



## Around the Grounds



(from left) Ben Buckley, Nick Monteleone, Rachel Harrigan, Liam Twigger, Robert Sestan, Sean Collins, Frank Lowy, Andrew Cripps, Rauf Soulio and Dennis O'Brien

### FFA Chairman and CEO welcome new State and Territory leaders

Football Federation Australia (FFA) Chairman, Mr Frank Lowy AC, and FFA CEO Ben Buckley have met with the leaders of the State and Territory Member Federations in Sydney as part of the game's regular national consultations. Several of the State and Territory leaders were representing their federations for the first time at this national forum since their election. Nick Monteleone (President, Football Federation Victoria), Rachel Harrigan (President, Capital Football), Andrew Cripps (President, Football Federation Northern Territory) and Robert Sestan (chairman, Football NSW) were the new faces at the leaders' summit. Liam Twigger (Vice-President, Football West) was attending on behalf of the new Football West President Bob Kucera, while Northern NSW Football CEO David Eland was representing his Chairman Peter Moore. Also in attendance were Sean Collins (President, Football Federation Tasmania), Rauf Soulio (President, Football Federation South Australia) and Dennis O'Brien (Football Queensland). The meeting discussed a wide range of issues, including the FFA Strategic Plan for the 2014 FIFA World Cup cycle, the game's national governance structures, the My Football Club project, relations between Member Federations and Hyundai A-League clubs, developments in the Westfield W-League and the Club Accreditation Pilot being conducted by Football Federation Victoria. Mr Lowy reaffirmed that he intended to seek a fresh, four-year mandate as chairman by standing for re-election at the FFA Annual General Meeting this September. "We have come so far in the past seven years, but there's still much work to do," said Mr Lowy. "I have the energy and determination for the task and I will be 100% committed. I'll be asking for your support." FFA CEO Ben Buckley said the full-day meeting was very productive and reflected the clarity of purpose that has flowed from the historic National Charter signed last October.

"The game has never been more unified in terms of the working relationship between the national body and the Member Federations," he noted. "This means that we are able to get on with the business of addressing the important issues facing Australian football. "All the great initiatives in the professional game, technical development and online registration for community football can be better delivered within a governance model that is not only unified, but streamlined and efficient."

### Premier Youth League Round 11 Review

Chilly it might have been over the weekend but the sun was shining and the football was hot so we really have very little to complain about. There was even an opportunity to play some of the outstanding catch-up games so all is right with the world. Let's all hope this weather trend continues. Overview This has been a very busy week with lots of results to consider so let's start with the Round 4 catch-up played midweek when Manly United took nine points from Sydney Olympic who had to be content with six points from the clash. Also played midweek was the Round 6 catch-up encounter that saw Sutherland Sharks grab twelve points from Bankstown City. On Saturday Sutherland Sharks and Marconi Stallions shared the spoils at seven apiece when they faced each other at Seymour Shaw Park while in, their best day for the season, Bonnyrigg White Eagles bagged ten points from their home matches against South Coast Wolves. Parramatta Eagles claimed thirteen points at home to Bankstown City and Sydney Olympic took nine points when they met Sydney United. Blacktown City pocketed eight points from the four home games played against Rockdale City Suns on Saturday and then Blacktown took their total to eleven points when they won the Sunday match. Manly United earned nine points from the four Saturday matches at APIA Leichhardt Tigers and then Manly's total went to ten when the Sunday match was a draw. In Round 4 catch-up action on Sunday Sydney United took nine points from their visit to Bonnyrigg White Eagles while in Round 6 catch-up matches, also on Sunday, Marconi Stallions earned seven points from the three games played at South Coast Wolves.

Grade 13 Taking the results in the order in which they happened, in a Round 4 catch-up match played midweek Manly United were 1-0 winners over Sydney Olympic while in Round 6 catch-up action Sutherland Sharks went down 2-1 to Bankstown City. Then on Saturday Marconi Stallions took their winning streak to six matches when they defeated Sutherland Sharks 2-1 and Bonnyrigg White Eagles ended a run of three losses when they accounted for South Coast Wolves with a stunning 5-0 scoreline while APIA Leichhardt Tigers produced their fourth consecutive win when they came up with a 1-0 victory over Manly United who were unbeaten in their previous three outings. Blacktown City posted their first points for the season and scored their first goal when they were 1-0 winners over Rockdale City Suns while Parramatta Eagles recovered from last week's loss to end the unbeaten run of Bankstown City with a 2-1 result and Sydney United were a bit too good for Sydney Olympic when they won the match 4-2. In the Round 4 catch-up match on Sunday on Sunday Bonnyrigg White Eagles went down 2-1 to Sydney United. Bankstown City are still the competition leaders and they have Marconi Stallions right on their heels while APIA Leichhardt Tigers are three points further away at third and then there is a break of three points to fourth placed Parramatta Eagles. Fifth placed Sutherland Sharks are just one point further back with Sydney United a point away at sixth and they are followed by Manly United, Bonnyrigg White Eagles, South Coast Wolves, Sydney Olympic, Blacktown City and Rockdale City Suns.

