



News and Events

National Youth Championships were held in Coffs Harbour in October for the U14 & U15 boys. Congratulations to both teams who finished 11th out of 12 teams. In a week where the NT gained credibility against the bigger states both teams won their respective play off games with positive attacking football. From the Technical Director's point of view it was good to hear the positive comments attributed to NT teams like "how organised we were tactically" "defensively we were hard to break down". Thanks again to everyone involved and may this lead us on to bigger and better things.

Singapore Sports School (SSS) tour in October materialised as a reward for the group of Academy players who trained all year but were not selected to tour in either the U14 or U15 NYC Representative Teams. As part of the whole footballing experience the SSS were contracted to supply a paid professional coach to carry out 4 x 2 hour sessions of coaching for the players and coaches. The coach was Tony Teo and he was extremely well received by the players. Three matches against local opposition were also arranged. The Sports school training sessions were extremely valuable for the players and in particular for the coaching staff.

Over 35's 7-a-side Wet Season Competition kicked off in October in Darwin. Nine teams are playing every Wednesday evening at Darwin Football Stadium, with games starting at 6:30pm. The enthusiasm and the camaraderie each player displays is great. The emphasis is on fun, but those competitive juices are still there.

We are looking at having a Dry season competition running next year and are conducting a poll on our website to see if people would like this to go ahead, so please log onto www.footballnt.com.au and vote.



FFNT Annual General Meeting was held on Sat 28th Nov. Congratulations to Jim Laouris on his reappointment and welcome to new board member George Kamitsis. Our FFNT Board members are:
Ziko Ilic - President
Tony Rokov
Kevin Burton
Fred Marrone
John Keirs
Jim Laouris
Adrian Curry
George Kamitsis



The Board and Staff at FFNT would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



FFNT office will be closed from Friday 18th Dec and re-open Monday 11th Jan 2010

Academy and NAB Rising Star Programs
Well done to the 9, 10 & 11 year olds who have completed their NAB Rising Stars program. It is wonderful to see the future stars of tomorrow display their skills at the Darwin Football Stadium. The 12 & 13 year olds will finish their Football Academy program in December. All coaches have commented on the enthusiasm displayed by the young players to learn more about football.



NAB Rising Stars U9's group





Coaching Corner

The Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) program was finally given the green light to proceed. The selection process is under way and in the next newsletter we will be able to acknowledge the boys and girls who were successful in their application to the NTIS.

Coaches wanted

I'm always on the lookout for new coaches who would like to coach in FFNT player programs for next year. I have positions available from 8 year olds to 18 year olds and hopefully an NT 21's.

We had a positive trip to Coffs Harbour for the NYC U14 & U15 boys and successful NAB Rising Stars and Academy programs which have just finished for the year.

Daymon Port - Technical Director

CEO's Corner

Even though the year is coming to a close there is still plenty happening on the football front. The Over 35's competition has kicked off in Darwin and has been well received. While there is a lack of pace there's certainly not a lack in skill and enthusiasm and what pleases me the most is the enjoyment people are getting out of the competition. Tanya ter Bogt has done a terrific job with getting the competition up and running.

The Bagot Oval major resurfacing project has been progressing extremely well under the project management of DCC's Dave Cash. It will definitely be ready for the start of the 2010 season. The Nakara Oval floodlight project has been given the green light by DCC. Former Board member Terry Dent has done an enormous amount of work on both of these projects. Also thanks to the Northern Territory Government and Darwin City Council for their continued support.

The 2009 FFNT Annual General Meeting was held on November 28. I would like to thank everyone who attended and participated, and to also welcome new Board member George Kamitsis.

FFA's facilities audit has been progressing well. This important study will provide information for us that will enable us to grow our sport and to assist us with putting forward facility proposals and improvements. Finally I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2010.

Enjoy your football
Bill Kostandas - CEO

Darwin Football Stadium Report

After discussions with the Dept of Sport and Recreation, a maintenance schedule was finalised for the stadium fields. Besides routine tasks throughout the year, each October the use of the 2 fields will be minimised and/or stopped, to allow more extensive repairs to be carried out. This October both fields were scarified, cored and fertilised. These activities removed excess clippings and dead grass, aerated the ground and added much needed nutrients to the soil profile. A maintenance regime such as this is to ensure the conditions of the fields remains at a high standard, for the betterment of Darwin football, and to attract and accomodate A-League and FFA sponsored events.

Ken Nicholl - Stadium Manager

The Zones!

NorZone

It's great to see all the clubs working together with the Zone council and FFNT CEO to implement changes to the 2010 football structure. The 2010 competitions will be finalised shortly.

FICA

The Summer 7 aside competition has just commenced with over 50 teams registered to play. This represents an additional 10 teams this year. Games take place over 2 week nights under the new lighting facilities at Ross Park.

Central Zone

Grove Junior Football Club recently had the opening of their new state of the art club house at Hindle Oval. Alan Fullard and his committee have done a tremendous job in making this facility a reality.

Katherine Football Club is also progressing well and player numbers grew significantly this year. Lisa Dawes and her committee's hard work and enthusiasm is appreciated by all.

Borroloola

It's been a big month for Gulf football with the "Cyclones" senior team captain Alistair Evans invited to play for a Select U23 Indigenous side against a Parliamentary side in Canberra recently. Evans scored both goals in a 2-1 win to the Indigenous side.

Another of Borroloola's players, U17 representative Shonada Anderson is off to Brazil for 6 weeks to attend a soccer school. It will be a great experience and Shonada will be able to come back and pass on some off the "Samba" skills she has learnt to junior players.

To top off the good news the Chief Minister Paul Henderson announcement that funds would be provided to upgrade the school's soccer pitch.

