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President's Report

Welcome back to another season of soccer! And welcome to yet another rainy start - unfortunately something we are getting very used to.

I want to acknowledge the huge effort of our committee preparing for the season. There is a lot of work to be done and without their tireless work we wouldn't have teams on the field.

I also want to extend our sincere thanks and acknowledgement to Skye Lacey and Jeff Williams who have stepped down from active roles within the club this year.

There's a bit in this newsletter; a call for new committee members, information on what we need from you during the season and an update on Regional Super League.

There's also some really important information on the Zero Tolerance Policy.

This is something desperately needed and that we completely support as a club. Please have a read of this so you know what is expected.

In other exciting news, this year we launch our Junior Pathways Program. Through this program we aim to be able to provide some additional training for our players and an opportunity for our coaches to get involved and develop. All going well this is a model we will be able to grow in the future.

Next year we will celebrate our 50th year as a club so you'll start to see some information come out as we make preparations.

Also, a huge thanks to all our sponsors for 2025 who play a huge role in supporting our club.

*Peter Moore
President*

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2025 Port United Committee

Peter Moore - President
Ben Davidson - Vice President
Dave Goldstein
Aaron Collier
Lisa McLaren
Loriann McKinnon
Tony Blue
Colin Lowe
Les Tregier
Gordon McCallum
Grace Walker



We have a number of vacant positions on our committee for 2025. If you are interested in helping out we are keen to hear from you, email us at info@portunited.com.au

2025 CLUB STATS

53 Teams

93 Coaches and
Managers

612 Players

25% Female
Participation

Regional Super League -
Mens and Womens

49th Year



REGIONAL SUPER LEAGUE

We are thrilled to be represented in the inaugural season of the Regional Super League in both Men's and Women's.

Our teams will come up against the best from Football Mid North Coast, Northern Inland and North Coast Football.

The group stage will consist of 3 matches throughout the year with finals to be contested in October.

In the Men's we are in a pool with Armidale City Westside, Northern Storm and Port Saints.

In the Women's we will face Coffs City United, Tamworth FC and Macleay Valley Rangers.

Round 1 fixture have now be confirmed and will be broadcast live on Bar TV. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details.

Round 1 Fixtures:

- Men's - Armidale City Westside, 10 May @ 3pm - Harris Park, Armidale
- Women's - Tamworth FC, 10 May @ 1pm - Gipps St Sporting Fields, Tamworth

APPLY NOW



We are seeking a team manager for our Men's Zone League Teams. This is a great opportunity to get involved and fill a valued role for the team. Enquire at info@portunited.com.au or call Glen Morris on 0428 838 649

Port United Junior Pathways Program



We are excited to announce the launch of our new Junior Pathways Program. The aim of our program is to offer our kids and coaches the option of developing their skills and knowledge of the game. We are starting small and hoping to build over the next few years and add additional age groups.



We've had a great take up for Term One with all spots filled.

About the program:

- Modelled on the Football Australia Skills Acquisition Program (SAP)
- Open to U9 to U12.
- 30 players per term
- 1 additional training session per week (on top of normal team training)
- No selection process, the first in will be selected. Priority will be given to players who haven't already participated in earlier terms.
- **Free of charge for all Port United players.**
- Coaches invited to attend and participate.
- Qualified C level coaches and led by our new Coaching Director, Dan Murace.

What we need from you

Our club is run entirely through the efforts of our volunteers. We don't have any paid employees and there are no honorariums or financial compensation for committee members. All our committee members are parents of players, players themselves, or past players of the club.



We need everyone pitching in to make our club successful.

Some of the things we need from you:

- Field setup and packup - each team is responsible for setup when they are first game on the field and packup when they are last. A roster will be sent to coaches and posted to our Facebook page each week.
- Ground Officials - Each team is required to have ground officials present when we are the home team. For Junior teams up to U14 we need 1 per team and for U15 and up we need 2. Ground Officials are responsible for ensuring respect to game leaders, match officials and other players/parents is maintained. A full role statement has been provided to coaches and our committee are happy to help answer questions.
- We also have a number of vacant positions on the committee, if you are interested and would like to know more email us at info@portunited.com.au





ZERO TOLERANCE TOWARDS MATCH OFFICIAL ABUSE

CALL IT OUT. STAMP IT OUT.



Declining referee numbers are starting to impact matches with many being scheduled without referee's, or only 1 of the 3. While the majority of players, coaches, parents and spectators do the right thing, unfortunately the main reason for declining numbers is the abuse the referee's cop.

To address this, Football Mid North Coast has launched the Zero Tolerance policy. There are many aspects to the policy, however the main thing to be aware of are the strong sanctions for abuse of match officials, which include:

- Points deducted from offending team; suspended 3 points for first instance, those 3 and an additional 3 for second offence and ongoing 3 points for further offences.
- Mandatory 6 match suspension for any player/official for a first offence and 8 matches for a second offence.
- Minimum 30 days suspension for any non-playing person found guilty of abuse of a match official.
- 12-month suspension and possible referral to police where the match official is a minor.

We ask you to all be completely respectful to the match officials at all times. To help support a positive environment each team will be asked to have a match official dedicated to all home games. Your coaches and managers have more information on this role.

You can read the full Zero Tolerance policy here:

https://www.northernnswfootball.com.au/sites/nswf/files/2025-04/zero_tolerance_plan_of_management_v1_20.5.25_1.pdf

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2026 will be our 50th Anniversary

We are looking for some old timers to help us prepare for the celebrations

Contact Col Lowe 0417008777 or Tony Blue 0410057352

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We are really keen to highlight all the great things happening around the club - but in such a big club we can't be across everything. If you have a story to share, please contact us at info@portunited.com.au

For any enquiries about 2026 sponsorship opportunities please contact us at info@portunited.com.au

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