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THE NELSON COLUMN

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DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL CORNER

Hello Football family,

Thank you for the warm welcome back, starting with president Phil waiting for me at the airport...

It was great to see and meet many familiar faces over the past weeks, as well as meeting some new people who got involved.

It feels good to be back.

The past weeks have given me a good insight into what the 2022 season was like, the positives and negatives.

Seeing the club being represented well locally and throughout the South Island in league, cup and tournament competitions - in Junior, Youth & Senior football - is just fantastic. On that note, how great to see some of our players having amazing experiences outside of Nelson to chase their (football) dreams. Exciting also, the growing relationship with the Wellington Phoenix.

But it wasn't all sunshine in sunny Nelson. There is work to be done.

Clear structure, transparency and a sustainable plan for 2023 and beyond.

Take away the obstacles and get as many people, kids and adults, to play the game! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Martin Delgado for his great efforts this year.

I didn't go unnoticed how much energy and passion you have put in over this past season. Thank you Martin!

I also would like to thank Phil, our president, Nicole and the whole FC committee for their tireless work behind the scenes. And also a big thanks to all involved - coaches, players, managers, supporters. Everyone plays his or her part in what is FC Nelson.

Behind the scenes we have already started to work on the set up for 2023. It's gonna be an exciting year, with the Women's Football World Cup coming to NZ, FC Nelson club rooms on the horizon and the aim to bring the club (and region) closer together. It takes a team to achieve our goals and to strive forward - we need everyone on board!

So get involved, every little action counts. Help us make FC Nelson the best club we can be.

For now I wish everyone a beautiful summer and happy holidays.

I will see you around.

Tj

PRESIDENTS CORNER



Welcome,

The season is over and there is a new beginning.

Massive thank you to players, coaches, volunteers and supporters for all their efforts in supporting the club in 2022.

Thanks to all your efforts we continue to be an excellent community club.

It's great to have TJ back and alongside Nicole Cooley driving our administration and compliance forward we are in great shape for next year.

In the background we are working hard on our preparation for the new Club Hub and a re-focused strategic plan.

I would like all members to consider how they can help our club achieve our long term plans. We have opportunities in coaching, refereeing and on the committee. Please consider how you could help us to keep moving forward.

Cheery PT



JUNIOR & YOUTH PRIZEGIVING

We celebrated our Junior & Youth teams in a Prizegiving at the Nelson Rugby Clubrooms - we are so proud of all of our players this year, weathering a wet season. Huge thanks go out to all of our Coaches, Managers, Parents, Families and Volunteers - without you all, this would not be possible.

