

20 October 2009

The Full/Life Member  
Australian Professional Footballers' Association Inc  
As addressed

Dear PFA Member,

**Notice of 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Professional Footballers' Association Inc to be Held at 1.00pm (AEST) on Friday 13 November 2009 at PricewaterhouseCoopers, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney**

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Notice is hereby given that the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Professional Footballers' Association Inc will be held on Friday 13 November 2009 at 1.00pm (AEST). The meeting will be held at PricewaterhouseCoopers, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney.

Please find enclosed with this letter:

- Agenda; and
- Notice of Special Resolutions.

You can obtain from your PFA Delegate or by visiting [www.pfa.net.au](http://www.pfa.net.au):

- Form of Appointment of Proxy. If you wish to vote at the meeting, but are unable to attend, you may appoint a Full Member in writing as your proxy. You can do this by completing the enclosed form and returning it to me before the commencement of the meeting. This can be done through your PFA Club Delegate; and
- Form of Nomination for Election. An election will be conducted for 5 members of the PFA Executive. All Full Members are entitled to nominate. PFA Associate General Counsel Laura Sigal has been appointed the Returning Officer for the election. She has determined that nominations will be open from Monday 26 October 2009 to 12.59pm on Friday 13 November 2009.

The comprehensive materials for the meeting including the PFA's 2008/2009 audited financial accounts are also available at [www.pfa.net.au](http://www.pfa.net.au).

Yours sincerely,



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**AGENDA FOR 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN  
PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS' ASSOCIATION INC  
TO BE HELD AT 1.00PM (AEST) ON FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2009.**

- 1. OPENING**
- 2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND PROXIES**
- 3. ORDINARY BUSINESS**

The ordinary business of the meeting will be:

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting held 5 September 2008;
- (b) to receive:
  - (i) from the Executive a report on the transactions of the PFA for the year ending 30 June 2009; and
  - (ii) from the Chief Executive his report on the business of the PFA for that period;
- (c) to accept declarations of interest from members of the Executive;
- (d) to:
  - (i) ratify the appointments of Tim Cahill and Vincenzo Grella to the Executive to fill casual vacancies; and
  - (ii) conduct an election for five members of the Executive; and
- (e) to receive and consider the statements of the PFA required under section 30(3) of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Vic)* ("the Act"), including:
  - (i) the income and expenditure of the PFA for the year ending 30 June 2009; and
  - (ii) the assets and liabilities of the PFA at the end of that period.

- 4. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

The special business to be transacted at the meeting will be:

- (a) to consider a special resolution to change the name of the PFA to Professional Footballers Australia Inc;
- (b) to consider a special resolution to alter the Rules of the PFA;
- (c) to consider a special resolution that Ross Aloisi, Simon Colosimo, Ante Milicic and David Zdrilic be admitted as PFA Life Members;
- (d) to consider a special resolution that PFA Life Member Craig Foster be made a PFA Champion; and
- (e) any other matter of which notice is given in accordance with the Rules of the PFA and the Act.

**2009 PFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 13 NOVEMBER 2009**  
**NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

At its meeting held 12 October 2009, the PFA Executive resolved to move 4 series of Special Resolutions at the 2009 PFA Annual General Meeting.

**1. CHANGE OF NAME**

**(a) Recommendation:**

*THAT the name of the association be changed from the Australian Professional Footballers Association Inc to Professional Footballers Australia Inc and that the Rules of the PFA be altered accordingly.*

**(b) Comment:**

The change of name was approved at the 2008 Annual General Meeting held on 5 September 2008 to take effect 1 July 2009. Consumer Affairs Victoria decided that a name change could not be adopted to take effect to a future date. Accordingly, it is necessary to move the special resolution again. The name change will take effect on the date it is approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria. In the meantime, the Professional Footballers Association name and logo are registered trademarks of the PFA.

**2. ALTERATION OF RULES**

**2.1 Workplace Representatives**

**(a) Recommendation**

THAT Rule 17.1 of the Rules of the PFA be altered as follows to allow for voting by proxy at meetings of any Delegates' Committee:

*17.1 Each member present at a meeting of a Delegates' Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote. All votes must be given personally or by proxy given to a Member of the Delegate's Club or National Team approved by the Chief Executive.*

**(b) Comment:**

The Delegates' Committees were formally introduced into the PFA's Rules by special resolution carried at the 2008 PFA Annual General Meeting. The PFA Executive must obtain the approval of the Socceroos or the A-League Delegates' Committee before entering into a Collective Bargaining Agreement in respect of those membership groups. This ensures player control over the affairs of the PFA. As a result, a member of the Delegates' Committee should have the right to appoint a proxy where he is unable to attend a meeting. In the case of the A-

League, this ensures the Delegate's teammates can be represented at the meeting even if the Delegate cannot attend in person.

## **2.2 Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)**

### **(a) Recommendation**

THAT all references in the Rules of the PFA to the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* (Cth) be replaced with references to the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth).

### **(b) Comment:**

The recommended resolution reflects the recent change in the legislation of the Australian parliament governing workplace relations.

## **3. PFA LIFE MEMBERS**

### **3.1 Recommendation**

*THAT, in accordance with Rules 5.1 and 5.2 of the Rules of the PFA, Ross Aloisi, Simon Colosimo, Ante Milicic and David Zdrilic be admitted as Life Members of the PFA.*

### **3.2 Comment**

In the view of the Executive, all 4 nominees have rendered outstanding service to the PFA in their capacity as members of the PFA Executive (refer [www.pfa.net.au](http://www.pfa.net.au)).

## **4. PFA CHAMPION**

### **4.1 Recommendation**

*THAT, in accordance with Rules 5.4 and 5.5 of the Rules of the PFA, PFA Life Member Craig Foster become a PFA Champion.*

### **4.2 Comment**

In the view of the Executive, Craig Foster – who became a Life Member of the PFA in 2003 – has, through exceptional leadership and commitment, shaped the wellbeing of footballers and football for the better. These are the requirements for the grant of the PFA's highest honour as set out in the PFA Rules. Alex Tobin and Kimon Taliadoros are the only players so far honoured in this way by the PFA (refer [www.pfa.net.au](http://www.pfa.net.au)).



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