

# Hunter AFL News

## HUNTER BOARD

### JUST WHO IS THE HUNTER AFL ?

**S**ome years ago football in NSW was organised into regions. The Newcastle and Central Coast Leagues were put together to make up the Hunter Region.

Its responsibilities include the development of football, initiating projects for the promotion of the game and as a forum to settle disputes.

In fact, its a mini NSW Football League on a regional basis.

The Board is comprised of members of both Newcastle and Central Coast League Executives and whilst in the past it may have been viewed with some cynicism it would appear that it's members are committed to promoting the code, albeit that this may take a little extra effort on some individual's behalf.

The Board is under the chairmanship of Dean Anderson, of Wamberal who whilst not having a detailed football background is extremely keen to explore new ideas and encourages Board members to become football visionaries.



## YOUR SAY IN DEVELOPMENT

THE HUNTER BOARD WANTS TO HEAR YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF FOOTBALL IN THE AREA AND HAS SET A MEETING FOR:

**MONDAY AUGUST 5 AT THE MINES RESCUE STATION, BOOLAROO COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

## SYDNEY FOR UNDER 18 TEAM

Hunter Board resolved to pursue the proposition of entering an Under 18 team in the Sydney Football League for 1997.

The Board's rationale behind this decision was that:

1. Players who show talent will probably go somewhere else to play.
2. Quite a number of boys leaving under 17s drop out of the game, some returning in their early twenties.
3. This gives younger players a career path to follow and provide an incentive to play and stay in the game.
4. No one club will be overly effected.
5. Likely team staff consider they can operate the team without taking current officials away from their present clubs.
6. Boys who don't make it will more than likely return to their original club as better footballers. If they don't they hopefully will stay in the game.

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