Grade 14 In Round 4 catch-up action played midweek Manly United suffered a 4-1 loss to Sydney Olympic while the Round 6 catch-up match, also played midweek, Sutherland Sharks produced a 5-0 success over Bankstown City. On Saturday, Sutherland Sharks suffered their second loss of the season when they went down 3-0 Marconi Stallions who are continuing their perfect start to the competition while Bonnyrigg White Eagles came up with their first three-pointer through a 1-0 victory over South Coast Wolves. Manly United extended their unbeaten run the three games when they defeated APIA Leichhardt Tigers with a 5-1 scoreline and Parramatta Eagles returned to the winners circle when the edged out Bankstown City by the odd goal in five. Blacktown City and Rockdale City Suns battled it out for a 1-1 draw while Sydney Olympic took their unbeaten sequence to four matches when they accounted for Sydney United with a 3-2 result. The Round 4 catch-up match on Sunday saw Bonnyrigg White Eagles go down 3-1 to Sydney United. Marconi Stallions are the competition frontrunners and they are three points ahead of Sydney Olympic with Sutherland Sharks three points further back at third, Parramatta Eagles a point away at fourth and fifth place in occupied by Manly United who are only two points adrift of the Eagles. Rockdale City Suns are sixth and only a point outside the top five while South Coast Wolves are a point further

back and they are followed by Blacktown City, Bonnyrigg White Eagles, Bankstown City, Sydney United and APIA Leichhardt Tigers.

Grade 15 In midweek catch-up action from Round 4 Manly United were 1-0 winners over Sydney Olympic while in the Round 6 catch-up match Sutherland Sharks accounted for Bankstown City with a 2-0 scoreline. Sutherland Sharks have now won their last three games after they were 1-0 winners over Marconi Stallions while Manly United bounced back from last week's loss to post a 1-0 success over APIA Leichhardt Tigers. Sydney United recovered from a last-game loss to register a 1-0 victory over Sydney Olympic and the clash between Parramatta Eagles and Bankstown City finished in a 2-2 draw. Blacktown City have now gone five games without loss after they were held to a 1-1 draw by Rockdale City Suns and the clash between Bonnyrigg White Eagles and South Coast Wolves ended with the score locked at 1-1. In the Round 4 catch-up match on Sunday Bonnyrigg White Eagles were 1-0 winners over Sydney United while in the Round 6 match South Coast Wolves were beaten 3-1 by Marconi Stallions. Sutherland Sharks have a lead of three points at the top of the table and they are followed by Sydney Olympic, Manly United, APIA Leichhardt Tigers and Bonnyrigg White Eagles who all fall within a range of three points. Marconi Stallions are one point outside the top five and they are ahead of Parramatta Eagles, Sydney United, Blacktown City, South Coast Wolves, Bankstown City and Rockdale City Suns.

Grade 16 In a Round 4 catch-up match played midweek Manly United were beaten 1-0 by Sydney Olympic and in a Round 6 catch-up game, also played midweek, Sutherland Sharks produced a 2-0 success over Bankstown City. On Saturday Bonnyrigg White Eagles recorded their first win for the season when they were 3-2 winners over South Coast Wolves while Blacktown City recovered from two consecutive losses to register a 2-0 victory over Rockdale City Suns. Manly United took their winning sequence to three games with a 3-0 win over APIA Leichhardt Tigers and Parramatta Eagles also posted their third straight win when they came up with a 1-0 result over Bankstown City. Sutherland Sharks remained unbeaten but dropped points for the first time when they battled it out with Marconi Stallions for a 1-1 draw and Sydney Olympic showed that they were just a bit too good for Sydney United with a 2-0 result. In the Round 4 catch-up match on Sunday Bonnyrigg White Eagles were beaten 3-1 by Sydney United and in the Round 6 match South Coast Wolves drew 1-1 with Marconi Stallions. Sutherland Sharks are four points ahead of Manly United at the head of the table with Marconi Stallions, Parramatta Eagles and Sydney Olympic right behind them. At sixth Sydney United are four points outside the top five and they are being hotly pursued by APIA Leichhardt Tigers, Bankstown City, South Coast Wolves, Blacktown City, Bonnyrigg White Eagles and Rockdale City Suns.

Grade 18 In a Round 4 catch-up match played in midweek Manly United were 2-1 winners over Sydney Olympic and in a Round 6 catch-up match Sutherland Sharks produced a strong 4-0 victory over Bankstown City. Then on Saturday the Sharks came up with a 3-2 success when they faced Marconi Stallions for their sixth match without loss while South Coast Wolves have taken their unbeaten run to five games after they defeated Bonnyrigg White Eagles 3-1. Parramatta Eagles made it two wins in a row when they downed Bankstown City 2-1 and Sydney Olympic shaded Sydney United with a 2-1 scoreline. In Sunday matches from Round 8 Blacktown City were 3-0 winners over Rockdale City Suns while APIA Leichhardt Tigers and Manly United battled out a scoreless draw. Also on Sunday, the Round 4 catch-up match saw Bonnyrigg White Eagles defeat Sydney United by the odd goal in five while the Round 6 match was a real thriller when South Coast Wolves went down to Marconi Stallions 5-4. Manly United are sitting at the top of the table with a margin of two points and they are followed by Blacktown City, Sutherland Sharks, Parramatta Eagles and Marconi Stallions. South Coast Wolves are just one point outside the top five, followed by Sydney Olympic, Sydney United, APIA Leichhardt Tigers, Bonnyrigg White Eagles, Bankstown City and Rockdale City Suns.

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