



# Gold Coast Over35 Soccer Association Inc.

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## Management Report 2007

Our 2007 soccer season began with our pre-season competition being held at the Robina Common on Ron Penhaligan Way. This was a successful competition and opened the way for negotiations with the Robina Soccer Club for use of their field on a Wednesday. With the available extra field we were able to introduce an additional six teams to our membership. A mutually beneficial agreement with Musgrave Sports Club permitted use of the third field at Labrador enabling 36 teams to play their games over two nights instead of the three or four nights. Later in the year we were able to secure a field at Tweed Heads and a competition of four teams was started at the Tweed. Also, a lady's competition of two teams was recently started at the Tweed. The expansion of this competition is dependent on the ladies recruiting additional teams. Currently there are 48 teams in our Association.

The current structure is sustainable into the future provided we continue to receive the support of Musgrave Sports Club, Robina Soccer and the Council. The Management Committee will continue in pursuit of a permanent home for Over 35 Soccer on the Gold Coast. We have again written to Council about the sporting facility to be established at Firth Park, Mudgeeraba. We have reason to believe that Council will consider our expression of interest because they seek a responsible, mature organization to be located in the proposed park. Should this eventuate our Association anticipates a competition in the south at Tweed Heads, one at Firth Park and one at Labrador will be proposed to our members for adoption. This we are sure will add to the competition rivalry and interest of our game.

We are happy to report that our Association is financially healthy with money put away for construction of a club house at the Labrador complex. Plans are being prepared and should be ready in the new year for presentation to our members.

We also purchased a Fairways mower to groom our fields and also goalposts that are removed after the games and replaced only when needed. We thank all teams for diligently erecting and removing the posts. This system has

worked reasonably well in helping to preserve the condition of the fields and to discourage other groups from using our fields.

The under cover area and the new canteen location has served us well because there is little or no likelihood of flooding and damage to our equipment.

Funds secured from State Government have allowed us to purchase a laptop computer, a printer, a camera and heaters. The computer is most welcomed by our Registrar and will be put to good use.

Notwithstanding the increased membership, the behavior of our members on and off the field has been exemplary and we would like to thank you for making this a peaceful and progressive year for administration of the Association.

Membership increased in 2007 to stand currently at 685 and this has occurred in spite of the rival competition starting at Southport.

Finally, we thank the canteen staff, the ground staff, the referees, the registrars, the judiciary and all our members for the support, effort and work to keep our Association the premier organisation for over 35 soccer. We wish you and loved ones a peaceful and joyous festive season and a happy new year.

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