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WHAT WE DO

Inspire Queenslanders through Football. Making football the game of choice, for all, for life.

Whoever you are, whatever your age, wherever you're from, whatever your story, football has the power to inspire and unite.



Football Queensland exists to develop and grow the game by leading and supporting our clubs, volunteers, coaches, referees and stakeholders to provide exciting, enjoyable experiences for all Queenslanders – anytime, anywhere.

As the peak body for football in Queensland, we focus on:



Uniting football in Queensland



Making playing and administering football easier, creating efficiencies



Providing quality and consistent products and services that deliver value for money



Improving and streamlining governance and management of the game



Engaging with all our members, stakeholders, partners and government

OUR BOARD



PAULA ROBINSON

Paula is a highly credentialed lawyer specialising in the delivery of legal and brand protection services to major events. Paula's previous experience includes acting as the key legal advisor to the Queensland Government on its successful bid to secure the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Head of Legal and Brand Protection for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, Chair of the Queensland Academy of Sport Advisory Board, Vice President for Tennis Queensland, partner of her own law firm Ailier and partner of MinterEllison. Paula is currently the General Counsel for Brisbane 2032 responsible for leading the delivery of its corporate services functions including legal, procurement, human resources and technology. She is also Brisbane 2032's Company Secretary working with the President to administer the board.



AMY CHAPMAN

Amy is a former Matilda and Westfield W-League player who possesses a wealth of experience in the football landscape as a player, commentator, and analyst. As a Professional Footballers Australia (PFA) delegate, Chapman led negotiations for the W-League Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and initiated the first ever PFA corporate partnership designed to assist players in transitioning to life after football. As a commentator and analyst, Amy has worked for Optus Sport, FIFA, Channel 10 and Channel 7 covering events and competitions including the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, UEFA European Championships, Premier League, A-Leagues and Olympic Games.



MATTHEW MCKAY

In a stellar playing career, the former Socceroo and Brisbane Roar legend led the Roar to their first A-League Premiership and Championship in 2011 and holds the club's record for league appearances. After playing youth football with the QAS and AIS, Matt went on to feature in the National Soccer League for Brisbane Strikers. Matt has an extensive knowledge of the football landscape and the player pathway in Queensland and unique experience as a player on the national and international stage. Outside of the Football sphere, Matt possesses significant experience in investment management and is a co-owner of the designer baby playmat company, Freddy & Co.



JACQUELINE KNIGHT*

With almost 30 years of financial management experience working with international companies in the UK, New Zealand and Australia, Jackie is a senior financial executive with a reputation for providing strong commercial management, and financial stability, efficiency and compliance in business. As CFO at Bridge Point Communications, Jackie demonstrated strong financial management to support the business through extensive growth and prepared the organisation for acquisition by Telstra. She then went on to successfully manage the integration of multiple acquisitions with minimal downtime and impact on the businesses. In February 2023, Jackie was appointed as the Finance Director of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee.

*Concluded in May 2025



WILLIAM (ROSS) THOMPSON

Ross is Group CEO of PeopleIN, the largest ASX-listed workforce management and staffing company in APEC. PeopleIN connects over 15,000 people with roles every year and is uniquely structured to provide deeply specialist talent solutions at scale, across a broad range of sectors. Ross has led in a wide range of multi-national corporate, sporting and military environments, and built sustainable and profitable professional service operations in Australia, Asia and Africa. Ross was previously a Non-Executive Director of Queensland Rugby Union.



MARTY BUTTIGIEG

Marty is the co-owner of the successful dessert chain San Churro, bringing extensive executive experience in retail management, operations, logistics, sales, and business development. His career includes roles at Shell in both the Netherlands and Australia, as well as at Valley Longwall International. Marty also has a rich background in sports, having played semi-professional football in the nineties and holding several coaching licenses, including a C Diploma. A dedicated advocate for women's and girls' football, he served as Vice President of Female Football at UQFC and is currently a member of the Female Football sub-committee at Brisbane City FC.



ADAM LEAKE*

An experienced Board Member, Financial Executive and Chartered Accountant with an extensive track record of growth across fitness, sport, retail and financial services, Adam is the Chief Financial Officer of PeopleIN and the former CFO and Head of Finance at Suncorp Bank. Adam has also held senior finance positions with Flight Centre, Ernst & Young (London), Banco Santander and American Express and boasts extensive experience in key executive and non-executive roles. As an Executive-Director and CFO of the Fitness and Lifestyle Group, the owner of Fitness First, Goodlife, Jetts and Zap Fitness across Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia, he played an integral role in driving the financial management, digital innovation and expansion of the group from 42 clubs to over 530.

*Appointed in May 2025

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



300+
Affiliated Clubs



296K+
Total
Participation



90K+
Women
and Girls
Participants



21K+
Coaches,
Referees and
Volunteers



President's Address **PAULA ROBINSON**

2025 marked a year of transformation for Football Queensland, defined by continued growth in participation and strategic investment in pathways, infrastructure and governance alongside a modernised approach to service delivery to elevate the experience of our football community.

While customer service has always been at the heart of what we do, in 2025 we enhanced how we deliver support to members of our game by introducing dedicated Customer Service and Customer Experience teams. This investment ensured our Football Queensland team could provide more timely, consistent and effective assistance to clubs and participants across each region, supported by improved systems and technology.

Reflecting this commitment to delivering high-quality experiences for the football community, we also launched a Customer Service Booking Portal ahead of the 2026 season, making it easier for Queenslanders in every part of the state to connect directly with the Football Queensland team to seek support in specific areas including competition and official management through the Squadi platform.

In addition to strengthening internal capability to service the football community more effectively, our continued focus on customer service was reinforced through a renewed emphasis on the development of clubs with the launch of the Future Club+ initiative and revamped Club Support Hub.

Developed by Football Queensland, Future Club+ focused on equipping clubs with the tools, insights and strategies to help reduce administrative burden on volunteers and deliver a better experience for both club administrators and participants, with a series of club lab sessions culminating in a dedicated session at the Queensland Football Convention.

We were also proud to strengthen our support of clubs through the launch of the upgraded Club Support Hub this year, redesigned to maximise support for club administrators and volunteers with tailored resources for every point of the season including new season-long club checklists covering topics from governance and finance to football delivery.

As we focused on improving and enhancing our support of the football community off the field in 2025, which we will continue to adapt to meet the changing needs of the game, our on-field priority remained consistent with previous years; to deliver accessible and inclusive participation experiences, ensuring football remains a game for every Queenslanders, for life.

Our community and social programs continued to reach thousands of players in every corner of the state as we proudly delivered Girls United, FQ & Roar Football in the Community and Walking Football programs for participants of all ages and skill levels.

The Q-League Schools Competition also removed barriers to participation for highly diverse school communities, and since its inception has now delivered playing opportunities to almost 1,000 students; a significant milestone that reflects our commitment to inclusivity for all members of the football community.

As we continue looking ahead to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, we reached a significant milestone this year with the submission of Football Queensland and Football Australia's 100-Day Olympic Infrastructure Review proposal, which represented the collective voice of Australian football and highlighted football's capacity to deliver legacy outcomes for Queensland while ensuring the Games' success through innovation, sustainability, and community-focused infrastructure.

It was fantastic to see football's key infrastructure priorities receive stronger visibility and momentum through this process, including with the recommendation of additional funding for the upgrade of Perry Park in the Games Independent Infrastructure Coordination Authority (GIICA)'s final report, and the inclusion of Queensland Government contribution towards Perry Park and a State Home of Community Football in the government's 2032 Delivery Plan.

