



EASTERN SUBURBS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Annual Report **2024**





**EASTERN SUBURBS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Developing football for everyone.

4 November 2024

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear Member Clubs, Directors and Life Members.

Pursuant to Sections 21 and 23 of the Constitution of the Eastern Suburbs Football Association Incorporated, notice is hereby given for the Annual General Meeting [AGM] of the Eastern Suburbs Football Association Incorporated:

DATE: Tuesday 3rd December 2024
VENUE: The Juniors Maroubra, Palm Room Level 1
TIME: 7.00pm

The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be:

1. Welcome and Apologies.
2. The reading and adoption of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
3. Consideration and adoption of the Annual Reports and Financial Statements.
4. Election of officials for following year.
 1. Election of directors
 2. Election of members of the Hall of Fame or Life Membership (if any)
5. Consideration of any motion of which due notice has been given.
6. Award of the Ted Simmons Junior Football Medal.
7. ESFA Operational Update.
8. Close of meeting.

Kind Regards

Greg Storey
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KEY PERSONNEL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairperson:	Glen Overton
Treasurer:	Matthew Mihaljek
Director:	Matt Phelan
Director:	Lisa Thorn
Director:	Dr Andrew Field
Director:	Lisa Merryweather
Director:	Serena Kyriacou
Director:	Lawrence Narayan

REFEREES

Branch Chairperson:	Denys Antanov
Branch Coach:	Mark Dungey
Branch Committee:	Pat Lloyd
	Alex Dessypris
	David Mikardo
	Robert Sypher
	Geoffrey Zhang
Female Referee Liaison:	Randa Fezai

ESFA STAFF

General Manager:	Greg Storey
Head of Football:	Jaime Gomez
Competitions Manager:	Caroline Oakes-Ash
Match Review Officer (incl. Referees):	Dwayne Leverett
Minis/MiniRoos Officer:	Joe Jarmey
Finance Officer:	Dennis Cardakaris CPA Lynne

Hall of Fame

Andrew Field (player/administration/coach)
John Reid (administration/coach)
Pam Chow (administration)
Mick Vasin (player/administration)
John Nesbit (administration)
Charlie Davidson (coach)
Jim Zammit (administration)*
Tony Pengue (administration)
Peter Grunfeld (administration)
Michael Lazaridis (administration)
George Lundy (coaching/administration)*
Ron Hoenig (administration)
Simon Phillips (administration)
Con Pavlou (administration)
Frank Friedman (administration)
Louise Mazaroli (women's football and refereeing)*
**Deceased*

Life Members

Ernie Small*
Bill Vrolyks OAM*
Ted Simmons OAM
Paul Mavromatis
Wally Holzer
John Velthuys
Joe Zammit*
Sean Fenton
David Lewis
Alan Chow
Louise Mazaroli*
Andrew Field
Roy Belcher
Ian Robinson
**Deceased*

Special Service Awards

Wally Holzer
Mark Fragias
Michelle Bogatyrov
David Lewis
Roger Engel
Ian Tischman
Ron Hoenig
George Lundy*
**Deceased*



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Each season brings its own challenges, some new some old. This season was kept together with the hard work and dedication of you, the clubs, and our terrific staff led by Greg.

Thank you, Caroline, Dwayne, Jamie and Joe, for the delivery of a successful season.

It would be nothing though without our clubs. The bands of volunteers and tireless often thankless effort, is always appreciated and needed. On behalf of the Board we thank you all.

We broke the 10000 player barrier this year with your efforts to promote the game paying off tremendously. Our MiniRoos, Youth and Women in particular, showed significant growth.

This leads to more games and therefore greater referee coverage. Our statistics showed that across all competitions we had centre referees for greater than 96% of games played and in most competitions higher than that. A big thanks goes to Denys, Mark and all involved with our Branch.

With a number of teams making it deep into a number of State competitions a special mention has to go to Coogee United being crowned AAW and AAM Football NSW Champion of Champions.

This was a history making effort at FNSW with a club taking both the women's and men's titles.

Congratulations to Dunbar's O45 men for claiming their own Champion of Champions title against much fancied opposition.

A special mention to our team that competed in the John Moriarty Charity Cup. Finally, a win after a number of near misses in previous years. Thank you to Greg, Caroline and our office for organising such a terrific worthwhile event in our efforts to support the wonderful John Moriarty Foundation.

To Board members Lisa Thorn and Andrew Field, who are leaving us this year, we thank you.

Lisa joined us four years ago taking on the diversity and inclusion lead. This has seen ESFA participate in the last three Fair Days as well as a number of supporting

initiatives within the LGBTQIA community. Thankyou for your support and council Lisa.

Andrew has been involved within the Eastern Suburbs football landscape for a number of decades holding multiple positions at clubs and for the association. His historical knowledge of ESFA and the NPL space has been much needed for the Board. Your work and contributions have been invaluable, many thanks Andrew.

To our Board, Serena Kyriacou, Lisa Merryweather, Matt Mihaljek, Matt Phelan and Lawrence Narayan I appreciate and thankyou for your work and support.

I'd like to thank our departing General Manger, Greg Storey, for his work, professionalism, guidance and friendship. Greg has been instrumental in steering the ship generally and keeping our governance on track. We wish Greg all the best with his future endeavours.

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, they have the heart"

I can't thankyou all enough for your efforts. Your team makes our dream.

Have a safe and happy summer looking forward to seeing us all back for season 2025.

Glen Overton
ESFA Chairperson





GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

We're absolutely delighted to be reporting on a successful year of football across the Eastern Suburbs. More people, more kids, more adults and more girls are playing than ever before. With this solid growth and interest in football, we proudly broke through the 10,000 registered player mark this year thanks to the amazing efforts of so many across clubs of all shapes and sizes in our Association.

Our challenge will continue to be finding suitable space to play. Whilst there have been some brilliant initiatives by local councils to provide new and upgraded amenity to our football community, such as City of Sydney's completion of Perry Park and Randwick Council's upgrades to Paine Reserve, much more needs to be delivered to support our growth. Our community is growing and is passionate about football, it's of course much more than sport. More all-weather solutions, more amenities, better drainage and better lights are all needed across our district.

On the pitch a full season of Winter football was possible with tons of wet weather rescheduling and some creative extension to the end of the season. It was great to see a wide variety of clubs competing in finals across all ages and grades culminating in a brilliant series of ESFA Grand Finals at Heffron Park and Hensley. There were also many significant achievements with several clubs going long in state and national competitions.





As an organisation we set out this year to deliver the fundamentals of football competition, football governance and football development to the highest possible standards in 2024. Our aim is to support the tremendous growth in participation with a competitive, fair and enjoyable experience for everyone in and around the game. Of the many initiatives this year, we're pleased to have introduced the Eastern Suburbs Development League this year and with the help of a number of clubs, held a number of some brilliant EDSL Girls Gala days.

