

Andrew Ollier



Andrew Ollier is one of the Central Coast's newer, younger brigade of football coaches, who is putting something back into the game, after a very successful playing career.

Andrew was born in Parramatta and first started playing football in the under 7's for his local club Pendle Hill. After 5 years of playing club football he was selected for Auburn under 13 representative team, which competed in the NSW Federation, and he continued with Auburn up to and including under 16.

At the same time Andrew was also showing great talent as a squash player and in 1983 decided to follow a path set by one of his brother's, by playing squash professionally in Canada for three years.

In 1986, he returned to Australia and moved to the Central Coast to recommence his football career with The Entrance first grade team where he stayed until 1989 when he was selected to play for the Central Coast representative football club {the Coasties}. Andrew played with the Coasties for the 1990 season before accepting an offer from the Sydney club St. George being coached by Frank Arok. He played for St. George for the 1990 NSL summer season.

Andrew returned to the Coasties in 1991 where he became an integral player as an attacking left winger in a team which was the most successful in the Coasties history. The highlight of Andrew's career with the Coasties he said was without doubt the 1995 season when the

first grade team gained promotion to the NSW Federation Super League and won the grand final.

Andrew commenced his coaching career in 1997 with The Entrance first grade team. That season the team won the Association Cup and finished 5th in the League. In 1998 the team won the League and were runners-up in the grand final.

In 1999 Andrew started his representative coaching career when along with Dale Eggleton. He took over the Coasties U19's team half way through the season. In the year 2000 Andrew coached the Coasties U21 team to a very successful season when they won the League and were runners up in the grand final.

The 2001 and 2002 seasons saw Andrew team up again with Dale Eggleton in a combined effort to coach the Coasties first grade team which unfortunately had no success.

In 2003 Andrew had a year off from coaching to spend more time with his family but returned in 2004 as assistant first grade coach of the Central Coast representative team which had been renamed Central Coast United.

During the years 2005 to 2007 Andrew had coaching positions with both local and representative teams,(known as Central Coast Lightning). The most memorable of which was with The Entrance first grade team in 2005 when the team won the trifecta: the League, the grand final and the Association Cup. A fantastic achievement, and the highlight of his competitive coaching career.

In 2007 the direction of Andrew's coaching career took an alternative route when he was appointed as the sports coach for Knox Grammar School at Wahroonga. This prestigious job involved coaching not only football but also squash and athletics. Andrew tremendously enjoyed his time with Knox Grammar between 2007 and 2010. The footballing part, of which saw him in charge of two teams.

During the period 2007 to 2010 Andrew also gained employment with the Central Coast Mariners youth academy, the highlight of which was taking the under 16's team on a tour of China in 2010. His team played four games, remaining undefeated, winning three, and drawing one.

October 2010 saw Andrew appointed as the coaching and development manager for the newly named Central Coast Football Club, a position which he currently holds and which he very much enjoys.

The 2009 and 2010 seasons also saw Andrew coaching the Northern Tigers U20's team which won two league championships and one grand final.

Andrew Ollier is a rare example of a person who has had an excellent playing career which has been followed by an equally successful and ongoing coaching career, which now focuses on developing Central Coast juniors to the highest level possible.