

# THE NELSON COLUMN

The Official Newsletter of FC Nelson

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## DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL CORNER

Hi team,

First of all a very warm welcome to all new faces at the club, players, coaches and supporters.

At FC Nelson we have an ever growing football family and it's exciting to see new people join us every year.

Great also to have many familiar faces return to the club for some football and comradery this season.

Pre season is well in the books and the start of the football season has been fantastic.

It was certainly challenging over the past weeks but it's great to see the club presenting a united front at all times.

A major thanks to Nicole and the committee who work hard behind the scenes to get everyone playing footy for the club.

I'd also like to thank all the volunteers who help out tirelessly around the club. Their support comes in different shapes and forms but every bit is greatly appreciated.

And lastly thanks to all junior, youth and senior coaches and managers for putting their hand up to drive our football philosophy forward. You guys are the key to our mission - to bring people together and play the sport we love.

I believe we have all the tools to make it another successful season at the club. I ask everyone to uphold our values of respect, fair play and hard work at all times.

Only if we work together, as one club - one community, will we strive forward.

One who's always impressed me, holding himself to these standards on and off the field was Callum, a dear friend, long time committee and club member, who passed away recently. Words can't mend what your loss means to your friends and family but know that we will treasure your memory at the club forever. CS3

Let's look out for one another and be the best club we can be!

I wish everyone a successful season!

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER



Welcome,

What a start to 2023. We have now two women's teams, a new Senior team FC Nelson Chin United, new players and new coaches. We have many coaches undertaking C licence courses and newly qualified referees from amongst the club. We have great numbers in our junior and youth space.

The season is now well underway, and I personally feel we have a great vibe running through the club. With teams and players helping each other out and a sense of one club rather than many different teams is developing. Its particularly pleasing to see the evolvment of young players from our youth development programme establishing themselves in senior teams.

A massive thank you to the many volunteers helping this year. Without you, we are not a community club, thank you to our many sponsors who allow us to invest in our people and our football. Thankyou as an FC supporter as well as President.

We have, as a committee been focused on a number of policies and projects. Our Safeguarding Children Policy is a central focus, the club leading the way with this for the region. I would like to ask all members and coaches to have the policy front of mind.

The FC Nelson Strategic plan has now completed its consultation stage and is now close to completion. Massive thankyou to Bill Huppler for his drive and passion to make this happen. Look forward to the announcement of this in the near future.

Our club room project is now gathering pace. Very exciting developments.

We lost recently a great friend and club man, Callum Strachan after a long battle against Cancer. Callum served on our committee for many years as Treasurer, brought professionalism and positivity to the committee. We miss him greatly.

All the best

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# CALLUM STRACHAN

Callum Strachan, Cal, Cally, Prince Harry. Footballer, Locoboy, club treasurer, friend, legend and hero, sadly, passed away last month at the young age of 32 years after a relentless and brave battle with Cancer.

Callum's face was a familiar one around the club since returning to Nelson and joining Loco almost 10 years ago. Always smiling, always cheery and ready with a quick witted and often cutting remark. An accomplished footballer who had played Mainland football with Richmond AFC, Callum came back to successfully ply his trade as a right back, left back, centre back or midfielder - wherever his 'Loco youth contingent' legs were needed most. Always keen for a dress-up and a beverage, he was also someone who liked to help around the club, most notably taking on the role of club treasurer for many years.

A valued member of our team, he was loved like a brother and a hero to us all. Callum's last Saturday arvo was spent watching Loco playing Wakefield, his childhood team. Those last memories of him laughing and joking with his football family on the sideline will last with us forever. A fitting last game for an amazing man, who will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

A few words from Loco stalwart/Coach/Manager, Andy Weaver



# SPOTLIGHT ON ... 'FC NELSON COMMUNITY SHIELD'

The club has a wonderful mix of our community and at the moment, two fabulous football teams representing Chin and Karenni. It seemed a perfect opportunity to celebrate games that are played between our community by introducing a wee bit of spice - with the Community Shield. With the huge crowd at the first game it seemed to have worked, in a thrilling game FC Nelson Chin United defeated FC Nelson Karenni 2-1.

New holders FCN Chin United faced their rivals for the second time this year on Saturday, a win or draw retained the trophy. A loss meant they must present the trophy to the victors.

In another thrilling match, this time at Victory Square, both teams put on a masterclass of entertaining, class football, with FCN Karenni pulling out all their tricks to come away with the win 5-2 and lift the trophy.