We look forward to continuing to work with all levels of government to progress these crucial infrastructure projects and deliver a transformative legacy for football in Queensland.

As the Gold Coast prepared to host AFC Women's Asian Cup matches in 2026, major events once again brought our statewide football community together this year, with the Queensland Football Convention and Queensland Football Gala welcoming more than 1,000 attendees, while FQ's premier Grand Finals returned to one of the most iconic and historic football venues in the state, Perry Park.

On behalf of Football Queensland, I'd like to thank the members of our football community from every corner of the state for your ongoing commitment and dedication to our game, even during the more challenging moments.

It is this resilience that will continue to guide our progress as we work together to shape a brighter future for all who love our beautiful game.

2023 – 2026 ONE FOOTBALL STRATEGIC PLAN

In the third year of Football Queensland’s 2023 – 2026 One Football Strategic Plan, driven by a shared vision and strengthened collaboration, we have continued to build on the work underway across each of the four strategic pillars.

Football Queensland’s extensive operational strategies provided the detailed policy framework and region-level program implementation to support the ongoing growth of the game as the state’s largest participation sport, with this focus on execution and refinement translating into sustainable statewide growth in 2025.



1. Participants & Clubs

Our Ambition

To be the most accessible sport in Australia where everyone can play anytime, anywhere.



2. Elite Teams & Pathways

Our Ambition

To reimagine the Australian football player development ecosystem.



3. Fans

Our Ambition

To attract and grow an inspired fanbase who love and are invested in Australian football properties.



4. Unifying Football

Our Ambition

To unite the game and unlock football’s true potential.



Customer Service

An Enhanced Approach to Customer Service

Football Queensland demonstrated its commitment to delivering high-quality participation experiences for the football community through increased investment in service delivery and customer support in 2025.

The introduction of dedicated Customer Service and Customer Experience teams enhanced the delivery of support to clubs and participants across the state through the implementation of improved systems and technology, allowing the FQ team to deliver more timely, consistent and effective assistance to members of the football community including through the launch of the Customer Service Booking Portal.

Upgraded Club Support Hub

Football Queensland’s Club Support Hub was redesigned in 2025 to strengthen support for club administrators and volunteers at every point of the season, including through the development of new tailored resources in the form of season-long club checklists.



Club Support Hub

A single destination for administrators to access resources and additional support



DEVELOPMENT

Our commitment to growing and improving football across all levels of the game continues to drive progress, ensuring that every participant has the opportunity to thrive both on and off the field.

FQ & Roar Football in the Community

The FQ & Roar Football in the Community program provided an introduction to football for young Queenslanders across the state, reinforcing the collaborative relationship between Football Queensland and Brisbane Roar through the delivery of grassroots football community programs including holiday clinics and school programs.



Holiday Clinic Participants

1,886

Female Participants

400

Coles MiniRoos

Our youngest participants continued to join the game in numbers in 2025 through Coles MiniRoos club football, reinforcing the popularity of football as a team-based sport for boys and girls.

Designed for players aged 4-11, Coles MiniRoos supports grassroots growth and helps our newest footballers fall in love with the game in a fun and supportive environment.



Total Participation

46,448 +7%

Female Participation

9,018 +10%

Women & Girls are the Future

Football continued to be the game of choice for women and girls across Queensland, with more than 94,000 female participants involved in our game both on and off the field in 2025.

Girls United programs surged in popularity around the state as we welcomed new and returning participants in inclusive, flexible formats, while Female Football Week provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the impact of women and girls in football.



Total Female Participants

94,165

Total Women & Girls Club Participation

37,946

Girls United

Girls United continued to go from strength to strength this year, with leagues, social sessions and carnivals held across the state welcoming more than 3,500 women and girls and reinforcing Football Queensland's commitment to delivering inclusive and accessible participation opportunities for female players of all ages and skill levels.



Girls United Leagues



17
Girls United Leagues



22
Social Sessions



1,646
Total Participants

Girls United Social Carnivals



7
Major events held in 2025



1,955
Total Participants



993
Metro Participants



379
Central Coast Participants



237
Wide Bay Participants



213
Northern Participants







133
Sunshine Coast Participants

Female Football Week

Female Football Week was celebrated across Queensland from Friday, 2 May to Sunday, 11 May, with a host of events and activations held by Football Queensland and clubs in each region to recognise and showcase the significant contributions of women and girls in football.



2025 Queensland Female Football Week Award Winners

Player	Coach	Referee	Volunteer	Community Champion	Club
					
Genevieve Bond The Gap FC	Milla Grice Bluebirds United	Deia Raxach	Caitlin Dahl Jimboomba United	Melissa McFadden Edge Hill United	Gin Gin FC

Walking Football

Walking Football continued to grow in popularity in 2025, providing participation opportunities for Queenslanders of all ages and skill levels through leagues and events held across the state.

The 7th Annual QUT Walking Football Cup welcomed 39 teams from across Australia, with over 300 participants hitting the pitch across two days in the biggest ever edition of the event.



QUT Walking Football Cup
Teams | Participants
39 | **300+**



National Para Football Championships

Queenslanders from the Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast and Metro regions represented the state at the 2025 National Para Football Championships at the Home of the Matildas in Melbourne, with the tournament culminating in the Queensland Para State Team's appearance in the bronze medal match.

Q-League

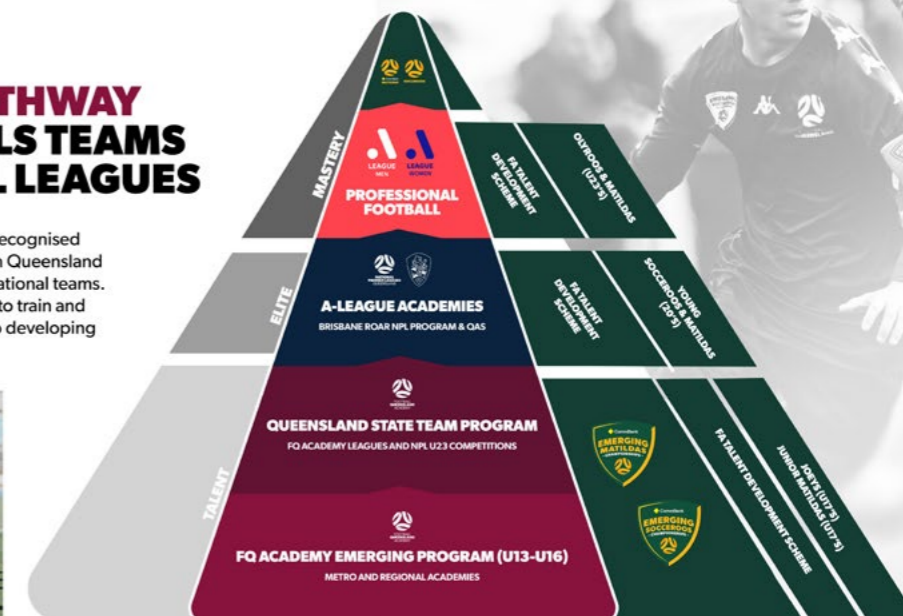
The Q-League continued to connect multicultural communities as 17 teams from a diverse range of backgrounds competed in the 2025 edition of the competition. Cafeteros had a standout season, remaining undefeated to secure the Premiership-Championship double including a 2-1 Grand Final win over Brisbane Fenecs.

