

21 February 2014

Introduction from CEO

May I first extend a warm welcome to the new season to players who are eligible to play representative football in the Wide Bay region.

During the off season, the NPL has been modified and the Southern junior competition extended to three rounds covering 27 games. Having regard to the implications of cost to attend games and training and the time available to players in a key phase of their school development, we went into the Region to ask whether it was sustainable for families to commit to centralised training and game travel to as far south as Palm Beach on the Gold Coast and west to Toowoomba. The response was no.

We asked the same of players in Gladstone who are required to travel to Rockhampton up to four times a week, again with the same response.

During meetings with Clubs in Gympie, Maryborough, Hervey Bay and Bundaberg, we were also hearing that there is a disconnect between Community Clubs and Wide Bay Revolution and that, for a variety of reasons, some talented players are not making themselves available for selection. The previous model offered no other opportunity to be identified.

So, armed with the following challenges, we set to review our modelling with the following terms of reference:

- Reduce cost of travel
- Reduce the commitment
- Build relationships with the advanced players and community clubs
- Provide an identification opportunity for players outside the NPL league

My team set to the task and I commend to you the model which best addresses the terms of reference and which is to be a pilot roll-out to your area for 2014. I acknowledge the support and co-operation of the Competition Administrators in offering training facilities and strips to keep costs at a minimum.



Geoff Foster
CEO – Football Queensland

The Model



General Criteria

- Community football is all played on Saturdays and is administered by your Competition Administrator as happened last year
- Football Queensland will manage the Intercity Cup with all fixtures played on Sundays and not clash with community leagues
- All players registered with community clubs can play on Saturdays, make themselves available for open trials and, if selected, play for their City of Origin team in the Intercity Cup (draw attached)

- Players previously registered with Wide Bay Revolution (WBR) and invited to return should register with WBR and participate in games against other NPL teams and play for their City of Origin in the intercity Cup (WBR fixtures attached)
- Training for City of Origin teams will happen once a week under the supervision of the WBR Technical Director and replace one training session of WBR therefore saving one travel commitment
- Cost of participation in the Intercity Cup will be \$200 for the full complement of games and will be invoiced directly from FQ in two instalments to reflect games participated in. This is not a registration process, but a competition fee
- Age divisions for the Intercity Cup are U12, U13, U14, U16 and U18 boys and U13, U15 and Open Age Women

Specific Issues

We recognise the confusion in the market prior to this release and that players may have registered to a Club not understanding the appropriate registration. For players who now wish to register to WBR, please send an email to Graham Lee (grahaml@footballqueensland.com.au) in our office and he will assist you to facilitate a transfer without penalty.

Fees will be as follows:

WBR fees (including Intercity Cup) \$860

Intercity Cup only \$200

Committee Club fee [to be determined by Clubs]



NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUES



2014 Wide Bay Revolution and the Inter-City Cup Matches

Wide Bay Revolution NPL Matches

2 March 2014	Redlands United v Wide Bay Revolution	Cleveland 1
16 March 2014	Moreton Bay United v Wide Bay Revolution	Southpine Complex
30 March 2014	Western Pride v Wide Bay Revolution	Briggs Road 1
27 April 2014	Brisbane City v Wide Bay Revolution	Spencer Park
18 May 2014	Wide Bay Revolution v CQFC	Bundaberg
20 July 2014	CQFC v Wide Bay Revolution	Gladstone
10 August 2014	Brisbane Strikers v Wide Bay Revolution	Perry Park
17 August 2014	CQFC v Wide Bay Revolution	Gladstone
7 September 2014	Olympic FC v Wide Bay Revolution	Goodwin Park

Inter-City Cup

4 May	Round 1	H'Bay vs G'stone; MB vs Gympie (B'berg bye)
11 May	Round 2	Gympie vs B'berg; G'stone vs MB (H'Bay bye)
25 May	Round 3	H'Bay vs Gympie; MB vs B'berg (Gladstone bye)
1 June	Round 4	G'stone vs H'Bay; Gympie vs MB (B'berg bye)
7-9 June	Round 5	All teams in Bundaberg with CQFC – 3 day carnival
22 June	Round 6	H'Bay vs B'berg; Gympie vs G'stone (MB Bye)
27 July	Round 7	G'stone vs B'berg; H'Bay vs MB (Gympie Bye)
3 August	Round 8	B'berg vs Gympie; MB vs G'stone (H'Bay Bye)
24 August	Round 9	Gympie vs H'Bay; B'berg vs MB (G'stone bye)
31 August	Round 10	B'berg vs G'stone; MB vs H'Bay (Gympie bye)

First team in the Inter-City Cup is the Home Team.

7-9 June 6 team carnival in Bundaberg (5 Inter-City Cup teams plus CQFC)

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