## SPOTLIGHT ON ... FC NELSON FUTSAL

FC Nelson have started rolling out our Futsal Programme in 2023

All of our Futsal programmes are for Males and Females, and for anyone from any club or school - you do not have to be registered to FC Nelson

More Futsal programmes will begin through the rest of the year  
We will be looking to begin formal Leagues for Junior, Youth and Senior later in the year.

### What is Futsal?

Futsal is the only FIFA and NZ Football approved version of five-aside football and the world's fastest-growing indoor sport. The name futsal is derived from the Portuguese words futebol (football) and sala (hall).

A small-sided game played with a smaller, low bounce ball, on a netball sized court. It is a game which combines fun, creativity, speed, technique, teamwork and quick thinking.

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**JUNIORS TIME SLOT NOW ADDED!**

**FUTSAL  
FRIDAY'S**

**NELSON GIRLS COLLEGE NEW GYM**

**JUNIOR - 9-12YRS - 5.00PM-6.00PM**

**YOUTH & ADULT - 13YRS+ - 6.00PM-7.30PM**

**FEMALE AND MALE, FROM ANY CLUB OR SCHOOL**

**\$5 PER PERSON**

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## SPOTLIGHT ON ... THE COMMITTEE

### Phil Thompson - President

Hi I'm blessed to be the President of FC Nelson. I have been in the role for three years now. I'm very fortunate to have a wonderful, motivated committee around me, who represent all aspects of our club. You may know my wife Emma, a number one fan of all FC teams. My boys George and Fred both play for FC Nelson, both are qualified to referee and George is studying his C Licence. They help support me in my role to protect and promote this wonderful football club. You may see me out on the park, supporting, coaching or even refing. I always welcome positive and proactive conversations about our club so come and have a chat.

### Victoria Guild - Vice-President

I've loved football since being part of the first girls team at Motueka High School back in the day - we were just a bunch of girls who loved kicking a ball. After detouring down the rugby path for many years, I was drawn back into football circles by my partner Nige (who still plays) and my two sons who both play for FC. My main job on the committee is to keep an eye on Phil as well as coordinate events, such as fundraising quiz's, for our club members.

### Cindy Rigg

I'm Cindy Rigg, I'm in my second year on the FC Nelson committee and represent a voice for youth girls & women's football within our club. I been involved with FC Nelson since our daughter Claudia Rigg was 4yrs old, first starting in first kicks. Fast forward 13 yrs on without a season off she now plays in the FC Nelson women's first 11 team. Claudia is our driving force with her positive, encouraging attitude for such a wonderful club, it wasn't hard to say yes to myself becoming more involved behind the scenes, joining a very decided group of enthusiastic & passionate people alike, who just want to see the club provide something for all ages female to male to enjoy whether it be social or complete. Looking forward to a fantastic season ahead.

### Gordon Haslam

Hi! I'm Gordy, Manager and coach of FC Nelson Masters.

A proud Yeovil Town fan, who has been playing for FC Nelson since its inception. I have played for the master for the last 4 or 5 years now (can't remember too old) we have an amazing team spirit and are as competitive as hell, but after the whistle blows, we are the friendliest bunch you will ever meet?

### Francis Miccio

An FC Nelson founding committee member, I've been involved in the club since its inception 13 years ago and wish to see it further progress both on and off the field, especially in the aspirational space.

I've been fortunate enough to also coach at FC Nelson through all levels - both at junior and senior levels.

With the development of our planned central clubrooms and the current FC Nelson Committee members' passion and work ethic for the game, I believe this will further enhance us in being the best football club to be involved in in the top of the South Island.

### Khuri Maunghl

I am Khuri. I joined FC Nelson in 2021, playing for FC Nelson Karenni and also am the team's manager. I am proud to be part of FC NELSON and it's Committee.

Football is my favorite sport and I have been playing football as my hobby since I was a young age. I love to see my Karenni team being part of the NZ footballing community as we are football lovers.

I hope one day Karenni boys have the opportunity to play for professional clubs.

### Julian Trigg

Hi I'm Julian, aka Julz, Trigg, Triggy, Trigger

I've played football most years of my life since the age of 6. I've been at FC Nelson since 2013 with 1 year at Suburbs due to persuasion from a person who will remain nameless. I'm a member of the Mighty FC Loco and really enjoy the cutler that comes with such a good group of men that all have Peter Pan Syndrome.

I have coached at FC Nelson the entire time from first kicks, moving through the age groups with my two boys that now play for FC11s and FC13s, I am in the middle of my C license, I coach because I enjoy seeing kids of all abilities improve as a player and team member. The smiles on their faces when things go well is a joy of mine. Not to mention giving back to sport in general.

This year I decided to join the committee to be part of the bigger picture, especially with the Juniors - a portfolio I look forward to working closely on with our well loved Director of Football the one and only TJ Hansen.

