



20 National Participation Report

INTRODUCTION

To the Australian Football Community,

It is a delight to provide the Australian football community with our 2022 National participation report in a year that has seen unprecedented success for our game in Australia and on the world stage.

The highlight of 2022 was unquestionably our Subway Socceroos' performance at the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ that saw the team win two group games for the first time in our nation's history and qualify for the second phase of the competition, an achievement that matches the Golden Generation's effort at the FIFA World Cup Germany 2006™. This success in Qatar has seen the Subway Socceroos FIFA ranking rise to number 27 in the world.

To witness the achievements of this team personally and see the passionate support their performances generated across the Australian community was inspiring for us all and established a strong foundation for our game to grow in 2023 and beyond.

Our CommBank Matildas enjoyed their own success in 2022 embarking on a program of training, development, analysis, travel and matches that have been designed for our players to hit their peak performance as Australia and New Zealand host the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia and New Zealand 2023^{TM} .

The CommBank Matildas enter their World Cup year on a 7-match winning run, stretching back to October last year and we can't wait to welcome the World to our shores for the largest celebration of Women's sport on the planet starting July 20, 2023.

We would like to thank Federal Minister for Sport Anika Wells, Kieran Perkins and the team at Sport Australia for their contribution towards the CommBank Matildas' preparation for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia and New Zealand 2023™. Without this support, the CommBank Matildas outstanding preparation across the past 2 years would not have been possible.

It was also extremely pleasing to see our CommBank Pararoos and CommBank ParaMatildas competing at the 2022 International Federation of Cerebral Palsy Football (IFCPF) World Cup in April. Both teams performed admirably, but I would like to draw special attention to the CommBank ParaMatildas who, after becoming our newest National Team in March, competed in their first IFCPF World Cup and finished second to the United States.

I would like to note the achievements of the CommBank Young Matildas, who competed at and won their opening match at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Costa Rica 2022, against the host nation, and our CommBank Junior Matildas, who were crowned champions at the AFF U-18 Women Championships.

In June, we also saw our U-23 Men's Team return to action at the AFC U23 Asian Cup^{TM} , with the team successfully progressing to the quarter-finals of the tournament. Our U-17 Men's National Team also secured automatic qualification to next year's AFC U17 Asian Cup 2023.

All our national team players, coaches and support staff started their football journey on one of Australia's 4,500 football fields. and I know that each member of our CommBank Matildas and Subway Socceroos understand that a strong participation base playing and supporting community football across Australia is a precursor to a strong and viable future for our national teams program.

Season 2022 commenced with the concern of a Covid interruption continuing to hang over the year as our community participants began to register for their football season in March. This concern was particularly prominent in NSW and Victoria, the two Australian States most impacted by the pandemic in 2020 and 2021. More importantly, all football leagues and competitions across our member federations and associations were successfully completed in 2022.

The 2022 Australia Cup was one of the most memorable and successful in history, over 16,000 fans were in attendance and witnessed an NPL club participate the final for the first time. Our efforts to create a more aligned football pyramid came to life through this competition, with clubs at all levels competing throughout the country for a chance to represent Australia on the world stage at the AFC Cup.

The collective work being done by the organisation in collaboration with our media, sponsor, licensing and agency partners, has enhanced the commercial power of not only the Subway Socceroos and CommBank Matildas in 2022, but also the game more broadly. This has attracted some of the biggest brands in the world to our game, including the likes of Subway, Commonwealth Bank, Disney, and most recently LEGO, join the Australian football family as partners of Football Australia.

It was pleasing to see our Federal Government re commit to the nation's Sporting Schools program for a further two years (until the end of 2024), and strong commitments to ensuring our kids 'get active again' by a number of State Governments via the funding of sports programs to target this challenge post Covid lockdowns.

The result of this commitment and support is that we have seen activity in school football programs drive a 8% total growth nationally in participation to 1,528,395 participants.

We enter 2023 in a strong position with thanks to all our volunteers, coaches, referees, players, fans and community club administrators who ensure our game is played every week. I look forward to our game growing again in 2023 and can't wait for all Australians to witness a FIFA World Cup on our shores for the first time in our history.