Our SAP/GSAP programmes were another highlight this year, with all graduating kids now on their own NPL path in 2025. Behind the scenes there was considerable work documenting and evolving our programmes. We're pleased to have been judged highly through new metrics introduced by FNSW. Also, in collaboration with several clubs there was many opportunities for coach education and development this year. We recognise there is an insatiable appetite for education and this will be a continued focus in 2025.

We continue to test and learn new ways to recruit and retain referees. We're cognisant that coverage and quality



are ongoing expectations of players and clubs. We will continue to invest in this area and we certainly appreciate the continued support of the ESFA Referees Branch.

As we attain grant funding, we will continue to deploy 24x7 wall mounted defibs with the helpful support of several councils. We hope these life saving devices aren't needed around the grounds.

In 2024 we once again partnered with the John Moriarty Foundation organising football operations of the Moriarty Cup. This is JMF's marquee event of Indigenous Football Week and we're proud of our ongoing association. This year, our team, supported by various partners through football, had a spirited and successful tilt at the title.

Whilst ready to raise the inclusive flag, our preparations, by way of a stall at Fair Day, partnering with Football Australia were thwarted with a cancellation of the event following EPA advice. Arrangements are underway for February 2025's Fair Day.

As we head into 2025, we're about to digest a new Football Australia registration platform. We'll also continue to partner with DRIBL for competition management. Whilst there will be plenty of challenges, our focus will continue to be streamlining the effort needed by volunteers and front line administrators across our clubs.

A huge thanks to the team here at ESFA. So much hard work behind the scenes! We've achieved so much in recent years and created a solid platform for ESFA's future.

Greg Storey
General Manager



FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

ABN 92 759 968 542

**Financial Report for the year ended
30 September 2024**



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Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc.

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Committees' report

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc. for the financial year ended 30 September 2024.

Committee members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of the report are:

Director	Portfolio
Glen Overton	Chairperson, appointed on 9 October 2023
Matthew Mihaljek	Treasurer
Andrew Field	Director
Lisa Thorn	Director
Matt Phelan	Director, appointed on 9 October 2023
Lisa Merryweather	Director
Serena Kyriacou	Director
Lawrence Narayan	Director
Nigel Singh	Chairperson, resigned on 5 October 2023
Adam Lee	Director, resigned on 18 December 2023

Principal activities

The principal continuing activities of the association in the course of the financial year were the fostering and control of the game of association football within the boundaries of the Eastern Suburbs as determined by Football NSW.

Operating result

The operating surplus for the year was \$ 98,819. (2023: \$7,912)

Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Dividends

The Constitution, Articles & By-Laws of the association prohibit the payment of dividends, accordingly no dividends have been provided for or paid during the financial year.

After balance date events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

Likely developments and results

There are no known likely developments, other than referred to in this report, that would have a material impact on the association or its operations.

State and federal governments

State and Federal Grant received during this year was \$ 18,345.

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Committees' report (continued)

Indemnifying officers or auditor

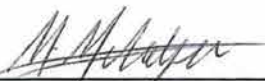
No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the entity, other than as set out below.

During or since the financial year the Association has paid to Football NSW, premiums to insure all committee members against liabilities for costs incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of committee member of the Association other than involving conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Association.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Glen Overton
Chairperson



Matthew Mihaljek
Treasurer

Sydney
25 November 2024

Sydney | Melbourne | Canberra



**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF
THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE MEMBERS OF EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC
ABN: 92 759 968 542**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc for the financial year ended 30 September 2024 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

MNSA PTY LTD
MNSA Pty Ltd

Allan Facey
Director

Sydney
Dated this 25th of November 2024

Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc.
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Statement of profit or loss
For the year ended 30 September 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Income			
Administrative Income		39,767	42,853
Equipment Sales/Canteen Sales		-	4,932
Interest Received		3,777	4,074
Referee Income		245,962	222,019
Registration fees		1,852,985	1,551,367
Government Grants		18,345	78,161
Total Income		2,160,836	1,903,406
Expenditure			
Administration Expenses		(3,549)	(61,721)
Advertising & Promotion		(885)	(663)
Affiliation Fees		(747,472)	(639,966)
Amortisation & Depreciation		(2,350)	(1,642)
Audit Fees		(8,927)	(8,300)
Awards & Prize Money		(12,723)	(14,705)
Clinics, Academies & Coaching Fees		(86,693)	(117,368)
Employment Expenses		(500,863)	(417,970)
Functions & Meetings Costs		(9,028)	(4,137)
General Expenses		(25,791)	(34,905)
Ground Hire, Maintenance & Grand Final Costs		(233,876)	(194,978)
Insurances		(2,757)	(839)
Player Equipment		(29,624)	(27,593)
Postage, Printing & Stationery		(17,655)	(21,888)
Referee Expenses		(283,553)	(251,232)
Rental Expense		(42,544)	(40,908)
Telephone, Communications & Licence Fees		(50,434)	(54,268)
Motor Vehicle Expenses		(3,293)	(2,411)
Total Expenditure		(2,062,017)	(1,895,494)
(Deficit)/Surplus before abnormal items		98,819	7,912
(Deficit)/Surplus before income tax expense		98,819	7,912
Income tax expense	1a	-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus after income tax		98,819	7,912

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc.
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Statement of financial position
As at 30 September 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	659,611	537,550
Trade and Other Receivables	3	19,068	29,068
Inventories	4	5,646	5,646
Total Current Assets		684,325	572,264
Non-current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	5	14,260	16,610
Total Non-current Assets		14,260	16,610
Total Assets		698,585	588,874
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	6	44,398	58,941
Provisions	7	47,796	38,767
Total Current Liabilities		92,194	97,708
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	7	32,476	16,070
Total Non-current Liabilities		32,476	16,070
Total Liabilities		124,670	113,778
Net Assets		573,915	475,096
Members' Funds			
Accumulated Surplus		573,915	475,096
Total Members' Funds		573,915	475,096

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc.
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Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 September 2024

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Balance at 1 October 2022	467,184
Net surplus for the year	7,912
Balance at 30 September 2023	<u><u>475,096</u></u>
Balance at 1 October 2023	475,096
Net surplus for the year	98,819
Balance at 30 September 2024	<u><u>573,915</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc.
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Statement of cash flow
For the year ended 30 September 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flow from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		2,137,991	1,905,391
Grants and donations received		18,345	78,161
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,038,052)	(1,863,827)
Interest received		3,777	4,074
Net cash from operating activities		122,061	123,799
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		-	-
Net cash from investing activities		-	-
Net increase in cash held		122,061	123,799
Cash at beginning of year		537,550	413,751
Cash at end of year	2	659,611	537,550

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc.
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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 September 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of material accounting policy information

Association details

The principal continuing activities of the association in the course of the financial year were the fostering and control of the game of association football within the boundaries of the Eastern Suburbs as determined by Football NSW.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 25 November 2024 by the committee.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose simplified disclosure financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting policies

a. Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Section 50-45 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

b. Inventories on hand

The Association voluntarily changed its accounting policy relating to the measurement of inventories for the financial year ending 30 June 2024. Inventories were previously recognised by the Association on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis in accordance with AASB 102: Inventories. The Association has now elected to assign costs to inventories on the basis of weighted average costs. This change has been implemented as management is of the opinion that the weighted average basis will provide more relevant information, and result in a more accurate carrying amount of inventory at the end of each reporting period.

c. Fair value of assets and liabilities

The association measures some of its assets at fair value on a recurring basis.

