

WELCOME HOME

By Rachel Loveday

The South Coast Wolves return to home ground will ensure more support from fans according to club director Martin Littler.

The NSW Premier League club are returning to play at Crehan Park for the 2011/2012 season due to the financial difficulty of hiring WIN Stadium where the club played in the 2009/2010 season.

Despite the downsize from the premier venue to the suburban ground, Mr Littler stated that the move would provide a more enjoyable experience for fans.

“Crehan Park provides a much more intimate experience with the crowd closer to the action,” he said.

“This adds to the atmosphere and should make it a richer day for fans.”

Mr Littler also stated that Crehan Park would be a more family-friendly option and believes that the crowd numbers will improve next season due to the ground’s popularity as a football venue.

“The football public like Crehan Park as a venue and it is also a much cheaper option for a family day out with catering costs much cheaper than they were faced with at WIN Stadium.”

The news of the move coincides with NSW Premier Clubs meeting with Football NSW on Wednesday to determine whether the Premier League will move to a summer competition in the 2011/2012 season.

This would mean that the NSW Premier League would be playing parallel to the A-League with the season starting in early August, following the pre-season competition.

Mr Littler will be attending the meeting and believes that a change in competition format will be a much better option as it has pleased fans in previous years and also provides them with year-round football.

“This format worked very well when it was trialled a number of years ago when the competition moved from the old NSL (National Soccer League) to the A-League format.”

“We would be happy to move to this competition format as it means we would play in the summer and not compete against the local league in the winter.”

The meeting on Wednesday is also days before the launch of the 2010/2011 Futsal Premier League season which kicks off on the weekend.