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Boom! Boom! Boom!

A nation-leading player boom in Victoria has helped catapult football, The Beautiful Game, to the leading participation sport in the country.

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A massive 13% increase in registered players meant Victoria led the way in the last 12 months as football became Australia's favourite sport. Victoria burst through the 60,000 winter player barrier, with 62,133 players pulling on the boots to play in 2015. This was up from 55,993 in 2014, a huge rise that headlined a stellar year where national player registrations increased by 7%. Roy Morgan Research confirmed the boom for football, with its findings for the first time showing that football had overtaken swimming to be the number-one participation sport in the country for children aged 6-13 years old. Victoria was central to this success, with major events like the

International Champions Cup where over 220,000 fans witnessed international stars from Real Madrid, Manchester City and AS Roma in Melbourne in July 2015. It was also a stellar year for women's football with the Matildas making the quarter-finals of the FIFA World Cup, while Melbourne City marked their inaugural year in the Westfield W-League by winning a perfect 14 games from 14 to take out the championship. Victoria recorded a 7% increase in women's and girls' football participation, reflecting a significant change in the country's sporting landscape. For the first time, more girls aged 6-13 years old are playing football than netball across Australia, as confirmed by Roy Morgan Research.

- 1.19 million Australians are playing football
- More girls aged 6-13 years old are playing football than netball
- A massive 13% increase in registered players in Victoria
- There were 7% more women and girls playing football in 2015

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THE WRAP
Victorian football highlights, all you need to know.
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ODDBALL
Peter Bettison, 80, of Devon, UK, trained his four-year-old goldfish to "kick" a tiny ball into a football goal in the bottom of its tank. Mr Bettison noted that it had taken to football "like a fish to water" and enjoyed scoring, but was prone to diving...

WIN!
\$300 worth of prizes up for grabs!
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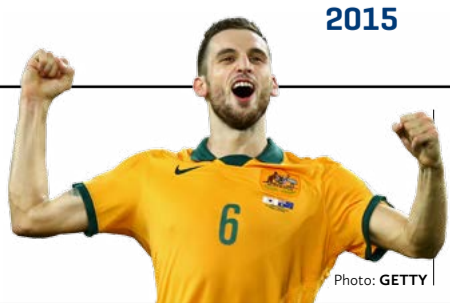


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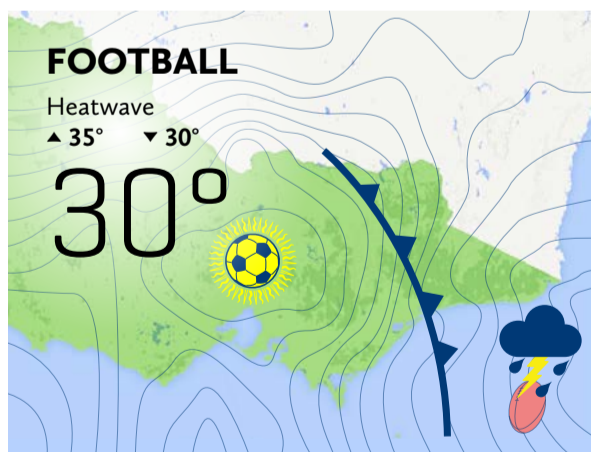
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Weather

The Football high over the state remains — and the pressure and heat continue to build.

The high pressure system of the world game is expected to continue to increase over the forecast period which will create uncertain conditions for other football codes. This high ridge global football pressure system continues to be accompanied by strong winds of change. The recent consistent AFL warm front has weakened under a ridge of round ball high pressure sweeping in from all directions, pushing this weak AFL front into an unexpectedly low trough offshore across the Tasman. The new high pressure football system is delivering idyllic weather conditions for the world game in Victoria for the foreseeable future. Embrace the change!



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Participation Boom

“At the centre of everything is the football community. Our numbers are our strength and we are on our way to having 15 million Australians love this beautiful game. We thank everyone who’s made a contribution, and remember we are football.”

DAVID GALLOP
 CEO, Football Federation Australia

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FFV will embrace the football boom and meet the challenge presented by sustained and continued growth through the development and implementation of a state facilities plan during 2016.

“FFV is committed to working with both Sport and Recreation Victoria and all our local councils to improve football facilities to complement the growth of our game,” FFV CEO Peter Gome said.

“Our clubs need facilities to meet the rising demand for football. We need to work on making more, and improved, facilities available, and giving as many people as possible the opportunity to play and enjoy football.”

FFA CEO David Gallop said facilities were a top priority for community football.

“The boom in football is putting enormous pressure on the available grounds, school pitches and indoor centres,” Mr Gallop said.

“The installation of floodlights, artificial pitches and better amenities is a constant challenge for our stakeholders.”

“We will be using the evidence of our growth to show all levels of government that an investment in football should be a top priority in building a social infrastructure in Australia.”

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 FFV'S FACILITIES
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Victoria's football success in the last 12 months has seen extraordinary results at home and abroad.

Photo: MARK AVELLINO



MARCUS SCHROEN OF HUME CITY FC, Westfield FFA Cup round of 32 Hume City v Brisbane Strikers



VICTORIANS AT THE FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

The Westfield Matildas' feats at the FIFA Women's World Cup, knocking out Brazil and making the quarter-finals, set a new benchmark for the women's game as women and girls' player numbers in Victoria continue to grow. The Victorians in the squad were Steph Catley and Melissa Barbieri.

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP CANADA 2015
Quarter Final between Australia and Japan on June 27, 2015.

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AFC ASIAN CUP

The legacy of Australia's AFC Asian victory was immediate as Victorian football player numbers grew by 13%. Ange Postecoglou, our homegrown hero, was also named Asian football's coach of the year at the AFC Annual Awards in November 2015.



THE SOCCEROOS celebrate winning the 2015 AFC Asian Cup at ANZ Stadium, Sydney on January 31, 2015.

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Victorian Domination

Five Victorian teams in the Westfield FFA Cup final eight!

The 2015 Westfield FFA Cup had it all. Big hype, big crowds, extraordinary drama and Victorian teams leading the charge towards the trophy.

Victoria dominated the pitch in 2015, capped off by Melbourne Victory raising the Westfield FFA Cup at the end of the campaign. Aside from winning the Cup, perhaps a greater indicator of the strength and success of Victorian men's football was having five teams competing in the quarterfinals.

Hume City, Oakleigh Cannons and Heidelberg United, all from the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Victoria competition, joined Victory and Melbourne City from the Hyundai A-League in the final eight of the 2015 Westfield FFA Cup.

In fact, Victoria's domination of the first two years of the Westfield FFA Cup is no better exemplified than by the head-to-head record against NSW teams: 7-0. After Hume City dumped Sydney Olympic in the Round of 16, Victorian teams had won all seven matches played against NSW teams. Melbourne is not the sporting capital of Australia for nothing!

For the second straight year, the last Member Federation team remaining in the competition's semi-finals to take on the Hyundai A-League heavyweights was a Victorian club, Hume City, which hosted Melbourne Victory at AAMI Park.



KOSTAS KATSOURANIS sporting Heidelberg United's colours.

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This was an amazing achievement from a club that electrified its fans from the outset and captured the imagination of football lovers everywhere.

Hume City enjoyed a run of three consecutive Westfield FFA Cup matches at ABD Stadium, including the most thrilling match of the entire tournament: a 4-3 extra time win over the Brisbane Strikers.

Hume City's fairy-tale run to the semis included two come-from-behind wins, in both the Round of 32 and their quarter final. Heroic performances from Marcus Schroen and Theo Markelis showed the "Magic of the Cup" is not merely a catch-phrase, but an embodiment of what the tournament means to its competing clubs, players and fans.

Across town, Heidelberg United had surely the most talked about night of the tournament when 11,372 fans brought Olympic Village to life for their clash with Melbourne City FC.

Perhaps a sign of things to come, and almost certainly a sign of how seriously clubs treat the Westfield FFA Cup, was Heidelberg United's signing of the 116-times capped Greece international, Kostas Katsouranis, to play the game. In what was one of the biggest coups in Australian club football history, Katsouranis' signing was his last game before retirement. The buzz around the proud and storied club was visible, with club volunteers and committee members going to considerable lengths to ensure that Olympic Village shone bright in the showcase event. The colour and atmosphere of the fixture illustrated to all that the Westfield FFA Cup has arrived as a tournament.

Oakleigh Cannons may have finished in the lower half of the PS4 NPL table, but coach Arthur Papas' team rose to the occasion in eliminating PS4 NPL Finals champion North Eastern MetroStars SC of South Australia. Oakleigh also made it to the quarterfinals before falling to Hume City in an all-Victorian clash.

And who could forget South Melbourne's agonising defeat to the Palm Beach Sharks in a Round of 32 penalty shootout, one of the surprises of the tournament.

The inspired Victorian performances were met with mainstream media attention, big crowds and huge social media traffic. All of which contributed to the growing belief that the Westfield FFA Cup is fast becoming an integral part of the Australian sports calendar.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS CUP

Over 220,000 fans witnessed international stars from Real Madrid, Manchester City and AS Roma battle for the International Champions Cup in Melbourne in July 2015.

REAL MADRID AND MANCHESTER CITY at Melbourne Cricket Ground on July 24, 2015.



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CHAMPIONS X3

Melbourne Victory seized every national trophy, finishing top of the Hyundai A-League, winning the Grand Final and taking out the Westfield FFA Cup



2015 HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE GRAND FINAL
AAMI Park, Melbourne on May 17, 2015

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PERFECT PERFORMANCE

Melbourne City marked their inaugural year in the Westfield W-League by winning a perfect 14 games from 14 to take out the championship.

