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1. FSC Competitions Coordinator

As advised to clubs Bobby Mazevski has been appointed in the role of FSC Competition Coordinator.

Bobby has been a member of the football family as a player, coach and referee, he has strong relationships with many of our stakeholders and has a true passion for our game. He has substantial experience within administration of the game and has a strong focus on process and customer service, which will continue to be a key focus of FSC. Please join me in congratulating Bobby on his appointment.

Bobby's contact details are:

Email: bobbym@footballsouthcoast.com

Mobile: 0407284770

As advised, David Naylor has agreed to work part time with FSC over the 2014/2015 year to assist with the transition of the role, but to also assist the FSC Office in a number of areas. David's contact details remain the same.

2. NSW Sports Facility Funding

The latest round of the NSW Government's Sports Facility Program is **NOW OPEN**. This offers grants of up to **\$25,000** to improve sporting facilities, with the applicant having to match this **dollar for dollar**. The program aims to increase participation opportunities in sport by:

- improving safety at sporting facilities
- improving amenities at sporting facilities
- developing environmentally sustainable sporting facilities
- addressing barriers to participation in sport

Projects eligible for funding at sporting clubs include:

- enhance existing facilities e.g. watering systems, safety netting, lighting and upgrade of surfaces
- provide ancillary facilities e.g. sun protection shelters, change rooms, shower and toilet blocks
- construct new fixed and portable facilities and infrastructure

Visit the grants website <u>www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants</u> for more information.

Applications close 31 October 2014.

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3. <u>Working with Children Course – Register Online NOW</u>

In 2015 – obtaining a WWC number will apply to ALL paid roles when dealing with players under the age of 18 years.

It will also apply to volunteers including club committee members, strappers, and any other volunteers that have interaction with under 18's. There will be some exemptions to this. This includes referees, canteen workers and administration officers that do not have any contact with children.

To assist clubs understand the new requirements clubs are encouraged to attend the following workshop:

Wollongong - Child Safe Sports Workshop - 30 October at the Fraternity Club at (6:30 to 8:30pm)

This child safe sports session will assist sports organisations and clubs to understand the changes to the Working With Children Check and implement effective child safe strategies and practices.

What you will learn about:

- How the new check differs from the previous check
- Who will and won't need a Working With Children Check under the new system
- Individual and employer responsibilities
- How to prepare for the new check
- Risk Management
- Codes of conduct
- Kids' participation
- Complaints and Allegations

There will also be time for questions regarding the new check and child safe practices.

Register online via the following link:

http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/EventViewBookingDetails.aspx?Bck=Y&EventID=229



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