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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sean Collins



I present to members Football Federation Tasmania's Annual Report for 2015.

We are now two years into our five year strategic plan to achieve the organisation's vision namely 'To develop and maintain a vibrant football culture in Tasmania with facilities equivalent to the best amateur grounds in the country and to position the World Game as the major participant sport across the entire Tasmanian community'.

Our plan to grow and develop our game is based on the four pillars of facilities, competitions, pathways and relationships.

Discussions regarding facilities improvements have taken place with the Premier and within Sport & Recreation; as well as with various councils across Tasmania. The organisation continues to work towards the development of a junior precinct at Cambridge and applications have been made for funding through the State Government.

With respect to the pathways pillar and player numbers, overall registrations have remained relatively constant, with some increases and decreases across various grades and age groups. While the numbers of males at 9,097 were slightly up on the previous year, the numbers of female registrants at 3,047 was down 172, a disappointing outcome which the Board is attempting to redress. Futsal numbers, while up in the North, were down in the South.

Participation in national competitions was as per the plan with Tasmanian NTC men and women, U14 and U13 boys, U15 and U13 girls all competing as well as South Hobart participating in the FFA Cup and Olympia Warriors in the National Premier League Finals. Both teams deserve great credit for their performances on the national stage and demonstrated the progress of Tasmanian football as well the competitiveness and strong character of their players.

In providing opportunities for players to develop, 2015 saw the Tasmanian Women's Team play five matches during the season including a very

competitive visit to Melbourne to compete for the Season Cup against Victoria. Unfortunately the timing of the FFA Cup and A League season meant the Men's Team missed out on representative games this season. There is a strong desire to provide opportunities going forward for the Men's and Women's State Teams to engage in matches every season and we will strive for this in 2016.

The Board commissioned a review of Junior Football and the cooperation from Associations, clubs, coaches, volunteers and participants was excellent, providing significant background information as well as valuable opinions on the options going forward. The report is currently being finalised and will be released in 2016.

With respect to the Competitions pillar, a goal of the Board is to see balanced and sustainable competitions and a consistency from year-to-year and we are pleased that there is progress in this area. There is stability about the PS4 National Premier League (formerly branded the Victory League) and both the re-branded Northern and Southern Championships for Men and Women. These competitions will continued to be played in the same formats in 2016. Crowd attendances for the Victory League were up 15% on the previous season with excellent co-operation between the clubs, media and FFT staff.

Once again the efforts of our referees were greatly appreciated. Coverage rates for matches remained high with 100% at Victory League level, 85% at Championship level across the state; but at around 55% in the other competitions, there is still a need for further efforts in recruitment and retention if we are to meet the 70% target of matches officiated by suitably accredited referees.

Performance against our Relationships pillar was good overall. High media coverage for football was maintained and customer satisfaction ratings were strong. Our annual survey demonstrated a 90% approval rate for members' overall football experience along with satisfaction levels between 80%-85% for FFT communication, competition management and overall football promotion.

On the debit side, we were not successful in hosting any A-League or W-League matches in Tasmania during the year. This is unlikely to change in 2016 – there is significant competition to host these games which require significant external financial support in order to be played away from their home venues. Lobbying efforts to leverage the Asian Cup experience in Tasmania with either a game or training camp in Tasmania fell on deaf ears.

For stakeholders interested in the 2015 honour roll across the competitions, reports and highlights from the various sections of the organisation, I refer you to the 2015 in Football newsletter.

http://www.footballfedtas.com.au/fileadmin/user_upload/PUBLICATIONS/2015_IN_FOOTBALL_FINISHED_compressed.pdf

I would like to thank my fellow directors, all the various volunteer office holders of our constituent member organisations, FFT staff and all our sponsors for their valuable contributions during what has once again been a very busy year.



Sean Collins
President, Football Federation Tasmania Ltd.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Glenn Campbell



The year ended 31 October 2015 saw a modest surplus for the organisation of \$98.1k (4.1% of turnover).

Income fell 9.4% from \$2.535m in 2014 to \$2.384m and expenditure by 9.1% from \$2.521m in 2014 to \$2.286m. These reductions were predominantly due to a fall in competition registration fees as a result of reducing the junior registration fee and associated expense of providing a ball to all junior players, which was discontinued in 2015; and Melbourne Victory not scheduling a pre-season event as in past years.

Other major expenditure changes on the previous year were an increase in Employee Expenses from \$632k to \$696k and a decrease in Player and Game Development costs from \$627k to \$535k. The change in employee costs was due to savings from vacant positions for part of the year in 2014 not recurring in 2015 and player development costs being down on the previous year due to no representative team travelling overseas as occurred in 2014.

Net current assets increased by \$116k, maintaining a strong working capital ratio of 3.7, and net assets grew modestly from \$623k to \$721k ensuring the organisation retains a strong balance sheet for strategic investments in the game.

The October 2015 accounts were audited by independent auditor Accru Hobart, with auditor Michael J Burnett concluding that, in his opinion, "...the Financial Report was in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including: giving a true and fair view of the organisation's Financial Position at, and Financial Performance to, 31 October 2015; and complying with Australian Accounting Standards".

The board's Finance, Audit and Risk Management (FARM) Committee also met independently with the auditor who expressed that the organisation is being managed prudently for the benefit of its members.

Other areas of focus for the FARM Committee included strengthening the internal controls of the company, more closely managing and enforcing the credit control policy (resulting in significant improvements in credit management), reviewing key policies for the organisation and reviewing and reporting on major initiatives and strategies on behalf of the board.

I would like to thank the clubs for their co-operation and professional financial management practices, the members of the FARM Committee and staff, for ensuring the company maintains a strong financial position to meet future strategic challenges.



Glenn Campbell B.Bus, ASCPA, MBA, GAICD

Chair Finance Audit and Risk Management Committee.