MELBOURNE CITY pose with silverware following the 2016 Westfield W-League Grand Final against Sydney FC at AAMI Park, January 31, 2016.



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Editorial

The Magic of a United Game



Kimon Taliadoros
FFV President

The magic of a united game was evident at the memorable Westfield FFA Cup quarter final featuring Heidelberg United and Melbourne City, when our proud cultural history fused with our bold future to produce an extraordinary night witnessed by more than 11,000 people.

2015 provided more notable and historic moments. We witnessed the Socceroos win the AFC Asian Cup supported by record crowds together with hosting the International Champions Cup with several of the world's greatest clubs. Melbourne Victory dominated Australian football by securing both Hyundai A-League titles as well as the Westfield FFA Cup after defeating a gallant Hume City in the semi-final at AAMI Park. Bentleigh Greens became our PlayStation 4 NPL champions, whilst South Melbourne won titles in both elite

Our game is in transition and experiencing profound strategic reform in pursuit of our national aspiration of being Australia's largest and most popular sport. The lifeblood of our game is the goodwill and selfless toil of our clubs and volunteers. As custodians of the game in Victoria, we must unite to forge stronger relationships and better alignment based on mutual respect, collaboration and aspiration.

women's and men's premier competitions. Boroondara Eagles also claimed the double of the Sportsmart Women's Premier League premierships and Team App Cup.

Each of the 40 Zagame's State Leagues competitions also produced worthy champions, each equally memorable and special to the players, coaches, supporters and committees of those clubs... with even more people simply enjoying playing and celebrating with their friends, families and teammates.

FFV has sought to bring greater parity for women through the development of the PS4 NPL Victoria Women's and the Women in Football Network, and committing to creating greater value for our football sponsors and benefactors through the creation of the Community in Business Network. Importantly, FFV is supporting the critical roles of our

coaches and referees with improved professional development programs. The performance of FFV and its committed staff under the guidance of CEO Peter Gome supports a positive trend across the finances and operations.

On behalf of the FFV Board, Management and staff, I thank the countless volunteers, families, parents and sponsors for their energy, generosity and unwavering dedication to our 350 clubs and 63,000 players throughout Victoria.

Finally, I wish to emphasise the invaluable partnership and guidance of the Victorian State Government and the many councils supporting football. The FFV commits to working diligently alongside them to bring the valuable health and social benefits of the beautiful game to even more Victorian families and communities in the future.



Beyond Expectation!



Peter Gome
FFV CEO

The headline in last year's FX Football Express was "Success and set for growth." Not even I could have foreseen such a fabulous year both on and off field.

Let's start with 13% growth in total player numbers in 2015 including 19% in AIA Vitality MiniRoos. This compared to the Australian average of 7%. The AFC Asian Cup victory no doubt provided a great motivation to prospective players at the start of the registration period. However, the Cup was also played in NSW and Queensland with the final in Sydney. NSW growth was 7% and QLD 3% so our growth was double NSW and more than triple QLD. This is even more extraordinary given Victoria is the traditional home of the AFL!

Growth in the game is always welcome but does come with challenges with the main issues being the strain on our club administrators and facilities. Over 15% of our clubs were turning away players at the end of February. Midweek games, additional games at Knox and Darebin, round reversals and additional kick-off times were all utilised to accommodate the additional players and it took a toll on our grounds. It's not sustainable as the game continues to grow. Over the next 12 months we are working on a state wide facilities plan in conjunction with the Victorian Government (see page 5).

Staying on the pitch, we had a record of nearly 3,000 registered coaches of whom just over 2,000 completed a course. We piloted our Club Coach Coordinator program at 11 clubs in association with the Australian Sports Commission with such success that we will be rolling it out at another 60 clubs in 2016. Referees broke the 1,000 registrations mark and we ran 126 referee courses. We also had 1,656 players across our range of Access All Abilities (AAA) programs. Since 2007, FFV has adhered to and supported the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport; making us one of the first State Sporting Associations to do so. FFV has implemented the Code to underpin a range of supporting services available to ensure FFV clubs meet the required best practice standard.

Victoria keeps dominating the Westfield FFA Cup. We had 190 teams enter the field of about 630 teams. Five of the final eight were Victorian with Hume playing in the semi-final against Melbourne Victory at AAMI Park. This speaks powerfully about the high standard and strength of football in Victoria.

The financial performance of FFV continues to improve. The surplus of \$2.1m includes a property revaluation of \$600k and hence the underlying operating performance is \$1.5m. The increase in players is the prime reason for the increase of \$1m from last year as the growth was achieved whilst keeping staff and other costs flat.

I would like to thank all FFV staff for their continued commitment and hard work to support and grow the game throughout the year. The achievements mentioned above are but a few that speak to the success of all the team at FFV in 2015.

A big thank you, as always, to all our corporate partners including major partners Sportsmart, Zagame's, Jetts Fitness, Electricity Wizard, Banking on Football, FC11 and NSR Australia, local councils, Vicsport, VicHealth, Sport and Recreation Victoria and the Victorian State Government for their ongoing support, faith and investment in our great game.

I look forward to sharing an exciting 2016 with all of the football family.



Council Chatter

Football's VIPs

Thank you is the only way to begin — Thank you to Government who are an integral stakeholder. We play on pitches and use facilities owned and looked after by our Councils. These Councils along with the Victorian State Government also invest in our sport, building new facilities and improving our existing facilities. We cannot overstate our appreciation for their assistance and support on and off the field in 2015.

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Proudly supporting and investing in football

We have 62,133 players in 3,300 teams representing 330 clubs playing 33,000 matches on 925 pitches at 400 football venues, nearly all of which are looked after by councils — Thank you!

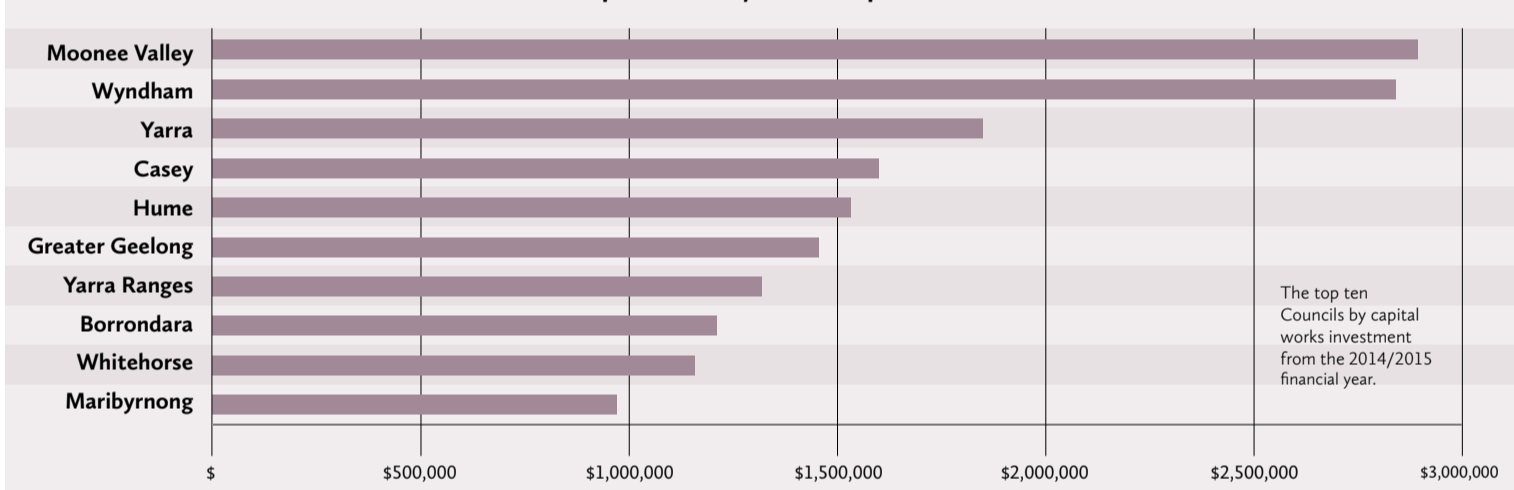
This year we saw about 100 projects completed at 83 venues across the state. The vast majority of capital works funding was allocated to upgrades and refurbishments of our existing facilities. We had new lighting, or lighting upgrades, at 25 clubs with other projects including much needed pitch irrigation, drainage works and facility upgrades. There were 11 major developments including a new regional facility

commenced at Monbulk, six pavilion upgrades including the Shell Rd Reserve and Fairbairn Park, and four pitch reconstruction projects including two brand new pitches at Hummingbird Boulevard Reserve.

We estimate that about \$30 million was spent on facilities where football is played over the past 12 months across approximately 40 councils.

We are proud to be partnering with the Minister for Sport, Hon. John Eren and his advisors, our councils, and Justin Burney, Philip Saikaly and their team from SRV to invest in the game in Victoria.

Top 10 LGA's by Council Spend



Football Flourishing in Geelong

Football is booming across Geelong and the Bellarine, with registration data showing participation growth in the region is the fastest in the country.

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City of Greater Geelong

Geelong registered a growth rate of 18.5%, which is 5% higher than the state average and more than double the national average.

