

# PROGRESSING THROUGH CLUB CHANGER











WELCOME CLUB CHANGERS THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY**

Australia acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the land now referred to as Australia and that sovereignty was never ceded.

We proudly embrace First Nations peoples and cultures as an integral foundation of who we are and our identity as a national and global sport.

We respectfully acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures, and communities as the Traditional Custodians of the land, skies and seas.

We extend this respect and acknowledgement to First Nations elders past and present as we continue to cherish their guidance and wisdom toward the continuation of educational, spiritual, and cultural practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



# **WEBINAR OVERVIEW**









# **CLUB CHANGER OVERVIEW**



### Club Changer: A Pathway to Stronger, Safer, more Inclusive Football Clubs



**Welcoming & Inclusive** 

### 1400 Clubs across Australia. 9 MF Program Managers. National Network

**Flagship Clubs** 



Retention

Since starting Club Changer have been embedding a more inclusive culture, particularly around gender equity. We've reviewed our policies, introduced more female-friendly programs, and taken practical steps to ensure women and girls feel welcome—from improving access to suitable change rooms, to actively recruiting coaches and committee members.

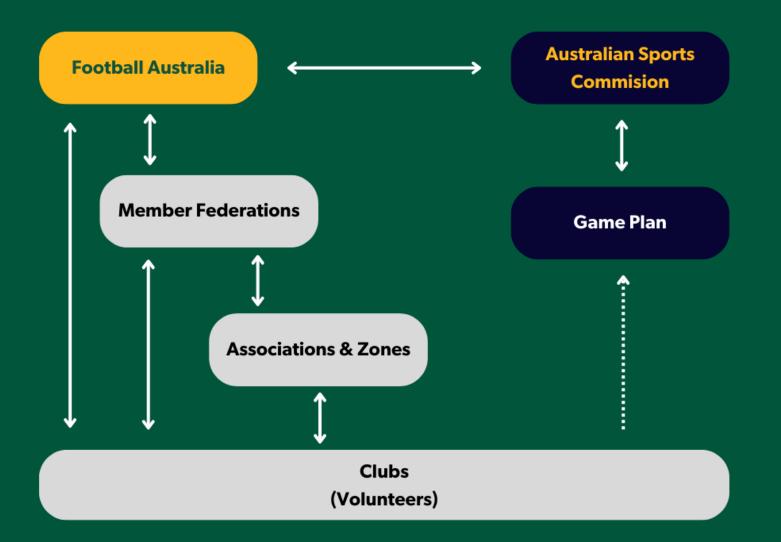
- Adelaide Olympic FC, FSA

Overall, it has been incredibly valuable in guiding our club's growth and structure. The resources and support provided have helped us streamline our programs, especially in developing pathways for junior players and increasing inclusivity.

- Western Eagles FC, FV

# NATIONAL SUPPORT







# **CLUB OF THE MONTH**



This June, nine football clubs from all corners of Australia have been celebrated as Club Changers of the Month for their incredible work in safeguarding.

Their collective efforts are making football safer, more welcoming, and more inclusive—and they're setting the standard for others to follow





Altona East Phoenix SC
Named Club of the Month for
Excellence in Safeguarding,
Inclusion, and Community
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To further enhance safeguarding, the club appointed a qualified **Member Protection Information** Officer (MPIO), with professional skills well-aligned to the role. The MPIO has been introduced via seminars, the club's website, and social media. A dedicated safeguarding section has been added to the club's website, offering direct contact details, relevant policy links, and educational resources from Capital Football, Football Australia, and Play by the Rules. A dedicated email inbox has also been established to manage enquiries and feedback confidentially and efficiently.



# **AFC GRASSROOTS DAY**



Altona East Pheonix Soccer Club, Football Victoria were awarded the first Club Changer 3 Star Status in Australia!

The club have delivered on their 2 Star Action plan, demonstrating their commitment to safeguarding and creating a welcoming fun & safe culture for their community.

As recognition for this achievement they were selected to be celebrated for AFC 2025 Grassroots Football Day.

