

Jim Foley



Jim joined the Central Coast Coasties in 1988, as Club and First Grade coach and worked in that position for a period of four years until 1991, during which time he consolidated the club's future prospects in the N.S.W. premier competition.

The highlight of his time with the club was promotion from Division 2 to Division 1 of the N.S.W. State League in 1989 which followed the team being runners-up in the League and Grand Final in Division 2 in 1988.

He returned to the Coast in 2000 as Youth Development Coach and for the next 4 years concentrated on building a solid base for junior development. He took over the reins of 1st Grade in 2004.

Jim was born (1953) in Newcastle, N.S.W. and began playing football with New Lambton South Junior Soccer Club at the age of 6. As a 14 year old Jim was signed by New Lambton Senior Club. At the end of the 1974 season, Jim was recommended for a trial with Preston North End in England, by his coach at New Lambton, Billy Barron. Preston, at that time, was being managed by Bobby Charlton. Jim described his time in England as a wonderful experience but accepted that his prospects of securing a professional contract at the age of 21 were unrealistic. On returning to his home town Newcastle, Jim signed with the Adamstown Rosebud Club. He successfully completed his coaching accreditation in 1978. His career commenced as a player/coach with Wallsend FC in 1979 in the NNSW State League. In 1982 he was appointed NNSW State Director of Coaching. In 1985 Jim accepted a position with the Queensland Football Federation as Regional Director of Coaching based in Cairns. In 1992 after his stint with Central Coast, Jim returned to Newcastle to take up the senior coaching role at Azzuri F.C. in the NNSW State League.

Over the last 18 years Jim has achieved success in the development of players in Newcastle, his second term at the Coasties, and stints at Manly and Charlestown. Jim has also worked for the last 18 years at National Sporting Camps in Armidale.

Jim Foley was one of the most qualified, experienced, and long serving first grade coaches to have worked with the Central Coast Football Association Representative teams (the Coasties) and left an indelible impression on all players and fellow coaches.

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