

Mark Rudan.. Former Sydney United 58 coach pens deal with Wellington Phoenix

Former Sydney United 58 coach Mark Rudan has officially made the step-up to the Hyundai A-League after signing a two-year deal with the Wellington Phoenix.



Rudan had a successful four-year tenure with Sydney United 58 where he won a fair bit of silverware which included 2 NPL Men's Finals Series Championships, 2 NPL NSW Men's Premierships, 2 Waratah Cups, 1 Pre-season Cup as well as

qualifying four times in the round of 32 for the FFA Cup. After a highly successful playing career, including stints in Germany, China, Japan, Switzerland and Australia including captaining Sydney FC to the A-League title in 2006, Rudan transitioned

seamlessly into coaching, winning both National Premier Leagues and Australian Premier League titles with Sydney United in 2013 and 2016. Rudan said that he couldn't wait to start his new challenge at Wellington. "I would like to place on

record my thanks to the Wellington Phoenix Board for giving me this opportunity. "The Phoenix have a reputation for giving young Australian and New Zealand footballers their first starts in the Hyundai A-League and now as a coach I have my first

A-League coaching opportunity. "There is huge potential at the Phoenix, already signed for the squad is a core group of experienced A-League players as well as some of the most exciting young talents in the A-League and we have

the funding for some quality visa players ready to go. "The club has organised a great off-season with games in Asia and Australia already booked in. "I couldn't be more excited about the season ahead," said Rudan.

Manny Muscat with Green Gully SC

The Victorian NPL is continuing to attract former A-League stars, with Manny Muscat the latest to take the plunge with Green Gully SC.



Gully are coached by perennial A-League coaching-candidate Arthur Papas and are the second most successful VNPL side after South Melbourne.

Muscat made over 220 A-League appearances, including over 190 for Wellington Phoenix. He also accumulated nine caps for the Maltese national team. His move comes shortly after Fahid Ben Khalfallah's decision to join VNPL 2 club Nunawading City.

Gully have a strong Maltese connection, originally formed by Maltese immigrants in the 1955.

Muscat joins the likes of former A-League talents George Lambadaridis and Mitch Cooper at the Kealba-based club.

"I felt Green Gully was a great fit for me, I'm excited to play for the club again," Muscat told Green Gully's official website.

"It's pretty nice knowing you can always come back to a family club, and one I've always been associated with.

"Even from a distance, I always liked to keep track of the goings-on, I've got a lot of friends here and I'm very

happy to see out my last years of football here at Gully.

"Based on my first session back, I noticed there are a lot of young players here, hopefully with my experience and knowledge I've gained, that can help rub off on the team and we can make a real good push from now to the end of the season.

"Being in Victorian football before, it was very competitive then and it hasn't changed now. We're in a good position, and there's many games ahead this year to make this season a success."

800 English-Speaking to Work During FIFA World Cup - Official

Over 800 Moscow Metro employees have completed their English-language training as part of preparations for the 2018 FIFA World Cup, Deputy Head of Moscow's Transport Department Dmitry Pronin said Wednesday.

"Over 800 English-speaking Moscow Metro employees will be working during the World Cup. They will be on duty at the stations on match days," Pronin told journalists.

According to the official, 400 English-speaking cashiers will work during the tournament, primarily at the Moscow Metro's Koltsevaya line (Line 5) stations and at the stations located close to the Luzhniki and Spartak stadiums, which will host a total of 12 World Cup matches.

The 2018 FIFA World Cup will be held between June 14 and July 15 at 12 stadiums across 11 Russian cities.