The Q-League Schools competition also continued to remove barriers to participation for students from highly diverse schools. In 2025, seven junior and senior boys schools and five local schools in both the junior and senior girls competitions featured, providing a valuable chance for students to access regular playing opportunities and test their skills against their peers.



BOYS AND GIRLS QUEENSLAND PATHWAY TO THE NATIONALS TEAMS & PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES

The FQ Academy is Football Australia's only recognised and approved advanced pathway program in Queensland for state team selection and progression to national teams. This program allows players the opportunity to train and play in an environment specifically tailored to developing players for professional football.



Football Queensland and Brisbane Roar Strengthen Pathway to Joelys and the Professional Leagues

In a major boost to player development in Queensland, FQ forged stronger pathways to the Australian Under 17 national team (Joelys) and professional leagues in collaboration with Brisbane Roar this year.

The new structure in 2025 saw the introduction of a new full-time Under 16 Queensland state team program, building on the existing part-time Under 14, Under 15 & Under 16 FQ Academy Boys Metro program and further connecting the technical pathway designed to prepare players for the Joelys national team.

A restructured Brisbane Roar NPL Men's program was also re-designed for 2025 specifically to focus on Under 17 to Under 21 out of school footballers and prepare them for a transition to the professional game.

The confirmation of the 2025 program structure followed the announcement that the FQ Academy QAS girls program will continue to evolve to elevate high-potential player development by further aligning with Brisbane Roar's A-League Women's side.

FQ Academy Carnivals

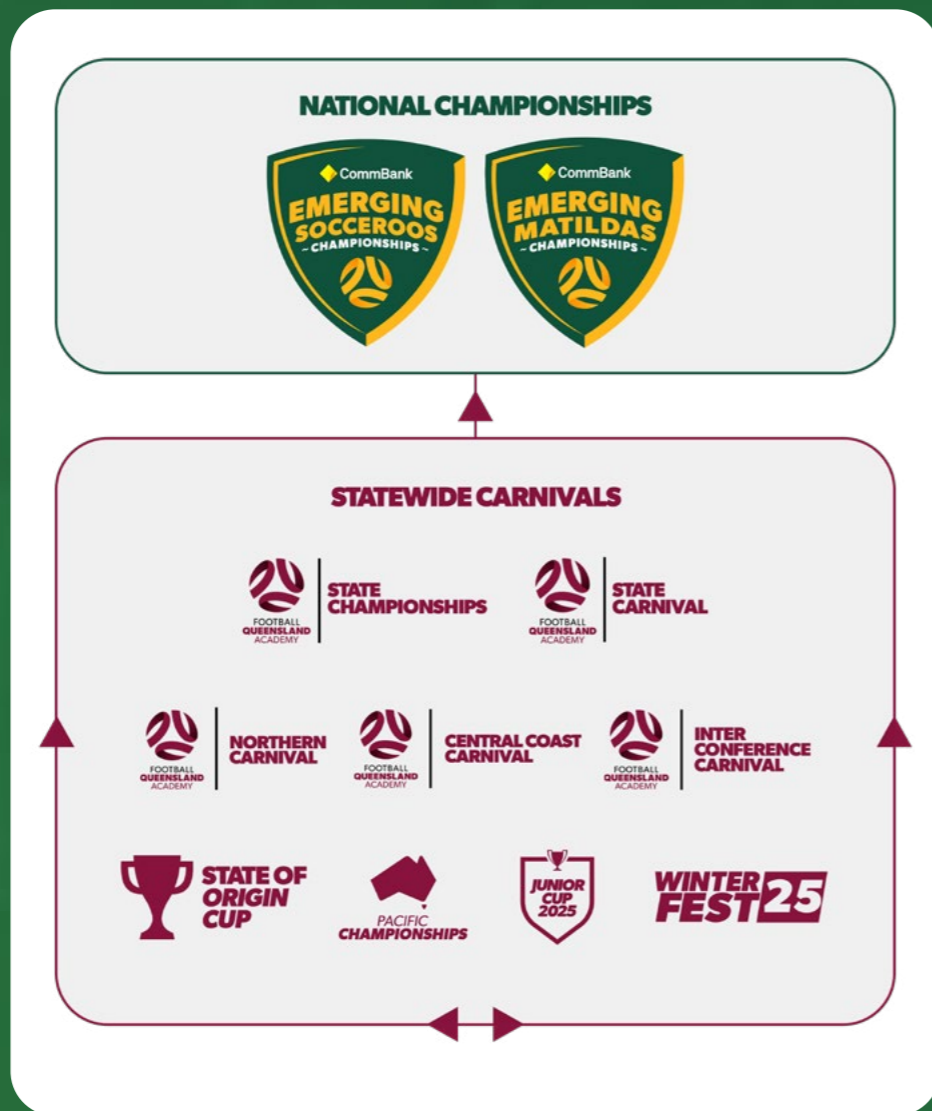
FQ Academy carnivals were held across the state this year, providing Queensland's most promising young footballers with the opportunity to test their skills against their peers from other regions.

The statewide FQ Academy carnivals also played a crucial role in player development and talent identification, overseen by FQ Technical staff and coaches who continually monitored the progress of players as they continued on the FQ Academy pathway to state and national team selection.

CommBank Emerging Matildas and Socceroos Championships

Players from across the statewide FQ Academy program represented Queensland on the national stage at the 2025 CommBank Emerging Matildas Championships and CommBank Emerging Socceroos Championships.

Football Queensland's 'One Queensland' approach to talent identification continued to deliver representative opportunities for players in every corner of the state as FQ Technical staff observed players at events like the FQ Academy State and Inter-Conference Carnivals, as well as through VEO video analysis and regional player matchups with Queensland State Team program players.



Queenslanders selected in CommBank Emerging Socceroos Championships Teams of the Tournament

U15 Boys: Zach Harrison
U15 Girls: Zoe Reader
U16 Girls: Montana Corrie and Arabella Ryan

Queensland Match Official Achievements

11 Queensland match officials from 7 regions selected	5 Queenslanders appointed to CommBank Emerging Socceroos Championships Finals	3 Queenslanders appointed to CommBank Emerging Matildas Championships Finals	Deia Raxach named CommBank Emerging Matildas Championships U15 Referee of the Tournament
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FQ Academy Pathway

The FQ Academy program continued to provide a pathway to national team selection and professional leagues this year as three FQ Academy QAS players were selected in the CommBank Junior Matildas extended squad for the ASEAN U16 Girls Championship 2025.

FQ Academy graduate Thomas Waddingham signed with EFL Championship side Portsmouth FC, while FQ Academy QAS product Sharn Freier joined Frauen-Bundesliga side VfL Wolfsburg.

Fellow FQ Academy QAS graduate Daisy Brown also signed a two-year scholarship deal with Brisbane Roar, demonstrating the success of the integrated pathways between the FQ Academy QAS program and the Brisbane Roar's A-League Women's side.



Thomas Waddingham
Portsmouth FC



Sharn Freier
VfL Wolfsburg



Daisy Brown
Brisbane Roar



Growth in registered coaches
22.9%

Technical Development in Regional Clubs

Professionalism and ambition amongst regional clubs continued to increase in 2025 as more clubs progressed through the FQ Academy Club Assessment framework. A standout achievement saw Across The Waves FC become the first Central Conference club to achieve Tier 2 – Development Committed status, marking a major step forward for the Bundaberg-based club and the broader Wide Bay football community.

