



# Women's Newsletter August 2006



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Welcome to the first Soccer NSW Women's Newsletter. The e-news service is distributed to any person who has subscribed to the newsletter through the women's page of the Soccer NSW website. The aim of this Newsletter is to provide comprehensive information on the growing game of women's soccer.

## Qantas Matildas

### *From FFA Media Releases in July*

The Qantas Matildas took part in a nine-nation AFC (Asian Football Confederation) Women's Asian Cup in July. The Women's Asian Cup also doubled as the qualifying tournament for 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup which will be played in China. The tournament was the first hosted by Australia since its entry into the Asian Football Confederation on 1 January 2006.

NSW were represented by Dianne Alagich (Sydney), Joanne Burgess (Sydney), Lauren Colthorpe (Newcastle), Rhian Davies (Sydney), Heather Garriock (Sydney), Kate Gill (Newcastle), Kylie Ledbrook (Sydney), Joanne Peters (Newcastle), Karla Reuter (Newcastle), Cheryl Salisbury (Newcastle) and Sarah Walsh (Sydney).

The Qantas Matildas were grouped with Korea Republic, DPR Korea (North Korea), Myanmar and Thailand with two teams progressing to the second round.

The Qantas Matildas commenced their campaign to qualify for the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup in impressive fashion securing a 4-0 win over group rivals Korea Republic (South Korea) in their opening match of the Asian Women's Asian Cup played at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide.

The Qantas Matildas move closer towards qualifying for the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup with a 2-0 win over Myanmar and a scoreless draw against DPR Korea (North Korea).

The Qantas Matildas qualified for the semi finals of the AFC Women's Asian Cup after a 5-0 victory over Thailand but were edged out of top spot in the group by DPR Korea (North Korea) on goal difference. This left the Qantas Matildas to face Japan for the opportunity to not only reach the final of the AFC Women's Asian Cup but more importantly to qualify for the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2007.

In a proud moment for the Australians in front of their home crowd the Qantas Matildas qualified for the FIFA Women's World Cup by defeating Japan 2-0 at Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium. Unfortunately the Qantas Matildas lost the AFC Women's Asian Cup Final against China 4-2 on penalty kicks after scores were tied 2-2 at the conclusion of extra time.

For further details visit- <http://www.footballaustralia.com.au>



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### The Qantas Young Matildas

The Qantas Young Matildas head to Russia to participate in the 3rd edition of the FIFA U19/U20 Women's World Championships in August. With five girls that played in the recent AFC Women's Asian Cup for the Qantas Matildas as they marched to the final, confidence will be high. It will not be easy however, up against host nation Russia and South American champions Brazil. Follow the Qantas Young Matildas progress on the FFA website- <http://www.footballaustralia.com.au>.

### Qantas National Youth Girls Championships

From FFA Media Release

The Qantas National Youth Championships for U/15 and U/17 girls was played in Coffs Harbour from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2006. The championships also served as a FIFA U/17 National Identification event, with 11 players from NSW being identified (8 from Soccer NSW Metropolitan and 3 from Soccer NSW Country). In 2007 a U/16's National event will take place in preparation for national squad selection for 2008.

In the U/15's age division Soccer NSW Metropolitan team reached 3<sup>rd</sup> position over all after defeating Northern NSW 2-1 in the play-offs. While Soccer NSW Country reached 6<sup>th</sup> place after a narrow loss of 2-1 to Capital Football in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> play-off

Final Standings for U/15 : 1.Football Queensland, 2.Football West, 3.Soccer NSW Metropolitan, 4. Northern NSW, 5.Capital Football, 6.Soccer NSW Country, 7.Football Federation South Australia, 8.Football Federation Victoria 9.Football Tasmania, 10.Football Federation Northern Territory

In the U/17's age division Soccer NSW Metropolitan finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place, defeating Football Queensland 1-0 in the final. Soccer NSW Country finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position after losing 1-0 to Football Federation South Australia in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> play-off.

Final Standings for U/17: 1. Soccer NSW Metropolitan, 2. Football Queensland 3. Football Federation South Australia, 4. Soccer NSW Country 5. Football Federation Victoria, 6. Northern NSW, 7. New Zealand 8. Football West, 9. Capital Football, 10. Football Tasmania.

### Turf Girl Waratah Shield



Illawarra Stingrays pulled off the upset of the season in beating Marconi Stallions 1-0 in the Final of the Turf Girl Waratah Shield at Hajduk Stadium on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August.



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When Stingrays' defender, Amy Taylor was adjudged to have handled in the area in the first half, Marconi had a great chance to take the lead but skipper, Alicia Cavanagh, put the spot kick over the bar.