Fair value is the price the association would receive to sell an asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly (ie unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

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c. Fair value of assets and liabilities (continued)

As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market values may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data.

d. Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses recognised either in profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(e) for details of impairment).

The cost of fixed assets constructed within the Association includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowing costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as expenses in profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including office equipment, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Office Equipment	20-50%
Office Furniture	10%
Memorabilia	5%
Sporting Equipment	33%
Motor Vehicle	18.75%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing net proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they occur. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained surplus.

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e. Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Association reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in profit or loss.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the Association would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is recognised against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that class of asset.

f. Employee provisions

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Association's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Association's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as part of current accounts payable and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Other long-term employee benefits

Provision is made for employees' annual leave entitlements not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements of obligations for other long-term employee benefits for changes in assumptions are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The Association's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period, in which case the obligations are

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g. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

h. Accounts receivable and other debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from customers for goods sold in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

i. Revenue and other income

The Association is first required to determine whether amounts received are accounted for as Revenue per AASB 15: *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* or Income per AASB 1058: *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities*.

Funding arrangements which are enforceable and contain sufficiently specific performance obligations are recognised as revenue under AASB 15. Otherwise, such arrangements are accounted for under AASB 1058, where upon initial recognition of an asset, the Association is required to consider whether any other financial statement elements should be recognised (eg financial liabilities representing repayable amounts), with any difference being recognised immediately in profit or loss as income.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

j. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

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j. Goods and Services Tax (GST) (continued)

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

k. Comparative figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

l. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

m. New and amended accounting policies adopted by the Association

AASB 2021-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates

The Group adopted AASB 2021-2 which amends AASB 7, AASB 101, AASB 108 and AASB 134 to require disclosure of “material accounting policy information” rather than significant accounting policies’ in an entity’s financial statements. It also updates AASB Practice Statement 2 to provide guidance on the application of the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosures.

The adoption of the amendment did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

AASB 2021-6: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Tier 2 and Other Australian Accounting Standards

AASB 2021-6 amends AASB 1049 and AASB 1060 to require disclosure of “material accounting policy information” rather than “significant accounting policies” in an entity’s financial statements. It also amends AASB 1054 to reflect the updated terminology used in AASB 101 as a result of AASB 2021-2.

The adoption of the amendment did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

Inventories

The Group voluntarily changed its accounting policy relating to the measurement of inventories for the financial year ending 30 June 2024. Inventories were previously recognised by the Group on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis in accordance with AASB 102: Inventories. The Group has now elected to assign costs to inventories on the basis of weighted average costs. This change has been implemented as management is of the opinion that the weighted average basis will provide more relevant information, and result in a more accurate carrying amount of inventory at the end of each reporting period.

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Note 2: Cash & cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Club bonds paid account	18,874	18,776
Cheque account Botany	344,368	224,366
Business online saver	295,570	291,892
Debit Mastercard	799	2,516
	659,611	537,550

Note 3: Trade and other receivables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	19,068	29,068
	19,068	29,068

Note 4: Inventories

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Goods held for re-sale	5,646	5,646
	5,646	5,646

Note 5: Property, plant and equipment

	Office Equipment	Office Furniture	Memorabilia	Sport Equipment	Motor Vehicle	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 Oct 2022	3,149	8,192	2,309	949	3,653	18,252
Depreciation expense	(356)	(172)	(116)	(313)	(685)	(1,642)
Carrying amount at 30 Sep 2023	2,793	8,020	2,193	636	2,968	16,610
Balance at 1 Oct 2023	2,793	8,020	2,193	636	2,968	16,610
Depreciation expense	(614)	(859)	(210)	(110)	(557)	(2,350)
Carrying amount at 30 Sep 2024	2,179	7,161	1,983	526	2,411	14,260

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Note 6: Trade and other payables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade creditors	(4,060)	3,455
Sundry creditors and accrued expenses	-	27,032
Employee accruals	21,519	2,791
GST payable	26,939	25,663
	<u>44,398</u>	<u>58,941</u>

Note 7: Provision

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Provision for annual leave	21,855	22,314
Provision for long service leave	25,941	16,453
	<u>47,796</u>	<u>38,767</u>
Non-current		
Provision for member bonds	6,000	6,000
Provision for education refs	6,760	6,760
Provision for long service leave	19,716	3,310
	<u>32,476</u>	<u>16,070</u>

Note 8: Events after the reporting period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

Note 9: Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions that occurred during the period.

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Note 10: Financial risk management

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9: *Financial Instruments* as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Financial assets			
- Cash and cash equivalents	2	659,611	537,550
- Trade and other receivables	3	19,068	29,068
Total financial assets		678,679	566,618
Financial liabilities			
- Trade and other payables	6	44,398	58,941
Total financial liabilities		44,398	58,941

Note 11 Auditor's remuneration

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Remuneration of the auditor:		
- Auditing or reviewing the financial statements	9,256	8,900
	9,256	8,900

Note 12: Deed of trust

A Deed of Trust was entered into on 21 March 2013 between Alan Chow (Settlor) and Eastern Suburbs Football Association Incorporated (Trustee). The Trust Fund shall be known as the Eastern Suburbs Football Association Ground Development Fund.

The Purpose of the Trust Fund is to increase the amount of, and improve the quality of, facilities available for the playing of Football in the Eastern Suburbs.

Note 13: Association Details

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Ground Floor, Unit 5
 19 McCauley St, Matraville 2036

Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc.

ABN 92 759 968 542

Statement by Members of the Committee

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this General Purpose – Simplified Disclosure Financial Statement should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

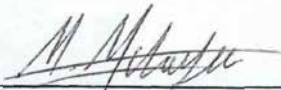
In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc. as at 30 September 2024 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee by:



Glen Overton
Chairperson



Matthew Mihaljek
Treasurer

Sydney
25 November 2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC
ABN 92 759 968 542**

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc (the 'Association'), which comprises the statement by members of the committee, the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2024, the statement of profit or loss, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the certification by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association is in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 September 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- that the financial records kept by the Association are such as to enable financial statements to be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – AASB 1060: *General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The committee of the Association is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Association's annual report for the year ended 30 September 2024, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – AASB 1060: *General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the ability of the Association to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement if it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Facey'.