Video can be found in the link below:

**CLICK HERE** 







# **HOW TO ACHIEVE 1 STAR**

- Completion of Club Affiliation with the Member Federation
- Complete Game Plan Club Profile Complete the Our Game: Women & Girls in Football Module on Game Plan
- Complete the Our Game: Women & Girls in Football 1-Star Action Plan
  - Action Plan templates are available through Member Federation Program Manager or directly through contacting:
    - clubchanger@footballaustralia.com.au
- Share and discuss the Action Plan with Member Federation Program Manager Club Development





# **HOW TO ACHIEVE 2 STAR**



- Must hold a valid 1 Star Status (1 Star renewal may be required)
- Club to complete Safeguarding module
- Club to complete Safeguarding Webinar (full attendance is required)
- Club to complete 3 additional modules
  - Modules to be completed with 18 months of applying for 2 Star
- Completion of 2 Star Submission Document
  - Part 1: Assessment to Progress (demonstration of implementation of W&G Action Plan)
  - Part 2: Modules Completed date & maturity
  - Part 3: 2 Star Action Plan
    - Action Plan addresses Safeguarding & additional modules



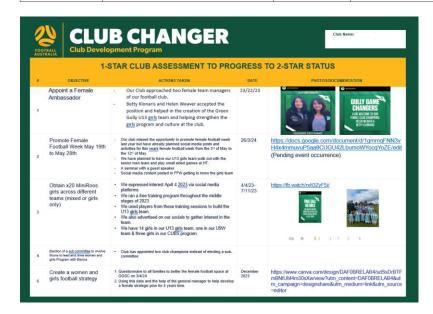


# **EVIDENCE TO PROGRESS 2 STAR**



1 STAR CLUB ASSESSMENT TO PROGRESS TO 2 STAR STATUS  Club Name:					
Apply for Growing Football Fund.	Applied for grants and successfully secured funding to upskill coaches in first aid and CPR	Nov 2023- received March 2024	GFF Community Grant Funding Lette		
Infrastructure Upgrades	In conversations around a Masterplan for multiple locations across the Sutherland shire and have actively supported association clubs with council communication and grant application support.	Ongoing- support clubs with grant applications	Como Jannali Menai Level Playing Como Jannali Level Clubgrants Grant LeField Grant Letter,pcPlaying Field Grant I		
Promote Female Leadership opportunities within the clubs	Communications to clubs were sent around the current legacy funding available as well as promotion to the <u>referees</u> association. SSFA Operations Manager partook in the Game Changer Womens in Leadership program also.		FW_ Grant Update - FW_ Growing February.msg Football Fund - Ope		

Club Name:				
Objective	Action Taken	Date	Photos/Documentation	
EG. Increase number of female players	Started Miniroos KO program, recruiting 20 new young female players     Ran a Go Girls program, resulting in 10 new registered players for youth girls teams in 2024	Continuation of     Miniroos KO     Go Girls program     every Saturday from     28 Oct '23 – 2 Dec '23		
Incorporate a Female Football Strategy into our Club Strategy with focus on: Retention and Attraction.	- Work with Phil Mason (business planning and grants consultant) to incorporate women into strategy.  - Use FNSW resources via Game Changer	Approve and publish strategy by July 2023	- Club strategy complete and approved by June 2023. Committee frequently referenced for decision making and grant application Did not publicized strategy to members.    WyFC Business Plan affirmed 2023 AGMd   V22.pdf	
Engage with Female Football Week: 19 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Make 2 social media posts about our women's teams and pathways for young girls.     Open AAW training for all girls in Cub.	19-28 May, 2023	- Hosted inaugural all-club female football training during Female Football week, which attracted 45 players and was supported by 5+coaches Parents and players were delighted with the event Social Media posts attracted 55 likes, 8 comments and 3 shares Leadership agreement that we will repeat in 2024.	







