NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUES**



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PREMIER LEAGUES**



Whilst our focus today is on community football, it would be remiss of me to ignore the continuing success of the National Premier Leagues across Australia and the subsequent impact that our regional club is having on the delivery of the Elite Pathway.

The Zone / NPL relationship is a productive one where football services are supported; communications are shared and common objectives are delivered collaboratively.

We along with all our clubs recognise the importance of having a successful NPL Club in the State League as it provides a pathway to the professional game for our Players, Coaches and Referee's.

Next year will see the 2<sup>nd</sup> Licences issued for the NPL, it is our hope that the Thunder retain their license based on their measurable progress over the last 4 years. We also recognise the work that the club has done in the community to promote the game which keeps us at the forefront of the junior sports market.

The individual impact of the Technical Director Salvo Sottile has been significant and his reach across the region has been impressive. Salvo continues to work with the Zone Executive and has guided us on a number of initiatives which we hope to bring to you all next year.

## **THANK YOU TO DAVID NUGENT**

This year after much lobbying, we were pleased to reintroduce our Regional Development Officer back into South West Queensland. David Nugent works closely with the Regions Technical Director with his focus area being the non-Toowoomba catchment. David has been highly productive in delivering coach education and mentoring to our regional clubs and assisted with the ongoing role of delivering FUTSAL in Toowoomba.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR TEAM**

It would be remiss of me not to recognise the efforts of our paid employees; Janelle Sothmann has steered the ship in uncharted and choppy waters. This year Janelle has been formally recognised at the State Level by being nominated for the Queensland Sports Award of Administrator of the Year. I for one, recognise her human capacity, mental agility and clarity of purpose under demanding circumstance.

This year I was delighted to welcome Kelli Matthews who joined the Zone staff from Toowoomba, Kelli has been a key delivery agent for YDP, FUTSAL and other growth areas of the game; we intend to further develop Kelli over the coming years as a key member of our growth team.

New to the team this year saw the introduction of Trevor Jacobsen, a significant appointment as the Referee Development Officer. His role is important and critical to building confidence across the football family. Other part time appointments include long standing Referee Coach and Coach Educator, Janelle Robb, and Sunny Ashfar as the FUTSAL Referee coach and coordinator.

## **SWQ ZONE AWARDS 2016**

All community based sports organisations survive and thrive on the tireless endeavours of our volunteers. Our code is no different and we are blessed to have so many who give willingly to our cause.

This year the Zone continues to recognise the Volunteers within our game through the SWQ Zone Awards. For this year, let us congratulate once again our worthy recipients who are:

Volunteer of the Year	- Glenn Gilbert
Male Coach of the Year	- Derek Kane
Female Coach of the Year	- Sue Watts
Team of the Year	- Gatton Premier Men
Referee of the Year	- Alex Hohn

## **TOWARDS 2017**

As we break for our summer holidays it is probably a good time to address some of our key priorities for 2017.

Our highest priority for the New Year is the adoption of the new constitution and the appointment of the foundation Board. This important step will enable the organisation to conduct an equally important strategic plan which should put context onto the findings of the strategic governance review and give us a pathway for the next 5 years.

Our next task will be to finalise and implement the outcomes from the current competition review which will see new opportunities in both community and representative versions of the game. The opportunity to grow the game requires us to think differently, provide opportunities for all and allow the game to provide opportunities for all who want to play.

The recruitment and training of Referee's and Coaches remains one of our key performance targets; with your help, we can make significant inroads into these critical areas of the game. Once again, we call on past players to cross the divide and become the community referees and coaches.

A significant step for us next year should see our first overseas tour as a Zone when we head off to Japan; we are hopeful that this will become a regular activity in future years and of course requires your support in making it happen.

I will close my report by wishing you all a fabulous Christmas Holiday period and thank you all for your continued support to the football family and the game.

Yours in football

**Nigel Fanning - SWQ Zone President**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016**



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## Junior Standing Committee Report 2016

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 2016 for the benefit of players and coaches alike.

