



Lizzie Ramsay appointed Technical Director of Community Football

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South Melbourne Women's FC is delighted to confirm that Lizzie Ramsay will take on the role of Community TD as we prepare for the coming season.

Lizzie joined South in late 2022 as U13 NPL Girls' Coach and guided the team through an outstanding year that saw them finish as both Premiers and Finalists. In her new role she will build on the significant growth the club has seen in Community Football on the back of the Women's World Cup, putting in place a coaching structure and staff that will set up the Junior, Senior and Masters teams for success in 2024.

Lizzie brings experience as a player, coach and sports administrator in both the UK and Australia. She captained youth sides at Blackpool FC and made her first team debut at 16. In Australia she played four Premier League seasons for Lindfield FC before switching focus to coaching and youth development. A Diploma in Sports Management and a scholarship from Football NSW followed. Lizzie was Head Coach and Manager of the women's program at Peak Football Academy in Sydney and now works full time with Football Australia in the Community space.

Arthur Liacopoulos, SMWFC President, and Theo Hronopoulos, South Melbourne FC Director of Women's Football, commented: "This is an exciting time for the women's game in Australia and we are delighted to be working with Lizzie as our first female TD for Community Football. Our junior Community teams, especially, are key to the club's success and are the foundation for our Seniors, Masters and NPL squads. Lizzie will build on work done to date to ensure that South's female Community Football program is the among the best on offer."

Lizzie Ramsay added: "I am so excited to step into the Technical Director role at such a respected club. With so much history and success to build on, the potential of the club is unrivalled and I believe we can further establish South Melbourne Women's FC as a pioneer of female football in Victoria.

"Looking to 2024, we are embarking on a journey to transform the club's structure and vision. Our primary focus will be on player development, growth and retention, ensuring that each individual receives the attention and support to nurture their skills and potential.

"I can also share that we are prioritising coach development with the introduction of an innovative coaching program. By investing in our coaches, we are committing to provide players with the highest quality training and to create opportunities for growth. It is essential that our coaches are constantly evolving and expanding their expertise alongside our players."

Community Spring training runs on Tuesdays from November 14. The club is now inviting Expressions of Interest from coaches. More at smwfc.com.au.