Coach Education & Development

Coach education remained a major focus in 2025 as Football Queensland delivered coaching courses for almost 3,000 participants across the state, recording 22.9% growth in registered coaches.

The upskilling of female coaches was a particular priority, with all-female Foundation of Football, C Diploma and B Diploma courses delivered in line with FQ's commitment to providing a pathway for female coaches to develop in inclusive and supportive environments.

Coles MiniRoos Certificate 2025 Courses: 116 2025 Attendees: 1,451	Foundation of Football 2025 Courses: 68 2025 Attendees: 983	Foundation of Goalkeeping 2025 Courses: 5 2025 Attendees: 73
C Diploma 2025 Courses: 16 2025 Attendees: 315	B Diploma 2025 Courses: 6 2025 Attendees: 140	A Diploma 2025 Courses: 1 2025 Attendees: 23
Total: 2025 Courses: 212 2025 Attendees: 2,985		

National Futsal Championships

Exceptional results from the Queensland state teams at the 2025 National Futsal Championships held in Melbourne continued to highlight the depth of futsal talent in Queensland across all age groups and divisions.

Queensland teams achieved an outstanding 69% win rate in the group stages across all divisions, while eight of the state teams progressed to the showpiece Grand Finals, with four teams emerging as Champions including the U13 Boys and Athlete with a Disability (AWD) sides that successfully defended their 2024 titles.

Eight Queensland match officials were also selected to officiate at the National Futsal Championships, including Queenslanders Jessica Jensen who was named the Ian Timms Rookie Referee of the Tournament.



Queensland Award Winners

CHAMPIONS

U13 Boys
U13 Girls (Maroon)
U15 Boys
AWD

GOLDEN SHOE

U13 Boys: Nathan Kirby (12 Goals)
U15 Boys: Hamish Massey (17 Goals)
U16 Boys: Sam McCosker (14 Goals)
AWD: Josh Long (21 Goals)

TEAM OF THE TOURNAMENT

U13 Girls: Louise Currie and Natalie Palacios-Kay
U13 Boys: Jayden Palmer, Charles Warr, Ben Sharma
U15 Boys: Baxter Blyth, Hamish Massey, Zak Boyd, Scott Prickett
U15 Girls: Akira Booth
U16 Boys: Sam McCosker
U17 Girls: Darcy Heffernan
Youth Men: Orlando Lopez, Marley Liau
AWD: Brendan Prickett, Josh Long, Michael Giallourakis, Krystle Giallourakis



School Futsal National Championships

Queensland played host to the School Futsal National Championships as Australia's top young futsal talent showcased their skills at Nissan Arena, with over 33 schools and 60 teams competing across three days.

Referee Education & Development

Referee education and development continued to be a focus across Queensland in 2025, with 170 courses delivered to more than 2,100 attendees statewide.

This included a number of all-female referee courses delivered by Football Queensland throughout the year, reflecting our commitment to providing accessible participation opportunities, while a new initiative was also introduced for registered senior players to become a referee for just \$20.

In a major boost to referee development, FIFA international referee Alex King was appointed Head of Advanced Match Officials, bringing his elite expertise to mentor the next generation of Queensland referees and support FQ's advanced clubs and competitions.

Queensland's very own Casey Reibelt was also appointed as Australia's first ever full-time female referee this year in a powerful demonstration of the strength of the state's referee pathways.

FQ and Queensland School Associations Unite to Boost Referee Development and Pathways

Football Queensland signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with three of Queensland's leading school sport associations - the Queensland Girls' Secondary Schools Sports Association (QGSSSA), the Associated Independent Colleges (AIC), and the Great Public Schools Association of Queensland (GPS) - to help boost referee development and pathways in 2025.

The agreement was a significant milestone in enhancing referee development and ensuring long-term sustainability in line with FQ's 2024 - 2026 Referee Strategy.



Growth in registered referees

6.3%

Courses Delivered

170

Course Attendees

2,103



FQ Referee Academy

The FQ Referee Academy continued to provide a pathway for the state's most talented match officials, including FQ Referee Academy product Declan Woods who made his referee debut in the A-League Men this year.

Ongoing development opportunities provided through the FQ Referee Academy included a high-performance workshop hosted by A-League's match officials Misuk Park and Joey Lee.

COMPETITIONS

COMPETITIONS  Elite Teams & Pathways

Emerging stars and established names shared the spotlight in 2025, with narrow defeats and hard-fought clashes telling the stories of the season in an unforgettable year of Queensland competitions, driven by determination and belief at every level of the game.



THE PREMIERS & CHAMPIONS OF QUEENSLAND

COMPETITIONS  Elite Teams & Pathways

The Statewide Football Pyramid Premiers & Champions

From the Far North & Gulf to the South Coast, our connected football pyramid continued to deliver unmissable action as 2025 Premiers and Champions were crowned across each region's top leagues.

League	Premiers	Champions
NPL Men	Moreton City Excelsior	Lions FC
NPL Women	Gold Coast Knights	Brisbane City
FQPL 1 Men	Magic United	Magic United
FQPL 1 Women	Olympic FC	Caboolture Sports FC
FQPL 2 Men	Robina City	Robina City
FQPL 2 Women	Palm Beach SC	Palm Beach SC
FQPL FNG Men	Marlin Coast Rangers	Edge Hill United
FQPL FNG Women	Edge Hill United	Edge Hill United
FQPL Northern Men	MA Olympic	MA Olympic
FQPL Northern Women	MA Olympic	Brothers Townsville
FQPL Whitsunday Coast Men	Mackay Lions	Mackay Lions
FQPL Whitsunday Coast Women	Mackay Lions	Mackay Lions
FQPL Central Coast Men	Clinton FC	Clinton FC
FQPL Central Coast Women	Clinton FC	Bluebirds United
FQPL Wide Bay Men	Across the Waves	Across the Waves
FQPL Wide Bay Women	Doon Villa	Doon Villa
FQPL 3 Sunshine Coast Men	Caloundra FC	Woombye Snakes
FQPL 3 Sunshine Coast Women	Maroochydore Swans FC	Maroochydore Swans FC
FQPL 3 Darling Downs Men	Willowburn FC	Willowburn FC
FQPL 3 Darling Downs Women	Willowburn FC White	Willowburn FC White
FQPL 3 South Coast Men	Burleigh Heads	Kingscliff Wolves FC
FQPL 3 South Coast Women	Musgrave FC	Musgrave FC
FQPL 3 Metro Men	Virginia United	Newmarket SFC
FQPL 3 Metro Women	Moggill FC	Moggill FC
FQPL 4 Metro Men	Logan Roos	Moggill FC
FQPL 4 South Coast Men	Pacific Pines	Murwillumbah FC
FQPL 5 Metro Men	Logan Village Falcons	Logan Village Falcons
FQPL 6 Metro Men	QUT FC	QUT FC
Mitre FQPL Champions League Men		Marlin Coast Rangers
Mitre FQPL Regional Final Mens		Marlin Coast Rangers
Mitre FQPL Champions League Women		Olympic FC
Mitre FQPL Regional Final Womens		Edge Hill United
Kappa Queensland Cup Men		Gold Coast Knights
Kappa Queensland Cup Women		Brisbane City
Kappa Pro Series Men		Lions FC
Kappa Pro Series Women		Caboolture Sports FC
Metro League Cup Men		Rochedale Rovers
Metro League Cup Women		Ipswich Knights

Mitre Festival of Football

Queensland's ultimate football festival was back and bigger than ever in 2025 as the month-long Mitre Festival of Football featured the NPL and FQPL 1 Grand Finals at Perry Park and saw Queensland's state representative teams take on the Brisbane Roar (Men and Women) and Moreton City Excelsior (Men), Queensland's inaugural Australian Championship qualifier.