The number of teams increased this year. There were 8 x U12 teams (Lockyer United, West Wanderers, Highfields, South Toowoomba Hawks, Warwick, South Burnett, Stanthorpe and Pittsworth), 5 x U13 teams (West Wanderers, Warwick, Dalby, South Toowoomba Hawks, Stanthorpe Girls and South Burnett), 8 x U14 teams (Lockyer United, South Burnett, GardenCity, Dalby, Highfields, Stanthorpe, Warwick and West Wanderers) and 5 x Under 15/16 teams (Lockyer United, South Burnett, South Toowoomba Hawks, Stanthorpe and Warwick).

This was good in the fact that more players were participating at this next level however it caused a problem with fields when the initial venue could not cater for the numbers. The decision was made to go with a split venue so Round One was hosted by both Gatton and Warwick on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We worked through any problems that arose with it being at two venues and the football played that day was outstanding. Round 2 was set down for Warwick on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. The club had the use of other fields as well as their own, therefore all age groups could be played at the one venue. However, the weather had different ideas and with a massive rain event in Warwick, the decision was made to move the games to Captain Cook in Toowoomba. A number of the games for the day were played before the heavens opened up and the day was called off by the referee co-ordinator. Day Three with the remainder of round two games along with the round 3 games, set down for Toowoomba on 26<sup>th</sup> June was called off the day prior – again due to rain. Unfortunately, the region hasn't had too much rain since then. With the final day being called off, we could not declare winners of the age groups as everyone had not played the same number of games.

The round robin comp concept with games being 2 x 25min halves 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. Some young refs did a great job and worked their butts off when numbers were extremely 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.

All players/teams were sent the relevant information regarding the Gold Coast Champions Cup along with the selection process and training schedule well prior to the Zone Championships. Our number of teams – which were selected for the Gold Coast Champions Cup was increased this year with 5 boys teams and 2 girls teams – a great effort for what is primarily a 'country area'.

Appointed officials were U12 Boys - Matt Kairouz and Tony Webb, U13 Boys - Stan Bain and Scott Clegg, U14 Boys - Sam Macri, Justine Boshammer and Snow Green, U15 Boys - Tony and Hayley Cooper and Darren Wall, U16 Boys - Michael Willmot and Paul Brennan and for the girls: U14 - Callum Shute and Katrina Bain and U16 - Sarah Vanderkolk and Scott Goodwin.

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

Due the prior weather, our schedule was put out a bit and we ended up having a final trial day on the first Sunday after the holidays which finished with the teams being named and sized. Teams then trained each week through until the GCCYC, with some teams managing to organise some games for their training sessions.

This year also saw the introduction of much needed new playing strips. They looked great and the players were extremely happy with how they felt on during a game.

The Gold Coast Champions Cup is a great football experience for our players and an opportunity for some of them to play at a higher level than 'normal' and to compete in a tournament that they otherwise would never experience.

There are a number of players at the Cup who should be playing for Thunder - however for a number of reasons they cannot. The chance for them to be in a zone team at the Cup was a chance of a lifetime for them. And....some of the them - well most of them from what I have been told since - are busting to get back there again next year.

This has been my third year at the cup and each year zone submits more teams and the teams are getting better results every year. Both of the girls teams did extremely well with the U14 making the semi - finals and the U16's winning the grand final. This is a great boost for women's football in our area.

The results from some of the teams showed just what can be achieved in that 10-week time frame. In some cases, the attitudes of those involved determine the results achieved.

This was a first time experience for a number of the players. Though some of the players found this next level a little tougher than usual, they have all come away from the week long carnival with an increased respect for the game.

To have the finishes that we did was amazing. 7 teams entered, 4 made semi- finals (1 missed out by about 1 minute with the opposition scoring when we needed a draw or win) and 1 won the Grand Final. Our teams are improving every year.

