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# THE NELSON COLUMN

The Official Newsletter of FC Nelson

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER



Welcome to the first edition of our new look newsletter, the Nelson Column. Released once a month, we hope that this will be your 'go to' publication to keep up with dates, news and everything else going on around the club.

There has been a lot of activity over the summer break and sadly we've had to say goodbye to some great coaches and committee members.

However, we've also welcomed some new faces; Cindy Rigg, Kris Main and Gordon Haslam have joined the committee, Martin Delgado is our new Junior and Community Coordinator with a key focus on developing women's and girls football, and our first team will this year be coached by Rasam Moghimi and his support team. We also send a warm welcome to the many new volunteer coaches throughout our club, we are indebted to their hard work without which we would not function.

At the end of 2021 we began consultation with players, parents and coaches to establish the most attractive and beneficial football program for the next generation. Following those discussions, we are excited to announce the **Nelson School of Football (NSF)**. This will run alongside our Phoenix Pre-Academy Centre, focusing on transferring the Phoenix fundamentals into game scenarios and establishing teams to represent the club at tournaments, and trips to football centres such as Auckland Wellington and Christchurch. Through sponsorship and donations, there will be no charge.

Lots of exciting things to look forward to this year. I encourage you all to get involved and make this a memorable season.

Cheers, PT

## LOCAL TALENT LEADS THE WAY AT CLUB DAY

The FC Nelson Club Day while dominated by senior fixtures was led by youth. A fantastic effort from our U17 girls resulted in a 5-2 victory over First Division Women's Champions, the Richmond Foxes. Elsewhere local talent was putting on a display alongside experienced heads.

Particular stand-outs included a lung busting, man of the match display from 16-year-old Aaryan Kumar as a LB for Development, a stellar goal by an often goal-shy George Thompson for Karenni, a superb performance from Caleb Skinner, playing an unfamiliar centre back role for the First Team and a screamer from Rory Dadds for the Thirds.

# UPCOMING

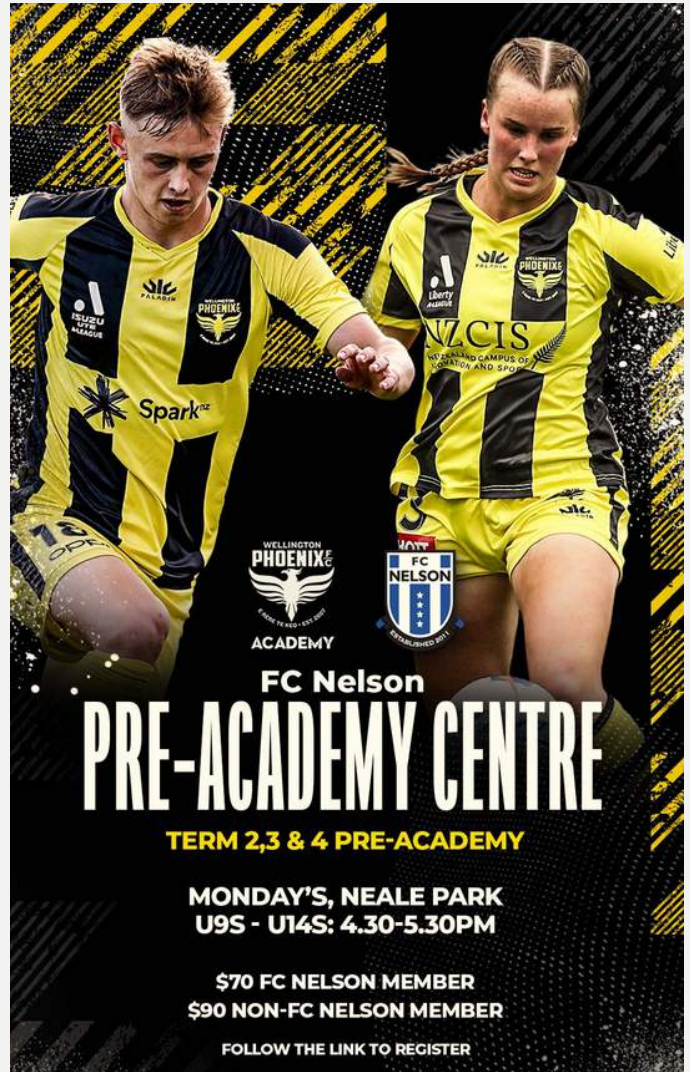
## WELLINGTON PHOENIX PRE-ACADEMY CENTRE

The Wellington Phoenix Pre-Academy Centre focuses on game-based training aimed at developing skillful and independent players, who are able to problem solve effectively on and off the pitch. Fundamental skills include, scanning, space preparation, deception, disguise and execution, all of which embody the FC Nelson footballing philosophy.

