

- Association founded 1961
- Affiliated to FIFA 1963



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Australia

Football may not be the number one sport in Australia, but it is certainly the game with the greatest potential for development. Since the induction of the new association management in particular, the number of new players has continually increased – especially in women’s football, which in terms of development has left all other women’s games trailing in its wake. This has also led to the creation of a new league, due to be launched in 2005. Australia have always been the heavyweight power in Oceania, but in recent years, the Aussies have often impressed on the world stage (fourth place at Atlanta '96; runner-up at 1997 FIFA Confederations Cup; third place at 2001 FIFA Confederations Cup; runner-up at 1999 FIFA U-17 World Championship), results that underline the huge potential in Australia.

The Goal Project

The Football Federation of Australia’s aim is to have its own “House of Football” in the centre or suburbs of Sydney. The Goal Bureau approved just such a project on 22 September 2004. Given the huge financial commitment involved, Goal funds make up just 20% of the overall budget. However, the association expects a significant upturn in fortunes, due to the savings on previous rent and the fact that a centralised management team will be able to improve the coordination of football development initiatives.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Association headquarters in Sydney

Project approved

22 September 2004

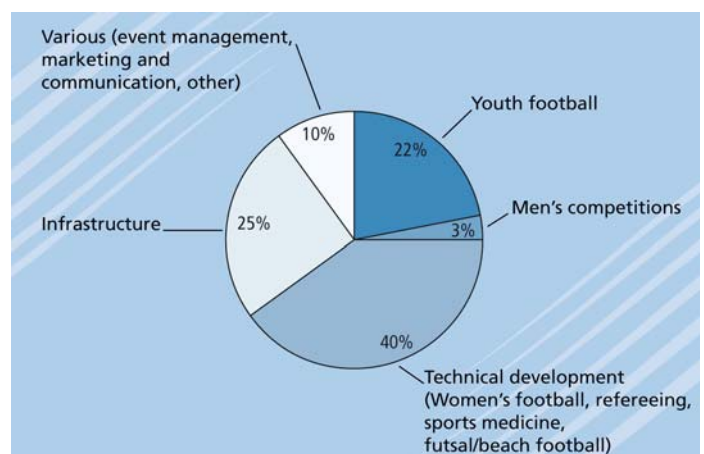
Status

Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Other sources	USD	1,600,000
Total cost	USD	2,000,000

Use of FAP funds



Football education and courses

	No of courses until 1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
FUTURO III regional courses																					
Refereeing (men and women)																					
Coaching (men)																					
Coaching (women)																					
Administration and management																					
Football medicine																					
Seminars																					
Women's football																					
Futsal																					
Com-Unity																					
MA Seminars																					
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Administration																					
Refereeing (men and women)		●																			●
Coaching (men and women)																					
Beach soccer																					
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses					●																
Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)	3																				
FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches																					

●: Course host country

□: Course participant in another country

Women's football

When, in 1995, today's FIFA President said "The future of football is feminine", it was more than mere lip service. It reflected a strong belief in the huge potential that women's football has to develop. Ever since, FIFA has given targeted support for the efforts of associations who offer women the same opportunities to develop as male players. Launched in 1998, FIFA's Financial Assistance Programme (FAP) introduced a requirement in 2004 for the associations and confederations to invest at least 4% of their FAP funding into women's football. This threshold was increased to 10% in 2005. On top of this commitment, FIFA also promotes the women's game in more general ways by directly financing women's matches and organising competitions and symposiums. Thanks to its development programmes, FIFA is also playing an active role in the training of administrators, coaches, referees and sports doctors.



Australian champions 2007: Youth category

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	n/a
From which age on, players are registered?	10
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	1,152
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	3,354
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	yes
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-17, U-20



The Women's national team at the FIFA Women's World Cup in PR China