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## **Presidents Report AFO 2011**

### **AFO 2011 Sale Victoria**

Dear NSWFA members, clubs and regions

Firstly a huge congratulations to all the NSW teams whom took part in the AFO for 2011, with 5 NSW teams competing it was great to see 3 reach the finals. The women's Vipers team (reigning 2010 Champions) went down in a tight match to Singapore 4-3 but the girls can be proud of their achievement and results. Both Newcastle and Glebe FBC (reigning 2010 Champions) went down in semi-finals to WA and Story Bridge (QLD) respectively in what could be perceived as there state sides.

While at the Australian Floorball Open in Sale Victoria last week a meeting was held between all the State Association Presidents (as well as NZ) and the President of the Australian Floorball Association to discuss what level of development each state is currently at and roles of State v's Australian association. At present NSWFA is the only state association whom has adopted a strategic plan and that plan is now being shared with all other associations.

I am pleased to report that NSWFA has made some excellent progress in the last few years and the development of floorball in NSW is strong and on track. A large amount of this success is due to the hard working committee, but also to some key people and regions whom are actively developing the sport.

NSWFA are very fortunately to have the hard work by all involved at Newcastle pay off with there ongoing social comp and representative elite series team. Central Coast has recently been hard at work developing the sport in which a social competition is now established and Wollongong is to follow for the Illawarra region. The guys at Dural still have a small social competition that is active for new players.

A main focus of discussion was development in general and seeking a paid resource with funding. While everyone recognised it takes time we all agreed the way forward and recognised that juniors and schools needs attention, however we cannot take our eye off all areas identified as balancing all the priorities is a difficult task with limited resources.

NSWFA still need a lot of help from its clubs and members but NSWFA can definitely be a Leader in Floorball Australia and as such we will undertake a role in leading the eastern seaboard (including NZ) to synergise and growth the sport.

Thanks to everyone for all your great help and support.

Jason Cowland

President NSWFA