The Stingrays made the most of their reprieve when Jessica Cooper netted in the 59th minute, giving the girls a lead they never relinquished. Cooper latched onto a ball to smash a first-time right-footer into the roof of the Marconi net.

The Stingrays' keeper rescued her side when she got her hand to a ball that came off the crossbar pushing it around the post in the 75<sup>th</sup>.

It was Marconi's first loss of the season, their 15 wins to date in the Arrive Alive Super League seeing them well clear of Illawarra in the race to the Premiership.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play-off game Sydney University accounted for Southern Branch 7-0.

Soccer NSW wishes to congratulate all teams on a magnificent tournament. A special thanks to tournament sponsor Turf Girl for their support throughout the year.

## Under 19 Women's Tour of the USA

Are you currently playing in the Women's Super League and believe you have what it takes to launch a career in arguably the strongest women's competition in the world? Then hurry and join up for the Soccer NSW Under 19s Tour of the USA.

With numbers strictly limited and only a few places remaining, now is the time to express your interest in a tour which has received rave reviews.

The USA tour is designed for talented players who wish to experience football at a premier level. At the same time, girls will enjoy the cultural and team experience that international tours bring.

The team will be entered in a major tournament, Nike San Diego Surf Cup, in the Under 19 division so applicants must be born on or after 1 August 1987. Preliminary matches with high school and club teams will also be on the agenda together with ample time for tourist activities and a stopover is scheduled in Hawaii for lead up matches prior to arrival in Los Angeles.

Soccer NSW will appoint coaching staff with credentials in elite female development to ensure the tour is conducted in line with our programmes and policies.

The cost of the camp is \$5950 which includes airfares, accommodation, meals, sporting equipment, travel insurance and entry to all attractions.

Players wishing to be considered for selection should contact:

**Mr. Rob Laws**  
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**Telephone: 9618 3928**  
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## Soccer NSW Coaching Courses

Soccer NSW is running a Youth coaching licence in September. The course will commence on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September continuing on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September.

An exemption exists, for players to skip the Junior Coaching Licence and move straight to the Youth Coaching Licence if

- A player who has played or is playing National Soccer League, NSW Premier or NSW Super League (players who have played 1<sup>st</sup> Grade or U/20's will be considered) within the last four years
- For female candidates: Women's National Summer League or WSL 1<sup>st</sup> or State League 1<sup>st</sup> Grade or
- People who have had experience coaching at the junior level and hold a Physical Education, Sports Science or Human Movement degree.

For information on the National Coaching Scheme go to:- <http://coaching.footballaustralia.com.au/public/article/show.asp?article=Coaching%20Home%20Page> or contact Tricia at Soccer NSW (02) 8814 4431.

## Sport Leadership Grants for Women

Grant opportunity for women at club level to undertake education and training to enhance the resources and services offered by the club, The Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Government Office for Women invite you to apply for the 2006/07 Sport Leadership Grants for Women.

One aim of the grants program is to provide women with an opportunity to further their education and training in areas of sport leadership which can benefit the growth and development of your club.

The 2006/07 Sport Leadership Grants for Women offers grants in five key categories:

- Women in general sport leadership
  - High Performance coaching and officiating
  - Women in disability sport
  - Indigenous women
  - Women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Each category includes the following project areas:
- Coaching
  - Officiating
  - Management (including administration)
  - Governance (board and committees)

The Program provides successful applicants with a one-off grant of up to \$5,000 for individuals and up to \$10,000 for incorporated organisations. Applications for the grants close on Friday 15 September 2006.

For grant application forms and guidelines please go to: <http://www.ausport.gov.au/women/grants.asp>.



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## NSW Sports Safety Awards

What does an asthma record for junior rugby league players, pre-season concussion testing on rugby union players and a school musical on sports safety and nutrition have in common?

These diverse initiatives were all winners at the 2005 NSW Sports Safety Awards.

The nomination period for the 2006 awards is **NOW OPEN**. Nominate your initiative for making sport safer to be recognised and win prizes of sports equipment up to \$5,000.

The awards are open to all sporting clubs and schools throughout NSW. Winners will be announced at a gala awards ceremony in November at Telstra Stadium, Homebush. **Nominations close on 15 September 2006.**

The NSW Sporting Injuries Committee is a NSW Government organisation that encourages safety and injury prevention in the NSW sporting community.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Sporting Injuries Committee website [www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au) or by calling the NSW Sporting Injuries Committee on 02 4321 5392.

Well that is all for the first edition of the Women's Newsletter. Please feel free to mention this newsletter to others and/or forward this information to club members and other contacts. If you have any information that you would like to see included in the September Newsletter e.g. player profile, team profile, trial information please feel free to email [hayley@soccernsw.com.au](mailto:hayley@soccernsw.com.au) by Monday 28th August.

Yours in Sport,

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