2022 FOOTBALL PARTICIPATION KEY INSIGHTS

PROGRAM	% CHANGE	2022	2021
Outdoor Football	-1%	539,925	547,751
Futsal	8%	58,453	54,215
Social Football	-14%	113,938	133,148
Registered Coaches	16%	52,745	45,619
Registered Referees	-5%	10,584	11,127
Volunteers	-9%	24,842	27,346
Schools Football	23%	476,895	387,457
Community Football Programs	21%	229,979	190,001
Specific Diversity and Inclusion Programs	-16%	21,034	25,140
TOTAL PARTICIPATION 2022	8%	1,528,395	1,421,804

School Programs

- Total schools programs have increased by 89,438 or 23% on the back of significant Government investment in ensuring kids get active again post pandemic lockdowns.
- A 32% increase or 28,620 participants in Football Australia delivered Sporting Schools programs, including football being the leading provider of Sporting Schools programs for Australian students in Term 3. The total students engaged through Football Australia's Sporting Schools program was 119,107.

Social & Futsal

Futsal has seen significant growth in 2022 with 58,453 participants, this is an increase of 8% compared to 2021.

Social/Summer continues to achieve positive numbers with 113,938 participants with a 70% male and 30% female split.

Coaches

National Coach Workforce of over 200 Participation Officers established to deliver Sporting Schools, MiniRoos & Junior Participation programs.

Coach registrations increased by 7,509 in 2022, with a total number of registered coaches now at 52,745 with an increase of 17% year on year.

Schools and Community Programs

Schools participation has grown by 89,438 (23%). FA sporting schools continuing to deliver significant participation growth with 119,107, 32% increase on last year. Total School participants 476,895.

Community events and promotional experiences has seen a positive increase, 21% growth on the previous year with 229,979 participants.

Women and Girls

Women and Girls represented 174,609 participants in outdoor, social and registered football, this shows the 21 % increase from 2020-2021 has stabilised and formed a strong base for women and girls participation moving into 2023.

James Johnson

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA



2022 NATIONAL SUMMARY

TOTAL PARTICIPATION 1,528,395

8% Growth on 2021

WOMEN & GIRLS PARTICIPATION 174,609

INCLUDES OUTDOOR, **REGISTERED FUTSAL & SOCIAL**

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TOTAL PARTICIPATION 353,138

INCLUDES SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES

OUTDOOR AFFILIATED FOOTBALL

539,925 **PARTICIPANTS**



409,258 MALE (76% OF TOTAL)

2,377 **CLUBS**



130,501 FEMALE (24% OF TOTAL)

MINIRODS 232,951 **PARTICIPANTS**



FEMALE 176,774 56,142

YOUTH 157,008 PARTICIPANTS



114,778

FEMALE 42,176

SENIOR 149,966 **PARTICIPANTS**



FEMALE



52,745

REGISTERED COACHES **75% MALE**

25% FEMALE

24%

10,584 REGISTERED REFEREES

86% MALE

(1) 24,842 VOLUNTEERS

53% MALE 47% FEMALE



OTHER FORMATS

FUTSAL 58,453 **PARTICIPANTS**





SOCIAL 113,938 **PARTICIPANTS**



MALE



FEMALE



Includes programs specifically for Cultural and Linguistically Diverse
Communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander & All Ability participants

119,107 FA SPORTING SCHOOLS

+

357,788 OTHER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SCHOOLS TOTAL 476,895 **PARTICIPANTS**

Includes school competitions and school participation programs

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES 229,979 **PARTICIPANTS**

Total numbers include male, female and gender unspecified













































2022 NSW SUMMARY









TOTAL PARTICIPATION

497,912

WOMEN & GIRLS PARTICIPATION 74,929

INCLUDES OUTDOOR, **REGISTERED FUTSAL & SOCIAL**

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TOTAL PARTICIPATION 112,349

INCLUDES SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES

OUTDOOR AFFILIATED FOOTBALL

231,714 **PARTICIPANTS**



171,982 (74% OF TOTAL)

733 **CLUBS**



59,669 FEMALE (26% OF TOTAL)

SENIOR

MINIROS 97,236





YOUTH 63,832



FEMALE

30%

70,646 PARTICIPANTS





FEMALE



29,447 REGISTERED COACHES 70% MALE 30% FEMALE

4,427 89% MAIF 11% FEMALE

8,144 VOLUNTEERS

55% MAIE 45% FEMALE

OTHER FORMATS

FUTSAL 4,682 **PARTICIPANTS**



SOCIAL 44,259 **PARTICIPANTS**



MALE



SPECIFIC DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAMS PARTICIPANTS 382

Includes programs specifically for Cultural and Linguistically Diverse Communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander & All Ability participan