The Mitre Festival of Football also included the FQPL 2 Men and Women and FQPL 3-6 Metro Grand Finals as the 15-game event showcased four weeks of top-level football.



Advanced Competitions

FQ's premier leagues showcased the state's top male and female footballers in the 2025 NPL Queensland, FQPL 1 and FQPL 2 competitions.

In the NPL Queensland, Moreton City Excelsior were crowned NPL Men's Premiers before Lions FC secured the Championship trophy. Gold Coast Knights secured the Premiership in their very first season in the NPL Women meanwhile, with Brisbane City FC claiming Grand Final glory.

Magic United impressed in the FQPL 1 Men, securing the Premiership-Championship double while Olympic FC were crowned FQPL 1 Women Premiers before Caboolture Sports FC lifted the Championship trophy.

In the FQPL 2 competitions, Gold Coast sides dominated as Robina City FC and Palm Beach SC claimed Premiership-Championship doubles in the FQPL 2 Men and FQPL 2 Women respectively.



NPL Women's Magic Round

The inaugural NPL Women's Magic Round was held as part of 2025 Female Football Week celebrations, celebrating the talent of Queensland's top female footballers while highlighting the growth of women's participation in the sport and FQ's commitment to expanding opportunities for girls and women both on and off the field.

Across two days, Magic Round featured five thrilling NPL Women's fixtures alongside a Girls United carnival, FQ's inflatable field and other family-friendly activations.

Metro League Cup

The Metro League Cup provided plenty of entertainment this year as Rochedale Rovers delivered an outstanding performance to defeat Capalaba FC 3-1 in the Final to claim the Men's trophy.

In the Metro League Cup Women's Final, Ipswich Knights bounced back from heartbreak in last year's tournament to secure a commanding 3-0 victory and top honours for 2025.

Kappa Pro Series

The Kappa Pro Series once again provided incredible knockout drama in 2025 as Caboolture Sports FC claimed the Kappa Pro Series Women's title in a tense penalty shootout victory over Olympic FC, while Lions FC overcame Moreton City Excelsior to secure back-to-back Kappa Pro Series Men's trophies.

In a major highlight of the tournament, over 800 fans came out to Martens Oval to watch Brisbane Roar and Brisbane City battle it out in the Kappa Pro Series as the Wide Bay football community got involved in free coaching workshops, FQ x Roar Football in the Community clinics, half-time activations and post-match meet and greets alongside the match.





Kappa Queensland Cup & Hahn Australia Cup

The Kappa Queensland Cup was a key highlight of 2025, with over 200 teams competing across the Men's, Women's, and Under 18 divisions. Gold Coast Knights lifted the Men's trophy after securing a 4-2 victory in a thrilling Final, while Brisbane City FC claimed their first-ever Kappa Queensland Cup Women's title with a 3-0 win.

In the Under 18 Boys Final, Gold Coast Knights put on an impressive performance as they netted five unanswered goals to claim the Cup while in the U18 Girls Final, Eastern Suburbs FC secured a 3-1 victory to secure top honours.

Brisbane City FC's NPL Men's side also impressed in the 2025 Hahn Australia Cup, reaching the Quarter Finals after a memorable Cup run which delivered plenty of standout moments for Queensland football fans.

Mitre FQPL Champions League

The Mitre FQPL Champions League once again showcased the very best of regional football this season. In a thrilling Men's Final, FQPL Far North & Gulf side Marlin Coast Rangers overcame FQPL 1 side Magic United to be crowned Champions of Queensland, producing a moment of immense pride for their club and community in one of the great regional football achievements of the year.

In the Mitre FQPL Champions League Women's competition, Olympic FC capped off a brilliant campaign to be crowned Champions with a Final win over Far North's Edge Hill United, rounding out another unforgettable season of football across Queensland.



Queensland's Premier Futsal Leagues

Queensland's premier futsal leagues continued to provide plenty of entertainment in 2025 as Premiers and Champions were crowned in the F-League and the Queensland Futsal Cup produced memorable moments across the court.

League

Premiers

Champions

F-League Men

River City Futsal

Sunshine Coast Wave

F-League Women

Crusaders Futsal Club

Crusaders Futsal Club

Queensland Futsal Cup Men

-

Sunshine Coast Wave

Queensland Futsal Cup Women

-

Crusaders Futsal Club



STRENGTHENING

Through increased investment in infrastructure and continued collaboration with government, clubs and key stakeholders, we worked to support the sustainable development of the game by delivering outcomes to benefit football clubs and communities across the state.



Parliamentary Friends of Football Charity Match

Queensland Government Ministers and more than 20 Members of Parliament participated in the inaugural Premiers XI vs Corporate FC Challenge Cup Charity Match at Perry Park, hosted by Football Queensland and the Parliamentary Friends of Football Co-Chairs, Steve Minnikin MP and Lance McCallum MP.

Members of Parliament went head-to-head with corporate industry leaders to raise \$11,000 for BUSHkids in a powerful show of bipartisan support as the event demonstrated how football, government and industry can unite to make an impact in the community.



100-Day Infrastructure Review Submission

Football Queensland and Football Australia, representing the collective voice of Australian football, submitted a comprehensive proposal to the Queensland Government's 100-day infrastructure review for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The submission highlighted Australian football's capacity to reshape a transformative legacy for Queensland while ensuring the Games' success through innovation, sustainability, and community-focused infrastructure, and was supported by key international and domestic stakeholders, including the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), Oceania Football Confederation (OFC), Australian Professional Leagues (APL), Brisbane Roar, Professional Footballers Australia (PFA), and all Member Federations.

Football's submission advocated for a strategic, master-planned approach to deliver best for city outcomes, with key elements including the development of a Tier 2 purpose-built rectangular stadium, upgrading of facilities including a Queensland State Home of Community Football at Meakin Park, and a regionalised approach to Games delivery, maximising the involvement of communities beyond metropolitan centres.

Key infrastructure priorities received stronger visibility and momentum with the inclusion of Queensland Government contribution towards Perry Park and a State Home of Community Football in the government's 2032 Delivery Plan, aligning with the crucial infrastructure outcomes sought by football.



#EQUALISER

Following the success of Football Queensland's 2024 #EQUALISER State Election campaign, which secured a record \$28 million in pre-election project commitments, FQ shifted its advocacy to the federal stage this year, launching the #EQUALISER Federal Election campaign.

#EQUALISER focused on empowering Queensland football clubs to engage directly with their local federal representatives from all political parties in the lead-up to the election, equipping clubs with resources and support for the planning and delivery of infrastructure projects through club webinars and checklists as clubs continued to reap the benefits of Football Queensland's strengthening relationship with government through the ongoing implementation of the 2024 – 2026 Infrastructure Strategy.





Protect Our Game

The Protect Our Game initiative remained a priority in 2025, reinforcing respect for all participants and helping create safer environments at every level of the game while reducing abuse and poor behaviour through the Three Strike Policy and QR code reporting mechanism.

