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VICTORIAN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL **FUTURE STATE CHARTER**

**A collaborative, all of industry approach to the
processes that manage and direct the future of
Community Football in Victoria**

THE PURPOSE

The **Victorian Community Football Future State Charter** is a commitment from Metropolitan Leagues and Country Regions as governing bodies, in partnership with AFL Victoria, to work towards ***stronger relationships, greater clarity and effective structures to maximise the probability of community football to thrive in Victoria.***

THE BROAD STRATEGIC FOCUS

Victorian Community Football's Strategic Focus is a collaborative, all of industry approach to the processes that manage and direct the future of Community Football in Victoria.

Participation

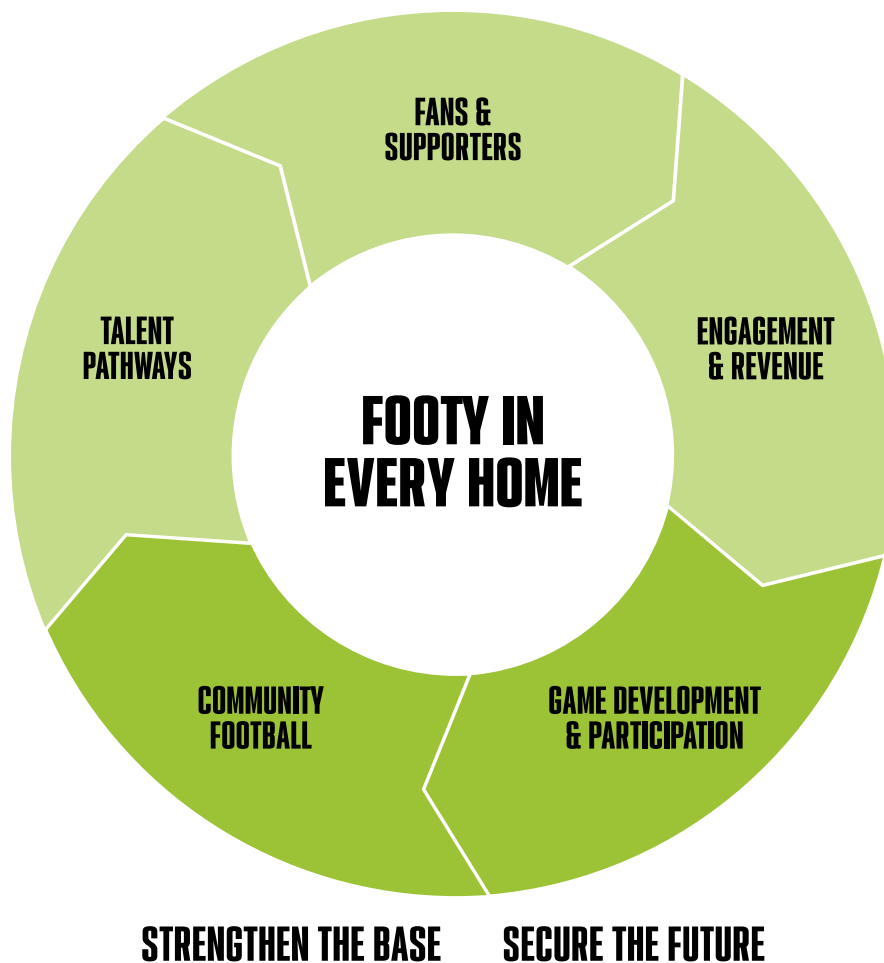
To attract, deliver, transition and retain more participants in our game.

Football Communities & Experience

Support and provide football communities to build capability.

Facilities, Partnerships and Government

Advocate and partner with all levels of government and industry.



THE OPPORTUNITIES

- » Improved systems in determining the +/- impacts of proposed affiliate transfers and team growth opportunities which will ultimately influence the probability of the game thriving.
- » Ensure evidenced based decision making consistent across all governing bodies
- » Maximise the potential growth of the game through agreed participation growth strategies
- » Support club health by making it easier for club volunteers to have quality practices in place
- » Ensure that umpire recruitment, retention and development initiatives are aligned to help provide quality umpiring environments leading to more women, men, girls & boys wanting to become & be retained as a football umpire
- » Ensure that more women, men, girls & boys undertake coach accreditation and education to help create a quality training and match day experience for all
- » Women & Girls to feel safe, connected and supported at all clubs - both on-field and off-field - that result in strong increasing numbers leading to the game being more vibrant and sustainable

THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

As a signatory to the **Victorian Community Football Future State Charter**, we acknowledge that achieving the purpose requires:

- » An industry approach to a broader, strategic focus for community football in Victoria between AFL Victoria, Metropolitan Leagues and Country Regions be given high priority.
- » All community football bodies to work together to optimise outcomes
- » Simplicity and consistency of processes, procedures and structures to be paramount
- » Open, clear lines of communication amongst key stakeholders
- » Ways of working are built on honesty, trust, respect and in the best interests of the broader football community.

THE PLEDGE

As a signatory to the **Victorian Community Football Future State Charter**, we commit to:

1. Maintaining our responsibilities for organisational and constitutional governance, management and operations consistent with our jurisdiction as identified in the **Victorian Community Football Future State Charter**. (Refer Victoria Community Football Roles and Responsibilities)
2. Maintain and comply with a current Affiliation Agreements and adherence to the State Regulations specifically the Transfer Regulations and Community Club Sustainability Program including monitoring and enforcement provisions.
3. Recognising an industry approach to a broad, strategic focus for football in Victoria through working collaboratively in teams with AFL Victoria, Metropolitan Leagues and Country Regions to co-design strategies which address a range of industry-wide challenges and opportunities identified in the Priority Projects and Action Plans. *(Refer to Priority Projects and Action Plans)*
4. Maintain open and clear lines of communication with all stakeholders.
5. A standing agenda item of the **Victorian Community Football Future State Charter** at Board meetings to ensure our actions are consistent and we deliver on commitments.

The Priority Projects and Action Plans shall be reviewed collectively by Charter parties and updated by October 31st each year and form part of the **Victorian Community Football Future State Charter**.

Signed on behalf of by their duly authorised Officer