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

I'm not sure how things will work in 2017 with the new structure (and there being no junior standing committee which we currently work under) however, again after seeing the games throughout the Zone Championships, along with the top 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



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**2016 Gold Coast Champions Youth Cup  
Under 12 Boys**

Back Row: Phil Roberts (Coach), Zio Demko, Lisa Mann, Andrew Lums, Jack Harris, Miles Birtley, Josh Gault, Neil Graham, Jordan Denis, Tom Paul (Manager)

Front Row: Peter Skelton, Jordan Lusk, Zander West, Oliver Ender, Jay Gower, Adam Webb, Matt Clark, Billy Fry

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**2016 Gold Coast Champions Youth Cup  
Under 13 Boys**

Back Row: Tom Bell, Kieran, Benjamin Lums, James Gower, David Smith, Luke Pickett, Tristan Cogg, Samuel Hill, Gary Lums, Jason Walker, Ethan Goss, Scott Cogg, Benjamin

Front Row: Andrew Lums, Ben Lums, James Gower, Luke Pickett, Benjamin Lums, Kieran Goss, Tom Bell, Gower, Hill, Cogg, Goss

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**2016 Gold Coast Champions Youth Cup  
Under 14 Boys**

Back Row: Sam Bell, Kieran, Jordan Walker, Morgan, Bradley Goss, Billy Robinson, Charles Bryant, John Goss, Jack Ross, Scott Webb, Matt Goss, Cogg, Benjamin

Front Row: Kieran Goss, Jack Ross, Morgan, Sam Bell, Kieran Goss, Billy Robinson, Charles Bryant, John Goss, Jack Ross, Scott Webb, Matt Goss, Cogg, Benjamin

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**2016 Gold Coast Champions Youth Cup  
Under 15 Boys**

Back Row: Tom Goss, Cogg, Benjamin, Scott, Jay Gower, Andrew Lums, David, Scott Goss, Zander West, Ben Lums, Michael Ross, Frank Harris, David, Jack Ross, Scott

Front Row: Kieran Goss, Cogg, Ben Lums, Benjamin, Scott, Jay Gower, Andrew Lums, David, Scott Goss, Zander West, Ben Lums, Michael Ross, Frank Harris, David, Jack Ross, Scott

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**2016 Gold Coast Champions Youth Cup  
Under 16 Boys**

Back Row: Paul Brown (Manager), Jack Harris, Sam Wilson, Alexander Martin, Jack Brown, Nathan Bell, Nicholas Johnson, Michael Wilson (Coach)

Front Row: Liam Mitchell, Michael Bell, Billy Smith, Jordan Paul, Scott Goss, Cogg, Jay Gower, Sam Wilson, Jack Harris

*Manager: Nathan Goss*

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**2016 Gold Coast Champions Youth Cup  
Under 14 Girls**

Back Row: Phil Roberts (Coach), Stella Pickett (Manager), Emily Pickett, Michael, Dana Lums, Sophie Pickett, Alice Goss, Anna Goss, Tasha Paul, Hannah Evans, Chelsea Smith, Melissa Ross, Calum Ross (Coach)

Front Row: Olivia Bell, Stella Pickett, Hannah Evans, Emily Pickett, Michael, Dana Lums, Sophie Pickett, Alice Goss, Anna Goss, Tasha Paul, Hannah Evans, Chelsea Smith, Melissa Ross, Calum Ross (Coach)

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**2016 Gold Coast Champions Youth Cup  
Under 16 Girls**

Back Row: Stella Pickett (Coach), Alexander Lums, Benjamin Pickett, Sophie Pickett, Abbey Goss, Hannah Evans, Laura Bell, Tasha Paul, Anna Goss, Tasha Paul, Hannah Evans, Chelsea Smith, Melissa Ross, Calum Ross (Coach)

Front Row: Goss, Cogg, Ben Lums, Benjamin, Scott, Jay Gower, Andrew Lums, David, Scott Goss, Zander West, Ben Lums, Michael Ross, Frank Harris, David, Jack Ross, Scott



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## Women's Standing Committee Report 2016

This year, we conducted the Women's, U16 Girls & U14 Girls Zone Championships.

Although nominations were disappointing, we went ahead to allow the participating teams the opportunity to play an all female carnival & have some quality games against their own peers.

Rockville, Stanthorpe & South Burnett contested the Women's Zone Championships with Rockville the winner; Highfields, Stanthorpe & South Burnett in the U16 Girls with South Burnett victorious; and Warwick, South Burnett & Stanthorpe in the U14 Girls, with Warwick the winners.

Some quality games in all three age groups and all teams were grateful for all female games.

Football SWQ also decided to send a U14 & U16 Girls team to the Gold Coast Cup, with selections happening at the Girls & Junior Zone Championships.