Traditional outdoor competition has seen a significant spike in popularity. The geographic areas with the most significant participation growth are in Geelong's south; traditionally not considered a football stronghold. These increases (below) may signal a challenge to the AFL's dominance in these areas:

- Ocean Grove — 52%
- Drysdale — 48.8%
- Barwon — 35.5%

Futsal Geelong's competitions are managed and delivered by the City of Greater Geelong's (CoGG) Sports Venues team. Competitions participation has seen a notable increase. Since the registration of 12 teams in the inaugural 2008 Futsal season, an extraordinary 213 teams currently participate weekly.

The strong working partnership between FFV and CoGG has been critical to the growth in participation across all forms of the game. In addition, CoGG undertakes extensive planning for sport and recreation participation and infrastructure at both local and regional scales.

The G21 Regional Football (Soccer) Strategy is a Parks and Leisure Australia national award winning plan that identifies key developmental outcomes. The significant participation increases described above generally coincide with the rollout of the strategy's actions and highlight the successful collaboration of all stakeholders. Increasing participation rates highlight the continued need to update and improve facilities across the region. Since the adoption of the G21 Football (Soccer) Strategy in 2012, CoGG has contributed funds towards the following projects:

City of Greater Geelong Funding Programs

Myers Reserve, Bell Post Hill
— Change room redevelopment

Grovedale Reserve, Grovedale
— Pavilion development

Hume Reserve, Bell Park
— Lighting installation pitches 1 & 2

Barwon Heads Village Park, Barwon Heads
— Lighting installation pitch 1
— Turf upgrade, irrigation installation

Shell Road, Ocean Grove
— Pavilion development
— Lighting installation pitches 1 & 2

Lara Recreation Reserve, Lara
— Pavilion development

Stead Park, Corio
— Pavilion development

Elcho Park, Lara
— Pavilion development

Evans Reserve, Norlane
— Lighting installation pitch 1
— Turf upgrade, irrigation installation

The total financial contribution by local, state and federal government over these four years is over \$9 million. Of this, CoGG contributed \$2.5 million.

In the coming five years, CoGG will look to further promote football in the region by developing new grounds in the growing suburbs of Drysdale and Armstrong Creek.

FFV Facilities Plan To Get More Victorians Active

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"Strategic planning is an important step in providing great facilities for Victorians. We're helping organisations plan for the future."

— The Minister for Sport, Hon. John Eren

Minister for Sport, Hon. John Eren announced a \$55,000 allocation to develop a facility plan to assess the quality and availability of football facilities across Victoria and plan for our future. Minister Eren said the funding was an investment in ensuring all Victorians have access to great sporting facilities. FFV will also contribute at least \$25,000 to the plan to ensure the final report is a detailed and conclusive document that provides a road map for investment in our facilities for the next 10 years.

The growth of the game, referred to in other parts of Football Extra, has placed increased pressure on existing football facilities. The challenge is not only the availability of existing grounds (quantity) but also the ability to maintain an acceptable and appropriate standard of facilities. By the end of February 2015, over 15% of our clubs were full and turning players away. Our clubs need facilities to match the rising demand for football.

The Football Facilities plan will include a detailed audit of all football facilities across the state. This data will then be contrasted to all club, team and player data, and the local government population statistics and growth forecasts. The outcome will identify the critical areas where investment in the sport will deliver the greatest return.

All sports share a common demand for investments but funding is limited. Therefore, the need for a smart and prioritised investment in our game is imperative.

The FFV Facilities Plan will be completed in parallel with the FFV 2016–19 Strategic Plan with the Facilities Plan being one of the most critical elements of the strategy.

"FFV is committed to working with both Sport and Recreation Victoria and councils to improve football facilities to match the growth of our game. This collaboration will not only strengthen our relationship with these two key stakeholders but also build and maintain engagement between them and our community football clubs."

— Peter Gome, FFV CEO

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The Wrap

MiniRoos jump to new heights!

MiniRoos more popular than ever.

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Victorians embraced AIA Vitality MiniRoos in 2015 like no other year with a phenomenal 19% increase in player registrations.

23,144 boys and girls in over 1,000 teams were spotted on the football field in 2015, participating in club football across the state. As the foundation of all football in Victoria, it is fantastic to see MiniRoos participation recording the highest growth numbers across all age groups.

Whilst this increase in numbers is in some part due to the success of Australia's national team and events such as the International Champions Cup, much of the credit must go to the hard work of our clubs, volunteers and coaches who provide such a wonderful environment for Victorian children to play football.

FFV looks forward to continuing this growth and working with our clubs in 2016 and beyond to ensure that football is available to every young player who wants to pull on the boots.

In February 2015, the AIA Vitality MiniRoos Kick-Off program, which is the introductory program for 4-9 year olds, was also launched with Victoria establishing 35 Kick-Off sites across the state and introducing over 600 new players to football. These figures accounted for nearly half of the total Australia wide Kick-Off registrations, demonstrating that Victoria is leading the way once again. In 2016, our goal is to expand the number of Kick-Off sites to 60 and bring a further 1,000 new players to the game.

FFV also launched the first ever post-season AIA Vitality MiniRoos Kick-Off program at Darebin's State Football Centre from October to December. The program proved a winner as children and parents travelled from all over Melbourne to take part. Plans are in place for the same program to run in 2016.

Overall, it has been a great year for all involved with AIA Vitality MiniRoos. The program has built strong foundations for a future surge into more households across Victoria.



Back To Back For South Melbourne

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South Melbourne Women's FC claimed back to back championships winning the Sportsmart Women's Premier League grand final against Boroondara Eagles.

In a thrilling affair at the Veneto Club, both teams battled it out over 120 minutes but couldn't be separated and were tied at 2-2, with South prevailing in a tense penalty shoot-out.

In what was an exciting season, Boroondara secured their first ever minor premierships in top flight including an incredible 17-game unbeaten streak.

South Melbourne's Jamie Pollock claimed player of the match for her star performance in the grand final.

The grand final marked the end of the Sportsmart WPL competition, which will be replaced in 2016 by the PS4 NPL Victoria Women's competition.



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Honours Split Green and Blue (NPL)

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A hotly contested title race in PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Victoria ended with South Melbourne's strike power winning the title on goal difference.

Bentleigh Greens were edged into second place while Heidelberg United slipped in the home stretch to finish third.

But Bentleigh Greens hit back in the finals series by beating South 2-1 after extra time in the Grand Final to capture the club's first piece of NPL silverware. Troy Ruthven's sweet long-range strike was the signature moment of the decider.

As league premiers, South Melbourne were Victoria's representatives in the PS4

NPL National Finals Series, but fell 2-1 to Tasmanian premiers Olympia FC.

Richmond Soccer Club finished champions of PS4 NPL 1 beating FC Bulleen Lions in the decider. Richmond had secured the NPL 1 East title in a cliff-hanger title race with Melbourne Victory, while Bulleen beat Moreland Zebras to the NPL 1 West title in an equally exciting finish.

Melbourne Victory joined Richmond and Bulleen in earning promotion to the PS4 NPL. North Geelong Warriors, Werribee City and Dandenong Thunder were relegated to the newly named PS4 NPL 2 for 2016.



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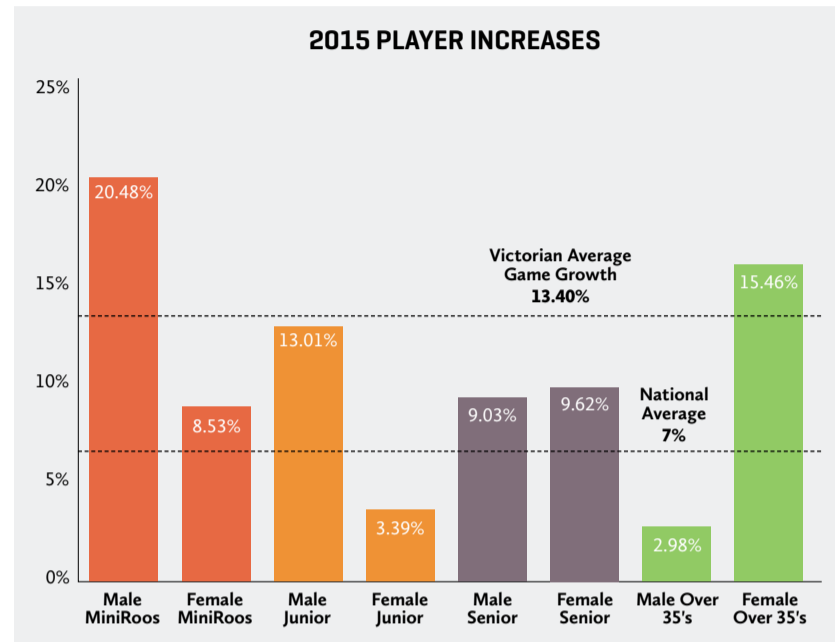
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players
up in MiniRoos

Growth Snapshot

Our 2015 growth was nearly double NSW and the national average of 7% and more than triple QLD of 3%!



MiniRoos boys lead the charge in 2015 with 20% growth, complemented by 8.5% growth in the number of girls playing MiniRoos. Women recorded close to 10% growth in senior football which was aligned with the 9% recorded in senior men's. Where we saw real disparity was in the growth of junior player numbers. Junior girls playing numbers grew by 3%, which is significantly lower than the 13% growth in junior boys' numbers.

Whilst the gap in playing numbers and growth rate of junior boys and girls is a concern, it provides a great opportunity for FFV and the game in Victoria in general. Closing this gap will remain a key strategic and operational priority of the FFV Board and Management team in 2016. We intend to increase our efforts to recruit more girls to the game and retain existing players by ensuring their game experience is enjoyable, safe and fun.