# **RENEWING YOUR STAR STATUS**

### 1 Star Renewal

- \*Annual renewal for clubs at 1 Star Status
- Recompletion of Women & Girls in Football Module
- Review of previous year action plan
- Creation of renewed action plan
- Submit to Member Federation Program Manager

### 2 Star Renewal

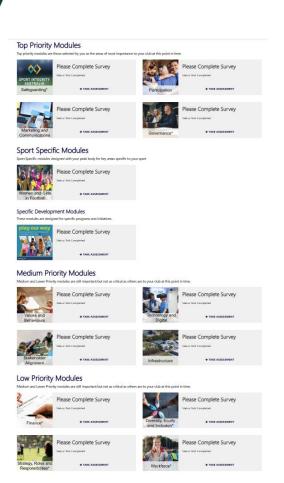
- \*Annual renewal for clubs that have achieved 2 Star status
- Recompletion of Women & Girls in Football Module
- Recompletion of Safeguarding Module
- Review of 2 Star Action Plan
- Creation of renewed action plan
- Submit to Member Federation Program Manager





# **HOW TO ACHIEVE 3 STAR**

- Completion of all required modules on Game Plan
- Modules to be completed within 12 months of applying for 3 Star
- Complete 3 Star Submission Document
  - Part 1: Assessment to Progress
    - Demonstration of implementation of 2 Star Action Plan
  - Part 2: Modules Completion date & maturity
  - Part 3: 3 Star Action Plan
    - Action Plan covers variety of topics covered in the modules completed Safeguarding & additional modules



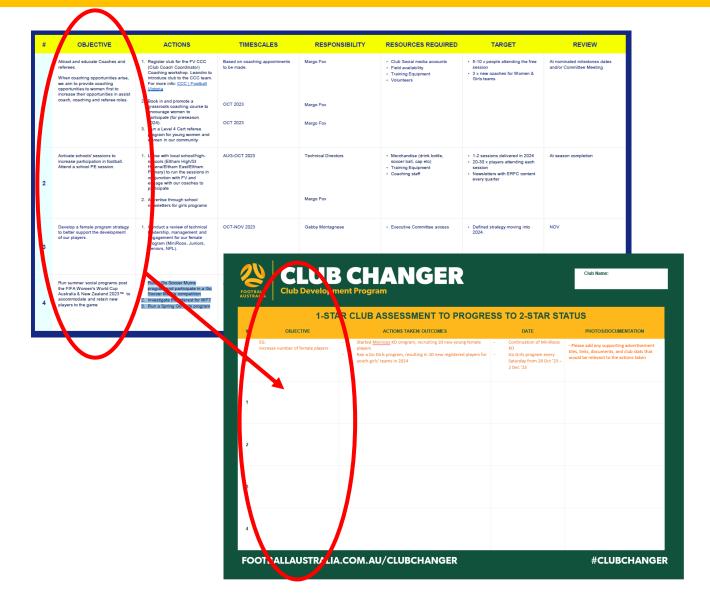




#	OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS	TIMESCALES	RESPONSIBILITY	RESOURCES REQUIRED	TARGET	REVIEW
1	Attract and educate Coaches and referees.  When coaching opportunities arise, we aim to provide coaching opportunities to women first to increase their opportunities in assist coach, coaching and referee roles.	1. Register club for the FV CCC (Club Coach Coordinator) Coaching workshop. Leandro to introduce club to the CCC team. For more info: CCC   Football Victoria  2. Book in and promote a grassroots coaching course to encourage women to participate (for preseason 2024).  3. Run a Level 4 Cert referee program for young women and women in our community	Based on coaching appointments to be made.  OCT 2023  OCT 2023	Margo Fox  Margo Fox	Club Social media accounts     Field availability     Training Equipment     Volunteers	5-10 x people attending the free session     3 x new coaches for Women & Girls teams	At nominated milestones dates and/or Committee Meeting
2	Activate schools' sessions to increase participation in football. Attend a school PE session.	1. Liaise with local school/high- schools (Eltham High/St Helena/Eltham East/Eltham Primary) to run the sessions in conjunction with FV and engage with our coaches to participate  2. Advertise through school newsletters for girls programs	AUG-OCT 2023	Technical Directors  Margo Fox	Merchandise (drink bottle, soocer ball, cap etc)     Training Equipment     Coaching staff	1-2 sessions delivered in 2024     20-30 x players attending each session     Newsletters with ERFC content every quarter	At season completion
3	Develop a female program strategy to better support the development of our players.	Conduct a review of technical leadership, management and engagement for our female program (MiniRoos, Juniors, Seniors, NPL).	OCT-NOV 2023	Gabby Montagnese	Executive Committee access	Defined strategy moving into 2024.	NOV
4	Run summer social programs post the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™ to accommodate and retain new players to the game	Run a Go Soocer Mums program and participate in a Go Soccer Mum's competition     Investigate the interest for WF7     Run a Spring Go Girls program	AUG-OCT 2023	Margo Fox	Social media accounts     Local schools/uni newsletters     Design software (Canva)     Field availability     Training Equipment     Coaching staff	15 players x registered for the Go Girls program     20 players x registered for Go Socoer Women program	DEC 2023