Allan Facey
Director

Sydney
Dated this 25th of November 2024



Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc.
ABN 92 759 968 542

Certificate by Members of the Committee

I, Glen Overton and I, Matthew Mihaljek, certify that:

- a. We are members of the committee of Eastern Suburbs Football Association Inc.
- b. We intend to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 3 December 2024.
- c. We are authorised by the attached resolution of the committee to sign this certificate.
- d. This annual statement shall be submitted to the members of the association at its AGM scheduled for 3 December 2024



Glen Overton
Chairperson



Matthew Mihaljek
Treasurer

Sydney
25 November 2024

GROUND DEVELOPMENT FUND
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

**EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
GROUND DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**Financial Report for the year ended
30 September 2024**



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Professional Standards Legislation**

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Eastern Suburbs Football Association Ground Development Fund

Statement of profit or loss For the year ended 30 September 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Income			
Interest Received		10,238	9,456
Total Income		<u>10,238</u>	<u>9,456</u>
Expenditure			
Other Expenses		-	-
Total Expenditure		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit for the year		<u>10,238</u>	<u>9,456</u>
Total available for distribution		10,238	9,456
Distribution to beneficiaries		<u>(10,238)</u>	<u>(9,456)</u>
Balance at 30 September 2024		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Beneficiaries' distribution			
Eastern Suburbs Football Association	4	10,238	9,456
		<u>10,238</u>	<u>9,456</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Eastern Suburbs Football Association Ground Development Fund

Statement of financial position As at 30 September 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		932,080	820,492
Total Current Assets		<u>932,080</u>	<u>820,492</u>
Total Assets		<u>932,080</u>	<u>820,492</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	3	932,080	820,492
Total Current Liabilities		<u>932,080</u>	<u>820,492</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>932,080</u>	<u>820,492</u>
Net Assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings		-	-
Current year earning		-	-
Total Equity		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Eastern Suburbs Football Association Ground Development Fund

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2024

The financial statements cover Eastern Suburbs Football Association Ground Development Fund and have been prepared in accordance with the Trust deed to meet the needs of stakeholders and to assist in the preparation of the tax return.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

NOTE 1: Basis of Preparation

The Trust is non reporting since there are unlikely to be any users who would rely on the general-purpose financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies described below and do not comply with any Australian Accounting Standards unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

NOTE 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. Bank overdrafts also form part of cash equivalents and are presented within current liabilities on the balance sheet.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depends on whether the outcome of the services can be measured reliably. If this is the case then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period. If the outcome cannot be reliably measured then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 30 September 2024

Note 3: Trade and other payables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Other Creditors	43,276	33,038
Ground Development Fund	888,804	787,454
	<u>932,080</u>	<u>820,492</u>

Note 4: Beneficiaries

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Eastern Suburbs Football Association		
Share of profit	10,238	9,456
Distribution to Beneficiaries	(10,238)	(9,456)
Total Beneficiaries Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Eastern Suburbs Football Association Ground Development Fund

Statement by Members of the Committee

The committee has determined that the trust is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Present a true and fair view of the financial position of Eastern Suburbs Football Association Ground Development Fund as at 30 September 2024 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Eastern Suburbs Football Association Ground Development Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee by:



Glen Overton
President



Matthew Mihaljek
Treasurer

Sydney
25 November 2024

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF
THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION GROUND DEVELOPMENT FUND**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Eastern Suburbs Football Association Ground Development Fund for the financial year ended 30 September 2024 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Allan Facey
Director

Sydney

Dated this 25th of November 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION GROUND DEVELOPMENT FUND

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Eastern Suburbs Football Association Ground Development Fund (the Fund), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 September 2024, the income statement, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the statement by Members of the Committee.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The trustees of the Fund are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Fund's Constitution and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Fund's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the trustees, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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Auditor’s Opinion

In our opinion the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Eastern Suburbs Football Association Ground Development Fund, as at 30 September 2024 and of their performance for the period then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Fund’s Constitution.

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MNSA Pty Ltd

Allan Facey
Director

Sydney
Dated this 25th of November 2024



HEAD OF FOOTBALL REPORT

Following a successful 2023 season, which included Australia hosting the FIFA Womens World Cup, we saw the interest and participation reach new heights. No doubt the success of our Matilda's impacted the overall interest and uptake of registered players, particularly in our Miniroos space and Womens All Age teams. ESFA further expanded its Girls Gala Day for girls aged Under 10s and Under 12s, with invitation teams from out of area joining in on the fun. This gave our clubs a new experience which all enjoyed. Something we are looking at further expanding and building on as interest continues to increase.

Our Goal Keeping training sessions aimed at All Age players was again a success. The specialty program allowed our goalkeepers to further fine tune their skills under the guidance of our professional coach. We will continue this popular program in 2025, so clubs are welcome to put forward their goal keepers for the 10-week program.

The Sydney FC/ESFA Skill Training Programs, Holiday camps and School Programs were run again by expert coaches and led by Abbey Harrison and her team. The programs continued its popularity with increase in numbers and participation.

Following the new implementation of Football Australia Coach education courses, ESFA teamed up again with Football St George and Canterbury Districts Football Association to conduct the new C-Diploma. We are looking at continuing this relationship with our neighbours to allow aspiring coaches the ability to attend a course within our metro east catchment. ESFA also conducted the new Foundation of Football (FoF) course which serves as a prerequisite to the C-Diploma.



In 2025 we will be running more FoF courses to facilitate the next step for the coaches journey.

The ESFA Girls and Mixed SAP programs had another highly successful season competing against other Associations and National Premier League Clubs. With over 100+ training sessions and 30 games across the year, along with entrance into the Sydney FC Cup and The Gold Coast Premier Cup our teams experienced a range of footballing experiences.

We thank both Dan Pyke and Joe Jarmey, along with the coaches and managers, for their guidance and leadership. We bid farewell to our graduating U12 Mixed players and U13 Girls and look forward to seeing them continue their football journey at their new clubs.

Thank you to all the ESFA staff and Board for its support during 2024 and we look to build and continue offering a variety off football experiences for both players and coaches in the season ahead.

Jaime Gomez
Head of Football



ESFA Minis Program

Lots of smiles and fun had so far this year in the Minis classes. However, this year has seen a drop in both full time registrations and casual bookings. Thursday classes have been dropped due to a lack of interest and viability. ESFA will be looking at ways to enhance the experience and grow its number of participants.

Joe Jarmey
Minis Program Coordinator





COMPETITION MANAGER'S REPORT

"Behind every kick of a ball, there has to be a thought."

Before we started our winter season, we still had our Summer Football tournament. With 54 teams over the 3 days at Coral Sea, the switch of venue was welcomed and the players enjoyed off season (winter) football.

What a year however for winter season football. Rain, rain and more rain. Unlike other Associations that reduced competitive football by one Round every time a weekend was washed out, we pushed on and still managed an entire season and finals series for our Youth and Seniors. We extended our MiniRoos season to provide more football and we provided Gala Days for Girls Club SAP and played during holidays where applicable.

And our numbers grew and kept growing. Over 10000 players registered for football in 2024. More teams and added pressure on our grounds. In fact in many ways, it was an historical season from start to finish.