**READ ABOUT SOME OF
THE INITIATIVES WE ARE
LAUNCHING ON
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Photo: MATT JOHNSON

**SOUTH MELBOURNE PLAYER,
LEIGH MINOPOULOS AND
OAKLEIGH CANNONS PLAYER,
TREMAYNE SADLER during the
Dockerty Cup Final**

South Win 8th Dockerty Cup

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A burst of three goals in 20 minutes secured South Melbourne the Dockerty Cup 3-0 against Oakleigh Cannons in August.

South had eliminated Heidelberg United at the semi-final stage while Oakleigh Cannons had knocked out Hume City. All four clubs had qualified for the Westfield FFA Cup as a result of reaching the final four in Victoria.

With the Cup Final win, South Melbourne became the first team in history to hold all 4 available trophies at one time: PS4 NPL Victoria Championship, PS4 NPL Victoria Premiers Plate, FFV Community Shield and Dockerty Cup. A remarkable effort!



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Eagles Seal First Cup Win

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Boroondara Eagles secured the 2015 Team App Cup in a thrilling eight-goal final by downing Bulleen Lions 5-3 at Lakeside Stadium.

Cup-holders Bulleen were left chasing the game after two first-half goals for Theresa Deas Medalist Amy Jackson.

The Team App Cup showcased the depth of talent in Victorian women's football as Zagame's State League clubs challenged Sportsmart WPL teams through the preliminary rounds of the tournament.



Positive Coaching a Must

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A Club Coach Coordinator development program was introduced in 2015 to assist with the improvement of both coaching and player enjoyment, leading to improved retention.

FFV targeted 10 clubs and one regional association which were community-focused for the on-field coaching development program. This resulted in approximately 60 coaches and 500 children benefiting from the pilot program.

FFV worked with a specific coaching coordinator at each club to provide ongoing support and education through a mentoring program.

The goal of the program was to enhance coaches' skills so that children have a positive football experience which, in turn, will keep them playing the game and staying active for longer.

FFV is looking to extend and expand the program to 60 clubs in 2016.

Coaching Commitments

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Course	Attendees
C. Youth	103
C. Senior	136
B. Licence	37
A. Licence	14
Refresher	4
Total	294

FFV's ongoing commitment to advanced coach education resulted in over 290 Victorian based coaches attending advanced courses during 2015.

Further to this, Westfield Matildas coach Alen Stajic headlined the key speakers at the 2015 State Coaching Conference held at Victoria University, Footscray in November.

More than 130 advanced coaches attended the full-day event which also featured presentations from former St Kilda AFL player Nathan Burke, FFV technical director David Smith, Victorian NTC head coach Boris Seroshtan, Melbourne City Foxtel National Youth League coach Joe Palatsides and Melbourne City strength and conditioning coach Ralph Napoli.

Hot topics such as preparation, squad selection, culture and scheduling were discussed, passing on lessons to all coaches in the room.

All coaches who attended received 50 re-accreditation points to their current qualifications.





Female Focus



LAUNCH OF WOMEN IN FOOTBALL NETWORK

Photo: ANITA MILAS

FFV launches Women in Football Network

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“For our game to move forward, we really need to engage women in every facet. And we need to do it in a better way than we have before. That’s where the WiFN comes in.

The Network is about bringing together key women across our game to share knowledge and ideas, to work together to address barriers, to support each other, and to keep making strong advances in the women’s game.”

— Tal Karp, current FFV Board Director and former Matilda.

FFV launched the Women in Football Network (WiFN) in June 2015 to address the gender imbalance across our various game segments. Currently, just 17% of players, 8% of coaches and 9% of referees are female.

Fittingly, the WiFN launch was held at the MCG during a breakfast and live-screening of the Matildas’ FIFA Women’s World Cup Canada group stage clash with Nigeria. The last time the Matildas’ played in Melbourne was in May 2006, also at the MCG.

Over 70 women involved in football in Victoria attended, and they were joined by the Minister for Women, Hon. Fiona Richardson, Supreme Court Justice Rita Zammit, Vicsport Chairperson Margot Foster AM, and School Sports Victoria CEO Jude Maguire. The FFV President, all three female board members and a number of former Matildas also attended.



Photo: ANITA MILAS

FFV BOARD DIRECTORS, TAL KARP AND TAMMI ROSE WITH THE MINISTER FOR WOMEN, HON. FIONA RICHARDSON (MIDDLE) at the WiFN launch



GIRLS FC TOURNAMENT IN MARCH 2015

Photo: MARK AVELLINO

FFV REFEREES, KYNTHIA PIAKIS AND PAANIZ HOSSEINI at Girls FC Tournament.



Photo: MARK AVELLINO



Female Football Week

2016 marked the first year that FFV ran Female Football Week – a national initiative delivered by FFA and all State Member Federations to coincide with International Women’s Day. The initiative was developed to celebrate and promote opportunities available to girls and women to participate in football.

The seven days of activities included discounted all-female referee and coaching courses, a regional workshop on engaging women and girls, and free “come and try” clinics for sub-junior, junior and senior/masters players.



FFV Board leading the way

Imagine it is 2030 and Victorian women are leaders in the World Game. What would it look like? What has to happen for this to be football’s future?

These were just some of the questions that were debated by more than 150 women at the MCG in November at FFV’s Women in Football Network (WiFN) 21st Century Town Hall Meeting.

The event presented a unique opportunity for women across Victorian football to work with Government, businesses, and the wider sporting community to develop strategies to address the lack of women in leadership positions. Among the attendees was the Minister for Women, Hon. Fiona

Richardson, Victorian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commissioner, Kate Jenkins, and Peggy O’Neal, President of the Richmond Football Club. Former Matilda and member of the FIFA Executive Committee, Moya Dodd, and Governor of Victoria, Hon. Linda Dessau AM, also gave video addresses.

As a result of the Meeting and subsequent Participant Report, FFV has commenced a number of initiatives to drive progress towards increasing the number of girls and women involved

in football. These include pilot social competitions targeted at female participation, a gender equality scorecard which will now form part of FFV’s annual reporting, and Female Football Week — a new week-long festival of activities targeted at engaging women and girls that will occur every year in the pre-season.

Coaching and referee courses have also been heavily promoted to females at significantly discounted prices including free regional C-Licence courses.

State of play: The under-representation of women in football in Victoria

General Public **52%**



FFV Board **38%**



FFV Board (elected) **16%**



FFV Voting Members **3%**



Administration **43%**



Players **17%**



Referees **9%**



Coaches **8%**





FFV Champions

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Football's Night of Nights

A glamorous FFV Gold Medal Night at the Grand Hyatt in September was a celebration of outstanding achievement in Victorian football.

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Players, coaches, club administrators and referees walked the red carpet with VIP guests to share in a special season of PlayStation 4 NPL Victoria and Sportsmart Women's Premier League.

The Savoy Ballroom gave a standing ovation to Hall of Fame inductee Melissa Barbieri, who recalled the challenges she had overcome in her career and paid tribute to the Victorian clubs, teammates and role models who had helped shape her stellar career.

Also inducted to the Hall of Fame were former Socceroo Billy Vojtek and former VSF President and ASF Chairman John Dimtsis.

The night belonged to Boroondara Eagles' Amy Jackson, who in addition to winning the

Sportsmart WPL Gold Medal, also took home the Golden Boot, Player's Player of the Year and was the Bill Fleming Medalist. Amy is the first female footballer to win the media-voted award.

Port Melbourne Sharks' Kamal Ibrahim raced to an early lead in the PS4 NPL Gold Medal count and never relinquished his advantage, winning by two votes from Hume City's Nick Hegarty.

FC Bulleen Lions' Matteo Ballan won 13 votes clear on top of the PS4 NPL 1 count, finishing top for the second straight year but this time keeping the medal after ineligibility had ruled him out in 2014.

More than 600 guests were dazzled by the evening while the FFV's video wrap of the event and Melissa Barbieri's Hall of Fame induction speech reached over 30,000 viewers online.



MELBOURNE VICTORY'S JOEY KATEBIAN — PS4 NPL1 Players' Player of the Year

Photo: GRAEME FURLONG



GOLD MEDAL WINNERS Kamal Ibrahim, Amy Jackson and Matteo Ballan.