### Neil Benson

I am excited and honoured to have been elected as a committee member for FC Nelson. As a passionate and dedicated football enthusiast, I am eager to join the team and play a role in supporting the development and growth of our club.

My love for Nelson football began when I was recruited by Paul Kernot and taken under the wing of Thorkild Hansen to play for Metro. Since the formation of FC Nelson, resulting from the merger of Nelson City, Nelson United, and Metro, I have been a proud and dedicated member of the club. Thanks to FC Nelson, I had the opportunity to join a team called Locomotive, formed by some close friends, which have been playing for the club ever since. I also helped establish FC Nelson's NMIT team, which aimed to bring domestic and international students and the wider international community into the fold.

As a father of four children, all of whom have played for FC Nelson throughout the years, I have been fortunate enough to coach and manage teams across different age groups, ranging from under 9's to senior football.

I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the club's success as a committee member and am committed to fostering a strong and inclusive football community at FC Nelson.



# PLAYER PATHWAYS - OUR PARTNER WELLINGTON PHOENIX

FC Nelson are official Pre-Academy Centre partners with the Wellington Phoenix, New Zealand's only professional club!



## FINBARR HANRAHAN

Finbarr has played for FC Nelson since he started playing football, going through the Junior and Youth grades. He has also previously won the FC Nelson Junior Boy Role Model award. Finbarr is an exceptionally dedicated young player, with great desire to pursue a professional footballing career. Finbarr was invited to move to Wellington and join the Wellington Phoenix Academy, which he did at the beginning of the year. The club wishes him the best on his journey.

## JAYDEN SMITH

Jayden has also played for FC Nelson since he started playing football, going through the Junior and Youth grades. His dedication to his dream of becoming a professional football player saw him become a standout player in our club's Youth space. Jayden is not just a dedicated footballer, but a fine young man too. Jayden's family made the move to Wellington at the beginning of this year, with Jayden pursuing his ambition to take the next step in his footballing journey. After his move, he was then accepted into the Wellington Phoenix Academy. The club wishes him the best on his journey.



## NINA KONDO, DAISY BRAZENDALE, ELLA MCCANN

These three exceptional young women, former FC Nelson players, now Wellington Phoenix Youth players have gone from strength to strength. They were recently named in the New Zealand U20 team training camp - another fantastic achievement. The club wishes them the best.

# MULTICULTURAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The club was involved in another celebration of our many cultures recently - the annual Multicultural Football Tournament.

FC Nelson's very own 2nd XI Coach & player Bill Huppler was part of the organising committee who put on another weekend of footballing diversity.

Players from all over the region took part, and it was great to see a large number of FC Nelson members taking part. The winner of the Competitive division was the FC 1st XI's team, and the winner of the Social division was the FCN Karenni Youth team.

Such a wonderful celebration of the special mix of cultures in our region - the smiles on everybody's faces says it all!!





# REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

Do you want to become a Referee or learn a bit more about the Laws of the Game? The following Referee Course options are here for you to choose from.

## HOW TO REGISTER

1. For most courses, you will be able to click on the MyComet registration link below. Contact us if you are unsure of your ID (please avoid creating another account).
2. Click on 'Add to Cart'.
3. Click on the shopping trolley with a number on it (usually number 1) at the top right corner of the page.
4. Select "Proceed to checkout"
5. Read and click 'NZ Football Terms and Conditions' and click submit payment.
6. Click 'Finish'.

## LEVEL ONE REFEREE COURSE (ONLINE VERSION)

This course has been developed for those that do not have time to attend the longer course and smaller referee centres, but also for the people who are likely to take up refereeing. You can do most of the course at home, in your own time. The date set for the course is the only session you physically attend with an instructor. This session will be about 3 hours in duration and includes the last couple of modules (including an outdoor session), discussion on other parts of the course and refereeing in general and a test on the Laws of the Game (LOTG). You need to have completed the online modules before the date of the offline part for which you registered.

2023 course dates:

Sunday 7 May 2023. Completed.

June Course - Date to be advised for the live session.

Please [Register Here](#) for the Level 1 Referee Course. You will be then given access to the online modules.

Cost: Free

## COMMUNITY REFEREE COURSE (CR)

This is a FREE ONLINE course, taking a basic view of the Laws of the Game and suitable for those who want to become Community Referees, or just want to gain a better knowledge of the Laws of the Game. Complete the 5 online modules in your own time. The course will take up to about 2 hours to complete.

Course admin will be continuous as participants pass the course, so online certificates will be dated the day the test is passed.

