



Media Statement – Football Coaches Australia – 26/07/18

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Football Coaches Australia (FCA) is pleased to announce that it has formally elected its inaugural board, following the organisation's historic first Annual General Meeting, held in Sydney on Wednesday night.

Highly-respected Australian football coach **Phil Moss** was formally elected as FCA's first President. Moss, 46, has previously managed A-League club Central Coast Mariners and was most recently the Assistant Coach for Sydney FC. He is currently a football analyst on Sky Radio's Big Sport Breakfast and with Fox Sports.

"I'm extremely thankful & humbled to be handed the opportunity to lead as the inaugural FCA President," Moss said. "Having coached at all levels of the game in Australia it's a project very close to my heart & one that seemed but a pipe-dream up until a year ago.

"I'm a football coach who has stood in a lawyer's office fighting my fight with zero support & I'm so proud to say no Australian coach will now be forced to stand in those shoes moving forward.

"We take our place in the game very seriously & FCA will strive to give coaches the support & tools they require to survive & thrive in a job that is so unique & complex in its own way.

"I'd like to congratulate my colleagues, especially vice-president Rae Dower, on their election to the inaugural FCA executive committee and thank our interim ExCo for guiding the organisation to this stage."

Australian U-17 Women's National Football Team coach **Rae Dower** was elected as the organisation's vice-president.

"I'm very humbled to be elected as the inaugural Vice President of Football Coaches Australia. I am looking forward to supporting Phil, the FCA Exco and all Australian coaches to be recognised as a fundamental stakeholder of the beautiful game".

Also elected to the FCA Board were Canberra United FC W-League Head Coach **Heather Garriock**, Brisbane Roar FC W-League Head Coach **Mel Andreatta**, Head of Development at Football West, **Jamie Harnwell**, former Head of High Performance at Sydney FC **Andrew Clark** and Sydney FC's Academy Director, **Kelly Cross**.

Football Coaches Australia will hold its first Executive Committee meeting next month to map out the key strategies within the following pillars of football coach development, advocacy and governance, mental health and wellbeing, and research for 2018-19.

FCA will continue to focus on developing collaborative relationships with all key football stakeholders to promote and strengthen the reputation of football in Australia, and the reputation of Australian football on the world stage'.

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