Photo: MARK AVELLINO

Victorian Stars

COACHES OF THE YEAR

VITALE FERRANTE — Pascoe Vale, PS4 NPL

JAMES ROBINSON — Ballarat Red Devils, PS4 NPL1

SHAUN ONTONG — Boroondara Eagles, Sportsmart WPL

PS4 NPL RISING STARS

JAKE HALLIDAY — Pascoe Vale

LUKA PRELEVIC — Melbourne City

PS4 NPL PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NICK EPIFANO — South Melbourne, PS4 NPL

JOEY KATEBIAN — Melbourne Victory, PS4 NPL 1

REFEREES OF THE YEAR

PATRICK CHAPLIN — PS4 NPL

DANIELLE ANDERSON — SPORTSMART WPL

GOLDEN BOOT

MILOS LUJIC — South Melbourne, PS4 NPL

JOEY KATEBIAN — Melbourne Victory, PS4 NPL 1

GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR

CHRIS MAY — Melbourne Knights, PS4 NPL

AARON ROMEIN — Ballarat Red Devils, PS4 NPL 1

TERESA MORRISSEY — Senior NTC, Sportsmart WPL

MEDIA — LES SHORROCK BEST FOOTBALL IMAGE

MARK AVELLINO

MEDIA — BEST NEWS ARTICLE

JOE GORMAN — Fairfax

Community Awards



Photo: GRAEME FURLONG

▲ FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

ALEX GUMMER — Boroondara Eagles, Sportsmart WPL coaching U11 girls

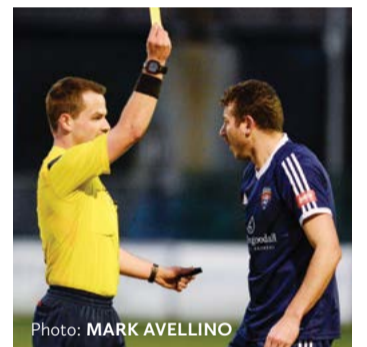


Photo: MARK AVELLINO

▲ ASSISTANT REFEREE OF THE YEAR

WILSON BROWN



▲ DEVELOPMENT REFEREE OF THE YEAR

DANIEL ILIEVSKI

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR

PAUL TUCKER — Sandringham Soccer Club

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

PETER HIGGS — President, Kensington Junior Girls Soccer Club



Members inducted to the Hall of Fame



◀ HALL OF FAME

BILLY VOJTEK — One of the most gifted footballers of his generation. A star with Melbourne Croatia, Billy played 44 games for Australia scoring 13 goals.



Photo: MARK AVELLINO

▲ HALL OF FAME

MELISSA BARBIERI — "She captained her country and has been a prominent person on and off the field...overall she has made a massive contribution to the game." — Westfield Matildas Head Coach Alen Stajcic



▲ HALL OF FAME

JOHN DIMTSIS — An administrator that influenced the game as we know it. John Dimtsis is the longest serving President of the VSF holding office from 1980 to 1991. He was also Treasurer, Deputy Chair and briefly Chairman of the ASF.

Members for Life

In recognition of outstanding meritorious service to football in Victoria.

Jimmy Armstrong
Vince Sagoleo
Jeff Olver
Anthony Beazleigh





Out & About



BEN ROCHE represented the Pararoos at the 2015 World Cerebral Palsy Football Championships in England

Photo: KYLIE GARRETT



VICTORIAN TEAM AT THE NATIONAL 7-A-SIDE PARALYMPIC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Photo: JORGE GERO

No Barriers to the Beautiful Game

FFV with the support of Sport and Recreation Victoria continued to deliver the Access All Abilities [AAA] project throughout 2015 to ensure that football is for all.

PENNY EDWARDS

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The vision of the AAA project is to eliminate all barriers to create an environment where the world game is accessible to anyone. The programs are a great way to enjoy the beautiful game, and are open to all abilities, including those with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Pararoo Ben Roche continued to inspire kids in metropolitan Melbourne, Geelong, and Mildura as FFV's Access for All Abilities Ambassador. Roche is a passionate advocate and promoter of football and promoted at a number of AAA events throughout 2015.

One of the highlight moments for Roche was captaining the Victorian team at the National 7-A-Side Paralympic Football Championships in Coffs Harbour in September. The team of Victorian players, coached by FFV's MiniRoos Development Officer Jorge Gero won the bronze medal.

A 5-2 win against Western Australia in the bronze medal match meant Victoria left on a winning note after narrowly missing out on a spot in the gold medal game.

All 11 players in this team experience physical challenges related to their cerebral palsy or acquired brain injury. They represent their state in this 7-a-side format, which will be seen at the 2016 Rio Paralympics alongside 5-a-side Blind Football.

FFV is proud that over 1,656 players had the opportunity to participate in 35 different Access All Abilities events in 2015.

► **A GLEN EIRA FALCONS'** player competes for the ball during the 2015 Wheelchair Football Grand Final against Knox Dragons.

Photo: PENNY EDWARDS



THE BOYS U13 MAGIC TEAM proudly wearing their Championship medals

Futsal Magic

MARK GEORGESON

Tour Manager

The 2016 FFA National Futsal Championships took place in Sydney in January with Victoria well represented by over 160 players, coaches, managers, physios and supporters across 11 teams. Nearly 400 players registered for the trial process which commenced in August 2015.

Hosted by FNSW, matches were played over four venues, with the finals held at Sydney Olympic Park.

Aside from a few logistical issues caused by Sydney's wet weather, the Championships were a fantastic event and a great opportunity for Victoria's best Futsal players to represent the State.

Following the conclusion of round robin games, all girls' teams had made it through to the semi-finals, as had the Boys U13 Magic and the Boys U14s. In the semi-finals the U12 Girls, U14 Girls and U14

Boys gave it their all, but unfortunately did not progress to the final. In addition, the women's youth team fought out an epic extra time match at Valentine Sports Park. Victoria pushed NSW Thunder all the way with a late equaliser in normal time, scored by the Victorian goalkeeper! Unfortunately, deep into extra time they conceded a goal that saw them miss out on a place in the final by the barest of margins.

All eyes turned to the Boys U13s Magic, being the only Victoria team through to the final. Coached by Harry Amiridis and managed by David Broadbent, the boys were trailing 2-1 at half time. When they took the court for the second half, they got that all important first goal. From there, they pushed onto win the match (and the National Title) 5-2, with Nicholas Kyranakis being awarded the MVP of the match.

Congratulations must go to all involved, with special mention to Mark Georgeson, Tour Manager and Sam Mlynarz, Futsal Technical Director, for all the hard work done to organise and run the trial process together with the tour itself.

OTHER AAA HIGHLIGHTS:

- ☛ Knox Dragons defeated the Glen Eira Falcons 1-0 in the final of the Southeast Wheelchair Football competition
- ☛ Victoria's Christian Tsangas was named best goalkeeper and Ben Roche awarded the Golden Boot with 6 goals at the National 7-A-Side Paralympic Football Championships.
- ☛ FFV President Kimon Taliadoros and AAA Ambassador Ben Roche helped launch Disability Sport and Recreations Score! initiative in Mildura. This program aims to provide Victorians with disability with equal opportunity to participate in sport and recreation across the state.

Victorian B-League

DAVID CONNOLLY
Co-founder, Social Goal
(Blind Football Project Coordinator)

"Both teams displayed the essence of football, playing with heart, passion and for each other...magic," FC Williamstown Coach and Social Goal Co-founder Tom Bevan said.

The Victorian B-League took place in Melbourne's Docklands from September to December 2015. This league was the first adult blind football competition in Victoria, and Australia.

Two divisions played, one the Vision Impaired League and the other using International Blind Sports Federation rules, with all players wearing an eye mask and open

to players blind, vision impaired and sighted people.

Williamstown FC defeated Preston Lions 3-1 in the Vision Impaired League final in December to win the inaugural championship.

Maurice Gleeson, President of Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria presented winners with their medals, while runners-up medals were presented by Adam Centofanti from Melbourne City and FFV Director Nicholas Tsiaras.

Social Goal won the B1 Championship final 1-0 against Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria.

Volunteers were integral in setting up the court each week and either assisting players or even filling in for B1 Championship competition. The B-League will return again in 2016 and continue the strong relationship with FFV, Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria and Blind Sports Australia to continue providing football for all.



FC WILLIAMSTOWN PRESIDENT, ROGER CORRY (LEFT) AND PLAYERS CELEBRATE THEIR WIN IN THE INAUGURAL VICTORIAN B-LEAGUE FINAL WITH BLIND SPORTS VICTORIA PRESIDENT, MAURICE GLEESON (RIGHT).

Photo: AMANDA BEVAN



Over 1300 participants, 135 teams and 59 referees contributed to FFV's Boys FC and Girls FC tournaments!

Photo: GRAEME FURLONG



Boys FC and Girls FC Bigger, Better Than Ever

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Proudly supported by La Trobe University, both events recorded significant growth from the respective 2014 editions, with Boys FC up 200 participants, and Girls FC 110.

"We are delighted to have been an integral part of the development of this event and our association with FFV is highly valued," City of Greater Bendigo major events manager Terry Karamaloudis said.

Epsom Huntly Reserve in Bendigo hosted Boys FC in March 2015. The day brought together 47 teams from Melbourne and 32 teams from regional areas including Bendigo, Shepparton, Geelong, Warrnambool and Districts and Mount Beauty.

"The outstanding facilities that Bendigo has, along with our central location, really contributed to the success of the event, which brings with it significant positive impact for our local economy," Karamaloudis said.

Girls FC was also held in March 2015 and was staged at Darebin's State Football Centre. The event was supported by the Melbourne Victory Westfield W-League team, with official ambassadors Gülcan Koca and Amy Jackson in attendance alongside other players in the 2014 squad.

Both tournaments provided opportunities for referee development, with 30 new referees among the total of 59 learning their trade across both events.

Photo: MATT JOHNSON



Summer Sevens

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Summer Sevens is FFV's off-season social format of the game. In 2015, FFV partnered with VicHealth to deliver the program's fifth and biggest year of competition.

Through the VicHealth partnership, FFV was able to get more Victorians more active, more often.

Summer Sevens was played at 12 venues across 18 competition nights between October and December, with

344 teams and 3,500 players.

Summer Sevens saw players come from everywhere to participate, from the young to the old, existing winter players to those who were experiencing it for the first time, male and female only leagues and a couple of mixed leagues as well.

Competitions were graded so it didn't matter whether players were trying to replicate the skills of

Leo Messi, or just looking to have a kick around, there was a league for everyone.

The demand for this exciting format of our game resulted in FFV also delivering a pre-season Summer Sevens competition from January to March 2016.

