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## THROSBY HOME OF FOOTBALL

Dear David,

Capital Football and the Gungahlin United Football Club (GUFC) take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the territory Government's continued commitment to the Home of Football project at Throsby.

While the Covid 19 pandemic has resulted in much disruption to life in 2020 and 2021, in the plateaus between outbreaks football participation has remained strong, with 33,604 participants in our 2020 competitions, with a 4% increase on those numbers in 2021 as we work to return to pre-pandemic levels. Football remains the largest participation sport in the ACT.

GUFC is the largest club within Capital Football competitions, with 1,784 players participating in the 2021 National Premier Leagues, Senior Leagues, Junior Leagues and Powerchair competitions. Capital Football and GUFC are looking forward to being part of the Throsby community and playing a role in supporting participation pathways for local residents in Gungahlin.

The Home of Football development in Throsby, delivered in partnership by the ACT Government and Capital Football, is the realisation on a long-held ambition to combine our operations together in the one location. The Home of Football is an important strategic project for our sport and aligns with our plan to *upgrade facilities and infrastructure to be sustainable and to meet growing demand* for our sport.

The Throsby development, to be delivered in a number of stages, will offer world class facilities that will include a mix of indoor futsal courts and outdoor football fields (both natural grass and synthetic grass). We will welcome the community sharing/utilising the facility for both formal sport and informal recreation and sporting activities.

Community sport plays a vital role in the health and wellbeing of society, and we are grateful for the ACT Government's support in developing the Throsby precinct to enable our organisationsto continue to provide that social benefit in the Gungahlin District and Canberra through participation in football and futsal.

Kind regards

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Phil Brown  
Chief Executive Officer  
Capital Football

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Neil Harlock' in a cursive script.

Neil Harlock  
President  
Gungahlin United FC

# 2020 ACT SUMMARY



## TOTAL PARTICIPATION

# 33,604

**-16%**  
DECREASE  
ON 2019

## WOMEN & GIRLS PARTICIPATION 7,814

INCLUDES OUTDOOR, REGISTERED FUTSAL & SOCIAL

1%  
growth  
on 2019

## OUTDOOR AFFILIATED FOOTBALL

**14,544**  
PARTICIPANTS

-19%  
decrease  
on 2019

**44**  
CLUBS



**10,561**  
MALE  
(73% OF TOTAL)



**3,979**  
FEMALE  
(27% OF TOTAL)



**MINIROOS**  
**6,335**  
PARTICIPANTS



MALE  
4,721



FEMALE  
1,612

**YOUTH**  
**4,545**  
PARTICIPANTS



MALE  
3,227



FEMALE  
1,318

**SENIOR**  
**3,664**  
PARTICIPANTS



MALE  
2,613



FEMALE  
1,049



**882**  
REGISTERED COACHES  
82% MALE  
17% FEMALE

**654**  
REGISTERED REFEREES  
78% MALE  
22% FEMALE

**488**  
VOLUNTEERS  
47% MALE  
53% FEMALE

## OTHER FORMATS

**FUTSAL**  
**4,043**  
PARTICIPANTS

**76%** MALE

**24%** FEMALE

**SOCIAL**  
**8,748**  
PARTICIPANTS

**67%** MALE

**33%** FEMALE

## SPECIFIC DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAMS PARTICIPANTS

**48**

Includes programs specifically for Cultural and Linguistically Diverse Communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander & All Ability participants

**3,814**

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

+

**0**

SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

**SCHOOLS TOTAL**  
**3,814**  
PARTICIPANTS

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES

**383**

PARTICIPANTS

\*Total numbers include male, female and gender unspecified