9TH GRADE ACES

Player of the Year - Charlie Hunter
Most Improved - Bas Rolston

9TH GRADE SPARKS

Player of the Year - Matteo Musso
Most Improved - Jem South

9TH GRADE LIGHTNING

Player of the Year - Gus Walker
Most Improved - Wylder Polkinghorne-Buckley

10TH GRADE LITTLE LOCOS

Player of the Year - Lewis Jolly
Most Improved - Matthew Cupit

10TH GRADE RACOONS

Player of the Year - Layla White
Most Improved - Levi Skinner

10TH GRADE KOALAS

Player of the Year - Freddie Persico
Most Improved - Daniel Lowden

11TH GRADE BANDITS

Player of the Year - Jamie Dunstan
Most Improved - Callum Bryant

11TH GRADE RAI VALLEY RAIDERS

Player of the Year - Elin Kiddey
Most Improved - Cody Aldridge

12TH GRADE ROWDIES

Player of the Year - Ethan Hanrahan
Most Improved - Dominic Stewart

12TH GRADE REBELS

Player of the Year - Scott Marshall
Most Improved - Maxx Squires

13TH GRADE THUNDER

Player of the Year - Timothy Mac
Player's Player - Ronan O'Donnell

13TH GRADE STORM

Player of the Year - Jonah Atoa
Player's Player - Arthur Gillespie

14TH GRADE JUVENTUS

Player of the Year - Luke Mehrtens
Player's Player - William Kearney

NCG GIRLS

Player of the Year - Caitlin Anderson
Player's Player - India Carpenter

u17 SPARTANS

Player of the Year - Shoei Ito
Player's Player - Harrison Gamble

U17 NC NAVY

Player of the Year - Baw Reh
Player's Player - Baw Reh

U17 NC SKY BLUE

Player of the Year - Hsu Reh
Player's Player - Tim Newson

U17 DEV GIRLS

Player of the Year -
Player's Player -



JUNIOR BOYS ROLE MODEL
Zac Jolly

JUNIOR GIRLS ROLE MODEL
Amy Billingsley

SENIOR BOYS ROLE MODEL
George Thompson

SENIOR GIRLS ROLE MODEL
Grace Johns

JUNIOR COACH OF THE YEAR
Tom Jolly & Julian Trigg





SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

What a fantastic night it was celebrating the 2022 Senior season. Congratulations to all of the winners, and to everyone who played the beautiful game this season!

MEN'S 1ST DIVISION

Player of the Year - Van Roland Hlawnceu
Player's Player - Phun Thawng

WOMEN'S 1ST DIVISION

Player of the Year - Zoe King
Player's Player - Eden Carter

KARENNI

Player of the Year - La Ruan Moe
Player's Player - Nga Reh

LOCOMOTIVE

Player of the Year - Ben Pitcaithly
Player's Player - Izaak Cunningham

LOCOMOTIVE STEAMERS

Player of the Year - Mark Sheehan
Player's Player - Julian Trigg

3RDS

Player of the Year - Phil Jordan
Player's Player - Jack Burden

NMIT

Player of the Year - Chris Fletcher
Player's Player - Kevin Dsouza

4THS

Player of the Year - Brian Morrison
Player's Player - George Lambe

MASTERS

Player of the Year - James Murray
Player's Player - Hugh Robertson

SENIOR COACH OF THE YEAR
Matt Walker - Women's 1sts

SENIOR MANAGER OF THE YEAR
Khuri Maunghlg - Karenni

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR
Hannah Bibby

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Francis Miccio

THORKILD HANSEN TROPHY
Martin Chandler

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CLUB
Kathy Rowe
Barry Rowe



SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS & TASMAN CLUB REPS



We had a number of club teams head away to the South Island Football Tournaments and the Tasman Club Reps during the holidays - well done to everyone involved - the memories made at these tournaments will last a lifetime!!

Well done all - you all did FC proud!

South Island Tournaments - 15th Grade, 13th Grade, 12th Grade, 11th Grade (notable mention to 13th Grade who placed 1st and to 11th Grade who won the Fair Play Award)

Tasman Club Reps - U17 Girls, 11th/12th Grade Rai Valley Raiders, 10th Grade Little Locos, 10th Grade Racoons 10th Grade Koalas (notable mention to 10th Grade Little Locos who placed 1st and to 10th Grade Racoons who won the Fair Play Award)





SPOTLIGHT ON ... FC NELSON RAI VALLEY

A new hive of footballing activity has been quietly developing in one corner of FC Nelson's community. This community really is the epitome of our Club Motto - **'One Club One Community'**. Local mum, and community extraordinaire Tania Billingsley, along with the Rai Valley School and a merry tribe of Rai Valley locals, have been quietly encouraging and supporting the local kids, and families, to get involved and a wonderful thing has happened - a community has been brought together by the beautiful game. Tania shares a few words below.

Rai Valley Raiders

This season has seen the Rai Valley Area School join FC Nelson with an 11 Grade mixed age team. The Raiders have had a ball. With a couple of dedicated coaches based in the Rai, it has made Saturday team sport super accessible and easy for the families. A huge thanks to Bridgette Payton (FC Nelson Women's player) and Mark Hope for putting in so much time and effort with the crew.

They have gone from a team where a couple of them weren't even sure of the rules through to a team who knew their positions, had some strategies and had a lot of fun along the way.

They also had the Morris family join from Nelson - with Finn - travelling over the hill on Thursdays for practise.