These strong policy positions have been followed and adopted by other sports and states, including Rugby Australia who released a replicated Three Strike Policy.

Social Protect

Football Queensland was pleased to extend the services of online safeguarding software Social Protect to referees across the state in 2025, helping protect them from online abuse using real-time monitoring and moderation.

The expansion of the service followed the successful rollout of Social Protect software to NPL Queensland clubs last year, demonstrating the proactive measures Football Queensland is taking to protect match officials from abuse and poor behaviour in line with the Protect Our Game initiative.

ENGAGEMENT

By strengthening the Football Queensland brand and adapting to changing digital platforms, we connected with participants and supporters across Queensland more effectively than ever.



Queensland Football Convention

Over 1,000 members of the football community, including industry leaders, club administrators and coaches from across the state and country, gathered for the 2025 Queensland Football Convention and Queensland Football Gala.

Following the success of the inaugural event in 2024 and under the unifying theme 'Elevate the Debate,' the second edition of the Queensland Football Convention featured cutting-edge sessions and powerful conversations designed to redefine how we think about the future of football in Queensland.

Major highlights included sessions delivered by memorable international and interstate guest speakers including Joe Schmit, Dean Boxall and Jon Moss.



**JOE SCHMIT · JEEHOON KIM · DEAN BOXALL · FABIO SERPIELLO · STIG MEYLEMANS
SANDER VAN PRAET · MICHAEL CONNELLY · CHRIS KENWARD · JON MOSS ·
MICHELE LASTELLA · MATT KENT · LIZ MASEN · CHRIS RAWLINSON · RYAN FETT**

Queensland Football Gala

Over 500 guests, including incoming Minister for Sport Tim Mander, gathered at Brisbane City Hall for the 2025 Queensland Football Gala as the state's most outstanding individuals, teams and clubs were honoured.

The annual event recognised excellence across all levels of the game, shining a spotlight on the players, coaches, referees, volunteers and administrators who made an impact throughout the 2025 season.

Service to Football

Award	Winner	Club
Protect Our Game Service Award (Individual)	James Wallace	MA Olympic FC
Protect Our Game Service Award (Club)	Highfields FC	-
Service to Football – Gold Award	Jeff Wells	Boyne Tannum Sands FC
Service to Football – Platinum Award	Bec Whisker	Noosa Lions FC
Volunteer of the Year	Miranda Wilson	Leichhardt Lions FC
Tom Dickson Athlete with a Disability	Chrispine Wilondja	Robina FC

Community

Award	Winner	Club
Community Coach of the Year	Danny Ciampa Sarah Sheridan	Runaway Bay FC Rockville Rovers
Community Junior Team of the Year	Maroochydhore FC Black U12/13 Girls Div 1	-
Community Senior Team of the Year	Whitsunday United Div 1 Men	-
Community Club of the Year	Western Spirit FC	-
Content Creator of the Year	Brad Mills	-

Futsal

Award	Winner	Club
Futsal Coach of the Year	Vinicius Leite	Gold Coast Galaxy
Futsal Players of the Year	Ben Bordin Jessica Taylor	Sunshine Coast Wave Gold Coast Galaxy
Futsal Club of the Year	Crusaders FC	-

Referees

Award	Winner
Futsal Referee of the Year	Jamie Ewin
Jacqueline Leleu Medal – Assistant Referee of the Year	Bailey Jacobsen
Dieter Klose Award – Community Referee of the Year	Dylan Atkinson
Des Miles Medal – Junior Referee of the Year	Axel Vella
Mick Novakovic Medal – In Support of Young Referees	Isaac Woodrow
Mick Novakovic Medal – Emerging Elite Refere	Brenton Liaropoulos
Mark Shield Medal – Senior Referee of the Year	Mackenzie Janes

Advanced Clubs

Award	Winner	Club
Junior Players of the Year	Arabella Ryan Emmett Shaw	FQ Academy QAS Lions FC
Academy of the Year	Moreton City Excelsior	-
Technical Director of the Year	Scott Guyett	Olympic FC
Development Coach of the Year	John Ogden	Lions FC
Club of the Year	Grange Thistle	-



NPL

Award	Winner	Club
Golden Boot	Andy Pengelly (16 Goals) Kyla Hanson (26 Goals)	Lions FC Eastern Suburbs
Young Player of the Year	Bailey Ferguson Kyla Hanson	Eastern Suburbs Eastern Suburbs
Goalkeeper of the Year	Jordan Thurtell Anneka Lewerenz	Peninsula Power Sunshine Coast Wanderers
Coach of the Year	Cameron Millar Gary French	Moreton City Excelsior Gold Coast Knights
Player of the Year	Seita Murai Rie Kitano	Moreton City Excelsior Gold Coast Knights



FQPL 1

Award	Winner	Club
Golden Boot	Mason Cross (27 Goals) Stephanie Latham (18 Goals)	Magic United Caboolture Sports FC
Young Player of the Year	Will Cass Hyunsun Lim	Magic United Peninsula Power
Goalkeeper of the Year	Will Cass Cassandra Zaffina	Magic United Capalaba FC
Coach of the Year	Brett Budwee Cameron Foulkes	Magic United Olympic FC
Player of the Year	Mason Cross Rio Oya	Magic United Olympic FC



FQPL 2

Award	Winner	Club
Golden Boot	Tomas Valverde (26 Goals) Emma Woods (32 Goals)	Robina City Samford Rangers
Young Player of the Year	Tristan Auffret Florence Yock	Robina City Ipswich Knights
Goalkeeper of the Year	Tim Lahiff Freya Crocker	Robina City UQFC
Coach of the Year	Lee Vernon Alex Pinchin	Robina City Palm Beach
Player of the Year	Tomas Valverde Emma Woods	Robina City Samford Rangers



Partnerships

We thank our valued partners for their ongoing support of football in Queensland. In particular, we acknowledge the Queensland Government as an important partner in helping grow participation, improve facilities and deliver programs that benefit clubs, players, volunteers and communities across the state. Together, our partners play a vital role in strengthening the football community and creating opportunities for all members of our beautiful game.



FQ Institute of Business and Sport

Football Queensland and TAFE Queensland were proud to launch the Football Queensland Institute of Business and Sport this year, created to deliver industry-leading education and career pathways for the state's sporting community.

Offering qualifications in sport coaching, event management or leadership, the new FQ Institute of Business and Sport provides valuable real-world opportunities for students passionate about pursuing a career in football.



CQU Lab

Football Queensland and CQ University launched the CQU Lab in 2025, bringing cutting-edge sports science, education and research straight to Queensland's football community.

The CQU Lab gives Queenslanders access to expert insights across areas including sports science, physiotherapy, chiropractic and podiatry, with knowledge from leading academics across the country as well as from studies directly within FQ Academy programs, state teams and major carnivals.



Digital Engagement & Broadcast Reach

Football Queensland continued to record strong levels of digital engagement and reach across all platforms in 2025, with the growth in broadcast viewership through the FQTV platform a major highlight.

From the NPL Queensland and FQPL to the Kappa Queensland Cup and Kappa Pro Series, fans were showing up in record numbers to watch the action in 2025 as FQTV reached a bigger audience than ever before.

Women's viewership also continued to surge, climbing 67% this year and highlighting the growing strength and support of female football across every level of the game.

