



Highlands Soccer Association (Inc.)

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Assoc. No: Y0535926

“Highlands Community Club”

A new path....

Highlands football players have a new clear pathway from youth to senior level in Illawarra based competitions for 2009 and beyond as a result of recent cooperative developments between the Highlands Soccer Association, Illawarra Football Association, Illawarra Junior Football Association and Football NSW Southern Branch. These key regional stakeholders and the local Highlands clubs are supporting the amalgamation of Highlands Eagles (juniors) and Highlands United (seniors) clubs which have been competing in Illawarra competitions for several years.

The intent of the amalgamation is for the Highlands Soccer Association to manage the new club and enable the HSA to provide a higher standard of weekly play for Highlands players from a single 'Highlands Community Club'.

Amalgamation is viewed as an opportunity to pool resources and expertise and provide a more recognisable and sustainable structure to improve service for local players.

HSA and its Member Clubs unanimously agreed in August 2008 to endorse the following Statements of Intent with respect to the new amalgamated 'Highlands Community Club':

Statements of Intent

- To establish a club which provides the best junior & senior players of the region with the highest standard of weekly football possible.
- To establish a club which provides players with the best possible standard of coaching & instruction.
- To establish a truly regional club which represents the strength of the region.
- To engage the collective support of football supporters of the region.
- To be a player focused organisation which, in all decisions, places the players welfare first.
- To establish a community owned club.

A steering committee for the 'Highlands Community Club' has been formed with representation from the three key Highlands football stakeholders & guest member with sports administration expertise. The steering committee consists of:

Leon Smith	– HSA President
Ian Campbell	– HSA Vice President (Operations Manager)
Mark Brogan	– Illawarra Academy of Sport (guest)
Nick D'Amore	– HSA Director of Coaching & Development
Chris Aebi	– HSA Vice President (Administration Manager)
Andrew Bell	– HSA Publicity Officer and Assistant Secretary
David Packer	– Highlands Eagles President
Gordon Boyd	– Highlands Eagles Coach
Peter Miller	– Highlands United President
Curtis Campbell	– Highlands United Coach

HSA and its Member Clubs unanimously agreed in September 2008 to endorse the following five part Resolution with respect to the new amalgamated 'Highlands Community Club':

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Resolution

That HSA Management Committee is approved to:

1. Enter into a relationship with Highlands United and Highlands Eagles to form an Amalgamated Club;
2. Establish within the HSA, a sub-committee with responsibility to manage the Amalgamated Club;
3. Make annual budget allocation to the Amalgamated Club with restrictions as stated and otherwise as detailed in the report underleaf; (*report tabled at the September 2008 HSA General Meeting*)
4. Endorse the role of the HSA Director of Coaching & Development in guiding the technical direction of the Amalgamated Club; and
5. Endorse the Amalgamated Club as the flagship for the HSA in promoting the game within and outside the region.

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