

## Football NSW and the High Performance Unit

### *Football NSW*

Football NSW is the governing body for association football (soccer) and Futsal in the Australian state of New South Wales, with the exception of the northern regions of NSW (the governing body for which is Northern New South Wales Football). Football NSW is a member of the national governing body, Football Federation Australia (FFA). Prior to 1 April 2007 Football NSW was known as Soccer NSW.

The headquarters of Football NSW are located at Valentine Sport Park. Valentine Sports Park is a multipurpose sporting complex which caters for various groups, as well as individuals. The complex consists of twin, triple and quad rooms accommodating up to 180 people, 5 playing fields, lecture rooms, indoor sports hall, 20 metre outdoor pool, sports medicine centre and a dining room open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It also contains the offices of the Football NSW staff.

Over the past two years Football NSW has evaluated all options relating to the development of the current Valentine Sports Park property and the potential development of a new site. The organisation looked at a variety of properties in the various regions of Sydney with a view to finding a suitable property. After reviewing the various properties and conducting a detailed feasibility study into the current site, the most suitable option was judged to be the 35 hectares located at Riverstone West.

The site gives Football NSW ample space for future expansion and a location that will see the complex situation within a highly developed and populated area in the not too distant future, with great access to public transport. Located in the heart of the North West Growth Sector the site will one day be surrounded by the developed residential release precincts, such as Marsden Park North and Riverstone.

With construction due to commence at Riverstone West in February 2010, Football NSW staff will be relocated to Columbia Court, Norwest in early 2010. Valentine Sports Park will cease operation in conjunction with the move to Norwest.

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## *High Performance Unit*

The Football NSW High Performance Unit (HPU) focuses on areas including, coach education, elite player pathways, state team representation and association/club development initiatives.

The role of the HPU is to implement elite development programs that will increase both the participation and standard of play in NSW. HPU's role is to overlap the international standard of youth development with cutting edge youth programs aimed to improve the quality of play with our young players in preparation for international football.

Football NSW plays an integral role in producing quality players for national teams at all levels.

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