 **18M+**
Facebook views

 **11M+**
Instagram Views

 **136k+**
X Reach

 **2.95M+**
Website Page Views

 **12.4M+**
Total Digital Impressions

 **175k+**
Social Media Followers

 **2.47M+**
Live Stream Views



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

For the year ending 31 December 2025

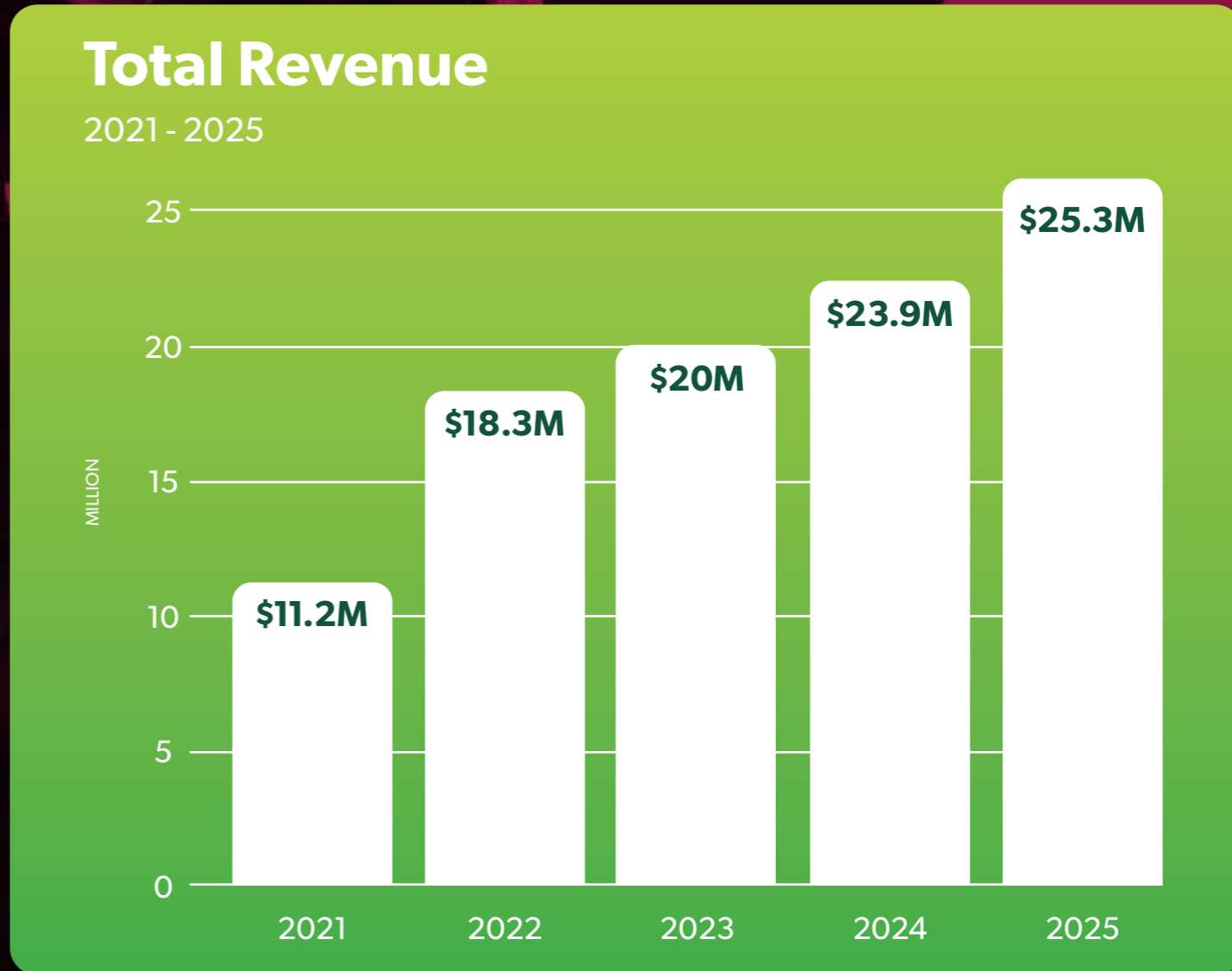
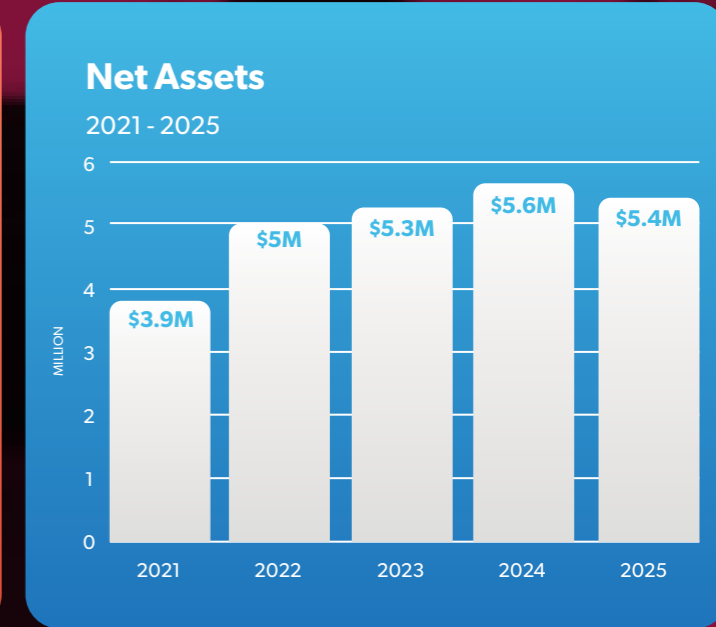
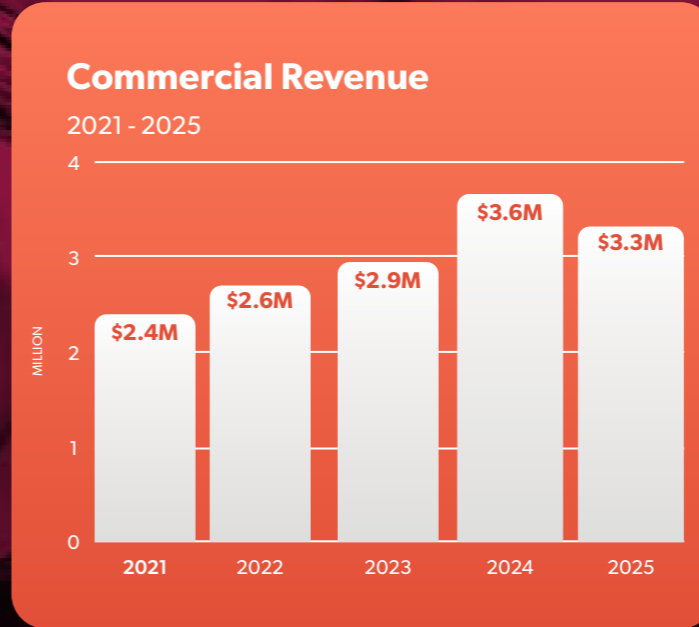
In 2025, Football Queensland recorded a surplus of \$306,599 before depreciation, amortisation and income tax expense. In a challenging economic environment marked by rising inflation and escalating input costs, we maintained a deliberate commitment to keep participant registration fees as low as possible, protecting access to football for clubs, families and communities across Queensland.