Watch this space as the competition continues to grow in 2016!



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2015 Aboriginal Youth Football Tournament

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Hundreds of footballers gathered from across the state to participate in the fifth annual Aboriginal Youth Football Tournament.

The decision to move the tournament from Darebin's State Football Centre to Knox Regional Football Centre proved to be a winner with teams enjoying fast paced games in the football cages.

Teams from regional centres such as Gippsland, Mildura, Wodonga and Shepparton were strongly represented along

with teams from metropolitan Melbourne.

In addition to playing competitive matches, all players were given the opportunity to learn new skills from experienced coach John Sugunanathan.

As the day drew to a close, Hyundai A-League and the Westfield W-League players from both Melbourne Teams arrived, including indigenous former Socceroo David Williams, to chat with the players, pose for photos and sign autographs.

The tournament was a great celebration and showcased the talent we have on offer in Victoria.

Fit Football

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Football Federation Victoria has joined forces with VicHealth to help establish opportunities for Victorians to get more active more often and that opportunity is Fit Football!

Fit Football is a new group fitness program based around football where the emphasis is on fitness as opposed to football skills.

It is delivered by clubs alongside junior training sessions, meaning FFV is bringing exercise to you.

FFV partnered with clubs to pilot the program in late 2015 and will roll out the program during the 2016 winter pre-season.



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Level 4 courses

64%▲

in Level 4 course participants

81%▲

in referees completing a level 1, 2 or 3 upgrade course

20%▲

in referee registrations bringing the total number to **1,043**

30%▲

in female referees bringing the total number to **112**

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Throughout 2015, the FFV referees department saw significant growth in courses, registrations, assessments and performance. In 2016 it will build on that growth through a range of initiatives which not only increase the number of new referees to the game, but ensure that every referee has the opportunity to develop, progress and reach the accreditation level to which they aspire.

These initiatives range from improved communication and engagement to talent pathways and representative opportunities. In 2015 the FFV Referees Department introduced the Ref HQ Facebook group which has reached

more than 700 members, and which provides referees with weekly coaching advice together with sharing good news stories. Introducing the new MyFootballClub player registration question 'would you like to know more about becoming a referee?' saw more Level 4 referee courses run in 2015, thanks to over 4,700 players registering their interest in refereeing.

The Referee Youth Council was established to provide young referees with a voice to shape the future of refereeing in Victoria. The FFV Talent Pool was also created to provide 20 young referees with advanced coaching and development while allowing them to attend the FFA National Youth Championships. The Pink Whistle Program also gave FFV the opportunity to provide mentoring and support to female referees across Victoria.

2016 promises to be an even brighter year for referees with the introduction of the FFV Referee Academy which provides 106 referees from across Victoria with specialised mentoring, coaching and development. The FFV Talent Pool has been expanded to 36 referees who will benefit from advanced coaching and development. Increasing the number and experience of referee assessors will also be a focus with a specialised coaching and development program aimed at coaching the coaches. Finally, a new Referee Branch Structure has also been introduced to provide referees across metropolitan and regional Victoria with the support structures and educational resources required to adequately support referee development at all levels of Victoria football.

Top EPL Referee Shared Experience in Victoria

International FIFA Referees Mark Clattenburg, Jarred Gillett & Hiroyuki Kimura shared their wisdom at a one-off seminar "Beyond the Ref's Room" presented by Football Federation Victoria in July.

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Clattenburg, 40, has officiated in the world's leading competitions such as the UEFA Champions League, Barclays English Premier League, Europa League and Olympic Games gold medal match.

He also refereed in the International Champions Cup held at the MCG in July.

"FFV referees have never before had the chance to spend an evening with referees of such high calibre," FFV Referees Manager Luke Brennan said.

"Clattenburg is across our TV screens on a weekly basis in the English Premier League, so they don't come much better than him."

"To hear personal accounts and experiences of these elite referees... they were all very humble, personable with each and every referee that was in attendance. It was an overwhelming success without doubt."

Australian official Gillett, who officiated the Hyundai A-League Grand Final for a second time in May 2015, shared his experiences from the AFC Champions League, Hyundai A-League and FIFA World Cup qualification matches.

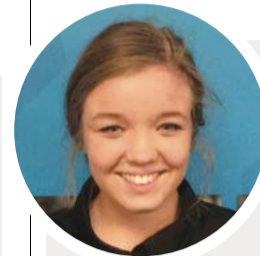
Japanese official Kimura has previously overseen matches in the Hyundai A-League as part of a referees exchange program, gave insight into his experiences in the J.League, AFC Champions League and English FA Cup competitions.

Photo: GETTY

"FFV referees have never before had the chance to spend an evening with referees of such high calibre,"
FFV Referees Manager
Luke Brennan

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE match between Aston Villa and Liverpool on January 17, 2015 in Birmingham, England.

Honour Roll



◀ LAUREN RIDDELL

Runner up in the Young Volunteer of the Year award at the Victorian Government's Community Sport and Recreation Awards

▶ JONATHAN BARREIRO

Selected to be part of the Australian Sports Commission National Officiating Scholarship program.



◀ ALLY MANGION

Selected as part of the AIS Women Leaders In Sport program.



▶ KATE JACEWICZ

Shortlisted by FIFA as part of the referees selection program for the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup in France.



◀ DANIELLE ANDERSON

Winner of FFA Girls National Youth Championships referee of the tournament in under 15 age group.



▶ JASMINE STEGER

Winner of FFA Girls National Youth Championships referee of the tournament in the under 14 age group.



◀ LUKE CAMILLERI

Winner of Boys National Youth Championships referee of the tournament in the under 14 age group.



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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
Revenue	10,563,379	9,519,627
Other revenue	860,422	261,417
	11,423,801	9,781,044
Employee benefits expense	(4,287,876)	(3,896,836)
Depreciation and amortisation	(333,973)	(284,387)
Finance and borrowing costs	(7,100)	(24,614)
Operating expenses	(4,679,620)	(5,070,923)
	(9,308,569)	(9,276,760)
Surplus for the year	2,115,232	504,284
Other comprehensive income	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	2,115,232	504,284

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2015

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,453,483	1,248,229
Trade and other receivables	207,686	430,500
Other current assets	172,801	159,039
Total current assets	3,833,970	1,837,768
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	1,626,457	1,946,487
Investment property	2,400,000	1,800,000
Other non-current assets	150,000	-
Total non-current assets	4,176,457	3,746,487
TOTAL ASSETS	8,010,427	5,584,255
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	2,052,775	1,415,614
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	36,272	75,006
Employee benefits	286,438	336,811
Income in advance	538,192	739,111
Total current liabilities	2,913,677	2,566,542
Non-current liabilities		
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	46,525	82,797
Employee benefits	19,902	19,825
Total non-current liabilities	66,427	102,622
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,980,104	2,669,164
NET ASSETS	5,030,323	2,915,091

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
MEMBER FUNDS		
Building Trust Fund	964,079	964,079
Accumulated Surplus	4,066,244	1,951,012
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	5,030,323	2,915,091

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

	Building Trust Fund (\$)	Accumulated Surplus (\$)	Members Fund (\$)
Balance as at 31 October 2013	964,079	1,446,728	2,410,807
Surplus for the year	-	504,284	504,284
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive Income for the year	-	504,284	504,284
Balance as at 31 October 2014	964,079	1,951,012	2,915,091
Surplus for the year	-	2,115,232	2,115,232
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive Income for the year	-	2,115,232	2,115,232
Balance as at 31 October 2015	964,079	4,066,244	5,030,323

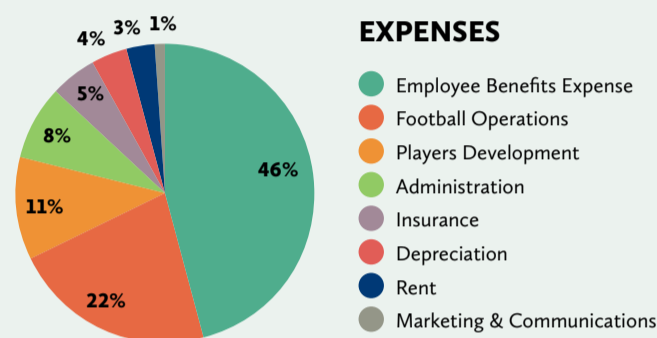
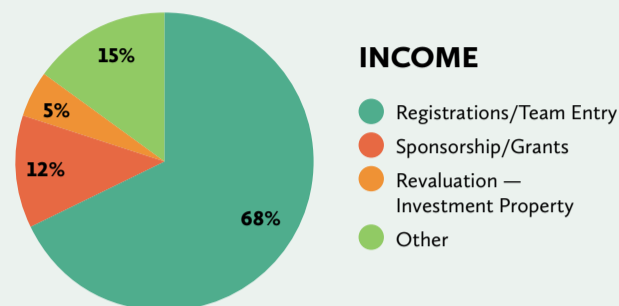
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from registrations, sponsorships, affiliation and other fees	11,194,096	10,110,287
Payments to suppliers and employees	(8,881,190)	(9,173,522)
Finance and borrowing costs	(7,100)	(17,353)
Interest received	55,513	29,575
Total cash from operating activities	2,361,319	948,987
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Receipts received from investment income	114,202	110,340
Investment property costs	(28,020)	(19,495)
Payments for plant and equipment	(17,241)	(297,708)
Funds advanced for Knox pitch replacement	(150,000)	-
Net cash used by investing activities	(81,059)	(206,863)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of borrowings	(75,006)	(67,417)
Net cash used by financing activities	(75,006)	(67,417)
Net Cash increase in cash and equivalents	2,205,254	674,707
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,248,229	573,522
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	3,453,483	1,248,229

The Concise Financial Report has been derived from the Full Financial Report of Football Federation Victoria for the financial year ended 31 October 2015. It cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance of the entity as the Full Financial Report.