MiniRoos had a tougher time with all the rain however, with attempts to reschedule during holidays etc not necessarily working. MiniRoos games do not require rescheduling like Youth and Senior Competitions. In the end though when the sun came, the MiniRoos were still able to play a significant amount of football.

Eastern Suburbs Development League

A rebrand of the top division was made from ESFA SAP to Eastern Suburbs Development League, in line with the recent changes to Junior football made by FNSW. A change was also made to the Mixed competition participation criteria, by removing the necessity of having one squad in each age group. This saw an increase of 56% terms of teams entered which gave more diversity to the ESDL. The ability the vast majority of teams was healthy and remained highly competitive for the duration of the season.

Four Girl's Gala Days for GSAP were held over the course of the season with one cancelled due to rain. All were well attended and feedback from clubs and coaches was positive. (Using funds from the Commonwealth Bank grant program, ESFA hosted two of the days at Hensley which were a resounding success. Pagewood and Maroubra also hosted and went well. After the first event the format was changed to more of a tournament style. This gave the girls a different experience with shorter matches played at a higher tempo and also allowed clubs to play multiple other teams in one day. Clubs from outside of the association were invited to participate. Balmain and Northbridge were the eventual attendees and showed great spirit and footballing ability.





MiniRoos

A tough season for MiniRoos participants with a high amount of field closures due to the rain. 36 extra teams competed in the Mixed comp (19% increase from 2023) and a whopping 28% increase in girl's teams participating compared to 2023. We also saw a huge increase (48%) in scores being uploaded to Dribl which assisted in a more evidence-based regrading process.

Joe Jarmey

MiniRoos and Programs Officer





Senior competitions should be on notice that the continual success of one team year after year and never being promoted cannot continue for the overall success of Association football. Initial grading in 2025 will be made based on further information that will be required from Clubs prior to acceptance.

Our WPL and MPL will require forethought as to their future. This is currently within the Board Strategy and will be overseen with the input of both ESFA staff and Clubs. The future of our women's competitions must align with the current talent being correctly graded and encouraging our Youth to continue their football journey.

Phoenix FC MPL provided an historic moment when they were the first ESFA team to reach Round 6 of the Australia Cup. Coogee United Women were the first team in ESFA history to reach Round 5 (semi Finals) of the Football NSW Sapphire Cup. The success of all three teams cannot be understated nor denied.

For seven weekends in a row, there were washed out fixtures during the season in one capacity or another. It was by no means a simple and easy feat to provide a complete season of football to our members. Pressure was placed on ESFA, Clubs, Players and Match Officials and we are in awe of teams who completed without

To ensure correct grading for our Youth, Youth Clubs should grade teams and look toward a Championship team for each Club to ensure the continuance of high-grade football in the Eastern Suburbs. Continual requests for regrades due to a 2-3 goal loss cannot continue. It is within the current Competition Rules that 6 goals in Youth football are considered the benchmark of a regrade if continual.

Introducing different age groups for the girls' competitions has had its hiccups however its success has outranked this. The increase in girls playing football benefited the changes however, the boys Youth is an example of the importance of Championship and Social teams. Football should be enjoyed and allow inspired Youth to play teams of a similar strength, though now this would transpire to be 4 team competitions which are not sustainable in the long run.

Pagewood Botany G14 Flames were the only ESFA representative to reach the final of the Football NSW State Cup. With the amount of washouts this incurred and subsequent ESFA reschedules, the Flames still managed to win their League and their Grand Final. This is an enormous achievement by this team.



forfeit in the spirit of the game. Without the addition of further synthetics throughout the season, this may have been harder to ascertain. Yet again we had Clubs not providing night fields and relying on either ESFA or other Clubs to provide at their player training expense. We acknowledge and thank those Clubs for doing so at the cost of teams training, however, for the future of any football this must change that all Clubs do so.

Following the completion of the Season the Football NSW Champion of Champions became the most successful campaign for our Senior Competition in recent history with five teams reaching the semi-finals. This is a fundamental indication as to the strength of our Senior Competitions and congratulations to both Coogee United and Dunbar Rovers for becoming part of ESFA history.

This went one further when Dunbar O45s and Coogee United Men and Women won their Champion of Champions Finals. Coogee United became the first Club and as such ESFA became the first Association to win both Men's and Women's at the same Champion of Champions Finals Day and Dunbar Rovers O45s player Danny Fee became the first player to have won a Champion of Champions Final in three different competitions ie. AA Men, O35 and O45s.



History made!

Best way to end a season.

Thank you to all Clubs for your continued input and support.

See you on the parks.

Caroline Oakes-Ash
Competitions Manager



MATCH REVIEW AND JUDICIARY REPORT

There has been a noticeable decrease in the reported occurrence of misconduct and inappropriate behaviour for the 2024 season.

This season, red cards were issued at a reduced rate of 1 per 9.2 games (8.0 in 2023) and the Judiciary has been less active than previous seasons. Further details of this season’s disciplinary stats can be found below:

Red Card Code	Card Amount
R1 - Serious Foul Play Tackle or Challenge	25
R2 - Violent Conduct	42
R3 - Spitting at an opponent or any other person	1
R4 - Denying goal scoring opportunity by deliberate handball	12
R5 - Denying goal scoring opportunity by an offence punishable by a free kick	19
R6 - Offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures	41
R7 - Receiving a Second Caution (2 Yellow Cards)	140
Total	280

- 1 Citation
- 4 Hearings Requested from Suspended Parties
- 0 Appeals



Red cards for Violent conduct or Abusive language which has the most detrimental impact to the game has notably decreased in comparison to last season. We hope this continues to decrease for 2025 and following seasons.

However, of concern and not recorded in the above stats, 22 parties were found guilty of breaching ESFA Rules and Regulations relating to registration and/or competitions whereby significant fines, match suspensions or competition point losses were applied.

ESFA is grateful for the following volunteers Glen Overton, John Harris, Phillip Carabitsios, Ron Ogilvie and Roy Belcher for assisting the ESFA judiciary as panel members for this season. Additionally, the judiciary is aided by the sincerity of various other participants involved in the process and therefore we'd like to acknowledge the players, referees and club representatives for their respective roles.

Thank you all for a great season, looking forward to 2025!

Dwayne Leverett
Match Review Officer





ESFA REFEREES BRANCH CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

As we come to the close of another successful season, I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for everyone's hard work. This year has been a fantastic one for the ESFA Referees Branch, with a positive atmosphere and great energy around the park. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your dedication and support throughout the season.

A special acknowledgment goes to the ESFA Board and staff for their continued efforts in delivering such a successful season. Their dedication has once again ensured that everything ran smoothly and efficiently. I also extend my thanks to the clubs and their hard-working staff, whose tireless contributions have been crucial to our collective success.

The Referees Committee has provided valuable guidance and support throughout the year. I want to recognize their efforts and thank them for their ongoing commitment to the development of our referees. Their contributions have been essential in addressing challenges and enhancing the quality of officiating across all competitions.