Original Action Plan of a club wanting to progress







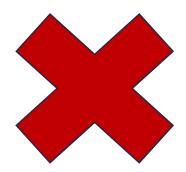
Copy & Paste the objective section from your previous Action Plans.

This does not mean you can't add additional achievements or other objectives your clubs decided to work on.





1-STAR CLUB ASSESSMENT TO PROGRESS TO 2-STAR STATUS							
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'Actions Taken' column is not a copy and paste area of what was in the original Action Plan's 'Actions' column





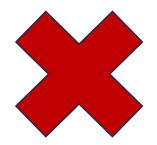
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2	Activate schools' sessions to increase participation in football. Attend a school PE session.	We ran a school holiday program for U8-U16 players which attracted a <u>large number</u> of girls new to football who have expressed interest in playing at a club next season. The program was developed by our Technical Director and delivered by NPL coaches, including a female coach from our senior women's program. The program offered girls only teams and an opportunity to play mini games against same age boys.	3 school holiday programs have been delivered in line with the Victorian School Term	SCHOOL STATE OF THE SCHOOL		
3	Develop a female program strategy to better support the development of our players.	We appointed a new Technical Director with specific experience of girls programs from premier league clubs in the US and UK. His experience has helped shape a robust coaching, training and development program for all age groups. We developed an Elite Development program for boys and girls ensuring that girls could train and play with other girls. We applied for an NPL licence to provide us with more pathways for girls. We have recently delivered an insights session from the Philippines Head Coach, Mark Torcaso and Western United midfielder Alana Cerne to share their thoughts on resilience, identify, managing anxiety and confidence. We encourage our younger players to mascot for our senior and reserve women, giving them free hot chips youchers at the canteen Some coaches will invite their teams to the Senior Women games We participate in Female Football Week.	TD appointed early 2024     Elite Development July and September 2024	BIT DYTHOUGHT COURSE  SECOND COURSE OF COURSE		
4	Run summer social programs post the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023 <sup>™</sup> to accommodate and retain new players to the game	We are planning for our 3rd Go Girls program in 2024. Our Go Girls program is delivered by a Reserves Women player and assist coached by an U15's player each season. Both roles are paid, demonstrating our commitment to young women developing off pitch forbtall career options. We ran 2 cycles of Go Soccer Women (also known as Go Soccer Mums) in 2023 and have continued with 3 more cycles in 2024. We approached Manningham Football Club for a friendly Go Soccer match, and we will also register our team in the Go Soccer Mum's tournament in November 2024	Go Girls late September     Go Soccer Women started in Spring 2023 and is running through until November 2024.			
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Actions Taken column is an area to reflect on:

- How you achieved the objective
- Why you couldn't achieve it
- If you did something in place of the original plan





DON'T just have "We ran this"

DON'T not include objectives because the club didn't meet them

DON'T just link generic club social media pages or website



DO explain outcomes or impacts

DO include objectives that could not be completed – touch on "why", "what was done instead" or "want to follow up in future/ in new AP"

DO link specific posts, adverts or pages on the clubs social media or website

DO put in anything additional that is relevant, they are proud of and want to highlight



# WHATS COMING UP...

- GFF- Injury Prevention (Coaches)
  5<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm
- National Volunteer Focus Group
  12th August 7pm
- Safeguarding Webinar 19<sup>th</sup> August 7pm
- Safeguarding Webinar 2<sup>nd</sup> October 7pm







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# THANKYOU-Q&A