The full financial report is available at www.ffv.org.au or by contacting the office on (03) 9474 1800

Financial overview



Investing in football's future

On and off the field, 2015 was a record breaking year for FFV.

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The 13% increase in state-wide participation was the highest recorded in Australia and added nearly \$700,000 to revenue. With the flat staff and cost structure against last year, this results in a \$1.5m operating surplus which is up by \$1m against 2014 year-end. Player and team registration fees have increased by less than 1% annualised since 2010, with no increases since 2013.

The biggest growth came from the games newest and youngest participants, with MiniRoos (11 and under) growing by 19%. The delivery of improved coaching was a major focus in 2015 with 273 coaches completing C and B licence courses, more than double the 2014 figure and community courses catered for nearly 2,000 participants.

Participation is driving the health of the game. The remaining revenue was derived from increased coach and referee courses and social football registration fees, particularly generated at Knox. Servicing these extra players and courses was done without any significant increase in total costs. The slight increase in employment costs is due to budgeted additional internal resources in coaching, PS4 NPL and referees which were offset by savings in other operational expenses.

FFV profitability has dramatically improved the balance sheet. Cash on hand at year end is \$3.4m. Most importantly, for the first time in many years, FFV has not had to rely on bank overdraft facilities to fund operations in the 2014-2015 off season.

The level of financial stability provided by the 2015 financial performance will allow the organisation in 2016 to:

- Grow the women's game with increased resources and activities
- Implement strategic objectives in coaching and referees
- Contribute to the development of the facilities plan
- Freeze registration and team affiliation fees

So, what will happen to the majority of the surplus?

The Victorian Government facilities funding model is all about leveraged funding. The State Government looks for significant contributions from the local government and the sport, being the club and the State Association. We will continue to grow our Community Football Reinvestment Fund, such that FFV, with our clubs, can contribute to improving our facilities within the new facilities plan currently in progress.

In summary, we now have the financial resources to support growth in the game and become the leader in community sport in Victoria.

The organisation has never been stronger financially, the highlights being:

- Operating revenue increased 11%
- Operating costs at 2014 levels despite the growth in the game
- A \$1.5m operating surplus, with a net surplus of \$2.1m [which includes \$600K upward revaluation of the FFV Dorcas Street investment property, based on an independent licensed valuation]
- \$200K cash benefit from trade debtors being reduced from \$430K to \$208K
- Discipline sanctions of \$291K being committed to the Community Facilities Fund
- A \$2.2m increase in cash holdings for the year

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Around The Grounds

Budding stars are all ready to have a ball

BALLS GALORE: St Mel's player Anton Iaria is totally impressed by all the new training equipment.



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The Shepparton Junior Soccer Association has received \$6000 worth of new training equipment from Football Federation Victoria.

EAMONN TIERNAN
Sports Journalist, Shepparton News

The equipment comes as a gesture of goodwill from FFV chief executive Peter Gome after four years of consecutive growth in junior soccer across the region.

Goulburn North East zone development officer Atila Kerestes said the grant came about after Gome requested a "wish list" from the association.

"Coaches in this area basically lack a lot of equipment which prevents them from being able to deliver coaching programs, I asked the FFV for support and they were able to come to the table," Kerestes said.

Association secretary Karen Hocking described the grant as an awesome surprise.

"It's really exciting and every school in the area will be receiving equipment," she said.

"The clubs are not actually funded through the schools, everything is fundraised by parents and volunteers, so this contribution is huge.

"We have lots of enthusiastic teenagers coaching our juniors and this will only improve their ability to bring out the best in the players."

The need for equipment was first voiced by association coach education coordinators Kerry Hammersley and Kerry Major, who have been working with the schools this year.

"Not every kid had a ball at their feet, so it became really hard to coach," Major said.

"The FFV has listened and provided the resources we so needed, which has been amazing."

Hammersley said the equipment would make their job a lot easier and play a large role in player development.

"The kids were having to share equipment, but now they'll get a ball each which means they'll get more touches and more chances to improve," she said.

"It will also help keep the kids engaged, if they are waiting for their go they get distracted and things start to go wrong, so simply having more equipment keeps them more involved and focused."

Leading the way

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The Wimmera South Coast (WSC) region enjoyed stellar participation growth in 2015, with the average growth of registered footballers in the Greater Geelong region surpassing both the state and national averages.

The region's FFV zone development officer, Foddy Kyprian explained that this past year had seen the Greater Geelong region achieve a record breaking growth rate of 18.5%, according to the registration data.

"This has resulted in unprecedented media coverage locally, with football featuring regularly in the local press. An article about football's spectacular growth even made the front page of a leading weekly newspaper, which was a first for the region," Kyprian said.

"This also resulted in an estimated figure of \$10 million of various government funding (local, state and federal) being pledged for capital improvements of local football community clubs' facilities," he added.

It is not just participation growth that is excelling. The region will be represented in the 2016 PlayStation 4 NPL Victoria Women's league with Geelong Galaxy United awarded a license for the inaugural season. The Geelong Rangers Soccer Club hosted the first FFV conducted regional C-Licence coaching course in March 2016 and recently, high profile local businesswoman, Jo Plummer, was elected Chairperson of the Geelong Region Football Committee (GRFC).



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Watershed Season for Warrnambool

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Warrnambool and District
Soccer League

The Warrnambool and District Soccer League had a watershed 2015 season.

A new under-13 league was introduced to cater for growth of football in the region with more clubs expected to enter teams in 2016.

Scotts Creek Lions won the senior men's regional grand final against Jerry Flat Rangers, with Scotts Creek defender Llewellyn Guyett awarded the Johnny Mac Medal for best afield.

Central Victoria's Explosive Growth

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An outstanding 15% overall increase in player registrations was recorded in the central region in 2015, with the strongest age group being MiniRoos (11 and under) at 20%.

Competitive age groups were structured in under-12, under-14 and under-16 for the first time in many years, providing the opportunity to better meet the skill level and development of players.

The summer Futsal competition was also a hit, climbing more than 40%, with more than 1,000 players participating in the indoor version of the game.

A Championship and League Cup format was held in 2015, with the Division 1 Men's Champions, Strathdale being beaten by the Runner-Up Eaglehawk in a close fought League Cup final. Eaglehawk also dominated in the women's competitions by claiming both titles.

2016 promises to be full of opportunities for players, coaches and referees in the region. The league will work closely with FFV to ensure training opportunities are specific to stakeholders and to support the continued growth of participation in Central Victoria.

The Emerging East

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Football in Gippsland recorded strong growth of 9% in 2015. The highlight was the 27% increase in MiniRoos boys and girls in the Southern Gippsland clubs where there are nearly 900 kids playing football. The more mature central competition recorded 3% growth.

At the conclusion of last season, the 13 central clubs decided to

demerge to a smaller, independently managed competition governed by the Latrobe Valley Soccer League. The Gippsland Soccer League (GSL) will continue to support the eight southern clubs focusing on the continued success and growth in junior football. Both associations will work together to revise their institutions and hopefully a

common constitution later in 2016.

All 21 clubs remain passionate about football across the region and FFV will continue to provide strong support to all involved. Mark Cassar, FFV zone development officer, will continue to run coaching courses, lead the emerging talent program and support all 23 clubs in the region.

Ballarat Strikers eye NPLW

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Ballarat Eureka Strikers was one of 22 Clubs to apply to FFV for an inaugural NPLW licence. The club submitted an excellent application and only just missed out on a licence, recognising that the one area holding it back was strength in female participation numbers in the region.

Rather than dwell on what might have been, the club has benefited from the learning experience and is proactively working with FFV to promote the female game in the Ballarat region and grow junior participation numbers, with a view no doubt to joining Victoria's NPLW

competition in the future.

The club met with FFV senior management twice last year to discuss how to work together to provide both community participation and talented player opportunities. MiniRoos, Skill Acquisition Programs, coaching courses and girls gala days were all on the agenda.

The recruitment drive kicked off on March 5, 2016 when Ballarat Eureka Strikers hosted a free 'Come and Try' soccer clinic and tournament for girls aged 10-14 in the region. The Come and Try day was organised to provide girls with an opportunity to

experience the game for the first time

in a fun filled, friendly environment. Hopefully many of the 50 girls who participated will decide that football is for them and will go on to join one of a number of great community clubs in the Ballarat area.

The Eureka Strikers invited other local clubs to be a part of the day to help promote football across the region. FFV supported the event by providing a free venue, qualified support staff, Westfield W-League player appearances and promotion and advertising through local schools.

ALBURY WODONGA HIGHLIGHTS

- 2015 saw Albury Wodonga Football Association [AWFA] have its first female President, Jacqui Finaly.
- AWFA hosted the Country Leagues Football Association championships.
- 2015 AWFA cup final was played by two Victorian based clubs, going into a thrilling finish with a penalty shootout. Wangaratta City won the 2015 cup final.



Treading the pathways

The Girls NTC program has continued to excel in its mission to provide the best opportunities for talented Victorian girls to develop their game.

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The Senior NTC's participation in the Sportsmart Women's Premier League in 2015 provided the perfect platform for players to compete and develop at the highest local level.