Football really has made a difference to the community through pulling the families in on Thursdays - getting them off the farm to practice - with most weeks having an adults v kids game after the training.

It has taught the kids friendships outside of school. The school provided a mini van each week to get all the team to games - when most parents have jobs around on the farm.

They also entered the Tasman Club Reps Tournament in Blenheim - 3 days of full on football which was a great chance to cement all of the skills they learnt during the season.

Through Floods, road closures and everything else the season threw at us - Rai really appreciated the opportunity FC gave them by letting them play through the club while based out at the school.

The last game of the year - Motueka came to the party and travelled over to Rai for a game on our home pitch. It was awesome as a lot of the kids' parents, grandparents and extended families came to watch.

Football has really helped pull us out of our wee valleys and gets us down on the pitch each week - fantastic for mental health and wellbeing.

It's not just about sport - it's about community - and this one rocks.

Big thanks to our sponsors STM marketing and The Millers Rest. We are hoping to run a summer social series in the valley, and looking forward to another fun season next year.



SPOTLIGHT ON ... FIRST KICKS & FUN FOOTBALL





PLAYER PATHWAYS - SPOTLIGHT ON OUR GIRLS

McCANN GOES TO WORLD CUP!

A massive achievement for a fantastic young women – Ella was selected in the New Zealand U17 squad and recently travelled to India to debut for our nation. She shares with us below a few thoughts of her time.

"Getting the opportunity to represent New Zealand in football is a massive honour. It's something I have dreamed about from a young age so to see it become reality is the greatest feeling.

Stepping foot in a stadium for the first time as a player felt unreal. The atmosphere created by the supporters, music and the opposition was invigorating. Playing in a World Cup meant the football was of the highest level I had encountered in my journey so far. However this setting also presented challenges physically and mentally.

Suffering from injury shortly after half time of the first match was devastating. I felt like I owed it to my family, coaches and friends to get that game time and prove myself. I nailed it into myself that I would do all I could to recover as quickly as possible so I could get back on the pitch however I wasn't able to in the timeframe we had.

It has been almost a month since I returned home and I can not stop revisiting the memories I made. I am forever grateful for this experience and for everyone who made it possible. Thank you to my family, coaches and friends who have supported and provided for me along the way. I am excited to say this is just the start of my journey".

Congratulations Ella, you are an inspiration to our young FC girls!





PLAYER PATHWAYS - SPOTLIGHT ON OUR GIRLS



FC NELSON TRIO IN CANTERBURY PRIDE SQUAD

We have been so excited to see 3 of our talented U17 girls players, Ella McCann, Grace Johns and Jasmine Barney playing in the Canterbury Pride Women's (Ella) and Youth team (Grace & Jasmine) for the 2022 season. The pathway is achievable and to have 3 of our players playing together in the team is fantastic.

Ella, Grace and Jasmine have continued to be standout players for our U17's and have continued to demonstrate a high level of dedication and technical excellence. A big congratulations and we hope to see many more talented girls entering this pathway.



Ella - "It's been awesome to play with a group of girls who have the same objective of developing their skills and enjoying the game. To get the opportunity to travel around the county to play the game we love is just the start of our dream".

Jasmine - "Being a part of the Mainland Pride Youth team has taught me many great aspects of football such as fast ball play and aggression. I enjoyed the travel for games and getting to know the girls from Christchurch and the coaches as well".

Grace - "I'm really grateful for the opportunities I have received this year and the experience that comes with them. Getting to play in the National League with a great bunch of girls was incredible. Excited to see what the future holds!"



PLAYER PATHWAYS - SPOTLIGHT ON OUR GIRLS

EX FC NELSON PLAYER JASMINE DONALD

Kia Ora I'm Jazz! Growing up in the Nelson region I played at FC for a boys' team until 12th grade before moving into a girls' team playing in a boy's grade. I fondly remember these grades where I was challenged and had a lot of fun.

