

Andrew Clark

Hall of Fame 2013



Andrew Clark was born in Gosford 1974. He first played for Wyoming in the 1980 U6 to 1982 U8 teams (three years). He transferred to PMK (now Mountains United) for the 1983, 1984 and 1985 seasons then onto Umina United under the coaching of Brian Follett for the 1986 U12 season. At the same time, he also played for the Central Coast Representative side (1985, 1986) which played on a Sunday with Brian Follett.

Andrew would forge a career out of soccer second to none. Not only would his skills take him to the top of the Australian domestic league but he had the foresight to forge an education at the highest level in Sports Science. The game would provide him with a lifetime experience both on and off the field. He would be recognised as a leader in the field of sports science and football conditioning.

Andrew continued his soccer through the junior ranks of the Central Coast Representative teams 1987 U13-1990 U15 in the Sydney Youth League and at the Northern NSW State Titles and at the National Titles.

In 1991, at the age of 16, he played for Central Coast U17 and doubled up for the U19s and was also selected to represent Central Coast at the U16 and U17 Northern NSW State Titles.

In 1992, he transferred to Highfield Azzurri under the coaching of Jim Foley for two years and returned to Central Coast 1st grade under Bruce James in 1993, 1994 and then 1995 played in arguably the best year of the Central Coast Representative teams history under Vic Bozanic for a victory that won promotion to the NSW Super League.

Andrew in 1996 accepted an invitation to play professional soccer in Hong Kong with the 517 FC club. He would captain the club and remain with the club for two years and return to play for the new National Soccer League Club of Canberra Cosmos. Andrew remained at the club for two years 1998-2000. The next few years he had stints with Parramatta Power 2001, APIA Leichhardt 2002 when he accepted an offer to play for Kedah Malaysia 2003 coached by Jorgan Larsen. He returned to APIA for 2004.

Andrew's greatest moment in the game was his invitation to play in the inaugural season (2005/2006) of the A-League with his home region team of the Central Coast Mariners. He continued to play for the Mariners until the end of the 2009/2010 season. He continues to be involved with the Club as the Head of Sports Science and Football conditioning Coach, something he has done since 2005.

Andrew Clark is a ideal example of how to mix sport and work, to which you have a passion and at a professional level. He is a great ambassador for the sport on the Central Coast and in general. He was deservedly inducted into the Hall of Fame 2013.

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