### Online Course

You can access the course below straight away, but for admin purposes, you still need to complete the My Comet registration. Please [Register Here](#).

Here is how to access the online content:

There are 5 modules to complete. Each module can be accessed by clicking on the blue boxes across the penalty area on the front page of the course.

1. Click on [Your paragraph text](#)
2. Create a username & password
3. Click on the head and shoulders figure at the top right on screen.
4. Click on Account Settings and fill in your details
5. Then enter the join code in the 'New Join Code' box - 682218
6. Click save at the bottom
7. You will be shown as pending, so a facilitator will then approve you ASAP after you register

Please have modules completed by the date of the course you are registered for.



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# Thank you!

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. Thank you to everyone who supports our players, families, coaches, managers, staff and club.

Thank you 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!!



# UPCOMING

## TOP GOALS!



We would love to feature our players' goals so we have come up with the FC Nelson 'Top Goals' feature!

At least once a fortnight we will release a video compilation of 'Top Goals' from throughout the club. We will use footage captured using our Veo Camera, and footage submitted by any member of our club, so get sharing your goals!!

**Send your clips to [admin@fcnelson.co.nz](mailto:admin@fcnelson.co.nz)**

Thanks to our talented committee member Neil Benson for putting the compilations together

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**U12 - U13 - U14 - U17**

**FC NELSON**  
**PRE-ACADEMY CENTRE**

TERM 3 & 4 PRE-ACADEMY  
 DAY: MONDAY  
 TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
 VENUE: NEALE PARK

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**SUNDAY 11TH JUNE**  
**VICTORY SQUARE**  
 WITH FCNA GOALKEEPING COACH, EVO  
 JUNIOR GOALKEEPERS 9-12YRS **10AM - 11.30AM**  
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# KEY DATES

DATES	EVENT
11 JUN 2023	Jnr & Yth Goalkeeping clinics - open to all - Victory Square
14 JUN 2023	NCG 1st XI trials - 3.30pm - Little Wembley
23 JUN 2023	Team quiz night - U13 CIC team @Nsn Rugby Club
2-13 JUL 2023	Christchurch International Cup - U11-U14 teams
17 JUL 2023	Term 3 Programmes start
JUL 2023	Club Fundraiser - details to be announced
AUG 2023	Tournament teams fundraising quizzes - Sprig & Fern Hardy Street - Wednesday nights
24 SEP-7 OCT 2023	South Island Tournaments - 10th-17th Grade
24 SEP-7 OCT 2023	Tasman Club Rep Tournaments
MID 2023	Futsal Leagues begin - Junior/Youth & Senior
MID-LATE 2023	Beach Football & Street Football Festivals

# CLUB HUB UPDATE

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The wheels continue to turn on the development of our FC Nelson Club Hub.

We have now engaged specialist architects, the award winning 'Arthouse Architects' who are well versed in local community and sports facilities as well as school and sports facilities around the country

The final plans are being readied to submit the Building Consent to council.

Our committee 'club hub project' portfolio holder Barry Sangster, along with Phil and Nicole have been working hard in the background ironing out issues and progressing the planning stage.

Monthly meetings with a group of council specialists have been progressing well, with an on-site meeting having just happened.

Talks and applications are under way with funders and organisation of fundraising events are beginning - watch out for a couple of major fundraising events - one soon and one later in the year. And, watch out for an opportunity to have your, your family's or your business' name on our Community wall!

This project is a major undertaking and will require the generous support of all of our members and stakeholders as well as the community.

As you know, our vision is that this is not only going to our club hub, but also a community hub - we are a community orientated club so we would love our community and community groups to make full use of the facilities.

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.

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 - YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!!

# *One Club One Community*

# EXCLUSIVE DEALS

## TWO THUMBS BREWERY NELSON - 10% OFF BEVERAGES

Our focus has always been good beer and good times, and we want to keep it that way. Two Thumb beers are batch brewed by hand and show off the wonderful flavours and aromas of the locally sourced malts and hops.

Managed by FC Nelson member, Jeff Foster.

F C Nelson members receive a 10% discount off the beverages (not valid during Happy Hour). Members must show their registration in FC Nelson system to the staff



## 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.

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



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## 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



## 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](http://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**





# SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Get Cars have signed on as a Gold Sponsor. They have provided the club with a vehicle for our Director of Football, Tj, and they are naming rights sponsor of the Get Cars FC Nelson Diamonds - our Womens' 1st XI, also providing new kits for the women.

We are a privately-owned New Zealand based, Registered Motor Vehicle dealership located in sunny Richmond. With over 30 years of combined motor vehicle experience, our small team specialises in, buying used motor vehicles (or cars), sales and finance.

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