Beyond FC I joined the Tasman United Women's Team that competed in the Women's Premier League in Christchurch before moving down to Christchurch. This was on a sports scholarship to St Andrew's College in year 11. I was lucky enough to be a part of the NZSS u19 team that traveled to Dallas during my time at secondary school.

I am currently in my second year at Lincoln University studying towards a Bachelor of Environmental Policy and Planning. I still play football today and I have been a part of the WPL playing for the University's Women's Team for the last two years. I am also in my 5th year of the National Women's League where I play for Canterbury United Pride. I have recently taken on the opportunity to coach the U16 girl's Māori South Island Team. This is following representing the NZ Māori women's team over the past two years playing other indigenous nations.

Growing up playing football as a girl in Nelson it can be challenging being in a small city at times. However, there are so many opportunities to be involved in if you want to in New Zealand and beyond. Football has allowed me to have so many incredible experiences and meet so many people which I am very grateful for!



Thankyou!

Volunteers are worth their weight in gold. They share their time, knowledge and talents. They are crucial to the success of our club - whether they blow a whistle, coach, manage, organise, clean up, administrate, transport, or support. Thankyou to everyone who supports our players, families, coaches, managers, staff and club.

Thankyou all for what you do - memories of the beautiful game will last forever!!

If you want to get involved in our club, please let us know - this community runs our community club!!





NBS SCHOOL FOOTBALL

School Football has started again, and NBS have sponsored this programme for Term 4 and Term 1 2023, which allows all kids at all primary schools in the FC Nelson area to take part in fun after school football at no charge - massive thanks to NBS!!





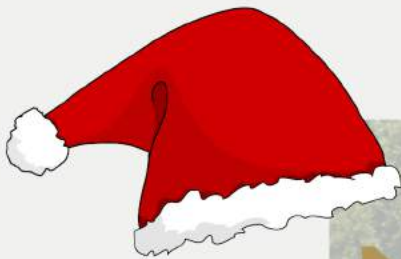
UPCOMING

Coach development opportunities available for all club coaches and external, who are interested to upskill and learn more about football coaching. We are wanting to bring a C-license course to Nelson in 2023, so we are actively looking for participants for this course. (register interest with us via fb or email)

The same goes for a Junior Level 3 course. We aim to get more coaching courses delivered in 2023 for community football coaches as well as advanced or aspirational coaches.

So if you are interested get in touch with us! The club is committed to support club coaches to develop their coaching on whatever level they aspire to. We aim to provide more on grass support as well as informal in house coaches meetings. 2023 will be exciting for FC Coaches, so get involved. If you want to get involved coaching at FC Nelson - whether it's a team or skill programme, junior/youth or senior - we have open spots for everyone. Contact Tj via tj@fcnelson.co.nz for additional information.

We are happy to chat anytime!



Be involved in the Santa Parade with FC Nelson!

FC are representing the Nelson footballing community with a float in this year's Santa Parade! We want to celebrate the diversity that is FC Nelson, so if you would like to be involved, we need the following -

Members to walk along with the float - from Frist Kicks players to Masters players!!

If you can help, or want to be a football elf on the day, get in touch!!

Nicole - admin@fcnelson.co.nz



KEY DATES

DATES	EVENT
4 DEC 2022	Nelson Santa Parade - FC Nelson float
16 DEC 2022	Term 4 ends - last week of Primary School Football & WPX Pre-Academy
16-19 JAN 2023	Holiday Programme
8 FEB 2023	Term 1 Primary School Football starts
13 FEB 2023	Term 1 WPX Pre-Academy starts
4 FEB 2023	Chin & Karenni Cultural Day at Trafalgar Park
12 MAR 2023	Club Open Day & Registration Day - Trafalgar Park
15 APR 2023	Senior Mens, Womens & Masters begin
22 APR 2023	Junior & Youth begin

CLUB HUB UPDATE



The wheels are beginning to turn on the development of this exciting community project - double the space - quadruple the use!!

If you haven't already, give the 'FC Nelson Club Hub' Facebook page a follow

Thankyou to Nelson City Council, Scotts Construction, and Aaron Walton Architecture & Design who are all involved in the project.

