



**NZSS GIRLS FOOTBALL**

## **NZSSGF Chairpersons Report 2018**

The NZSSGF Association in 2018 have placed 144 teams in seven tournaments from Dunedin to Auckland. Over 2000 students will be playing Football this week. This is a huge undertaking and I would like to thank Leigh Perry our Executive Officer for her hard work and dedication to the association, often going beyond the call of duty.

I would also like to thank on behalf of the NZSSGF Executive all tournament coordinators, the administrators and ground staff at each venue. To the referees, coaches, managers and supporters thank you for your continued support of schoolgirl football.

This year we have had the privilege to watch the NZ U20 Team compete at the FIFA World Cup in France. Congratulations to Gareth and his team for a fine performance. It is encouraging and satisfying to see that the pathway through NZ secondary Football is strong as there were 14 players in the NZF U20 squad that have previously played for a NZSSGF Representative Team. We would like to wish Leon Birnie and his NZU17 Team all the best at the FIFA U17 World Cup in November.

The NZSSGF U15 Representative Team travelled to Sydney this year. The Managers report will be available on our web site. Congratulations to Alana and her staff for a successful trip. The feedback from parents and players that I have received was very positive.

The NZSSGF U18 Rep Team 2019 will travel to Dallas to compete in the Dallas International Girls Football Cup in April. This will be very beneficial for this age group as there will be University scouts from the USA and Canada in attendance. We have had 51 nominations for this tour.

Thank you to the schools, for your continued support of the association, the representative teams and tournaments. I wish you every success for the future and hope your tournament week goes well.

Lastly thank you to the NZSSGF Executive for your continued support throughout the year.

Heather Hepburn  
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