Our primary focus for the 2024 season was on referee retention, and I'm pleased to report significant progress in this area. We saw 140 referees return this year, a notable increase from the 101 who returned in 2023. This is a clear sign of the strength and continuity within our branch. Additionally, we welcomed 89 new referees this season, up from 75 the previous year. The combined

growth of 53 referees this season is a testament to our strong recruitment and support systems.

One of our key achievements this year was the slight increase in female participation in refereeing. We grew our female referee pool from 17 last year to 22 this season. While this is a modest increase, it reflects our ongoing efforts to encourage female involvement in officiating, especially as women's football continues to grow. We remain committed to promoting further female participation and supporting the development of female referees.

Throughout the season, we ran a total of six referee courses, including Level 4, Level 3, and Level 2 Theory courses. Additionally, we increased our focus on mentoring, with 10 mentors providing valuable support to new referees. However, referee assessments were an area where we fell short of our targets, with only five assessments conducted. Moving forward, increasing the number of assessments and further developing our mentoring program will be key priorities.



Regarding match coverage, I'm pleased to report strong results across the board. A special thank you goes to Dwayne. I deeply appreciate his invaluable contributions. Further details can be found below:

Centre Referee Coverage	
Competition Day	Percentage
Friday	100%
Saturday	98.97%
Sunday	96.88%
Male/Female Competitions	
Male	97.68%
Female	97.70%
Senior/Youth Competitions	
Senior	98.31%
Youth	96.14%
Total Coverage	97.68%

Assistant Referee Coverage	
One AR	47.64%
Two ARs	22.76%

In conclusion, I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved this season. The growth of our branch, both in terms of numbers and quality, is a reflection of the hard work and commitment from everyone involved. I look forward to continuing this positive momentum into 2025 and building on the successes of this year.

Thank you once again for your dedication and support.

Kind regards,

Denys Antonov
ESFA Referees Branch Chairperson





2024 PREMIERS AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONS – JUNIOR BOYS

Competition Name	Premiers	Champions	Runners-Up
U13 Championship	Easts	Easts	Pagewood Botany A
U13 Division 2	Pagewood Botany B	Pagewood Botany B	Pagewood Botany X
U13 Division 3	Queens Park Red	Glebe Wanderers	Queens Park Red
U14 Championship	Maroubra United	Maccabi Hakoah Juniors Lions	Maroubra United
U14 Division 2	Maroubra United	Waverley Old Boys	Easts Blue
U14 Division 3	Maroubra United Green	Queens Park Red	Maroubra United Green
U15 Championship	Glebe Wanderers	Pagewood Botany A	Easts
U15 Division 2	South East Eagles	Pagewood Botany Atletico	Pagewood Botany Storm
U16 Championship	Easts	Easts	Maroubra United
U16 Division 2	Maroubra United Orcas	Maccabi Hakoah Juniors Leopards	Maccabi Hakoah Tigers
U18 Championship	Maccabi Hakoah Juniors Lions	Pagewood Botany	Maccabi Hakoah (16s)
U18 Division 2	Glebe Wanderers	Maroubra United	Glebe Wanderers



2024 PREMIERS AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONS – JUNIOR GIRLS

Competition Name	Premiers	Champions	Runners-Up
G13 Championship	Maorubra United Midnight Strikers	Maroubra United Midnight Strikers	Easts
G13 Division 2	Maroubra United Kickaburras	Maroubra United Kickaburras	Reddam House
G14 Championship	Pagewood Botany Flames	Pagewood Botany Flames	Easts Red
G14 Division 2	Pagewood Botany Bandicoots	Maroubra United Warriors	Pagewood Botany Bandicoots
G16 Championship	Maroubra United Bra Girls	Maroubra United Bra Girls	Easts White
G16 Division 2	Queens Park Angels	Queens Park Angels	Pagewood Botany Flames
G18 Championship	Maroubra United Girl Power	Queens Park Cheetahs	Maroubra United Girl Power
G18 Division 2	Queens Park Wildcats	Queens Park Wildcats	Queens Park Soccerroos



2024 PREMIERS AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONS – OVER AGE MEN

Competition Name	Premiers	Champions	Runners-Up
O35 Championship	Dunbar Rovers	Dunbar Rovers	Coogee United A
O35 Division 2	Coogee United C	Coogee United C	Queens Park
O45 Championship	Dunbar Rovers	Dunbar Rovers	Coogee United
O45 Division 2	Redfern Raiders Return	Redfern Raiders Return	Mascot Kings Blue Diamonds



2024 SATURDAY PREMIERS AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONS – MEN

Competition Name	Premiers	Champions	Runners-Up
Men's Premier League First Grade	Coogee United	Coogee United	Randwick City
Men's Premier League Reserve Grade	Waverley Old Boys	Coogee United	Waverley Old Boys
Men's Sat 01	Sydney CBD	Sydney CBD	Heffron Hawks
Men's Sat 02	Heffron Hawks	Heffron Hawks	Queens Park Black
Men's Sat 03	Mascot Kings White	Mascot Kings White	Queens Park
Men's Sat 04	Easts White	Queens Park	Sydney CBD
Men's Sat 05	Maroubra United Green	Maroubra United Green	Easts Blue
Men's Sat 06	Lokomotiv Cove	Lokomotiv Cove	Maroubra United Bees
Men's Sat 07	UNSW Black	UNSW Black	UNSW Gold





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2024 SUNDAY PREMIERS AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONS – MEN

Competition Name	Premiers	Champions	Runners-Up
Men's 01	Coogee United A	Coogee United B	Coogee United A
Men's 02	Coogee United	Coogee United	Queens Park Black
Men's 03	Randwick City	Dunbar Rovers	Randwick City
Men's 04	Coogee United	Coogee United	UNSW Goldstein
Men's 05	Coogee United	Coogee United	UNSW Black
Men's 06	UNSW Gold	UNSW Gold	Mascot Kings
Men's 07	Randwick City	Redfern Raiders A	Randwick City



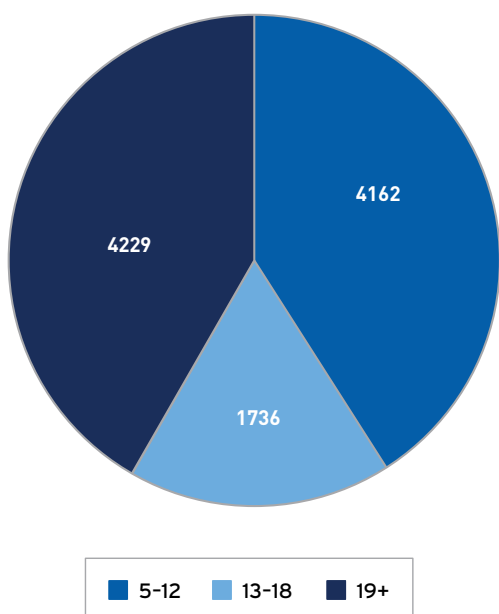
2024 SUNDAY PREMIERS AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONS – WOMEN

