



On behalf of Chairman Frank Lowy and the Board of Football Federation Australia, I am delighted to congratulate everyone associated with the 2008 edition of the Bill Turner Cup (boys) and Bill Turner Trophy (girls).

Football's massive junior base has long been intertwined with school football and the first serious football outlet for many young players is undoubtedly as a representative of the school team.

Both the Bill Turner Cup and Trophy have long been an integral part of Australian football's junior development structure, and, like all members and contributors to the Australian football family, have undeniably played a major role in the success of recent years.

Indeed the two tournaments have seen the participation of a number of current Qantas Socceroos and Qantas Matildas who competed in the tournament during their formative years.

It is a credit to the Executive Members, led by Patron Bill Turner and President Lindsay Hewison that the competition continues to thrive and strengthen. Thanks to the untiring efforts of both Bill and Lindsay, as well as countless other volunteers, the competition has grown from a humble Hunter region competition to the current structure featuring over 500 schools across a number of states. Undoubtedly the tournament has outstripped all expectations since its beginning over a quarter of a century ago.

It would also be remiss not to acknowledge the efforts of the State Managers, Area Managers, coaches, principals plus referees, parents and the numerous volunteers. The longevity and success of the cup is a testament to the countless hours donated by all concerned as they uphold the rules and code of behaviour.

Finally and perhaps most importantly of all, best wishes to those school students who will be competing in 2008. Enjoy every moment of your participation and remember that you are not only ambassadors for your school and the competition, but also for our great code in Australia.

**BEN BUCKLEY**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
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Northern NSW Football is proud to continue its association with the Bill Turner Cup – an association that has been in place since the competition's inception in 1979.

Northern NSW Football recognizes the importance of this competition to developing junior talent at scholastic level and is proud to join with the likes of the Northern NSW Schools Soccer Association and the Football Federation of Australia in acknowledging the significance of the Bill Turner Cup.

Integral to the success of this tournament over the years has been the dedication of teachers, administrators and members of the Northern NSW School Soccer Association, as well as the players, coaching staff and officials. Also the many sponsor organizations who lend their support to the Bill Turner Cup each year.

Over 500 teams from schools across Eastern Australia competed in the 2007 competition, ensuring that the Bill Turner Cup remained the most respected school football knockout competition in Australia.

With the continued growth of the A-League, the success of our Young Socceroos, Olyroos, Young Matildas and our elite national squads the Socceroos and Matildas, it is opportune to note that many of the players early careers were shaped through participation in this very tournament and we trust that once again the Bill Turner Cup may help pave the way for our next generation of national football stars.

On behalf of Northern NSW Football, we extend our best wishes to all involved in this invaluable 'grass roots' competition for Australian football and trust that all matches will be played in the true spirit of competition and sportsmanship.

**W. G. SCREEN**  
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**JEFFREY GREEN**  
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