3-5-2: Australian Style

**STRENGTHS**
* Allows more numbers to get forward and support quicker
* Still allows for patient build up and possession from the back especially if the wide players drop back
* Numbers up helps flood midfield keep possession and deny oppositions attacks
* Creates opportunities for width in attack and flank play
* High pressure defensive systems may be organized in front third of the field
* Allows midfielders to support the attackers to create quick support and combination play

**WEAKNESSES**
* Less numbers in the back third puts defensive unit under pressure
* High level of fitness and understanding required by all but especially by the wide midfielders
* Suspect to long balls in the corners of the field behind the defense
* Great athleticism needed of defensive three
* Midfield can become crowded and compact if the players do not use the full width when in possession of the ball
* Attacking midfielders need to be able to read the game and react quickly