Competition Name	Premiers	Champions	Runners-Up
Women's Premier League First Grade	Coogee United	Dunbar Rovers	Coogee United
O30 Women Championship	Coogee United A	Sydney Uni	Coogee United A
Women's O1	UNSW	Coogee United	UNSW
Women's O2	Coogee United	Coogee United	Sydney Uni
Women's O3	Coogee United	Waverley Old Boys	Queens Park
Women's O4	Coogee United A	Queens Park	Sydney Uni

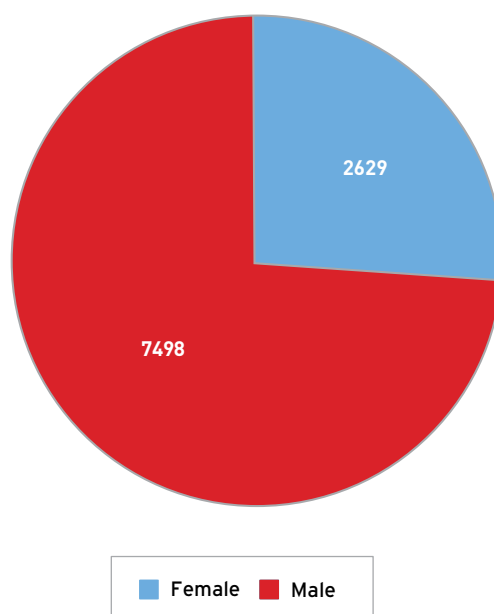


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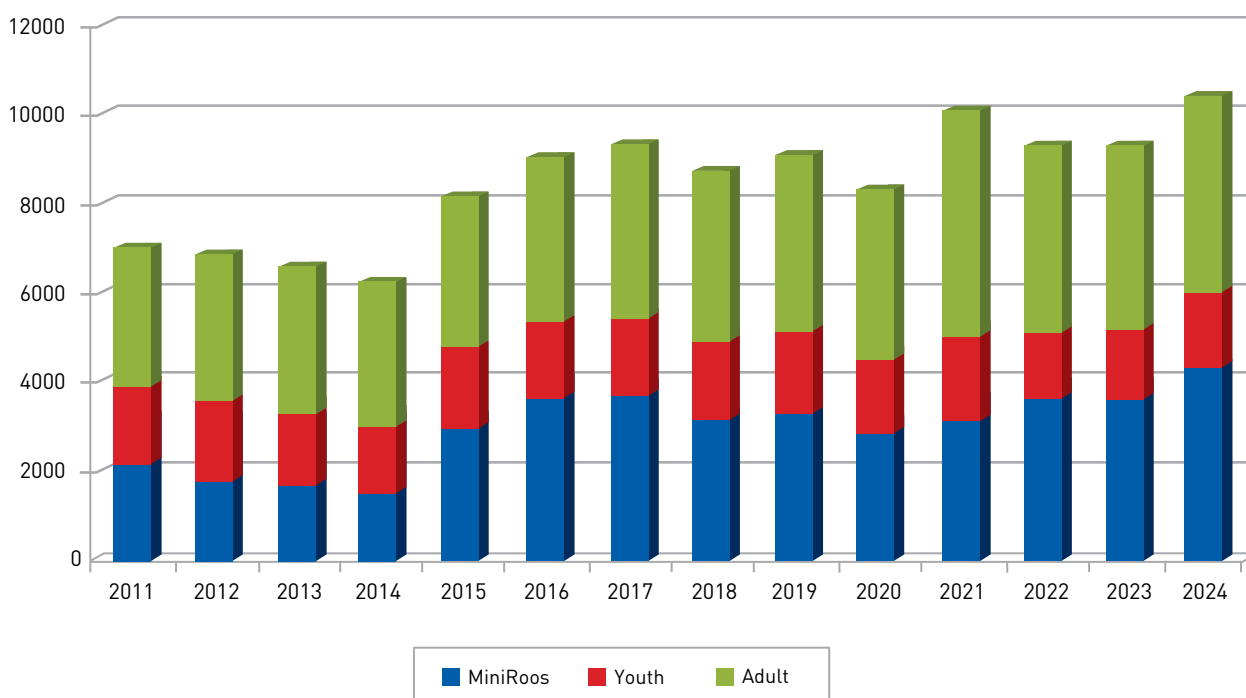
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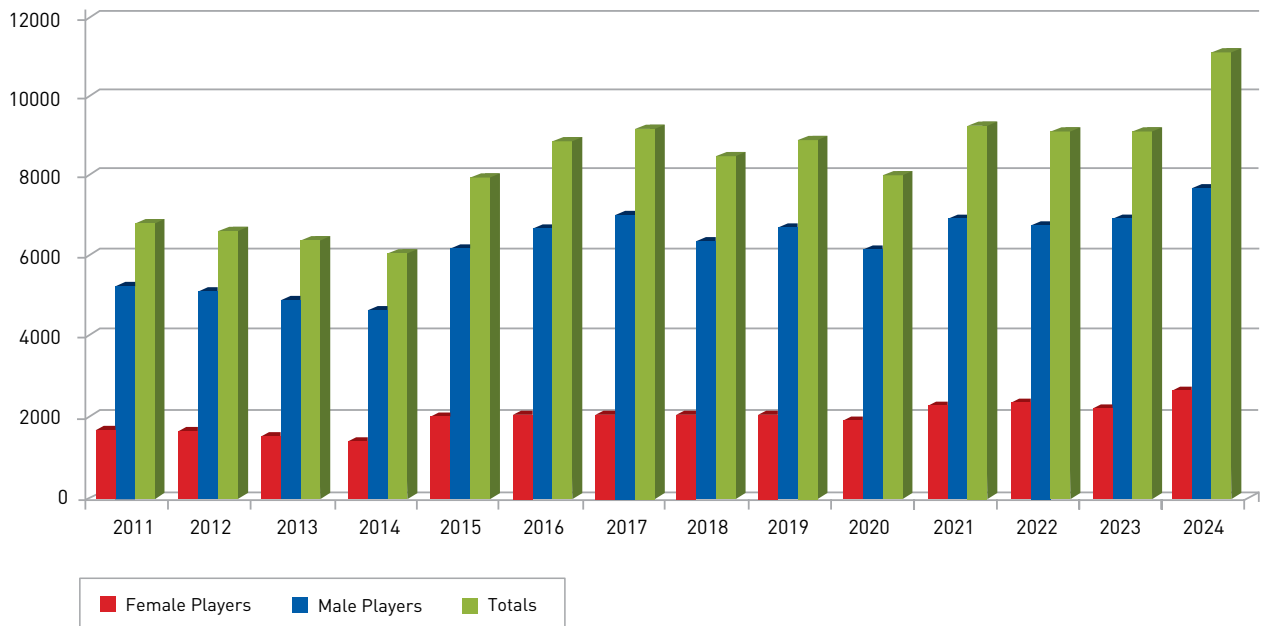