Football Queensland's financial discipline and strategic reinvestment into the game was supported by sustained revenue growth, including continued strong commercial performance achieved through strategic partnerships. This allowed Football Queensland to maintain player registration fees steady for the fifth consecutive year.

The organisation's financial position remains resilient, with day-to-day operations continuing to perform strongly. The organisation's strong financial position has allowed it to recognise an impairment to a long outstanding debt of \$295,953 from Football Australia. Therefore, Football Queensland recorded a statutory deficit after depreciation and amortisation of \$269,860 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Board and Executive will continue to work with Football Australia to resolve the amount outstanding, ensuring that Football Queensland remains in a strong financial position to develop the game for its members.

The concise financial report presented here has been derived from the full financial report of Football Queensland for the year ended 31 December 2025. It does not provide as full an understanding of the financial performance and position as the complete financial report.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Registration Income	\$3,739,253	\$5,983,071	\$6,304,388	\$7,006,931	\$7,359,324
<i>Registration Income as a % of Total Revenue</i>	33%	33%	31%	29%	29%
Commercial Income	\$2,444,501	\$2,628,413	\$2,981,996	\$3,664,667	\$3,358,454
<i>Commercial Income growth over 5 years</i>				233%	137%
Community, social & advanced football income	\$3,469,163	\$4,849,380	\$5,371,036	\$7,044,841	\$7,250,589
<i>Football and program income growth over 5 years</i>				276%	209%
Other Income	\$1,564,907	\$4,856,745	\$5,359,117	\$6,198,149	\$7,307,649
<i>Other Income growth over 5 years</i>				368%	467%
Total Revenue	\$11,217,824	\$18,317,609	\$20,016,537	\$23,914,588	\$25,276,016

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Revenue		
Revenue	\$25,276,016	\$23,914,588
Expenses		
Bad and doubtful debts	(\$299,345)	(\$15,790)
Coaching clinics and education	(\$140,770)	(\$126,372)
Community, social and advanced program costs	(\$6,840,544)	(\$6,734,672)
Employee benefits expense	(\$9,510,290)	(\$8,995,091)
Other Expenses	(\$8,178,468)	(\$7,236,158)
Surplus before depreciation and amortisation expense	\$306,599	\$806,505
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(\$576,459)	(\$515,000)
Surplus/(Deficit) before income tax expense	(\$269,860)	\$291,505
Income tax expense	\$0	\$0
Surplus/(Deficit) after income tax expense	(\$269,860)	\$291,505
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	\$0	\$0
Total comprehensive income for the year	(\$269,860)	\$291,505

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2025	2025	2024
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,975,270	5,494,216
Trade and other receivables	1,827,467	2,191,625
Inventories	222,383	166,031
Other assets	1,560,914	1,654,157
Total Current Assets	7,586,034	9,506,029
Non-Current Assets		
Trade and other receivables	-	33,562
Property, plant and equipment	3,329,265	3,195,173
Total non-current assets	3,329,265	3,228,735
Total assets	10,915,299	12,734,764
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	4,801,862	4,047,798
Provisions	658,565	674,596
Total current liabilities	5,460,427	4,722,394
Non-Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	9,000	2,305,250
Provisions	67,159	58,547
Total non-current liabilities	76,159	2,363,797
Total Liabilities	5,536,586	7,086,191
Net Assets	5,378,713	5,648,573
Equity		
Retained Earnings	5,378,713	5,648,573
Total Equity	5,378,713	5,648,573

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Retained Profits	Total Equity
Balance at 1 January 2024	5,357,068	5,357,068
Surplus after income tax expense for the year	291,505	291,505
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	291,505	291,505
Balance at 31 December 2024	5,648,573	5,648,573

	Retained Profits	Total Equity
Balance at 1 January 2025	5,648,573	5,648,573
Deficit after income tax expense for the year	(269,860)	(269,860)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	(269,860)	(269,860)
Balance at 31 December 2025	5,378,713	5,378,713

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Cash flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	26,517,860	25,591,025
Receipts of reform distribution from former zones	850,897	539,046
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)	(28,427,915)	(22,733,508)
Interest received	251,161	136,902
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	(807,997)	3,533,465
Cash flows from Investing Activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(710,549)	(1,176,226)
Proceeds from / (payments for) security deposits	(400)	5,194
Net cash used in investing activities	(710,949)	(1,171,032)
Cash flows from Financing Activities		
Net cash from financing activities	-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and equivalents	(1,518,946)	2,362,433
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	5,494,216	3,131,783
Cash and equivalents at the end of the financial year	3,975,270	5,494,216

LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. B Bainbridge	1989	Mr. P J Harte	1988
Ms. A Baker	2000	Ms. L Ketter	1991
Mr. J Bomben	1991	Mr. S Lindsay	2001
Mr. I Britten	2002	Mr. D O'Brien	2004
Mrs. P Brusasco	1997	Mr. J Page	2000
Mr. W J Dann	1987	Mr. K Pearson	Pre 1985
Mrs. F Dower	1990	Mr. F Robins	1992
Mr. B Evans	2003	Mr. R White	2003
Mrs. G Fox	2003		
Mrs. P Gilbert	1981		
Ms. G Harris	1982		

MEMBERS

Andrew Pelling – Central Coast
 David Barber – Central Coast
 Andrew (Snow) Green – Darling Downs
 Lachlan Peden – Darling Downs
 Keiren O'Brien - Far North & Gulf
 Sarah Jones – Far North & Gulf
 Ben Parkin – Metro North
 Roberto Rossi – Metro North
 Michael Pikos – Metro South
 Roslyn Minnikin – Metro South

Declan Carnes – Northern
 Azra Rantucci – Northern
 Andrew Parkes – South Coast
 Jodie Dickens – South Coast
 Brendan Williams – Sunshine Coast
 Rebecca Whisker – Sunshine Coast
 Allan Milostic – Whitsunday Coast
 Peter Farrell – Whitsunday Coast
 Mark Vanner – Wide Bay
 Wade McLeod – Wide Bay

WE REMEMBER

The following people were recipients of life membership.

Mr. C Andrews	Mr. M Penklis
Mr. W Malcom	Mr. H Linning
Mr. G Roberts	Mr. C Jones AO
Mr. C Boland	Mr. T Vaughan
Mr. R McVie	Mr. K Barclay
Mr. J Steel	Mr. B LeFevre
Mr. P Cox	Mr. A Boscacci
Mrs. H Millman	Mr. C McClurg
Mr. W Waddell MBE	Mr. A Watson
Mr. B Geoghegan	Mr. G Pduhl
Mr. L Mistris	Mr. D Look
Mr. S Webster	Mr. S Dye
MR. G Jamieson	Mr. I Brusasco AO
Mr. R Mitchell	Mr. G Canale
Mr. T Wilcox	Mrs. E Watson OAM
Mr. H Johns	Mr. O Pezet OAM
Mr. G Paris	

OUR PURPOSE

2025 FQ ANNUAL REPORT

Our vision is twofold.

The first part is to unite football in Queensland. This is to happen based on our common love of the game and desire for a great future for football in the state, where all involved in the game are working towards a common goal.

Secondly, but not secondary, is that the game is always at the forefront. We see a future where football is the game of choice – to play, to coach, to referee, to watch, to follow and to love. Where we provide high-quality, accessible football experiences that mean anyone can be involved, regardless of age, gender, location or cultural background.

REFINE TODAY, PROGRESS TOMORROW





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