



MRG Summary July 20, 2026

Attendance: Chair Harry Inns (1880), Joshua Inns (1880), Ryan Murray (3M W), Milo Gajin, Andy Kensett (Black North), Joe Vukasovic (Red), Jim Lumsden (Red), Chris Bettiol (White), Andrew Gafa (RBB) and Kayla Gafa (RBB & ALW)

Apologies: Paolo Bevilacqua (Red)

Club Representatives: Scott Hudson (CEO), Steve Mandis (Head of Commercial), Mal Impiombato (Football Director), James Arrow (Grassroots Football and Membership Coordinator).

Topics Discussed:

- CEO addressed the group regarding the recent appointment of the club's Football Director, highlighting the positive change that he has made to the organisation as a whole. He further addressed the appointment of new Head Coach and the further positive change that he has brought to the club.
- Football Director discussed his start to his new role, highlighting our recruitment strategy and football identity with a high intensity brand of football for both A-League Men & Women. There is a need to find the right balance in the squad to ensure we are building a squad that can challenge and compete for trophies, whilst simultaneously ensuring we are progressing talent from our Academy and providing a pathway through our system
- Understanding gaps prior to appointment of Football Director: Delineation of roles was a key gap highlighted with a clear communication process across the coaching staff, players with clear expectations set at the beginning of pre-season. There is a desire to set clear benchmarks and provide stability and consistency across programs.
- Roster balance is critical, and we will rely on the whole squad throughout the season. In principle, we will have depth across each position, and it's a fresh new start for all players as they look to establish themselves in front of the new coach. Ufuk will select his squad based on performances at training and matches, and there is an opportunity for all players to cement their position.



- Our intention is to find the right mix of experience and youth in our ALW program. We have a fortunate Academy program and we need to provide the right balance to ensure we are competitive.
- MRG Chairman discussed instating MRG guardrails moving forward including a list for attendance measures plus the transition of moving members on the MRG. Rolling terms and expectations for the MRG moving forward:
 - 75% MRG attendance
 - 100% Attendance at Member Forums
 - 2–3-year rolling terms
 - 75% matchday attendance
- Feedback for the club to be more public, more communication and openness to listen to the club. Agreement that MRG minutes to be included in The Wanderer EDM and “How to contact your MRG?”
- Discussion on how the club can better connect with the member base and improve their member feedback (From other Members to the MRG). Additionally discussed the MRG independently raising profile through forums and content channels such as RBTv
- Club provided an update on Membership Roll-over last week with overall numbers better than forecasted and in a strong position to remain relatively steady.
- Club provided an update on changes to the 2026/27 Membership package, with changes to Red & Black and White & Black combining to a new White Section. The club intends to condense members into the lower bowl and push an increased atmosphere and optics view.
- Integrated travel has been removed from the 2026/27 season except the Sydney Derby with a focus on having specific car park spaces to increase ease of ingress and egress.
- Club addressed the changes to the WanderKid program, a specific targeted platform to increase engagement and remove barriers to the redemption method caused by Ticketmaster. The intention is to duplicate this platform specifically for members to gamify attendance etc
- Season fixtures were discussed with the opening round Sydney Derby on Friday night receiving a negative tone. The fixture is positive minus the large breaks away from Home. The home fixtures on Boxing Day and NYD are stand alone sport events in Sydney. Disappointment with members regarding fixtures overall, particularly



interstate NSW fixtures like Newcastle and Central Coast Away being on a Friday night.

- Club provided understanding of fixture requests and process for receiving the draw with each club having the ability to request 3 matches.
- Club discussed the possibility of playing one or two home matches per season at alternative venues, met with positive feedback and seen as community engagement opportunity
- Discussed approach to A-League Women strategy and the possibility of more double headers at CommBank Stadium in the coming season