SCHOOLS TOTAL 102,007 **PARTICIPANTS**

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES 72,820 **PARTICIPANTS**

2022 VIC SUMMARY









TOTAL PARTICIPATION

326,578

30% **GROWTH** ON 2021

WOMEN & GIRLS PARTICIPATION 17,897

INCLUDES OUTDOOR, **REGISTERED FUTSAL & SOCIAL**

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TOTAL PARTICIPATION 81,733

INCLUDES SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES

OUTDOOR AFFILIATED FOOTBALL

67,186 **PARTICIPANTS**

> 51,860 MALE (77% OF TOTAL)

386 **CLUBS**



15,295 FEMALE (23% OF TOTAL)

MINIRUOS **25,115 PARTICIPANTS**





YOUTH 24,471 PARTICIPANTS



FEMALE

SENIOR 17,600





FEMALE



3,526 REGISTERED COACHES 88% MALE 12% FEMALE

1,002 **REGISTERED REFEREES** 91% MALE 9% FEMALE

2,663 VOLUNTEERS 59% MALE 41% FEMALE



2,437

SCHOOLS TOTAL

OTHER FORMATS

FUTSAL 41,863 **PARTICIPANTS**



SOCIAL 8,286 **PARTICIPANTS**



MALE



153,590 **PARTICIPANTS**

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES 46,025 **PARTICIPANTS**

2022 QLD SUMMARY





TOTAL PARTICIPATION 269,366

7% **GROWTH** ON 2021

WOMEN & GIRLS PARTICIPATION 28,472

INCLUDES OUTDOOR, **REGISTERED FUTSAL & SOCIAL**

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TOTAL PARTICIPATION 54,825

INCLUDES SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES

OUTDOOR AFFILIATED FOOTBALL

80,600 **PARTICIPANTS**



313 **CLUBS**





18,169 (23% OF TOTAL)

MINIROOS 38,876 PARTICIPANTS





YOUTH 21,864 PARTICIPANTS



SENIOR 19,860 PARTICIPANTS









🧔 7,763 REGISTERED COACHES 81% MALE 19% FEMALE

2,115 77% MALE 23% FFMALE

7,455 VOLUNTEERS

50% MALE 50% FEMALE

OTHER FORMATS

FUTSAL 5,521 **PARTICIPANTS**



SOCIAL 35,486 **PARTICIPANTS**





PROGRAMS PARTICIPANTS 5,819

SCHOOLS TOTAL 75,199 **PARTICIPANTS**

Includes FA Sporting Schools, school compe and school participation programs

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES 49,408 **PARTICIPANTS**

2022 WA SUMMARY





152,540

WOMEN & GIRLS PARTICIPATION 10,433

INCLUDES OUTDOOR, REGISTERED FUTSAL & SOCIAL

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TOTAL PARTICIPATION 40,060

INCLUDES SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES

OUTDOOR AFFILIATED FOOTBALL

40,032 PARTICIPANTS



32,467 MALE(80% OF TOTAL)

247 CLUBS



7,915 FEMALE(20% OF TOTAL)

MINIRCOS 16,990 PARTICIPANTS



13,568

20% FEMALE 3,422 YOUTH
12,291
PARTICIPANTS



MALE FEMALE ,736 2,555 SENIOR
11,101
PARTICIPANTS



17% FEMALE 1,938





2,204
REGISTERED COACHES
87% MALE
13% FEMALE

564
REGISTERED REFEREE
95% MALE
5% FEMALE

21%

887
VOLUNTEERS
48% MALE
52% FEMALE



SOCIAL 6,059 PARTICIPANTS



SPECIFIC DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAMS PARTICIPANTS

6,331

Includes programs specifically for Cultural and Linguistically Diverse Communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander & All Ability participants

83,610
PARTICIPANTS

Includes FA Sporting Schools, school competition

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES 12,503
PARTICIPANTS

2022 NNSW SUMMARY





TOTAL PARTICIPATION

95,305

7% **GROWTH** ON 2021

WOMEN & GIRLS PARTICIPATION 15,728

INCLUDES OUTDOOR, **REGISTERED FUTSAL & SOCIAL**

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TOTAL PARTICIPATION 19,866

INCLUDES SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES

OUTDOOR AFFILIATED FOOTBALL

50,744 **PARTICIPANTS**

> 37,016 MALE (73% OF TOTAL)

209 **CLUBS**



13,746 FEMALE (27% OF TOTAL)