Five players, Melindaj Barbieri, Whitney Knight, Annabel Martin, Adrian Taranto and Melissa Taranto have all progressed to play for Melbourne Victory FC in the Westfield W-League.

Teresa Morrissey was also signed on a short-term replacement player contract, coming off a winter season where she won Sportsmart WPL Goalkeeper of the Year at FFV's Gold Medal Night.

A number of other players are in training

with Melbourne Victory FC and Melbourne City FC Westfield W-League. A further selection of NTC players participated in a training match in October against Melbourne City FC at their training ground at the City Football Academy.

Victoria was also represented on the international stage, with NTC captain Annabel Martin being selected in the Young Matildas squad that competed in the ASEAN Football Federation Championships in Vietnam.

Victoria's competitiveness on the national level was in full evidence at the National Youth Championships in Coffs Harbour and at the NTC

Challenge in Canberra.

The July tournaments provided an opportunity for our under-13, under-15 and under-17 players to showcase their exciting playing style and continue their exposure to the highest levels of the game, with players such as Holly Furphy, Alana Jancevski, Alina Zahovic, Molly Burke, Coby McInerney and Melindaj Barbieri excelling for their respective sides.

Looking ahead to 2016, the staff and players are excited to build on their excellent foundations and continue to develop players for the PlayStation 4 NPL Victoria Women's, Westfield W-League and national teams.



SMWFC PLAYER, RHEA SHREUDER AND NTC PLAYER ADRIANA TARANTO fight it out on the pitch

Photo: MATT JOHNSON



JESSIE BARTLETT strikes!

Photo: KEITH BARTLETT

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The Victorian National Training Centre (NTC) Boys continued the phenomenal performances of recent years with another undefeated week at the NTC Challenge in Canberra in December 2015.

The NTC Boys are current National Champions and have been since 2013, and although there was no official table this year with the changed format, the young Victorians led the field once again in a hotly contested competition.

The young squad of Victorian boys, born in 2000, finished the tournament with five wins and a draw from six matches, adding to the remarkable recent record of the two National Championships won by the 1998 and 1999 born players. Combined, these three squads have had only a single loss in three years at the NTC Challenge, with 21 wins, two draws and one loss from 24 matches.

Head Coach Boris Seroshtan was very impressed with this group of 2000 born

Stars of the future

NTC Boys unmatched for the 3rd year in a row at the FFA NTC Challenge in Canberra.

players, noting that there is plenty of talent within the group and highlighting the strong relationship between the players and their willingness to learn, as key reasons for the dramatic progression throughout 2015.

"In a program like the NTC, the identified players generally know each other beforehand from years of competition and all of a sudden they are put together and expected to trust and be loyal to each other. This is quite a challenging and confronting period for young guys, and their parents also for that matter, to work through,"

The Victorian NTC Program is extensive and conducted 12 months of the year and has been fortunate to retain the same core staff for three years to ensure Victoria stays at the forefront of youth development in Australia.

The program has been making inroads of its own with respect to best practice talent identification processes and player development methods.

Players within the program are monitored and assessed more than ever before, including daily wellbeing data, physiological testing, GPS mapping in matches and training sessions, load and intensity monitoring, video analysis and coding and individual core strength programs.

Additionally, the coaching staff is into the second year compiling monthly maturity reports on each player in the program.

"We have great support from Physiohealth again to look after our players, along with fantastic support staff from Victoria University" said Seroshtan.

14 players from the 2015 program have already received and signed offers from Hyundai A-league Clubs.

Special mention has to be made of five Victorians (1998 born, four ex-NTC players) who represented Australia at the FIFA U17 World Cup in Chile (Lucas Derrick, Jake Brimmer, James Delianov, Jonathan Vakirtzis and Pierce Waring).

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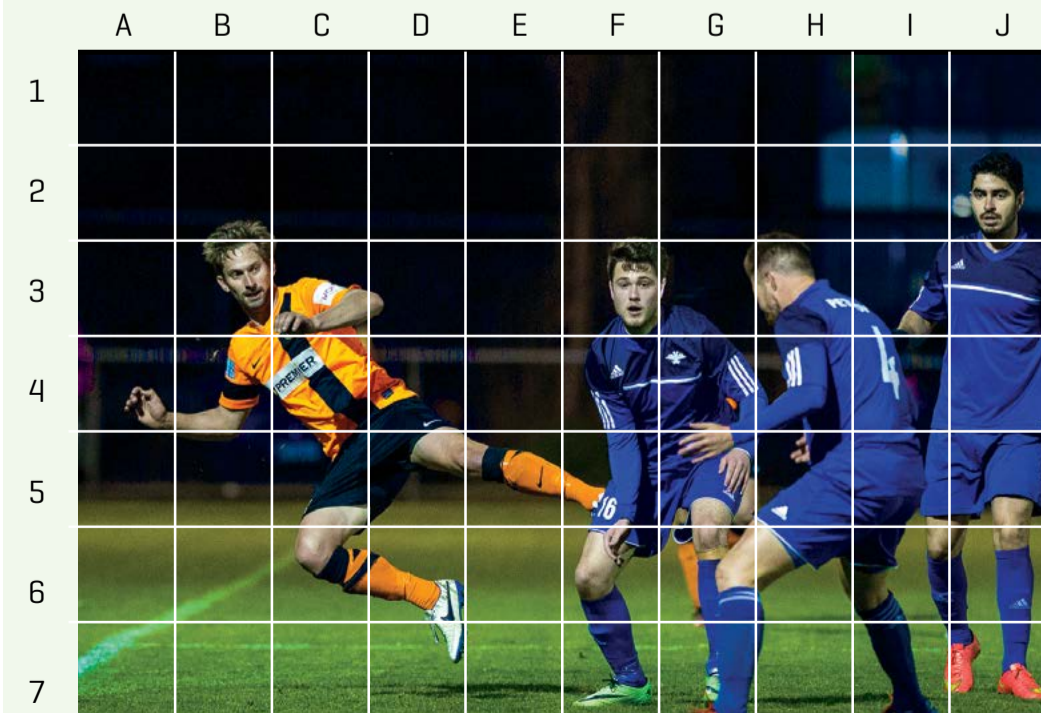


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VICTORIAN DOMINATION

Big hype, big crowds, extraordinary drama and Victorian teams leading the charge in the Westfield FFA Cup. **PAGE 3**

FEMALE FOCUS

Launch of new initiatives to recruit more girls to the game and retain existing players by ensuring an enjoyable, safe and fun experience. **PAGE 8**

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Celebrating the outstanding achievements by the champions of our sport. **PAGE 9**

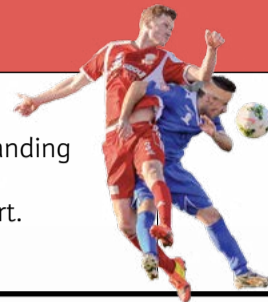


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PS4 NPLW completes talented player pathway in Victoria

PS4 NPLW to set new benchmarks on and off the pitch for women and girls football

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"It is exciting to see eight clubs, having gone through a rigorous process to attain their participation licences, now ready to kick-off Victoria's inaugural PS4 NPL Women's season."

— Emma Highwood, Head of Community and Women's Football, Football Federation Australia

Victoria's female football population of 11,000 players now has a premier competition at the junior and senior level. The PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Women's competition completes the talented player pathway between community football and the national competition (Westfield W-League). It replaces the Sportsmart Women's Premier League as the top tier of women's football in Victoria.

About 550 players representing eight clubs will participate in PS4 NPL Women's inaugural season from under-13s to senior women's competition with the season launched on March 4, 2016. Victoria's talented player program teams will also compete in PS4 NPL Women's in senior women's and under-18 divisions.

Clubs previously participating in the Sportsmart Women's Premier League, Box Hill United, FC Bulleen Lions and Heidelberg United will all compete in PS4 NPL Women's with a new entity, Alamein FC, formed from Sportsmart WPL club Ashburton United also securing an inaugural licence.

Clubs in the Casey, Greater Frankston and Mornington area combined resources, experience and local support to form Southern United. A similar consortium of bayside clubs including Sandringham, Brighton, Hampton and Beaumaris formed Bayside United to represent the metropolitan area which currently has the highest female participation numbers in the state.

Players in Melbourne and Geelong's

fastest growing hot-spots also now have representative premier clubs to aspire to with the inclusion of Calder United based at Keilor Park, and Greater Geelong Galaxy United based at Torquay.

Strong local government support is a hallmark of successful PS4 NPL Women's applications with all eight inaugural clubs receiving strong support for their bids from their respective local councils. FFV is delighted to partner with these councils to support this exciting pathway in women's football.

The PS4 NPL Women's competition launch was held prior to the first match between FC Bulleen Lions and Bayside United at the Veneto Club on March 4, 2016. Former Matilda, Olympian and FFV Director Tal Karp hosted the event

which was attended by VicSport Chairman Margot Foster AM, FFV President Kimon Taliadoros, FFA and FFV Hall of Famer and former Matilda, Theresa Deas and FFV Hall of Famer and former Matilda, Debbie Nichols.

Football Federation Australia head of Women's and Community Football Emma Highwood hailed Victoria's commitment to advancing women's football.

"The PS4 NPL Victoria Women's competition will set a new standard for female football in Victoria," Ms Highwood said. "Victoria sent 26 players to the Westfield W-League in the 2015/16 season, and the creation of NPL Victoria Women's will give even more players the opportunity to advance through the talented player pathway."



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