

Barry Jones Awarded George Churchward Medal

Football NSW's State Dinner was held at the Warwick on Saturday 3rd of November in what was a fantastic celebration of community football with Bangor Football Club's Barry Jones awarded the prestigious George Churchward Medal.

Football NSW Directors and Life Members all came together to recognise and acknowledge the elite few who have provided consistent and invaluable services at the community level for the world game.

Hosted by the reputable Stephanie Brantz, the evening kicked off with the presentation of the State Award winners.

State Award winners are nominated by their Association in recognition of their tireless efforts and service to football in their local community.

State Awards formally recognise individuals who have provided consistent and valuable service at any level – Club, Association, Branch or State.

These contributions may include services such as: committee member, coach, manager, match official, canteen manager or grounds person.

The 2018 State Award Winners are:

- **Brian** Vella – Blacktown Districts Amateur Football Association
- **Tony** Antoniadis Snr – Canterbury & Districts Soccer Football Association
- **Bob** Hennessy – Football South Coast
- **Kathy** Tracey – Gladesville Hornsby Football Association
- **Scott** Chin – Granville & Districts Soccer Football Association
- **Richard** Hooker – Manly Warringah Football Association
- **Frances** Refalo – Nepean Football Association
- **Elaine** Gaffney – Southern Districts Soccer Football Association
- **Tony** Dunn – Southern Tablelands Football Association
- **Stephen** Matthews – St George Football Association
- **John** Lane – Sutherland Shire Football Association

Football NSW Fair Play Award

The Football NSW Fair Play Award acknowledges individuals or teams playing within Football NSW who have demonstrated an outstanding example of Fair Play and good sportsmanship during the 2018 football season.

The 2018 Fair Play Award Winner was taken out by Canterbury & Districts Soccer Football Association and Lakemba Sports and Recreation Club's Under 21's coach Abdullah Osman.

Football NSW Competitions Coordinator Kim Burge received an email to a certain conduct witnessed at an Under 21 State Cup match.

The email stated the following:

"I just wanted to drop you a quick note to



congratulate the Coach of the Lakemba Sports FC Under 21 State Cup team that played Barden Ridgebacks Under 21's at the Ridge. I coached this Ridgeback team for a number of years and assisted the current coach from time to time.

"The Lakemba coach is a relatively young guy and he showed a great deal of maturity and respect.

"With his team down 5-0, one of his players became a little hot under the collar, received a yellow card from memory and the Lakemba Coach substituted him immediately. On his way off, the young player was a little rude to the Ridgeback bench and the crowd. One of the Lakemba players on the bench also became involved.

"To the Lakemba coaches credit, he admonished both players because of their behaviour, he told them they were being disrespectful and that they would not be going back onto the field and that "We will play with 10 rather than players that are rude and disrespectful".

"Consequently, he stuck to his guns. **"The action** of the coach took the sting out of the situation and taught the players a valuable lesson, he should be congratulated."

George Churchward Medal **The stage** was set as the main award of the evening, the coveted 'George Churchward Medal' was ready to be announced.

An award known to many as the most prestigious of all alongside the 'Charles Valentine' Medal, it was Bangor Football Club's Barry Jones that took out the major prize.

Jones has been a long time stalwart of football with his own club, Bangor Football Club, the Sutherland Association, as well as Football NSW.

Barry's association with football began in 1988, with the registration of his two sons. **In that** time, Barry covered numerous positions across his son's teams, his club and his association.

Ironically, during season 2018, Barry has been watching his grandchildren play and offering feedback in his Executive Committee role with the SSFA, on how ten years of MiniRoos style football has developed in the Sutherland Shire.

In addition to coaching his sons for 20 years from under 6's, Barry held the following positions for the Bangor Football Club as a Vice President, Secretary and Equipment Officer as well as being voted in as a Life Member of the club in 1997.



In 1999 he was elected to the Association's Management Committee which restructured to a smaller Executive Committee in 2008 and held positions such as Vice-President, Assistant Secretary and Executive Manager since 1999. **In 2008,** Barry was voted in as a Life Member of the SSFA while in 2009, Barry received the Football NSW Merit Award.

In addition to a strong involvement with the Association's management functions at Committee level, he carried out the duties of Chair of Judiciary Committees and Appeals Committees and was involved with the writing and updating of the Association's Constitution, By Laws and Competition Rule Books and Procedures.

Since 2005, he occupied the position of the Association's Player/Member Protection Officer. In this role wrote Procedural Manuals

for the guidance of Clubs, and organised and conducted lectures to Club officials and Club MPIOs. He has been in regular contact with Football NSW and relevant NSW Departments to ensure the Association policies are updated in all aspects.

Barry has been a delegate to Football NSW in addition to his other numerous roles.

More recently, Barry has been involved in the grading of the vast nursery of the Sutherland Shire MiniRoos teams. This has become a task that takes days of work, due to the enormous size of the Sutherland Association.

It was a fitting end of the evening as Jones received a standing ovation by the many in attendance.

It was a fantastic evening as Football NSW's grassroots community embraced in what was a spectacular season for all involved.

Sydney United 58 announce signings for 2019

Sydney United 58 have moved swiftly in re-signing and recruiting its players for the 2019 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's season with Reds head coach Miro Vlastelica at the helm once more.

The former NSL giants were dealt a blow losing mercurial playmaker Panny Nikas to rivals Rockdale City Suns but have picked up promising former Marconi Stallions youngster Judah Cleur as well as former Wollongong Wolves sharpshooter Peter Simonoski.

The club will also unveil former U17 and U20's Uruguayan international Sebastian Gallegos as one of its main players for the new season.

The 26-year-old comes with a lot of pedigree having played for Uruguayan giants Penarol as well as clubs in Italy, Spain, Romania, Peru and Chile.

His rise to fame was when he scored five goals in five matches for the 17 Uruguayan squad at the 2009 FIFA

Under 17 World Cup held in Nigeria where he shared the Golden Boot with three other players.

Gallegos spent the last half of the season plying his trade with National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's outfit Hawkesbury City before making the move to United 58 for next year.

Sydney United Sports Centre will once again see the likes of players such as Glen Trifiro, Patrick Antelmi, Matthew Sim, Yianni Perkatis, Yianni Fragogiannis, Christian Gonzalez, Tariq Maia, Jordan Roberts, Sam Perre, Adrian Vlastelica as well as goalkeeper Tom Manos.

Club captain Nick Stavroulakis will once again don the Sydney United 58 jersey with the 33-year-old set for his fifth season with the club.

The new year will see the midfielder look towards assisting coach Miro Vlastelica as well as assistant Jerry Bilokapic.

The club has also hired former Socceroos Strength and Conditioning coach Craig Duncan to the backroom staff.



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