Callum Shute was selected to coach the U14 Girls with seasoned coach Sarah Vanderkolk in charge of the U16 Girls.

Both girls teams performed extremely well at the Gold Coast Cup. The U14's narrowly missing out in their semi-final Final however our U16s made it through to the Grand final taking out the Cup in a fantastic game.



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





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## FUTSAL Report 2016

### Futsal Toowoomba Competition.

Futsal State Titles were again held at Easter 2016 with a number of our players representing Toowoomba. A few players were successful in gaining selection in the state teams and they now are preparing to attend the National titles to be held in Sydney in January 2017.

Futsal Toowoomba's season started 4 October 2016. We had the following team nominations:

U9/10 – 4 teams	U11/12 – 8 teams	
U13 – 6 teams	U14 – 4 teams	U15 – 4 teams
Open Men – 6 teams	Reserve Men – 6 teams	
Girls Pool A – 8 teams	Girls Pool B – 10 teams	
Girls Pool C - 10 teams	Girls Pool D – 4 teams	

We had 428 players in total register for Futsal this year with 70 teams. Venues were Clive Berghofer Indoor Centre USQ, Harristown SHS and Fairholme.

The Competition ran for 9 weeks with Finals on Tuesday 29/11/16 and Thursday 1/12/2016.

We continue our relationship with USQ Student Guild as they have welcomed Futsal back for another season at their venue, and will continue to be supportive with both male & female competitions running out of USQ in 2017.

Results for the local competition are as follows:-

U9/10 – Jets defeated Allstars; U11/12- France defeated Mini Man U.  
U13 – Man U defeated Lightning; U14- Black Wanderers defeated Grey Wanderers;  
U15 – Thunderstruck defeated the Boys in the Striped Pyjamas;  
Reserve Men – Namekins defeated Bux; Open Men – No Pirlo No Party defeated Snapping Turtles.  
Girls Pool D – Ursie Raiders defeated Ursie Eights;  
Girls Pool C – Glennie Rotham defeated Glennie Strikers;  
Girls pool B - Fairholme Gold defeated Ursie Mix N Match;  
Girls Pool A – Willowburn defeated Ursie Ninjas

Kelli Matthews  
Administrator - Futsal Toowoomba  
Football South West Queensland



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## Referees Report 2016

Earlier this year, Football SWQ appointed Trevor Jacobsen as their Zone Referees Development Officer. Trevor's role was to build relationships with Clubs, Coaches and players within the Zone. Additionally, he was to build relationships with our Referees and set up an organizational chart to allow for roles and responsibilities of positions. This is ongoing and will continue into the next season and will encompass all areas within our zone.

2016 saw SWQ run entry level referee courses in all our areas. SWQ Zone Coach, Janelle Robb delivered 8 level 4 & 3 Referee Courses along with an Instructors Course. Courses were run in Toowoomba with 2 x Level 4 and 1 x Level 3; Warwick & Kingaroy each run 1 x Level 4 & 1 x Level 3; with a level 4 course held in Stanthorpe as well. Overall all we trained many new Referees who have since started officiating in their various competitions.

In 2016, our talented Referees once again excelled with 4 attending state titles. Alex Hohn attended the U19 Schools tournament with Lucinda Robertson, Ashleigh McNamara and Nadia Hollander attending the U15 Schools carnival. Alex Hohn then also attended the Boys National Youth Championships at Coffs Harbour.

Recruitment & retention of Referees is a priority for next season. Communication to clubs and schools is paramount to run entry level referees courses, as well as looking to media outlets to advertise the pathways of SWQ Referees such as Dannielle Potticary and Alex Hohn, as well as previous referees from our area, with a vision to entice past referees to come back to the game.

A mentoring program for the 2017 season will see more assessors and more courses resulting with upgrading our current pool of young referees.

Better communication to all referees will be achieved through coaching, mentoring, regular meetings and having a presence at games to support them which is a huge priority this coming season.

Support from Clubs with the Respect program and consistency in our communication will bridge the gap between our Referees, players, coaches and Clubs.

We look forward to a successful and rewarding 2017 season.

Trevor Jacobsen  
SWQ Referees Development Officer  
Football South West Queensland



Janelle Robb  
SWQ Zone Coach



