

## Jack Duncan from Newcastle to Saudi Arabian

**Jack Duncan** has exited the Newcastle Jets during their overseas training camp to take up an opportunity with another club.

**A clause** was triggered in the 25-year-old's contract which resulted in a significant but undisclosed transfer fee to the Hunter outfit.

**Newcastle's first** choice goalkeeper will immediately leave the training base in Spain to link up with his new club.

**It is** the second overseas shot for the custodian after leaving one-year into a two-year deal with Danish outfit Randers FC in 2016.

**According to** Goal.com, the unnamed club is Saudi Arabian outfit Al Nassr.

**Jets boss**, Ernie Merrick said Duncan was a big loss.

**"I'm extremely** disappointed to lose Jack, but he's been offered an opportunity that he wants to pursue," Merrick said.

**"He's a** great team man and well-respected member of this club. His engagement with our fans and his contribution to the Newcastle community shouldn't be overlooked.

**"At his** age and with his ability, I think Jack has the potential to go onto big things and I wish him the very best with the next step in his career."

**The shot-stopper** made his senior debut for the Jets in 2011, appearing for the club on 51 occasions and was an integral part of the club's impressive 2017/18 campaign.

**Duncan said** while he has loved his time in Newcastle, the time was right to take the next step.

**"I made** my A-League debut with the Jets, the club has given me so much," Duncan said.

**"I've grown** as a player during my time in Newcastle, I've had some great times and worked with some fantastic people.

**"This is** a great opportunity to develop my career and one that I couldn't pass up."

**Goalkeeper Coach**, Chris Bowling will deputise for Glen Moss when the Jets take on Shabab Al-Ahli Dubai FC tonight, with Noah James to be flown from the Weifang Cup as cover for the remainder of the club's tour of Spain.



## FFA STATEMENT ON CONGRESS REVIEW WORKING GROUP REPORT

**Football Federation Australia (FFA)** today acknowledged the completion and submission of the report of the Congress Review Working Group (CRWG) to FIFA and the AFC. The report was the culmination of seven weeks of extensive consultation by the CRWG, and included input from other stakeholders in the football community. The CRWG was independently chaired by Judith Griggs and comprised two A-League Club representatives, four Member Federation representatives, a PFA representative, and a representative of the FFA Board. From the outset, FFA has supported expansion of its Congress to reflect the evolution of football in Australia and balance the interests of each part of the game, including significant movement towards gender equality at all levels of governance. FFA has also embraced the need for a new A-League governance and operating model that benefits the whole of football. At the commencement of the CRWG process, the independent FFA Board agreed on a number of founding principles that it considered to be in the best interests of the game. These guiding principles, which were submitted to the CRWG, included:

- a bigger and broader membership in line with international benchmarks
- embedded and genuine gender equality, from the FFA Board down through all football institutions in Australia
- the immediate admission of Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- a balanced Congress which reflects the significance and contribution of community and professional football
- clear delineation between the role of Congress and the responsibilities of an independent FFA board

**FFA Chairman** Steven Lowy AM said that FFA is committed to working to ensure the governance of the game continues to evolve in the best interests of the whole of football.

**"FFA has** been supportive of the CRWG process from the beginning and is committed to working constructively with all stakeholders. There are many elements of the report which are positive steps and wholly supported by the FFA Board. However, there are also some crucial aspects of the report which the FFA Board does not believe are in the best interests of the game and are inconsistent with its guiding principles," said Lowy. FFA totally rejected any suggestion that it has sought to interfere with the work of the CRWG or pressure the decision-making of stakeholders.

**"There have** been some media reports that suggest FFA has sought to unduly influence the work of the CRWG. These claims are completely false. FFA has always encouraged all stakeholders to openly debate and carefully consider these important issues particularly given the inevitable difficulty of only having some Member Federations on the CRWG," concluded Lowy. FFA remains committed to working constructively with FIFA, AFC and all the stakeholders to produce the best outcome for the game as a whole.

## SPANISH ASSISTANT COACH FOR VICTORY

Melbourne Victory have confirmed the appointment of Spaniard Carlos Pérez Salvachúa as Assistant Coach to Kevin Muscat



**The 45-year-old** joins the club with over 20 years of experience as a professional coach.

**The UEFA Pro** licence holder arrives from Spanish La Liga side Real Valladolid CF but has also recently worked with Villarreal CF and CD Guadalajara.

**Salvachua was** also an integral part of the coaching staff at the Real Madrid CF academy for over six years and oversaw the development of several high-profile players during his coaching tenure.

**Working in** both Senior Head Coach and Assistant roles, he won four league Championships and achieved promotion twice during his time in Europe.

**Kevin Muscat** said Salvachua was a welcome appointment to his coaching staff.

**"I'm thrilled** that Carlos chose to join us in Australia and I'm very much looking forward to working alongside him,"

Muscat said.

**"He'll be** a great addition to our team and I know the players and the staff will benefit enormously from his extensive experience in Spain.

**"We're excited** knowing what Carlos will bring to the club."

**On his** move Salvachua said: "The opportunity to work overseas and coach in Australia was one that was very interesting to me.

**"After speaking** with Kevin I liked the direction of the club and the club's football philosophy.

**"I see** it as a very good chance to develop my coaching further and I hope that I can contribute to the ongoing success of the club."

**Salvachua begins** work immediately, and will be in the technical area for the friendly against Port Melbourne on Tuesday night.