The centre begins Monday, 3 May 2022, from 4 till 5:30pm and is available to all abilities aged 8 to 14 or below, regardless of club.

The centre costs \$70.00 a term for FC Nelson members or \$90.00 for those from other clubs.

If interested you can register your child on the FC Nelson website.



## CHATHAM & KATE SHEPPARD CUP

Join us on 25 April 2022 for a celebration of footballing history as our Women's and Men's side gear up for the two most prestigious trophies in New Zealand.

The day starts at 1pm with our Women against Nelson Suburbs at the centre of Nelson sports, the Botanics.

Then head on down to Guppy Park as our Men battle it out with the boy's from the Bay to make it through to the First Round.

# KEY DATES

DATES	EVENT
20 APRIL 2022	Futsal Holiday Program Begins
22 APRIL 2022	Holiday Program Week 1 Finishes
23 APRIL 2022	Senior Men's Season Begins
25 APRIL 2022	Chatham / Kate Sheppard Cup
27 APRIL 2022	Holiday Program Week 2 Begins
29 APRIL 2022	Holiday Program Week 2 Finishes
3 MAY 2022	Wellington Phoenix PAC Begins
3 MAY 2022	Nelson School of Football Begins
7 MAY 2022	Senior Women's Season Begins
7 MAY 2022	Junior / Youth Season Begins



# PLAYER PATHWAYS



## OLE ACADEMY NABS FC TALENT

We are excited to announce that talented 15-year-old Yuto Yamamoto has been accepted into the Ole Football Academy in Wellington.

Yuto impressed in 2021 with our U15 Academy side and in 2022 broke into the First Team pre-season squad.

He is an exciting and mature player who we wish all the best as he embarks on the next step in what we hope will be a successful career.

## EX-FIRST TEAM PLAYERS TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Despite a disappointing end to the 2021 season, FC Nelson is delighted to see the performances of several players merit opportunities in the National League.

Last seasons top scorer, Thangaa Vanuk has signed for North Wellington AFC's 2022 central league squad, with former FC coach, Davor Tavich. Elsewhere midfielder Vann Cenhrang and goalkeeper Ewan Mullet have signed for the Nelson Suburbs Southern League side.

While we are sad to lose these talented players, we wish them all the best as they pursue their dreams and progress on their footballing journeys. The door is always open for a return but until then we look forward to seeing them out on the field.

## PHOENIX CALLING TALENTED GIRLS

Whether it be coming second at Nationals or attending Canterbury Pride camps, success is never far from Jasmine Barney, Amber McConnochie, Ella McCann and Grace John.

Their abilities haven't gone unnoticed and with the partnership between the Phoenix and FC taking effect, all three have been invited to the latest discovery camp.

We wish any FC players attending the discovery camp the best of luck in Wellington.



# COMMUNITY ON SHOW FOR CLUB DAY

*Photos by Cindy Rigg*




# EXCLUSIVE DEALS

## SUJON - 10% OFF

FC Nelson is proud to announce an exclusive partnership with Sujon. As a part of that partnership both members and non-members are entitled to a 10% discount where 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](http://www.sujon.co.nz).



 **Bodyfix Nelson**  
Physiotherapy, Massage

## BODYFIX NELSON PHYSIOTHERAPY - 50% OFF

We are excited to announce Marissa and her team as the new physiotherapist for FC Nelson. Marissa brings a wealth of experience having worked with professionals across numerous sports.

To top it off she is offering all FC Nelson members 50% off on any ACC treatments.

So, if you've got a niggle, don't delay, book in now at [www.bodyfixnelson.com](http://www.bodyfixnelson.com).

## BENJAMIN BARKERS BARBERS - 15% OFF

Needing to look sharp for Saturday is now even easier with FC Nelson's new 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 at 22/1 Achilles Avenue, Nelson.



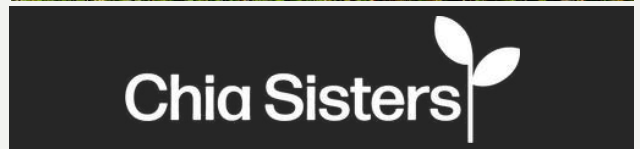


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## CHIA SISTERS - 25% OFF

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: NELSONFC



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