MINIROS 25,159





YOUTH 13,342 **PARTICIPANTS**





SENIOR 12,273











4,081 REGISTERED COACHES 77% MALE 23% FEMALE

952 87% MAIF 13% FEMALE

2,655 VOLUNTEERS 51% MALE 49% FEMALE

OTHER FORMATS

SOCIAL 7,338 **PARTICIPANTS**



MALE



FEMALE



COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES 9,656 PARTICIPANTS

2022 SA SUMMARY





TOTAL PARTICIPATION

99,021

15% **GROWTH ON 2021**

6% growth

WOMEN & GIRLS PARTICIPATION 7,239

INCLUDES OUTDOOR, REGISTERED FUTSAL & SOCIAL

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TOTAL PARTICIPATION 41,031

INCLUDES SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES

OUTDOOR AFFILIATED FOOTBALL

36,737 **PARTICIPANTS**



305 **CLUBS**



30,041 (82% OF TOTAL)



6,689 FEMALE (18% OF TOTAL)

MINIROS 13,366 **PARTICIPANTS**





YOUTH 12,761 **PARTICIPANTS**





SENIOR 10,610 PARTICIPANTS









3,190 REGISTERED COACHES 81% MALE 19% FEMALE

594 REGISTERED REFEREES

90% MALE 10% FEMALE 1,696 VOLUNTEERS

64% MALE 36% FEMALE

OTHER FORMATS

FUTSAL 1,277 **PARTICIPANTS**



SOCIAL 1,653 **PARTICIPANTS**



MALE





SCHOOLS TOTAL 18,478 **PARTICIPANTS**

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES 33,889 PARTICIPANTS

2022 ACT SUMMARY





TOTAL PARTICIPATION

35,291

2% **GROWTH** ON 2021

WOMEN & GIRLS PARTICIPATION 7,146

INCLUDES OUTDOOR, REGISTERED FUTSAL & SOCIAL

OUTDOOR AFFILIATED FOOTBALL

15,727 **PARTICIPANTS**







4,323 FEMALE (27% OF TOTAL)

SENIOR

4,334

PARTICIPANTS

MINIRCOS 6,833 **PARTICIPANTS**





YOUTH 4,560 **PARTICIPANTS**







1,043 **REGISTERED COACHES** 84% MALE 16% FEMALE

632 **REGISTERED REFEREES** 78% MALE

752 VOLUNTEERS 41% MALE 59% FEMALE

OTHER FORMATS

22% FEMALE

SCHOOLS TOTAL 3,571 **PARTICIPANTS**

Includes FA Sporting Schools, school competitions and school participation programs

FUTSAL 3,030 **PARTICIPANTS**



SOCIAL 6,414 **PARTICIPANTS**



MALE



COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES PARTICIPANTS

2022 TAS SUMMARY



TOTAL PARTICIPATION

28,040

WOMEN & GIRLS PARTICIPATION 5,139

INCLUDES OUTDOOR, REGISTERED FUTSAL & SOCIAL



OUTDOOR AFFILIATED FOOTBALL

12,662 **PARTICIPANTS**



119 **CLUBS**



(75% OF TOTAL)



3,650 FEMALE (25% OF TOTAL)

SENIOR

2,171

PARTICIPANTS

MINIRCOS 7,455
PARTICIPANTS





YOUTH 3,036 **PARTICIPANTS**









🚺 1,220 **REGISTERED COACHES**

218 84% MALE

465 VOLUNTEERS 48% MALE

OTHER FORMATS

FUTSAL 2,080 **PARTICIPANTS**



SOCIAL 3,071 **PARTICIPANTS**



SCHOOLS TOTAL 7,524 **PARTICIPANTS**

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES 800 **PARTICIPANTS**

2022 NT SUMMARY



TOTAL PARTICIPATION

16,242

WOMEN & GIRLS PARTICIPATION 1,352

INCLUDES OUTDOOR, REGISTERED FUTSAL & SOCIAL



OUTDOOR AFFILIATED FOOTBALL

4,143 **PARTICIPANTS**



17 **CLUBS**





1,045 FEMALE (25% OF TOTAL)

MINIRCOS 1,921 **PARTICIPANTS**





6 241

REGISTERED COACHES

YOUTH **PARTICIPANTS**





80

REGISTERED REFEREES

SENIOR PARTICIPANTS





SPECIFIC DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAMS PARTICIPANTS

OTHER FORMATS

SOCIAL 1,372 **PARTICIPANTS**





MALE **FEMALE**

VOLUNTEERS

47% MALE

SCHOOLS TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES PARTICIPANTS