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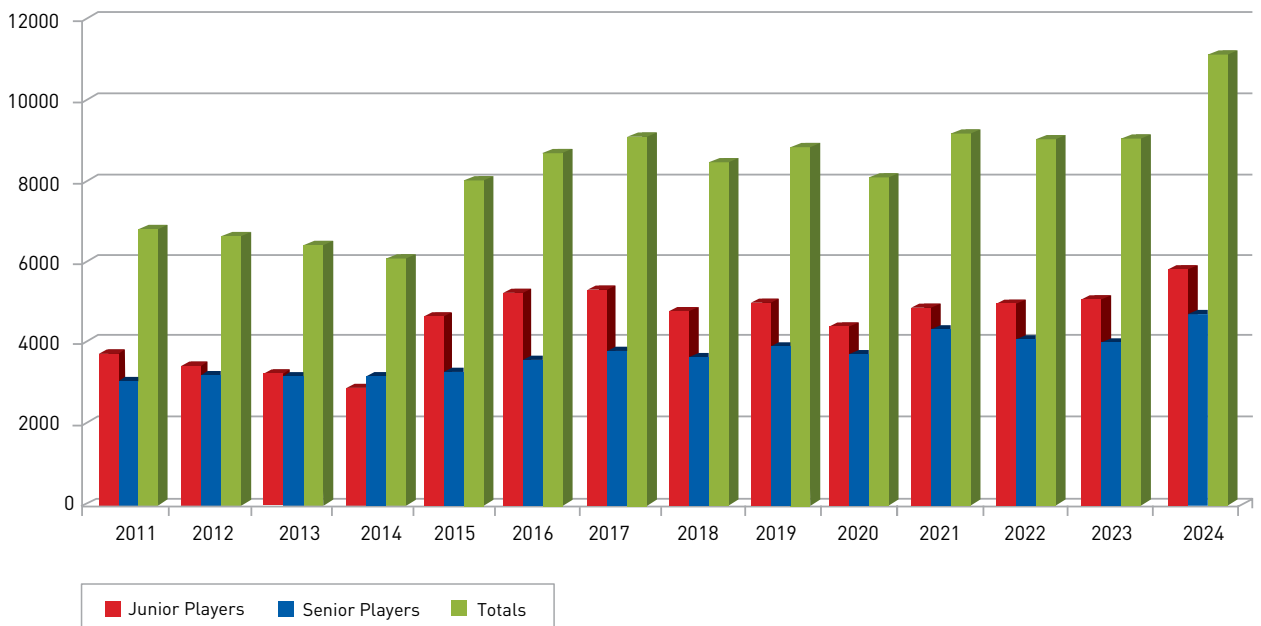
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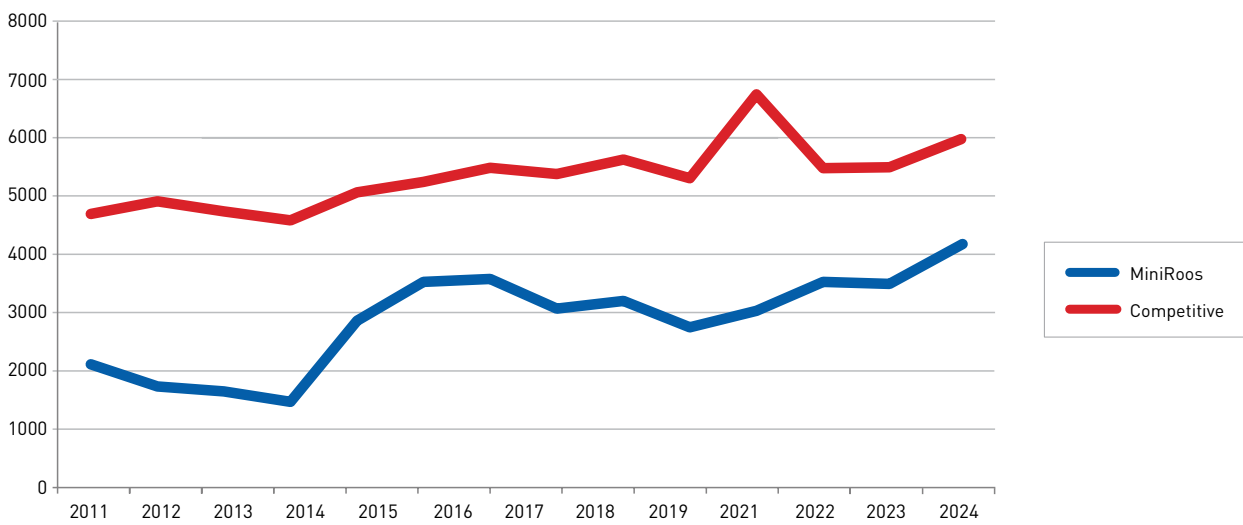
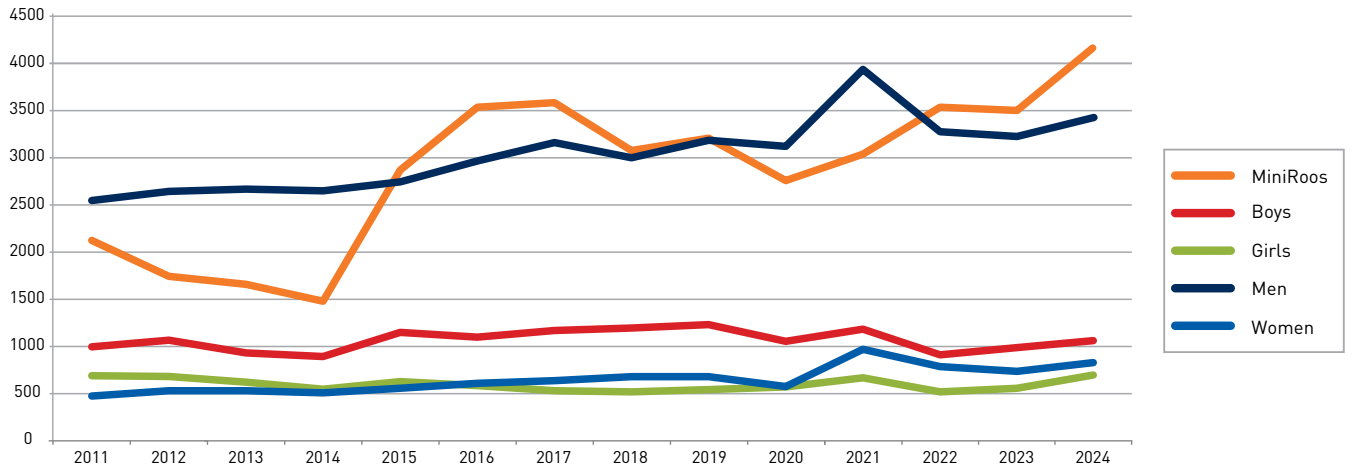
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