Thankyou also to our club members Barry Sangster and Josh Boyce who have jumped on board to assist with Project Management support and legal representation respectively.

Budgets are being completed, meetings with the council and stakeholders happening and the final set of plans are in the pipeline - 2023 is the year!!!

This is a huge undertaking for our club, and the finished space will not only benefit our club, but our community as well - a space for others in our community to use.

As you can imagine, a project of this size for a community club like us will require huge community involvement and a lot of fundraising - if you know of anyone who would like to jump on board as a sponsor, volunteer, fundraiser, or anybody out there has some ideas to assist us, get in touch!

Nicole Cooley - admin@fcnelson.co.nz

One Club One Community



EXCLUSIVE DEALS

SUJON - 10% OFF

As a part of FC Nelson's partnership with Sujon, both members and non-members are entitled to a 10% discount on Sujon powder products when they use the FC Nelson discount code: "FCNELSON"

We particularly recommend their Blackcurrant powder which has been proven to help athletes recovery, improve energy levels and circulation.

Find out more at www.sujon.co.nz.



CHIA SISTERS - 25% OFF

Wellness requires both the right diet and exercise. FC Nelson is proud to have partnered with Chia Sisters to offer a healthy alternative to standard energy and cognitive performance drinks.

The club understands that members often may be priced out of these alternatives and as a result we have arranged an exclusive 25% discount for FC Nelson members. Simply use the following discount code:

Become an FC member to access this code



Chia Sisters

BENJAMIN BARKERS BARBERS - 15% OFF

Needing to look sharp for Saturday is now even easier with FC Nelson's partnership with the locally owned and operated Benjamin Barkers Barber.

No bookings are necessary and all club members are entitled to a 15% discount. So if you need a trim head down and see Craig (inside Miki D's gym)



BODYFIX PHYSIO - 50% OFF ACC TREATMENTS

Bodyfix offer a magnitude of experience over 30 years of working with individuals from all backgrounds as well as elite athletes and international sports teams. Bodyfix will take care of and help you rehabilitate your pain and sporting injuries.

FC Nelson members receive a 50% discount off the ACC surcharge for a 30 minute session



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It's natural to worry about money. Each day we are reminded one way or another of the cost-of-living crisis and the personal impact of turbulent financial markets. Do I have enough to support my children? Is saving up for my own home achievable? Will I be able to retire comfortably? At Sheehan Financial we hear these concerns echoed constantly so if any of these thoughts relate to you, know firstly that you are not alone, and secondly, we would love to help.

Like our worries, Sheehan Financial recognises everyone's financial goals are unique so our work starts with finding out a little bit about you. We want to hear about your life, your worries, what's important to you and just as importantly, what's not. From there we can help you with a plan, it's not all about assets and income – we look at health, income protection, retirement planning, that round the world trip you want to finally make or getting the kids through university. We partner with everyday New Zealanders to help them reach their personal financial goals.

Before we get to know more about you, here's a bit about us. We are nationwide, Nelson based authorised Financial Advisors with 15 years of financial advice experience. We're independent, representing you to the financial services industry, not the financial services industry to you. We rely on evidence-based methods managed by an expert team of specialists, with a monthly review of allocations to sectors, and ongoing strategic and tactical reviews.

We recently welcomed our newest Qualified Financial Adviser Claire Corbysmith. Returning to her hometown of Nelson with over 11 years of experience she's been assisting clients on all things related to Insurance, Investment and Kiwi Saver.

Claire has not only joined the Sheehan team but also FC Nelson's - continuing Sheehan Financials long history of supporting the club, as a player on FC Nelson's Women's First Team. Fellow adviser Mark Sheehan is also a familiar face to those in the FC Nelson community, on top of supporting the club over the years he's played over 200 games with the club since he joined in 2012.



If you want to hear more about us or want to combat financial worries with an informed financial plan you can contact us on 03 548 2752. <https://www.marksheehanfinancial.co.nz>

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