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MEDIA RELEASE

NEW COMPETITION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Goldfields Soccer Association (GSA) is excited to announce the development of a new competition endorsed by Football West and supported by the Kalgoorlie Boulder Soccer Association (KBSA) that will see a league developed for 18 to 23 year olds.

GSA President Ann-Maree Ford said that the GSA has had a lot of interest from players who prefer to play in a group of similarly aged and skilled young people.

"When junior players turn 18 we have noticed that there are a number who are not participating in the senior competition who would prefer to access a competition where they play strictly with young adults of similar age," said Ms. Ford.

"A number of our past members have indicated an interest in a social competition where they can challenge themselves for fitness and development but also have fun. This in no way replaces the senior competition offered by the KBSA, but compliments both the junior and senior competitions," she added.

It is hoped the 23/U competition will encourage players to remain interested and involved in the game, as a player, coach, committee member and/or volunteer.

"This is a really positive initiative which I hope will have a favorable impact not only on retention rates, but also in attracting new players to the game. I commend and support the GSA and KBSA on their collaboration with this, and am confident the game will continue to flourish in the region," said Mr. Garry Chandler, CEO Football West.

Steve Parker President of the KBSA believes this is a much needed program which will hopefully see the game flourish in the region.

“We certainly are not going to detract from the senior competition where a number of teenagers are already participating, some at the highest level, but certainly want to promote and encourage more teenagers to play the game.”

The GSA and KBSA will commit to development opportunities, training, mentoring and facilities for the new competition and invite all interested parties to contact the Competition Coordinator on the below details during 10.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

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The season commences at the end of April, but for further information please contact Ann-Maree Ford on 9091 8991.