



Media Statement – Football Coaches Australia – 01/08/18

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Football Coaches Australia (FCA) last week held its inaugural Annual General Meeting and elected its Executive Committee.

In coming months, FCA will continue to liaise with Football Federation Australia and professional football stakeholders on issues related to professional and community coach development, establishing standardised contracts and grievance procedures for professional coaches.

FCA will 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.

On July 26, Football Federation Australia announced its decision to “seek to review and evolve its male and female youth development practices for the opportunities and challenges facing Australian football in the years ahead”.

FCA looks forward to working with FFA and other key football stakeholders to offer its collective expertise and experience as part of a national youth development review, including coaching.

To date, FCA has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Professional Footballers Australia and has tabled MoUs for further discussion with the Australian Professional Football Clubs Association (APFCA) and the Australian Association of Football Clubs (AAFC).

Discussions have also been held with (State) Member Federations, including presentations to the Football NSW and Football Federation Victoria Coaching Standing Committees.

FCA currently has over 120+ financial members representing the full range of professional (Advanced Licence qualified) coaches: all Australian representative team coaches; A-League & W-League Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Goalkeeping Coaches; National Youth League Head Coaches; Member Federation Technical Directors; and National Premier League and Community (Licenced) coaches.

There are currently up to 4000 coaches who have undertaken advanced coaching licences and up to 25,000 community football coaches. A key strategy of FCA is to represent and provide a collective voice for all Australian professional and community football coaches by establishing a FCA framework incorporating a national, state, and (where applicable) regional branches.

This framework will provide a unique opportunity for coaches to contribute to player and coach development in a coordinated and innovative manner from grassroots to professional clubs across the nation.

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