

A New Home for Football West



Football (soccer) is played by more than 200,000 men, women, boys and girls in Western Australia.

It is arguably the most-played team sport in WA, and yet is the only major sport in the State that does not have a dedicated administration and training facility.

The Liberal-led Government has worked closely with Football West over the past year on a business case for a new State Football Centre.

Fast Facts

- Football West has over 44,000 registered players across 238 clubs, with more than 230,000 participants playing the game across Western Australia.
- There are more than 32,000 registered junior players.
- 13 per cent of registered players are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- 15 per cent of players are women, which is an indication of the growing popularity of the sport.
- The Liberal-led Government spent \$500,000 on an upgraded pavilion for the Northern Redbacks Women's Soccer Club at Balga's Celebration Park for new women's change rooms, storage space and associated club amenities.

Our Commitment

A Liberal Government will commit \$37 million to build a State Football Centre at Ashfield Reserve. The centre will include:

- A small boutique grandstand to stage events for up to 4,000 spectators (with 700 permanent seats).
- Two floodlit playing fields (at least one synthetic).
- A main building housing the administration of Football West and an A League tenant (such as Perth Glory).
- Player amenities including change rooms, a gymnasium and a sport science component to support junior and high performance development programs and A-League training.

The State Football Centre will lay the foundations for a strong competition at all levels and ultimately feed into State, National and International competitions.

The State Football Centre will support junior and high performance development programs, the State competitions and Perth Glory training.

The A-League competition matches would remain at nib Stadium along with international fixtures.

This commitment will provide a dedicated football facility to host key local, State League and National Premier League matches, W-League games, and women's internationals and also provide a centre of excellence for talented junior players.

It will enable Football West to improve development and pathway opportunities for all young players in WA and provide improved administrative facilities to enable Football West to increase its efficiency in delivering support to clubs, players and volunteers.

High quality playing facilities will provide enhanced match-day experiences for community clubs.

The training facilities will support international matches to be played at the Perth Stadium and nib Stadium and ensure the broader community will be able to experience and engage with international sides training at the facility.

It is expected to improve Football West's long-term sustainability, recognising the growth of the game in WA.

The funding includes around \$4 million to upgrade playing pitches at nearby Jubilee Reserve for local community use and local sports.

