Hibiscus Coast AFC 2021 September Newsletter



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Presidents Piece

A frustrating way to end the season with a Covid lockdown, but it is what it is and we deal with it.

Our end of season prizegivings are still up in the air until we know from the Govt what the future holds for Auckland. (At time of writing we are still at L4 Lockdown).

It is good to see some of our young players showing off their skills on the Club's facebook page, with a Girls competition going.

Of course, there are the Facebook posts of the funny photos taken during the photo sessions.

It is timely to thank all the volunteers who have put their hand up to help the players, teams, and Club over the season. We will always rely on volunteers. They are well supported of course by our paid contractors and coaches.

As always, a big thanks to our sponsors, again a number of them are hit hard by Covid, yet they stick with the Club to ensure that community involvement.

For the older teenagers, the National Club U19 tournament is still on in Napier over Labour Weekend. We have both the girls and boys coaches appointed: Lisa Kemp and Tyler Agiovlassitis. Players hoping to be selected: whatever you do, stay fit, and keep fingers crossed we are free to travel. The Club is still also preparing for the Summer football season, so fingers crossed we can get underway. The one thing about the summer football is that it is the Club that gets to keep the money raised, without having to pay NZ Football or the Federation. As a Club we budget on the takings from Summer football.

Here's hoping for a release from L4 lockdown so we can have our prize giving's etc.

Yours in football.

Scott Beard: president@hbcafc.org.nz









Up & Coming Events *All dates are subject to alert levels*

<u>Key Dates</u>

<u>Subject to alert levels the following</u> <u>key dates have been scheduled:</u>

- 2nd Oct Junior/Youth Prizegiving
- 9th-11th Oct Weir Rosebowl
- 17th Oct Clarrie Morgan
- 20th Oct Coaches Meeting
- 23-24th Oct U19's Tournament
- 1st Nov Junior Summer Football
- 5th Nov Senior Summer Football

Club Annual Golf Day



End of Season

That time of year has come already and the winter season is coming to an end. With this comes a busy time of prizegiving's, awards and returning of gear. Please be mindful of returning gear in good condition and timely manner. This really helps the club keep our future programs running smoothly.

Coaches Meeting

There will be a coaches meeting held upstairs at the clubrooms on the <u>20th October</u> alert level depending. This will be a meeting to discuss the highs lows of the season, catch up on all things football and return all gear. Further details to come.

Junior/Youth Prizegiving

Junior and Youth prizegiving has been penciled in for the 2nd October. This will go ahead alert level depending. If we are unable to hold this event we are working on a way to still make this special for all our teams and still get the awards out to our winners.

Thank you to all the Coaches/Managers for sending in your award nominations *Team Photos will be handed out to team

managers at prizegiving if it goes ahead or the Club will organize another way to get these out to you*

<u>Quiz Night</u>

Due to current lockdown levels our Quiz night was unable to go ahead this month. We are still planning on having this event go ahead and will reschedule a new date as soon as possible.

Gameover

Our Gameover event has been postponed due to current lockdown levels, but will be resceduled as soon as alert levels allow. This is going to be a really fun day, so keep an eye out for the new dates.





Hibiscus Coast AFC is excited to announce the appointment of the successful applicants to the 2021 U19s Napier Head Coach roles to last year's incumbents, Tyler Agiovlassitis and Lisa Kemp. The Club would like to thank all those that did apply for the role. We would also like to thank Tyler and Lisa for their continued dedication, passion, commitment and professionalism towards the development of our players at the Club.



Juniors

We are looking (level permitting) to have our end of year prize giving as a fun day down at Stanmore Bay with friendlies and fun activities planned. It was set for the 2nd of October but is looking more like the 16th or the 23rd of October. There will be two prizes for each team. First Kicks and Fun Football have Attitude and Effort and Most Improved and the Juniors and Youth will have Attitude and Effort and Player of the Year. There will also be some overall awards for Coaches and Managers and an overall team of the year for boys and girls. The date is to be confirmed once we have some certainty around levels.

We are also planning a fun night at Game Over in Albany later in the year. This event is a huge benefit to our club with the ticket price reduced from \$79 to only \$49 per person with \$20 from every ticket sold coming back to the club.

A \$49 ticket gets you access to all the facilities, a round of 10 laps on a electric go-cart, mini golf and unlimited laser tag.

We will keep you udated if this event is going ahead once we have more certainty on alert levels. A coaches meeting will be held later in October to get back the gear and celebrate what was a better year than last year for football. Please make sure you are returning all gear in good condition and on time. This insures that next season runs smoothly and the club can continue to provide our teams with quality gear.

Our Annual Clarrie Morgan 9th Grade tournament has been moved to Sunday the 17th of October. This has been run by the club every year for 30 years and is named after our club founder Clarrie Morgan. With both the boys and girls divisions fully booked, it is going to be an amazing football filled day.

~Robbie Hodge HBC AFC Junior Club Captain





Woman's First Team



It's now been 3 years since this amazing group of players and coaches started this journey together. 2019, we missed out on the league by 1 goal. 2020, we were 5pts clear at the top and unbeaten after playing every team in the league only to have that season cancelled with no winners announced by NRF. 2021, and we're looking at another void season except this time NRF decided to change tact and announce league winners, despite not all teams having played each other in the league. It's bittersweet, but there's still plenty to be thankful for and to celebrate.

The squad has grown to now include 4 teams - First Team, First Development, and this year we introduced a second Development team as well as a third Development team in partnership with East Coast Bays - which is testament to the growth of female football at the club and all the work that has gone into our programme - both by players, coaches, and our awesome volunteers across the club over the last few years.

We finished this 2021 season having the best attack in the league for the third year in a row scoring 59 goals in 14 games - our top goalscorer being the young, talented Christina Longmuir who has been a prime example of the incredible quality of our youth making an impact at senior level.

Despite some key season-defining injuries and having one of the youngest teams in the league, to finish comfortably in the Top 4 again this year shows we have plenty of juice left in the tank - and the vibe across the entire squad is that our job is simply not done.

Planning and preparation for next year has already started, as we look to upgrade and go bigger and better across our already well-established, high-quality programme. With our squad of 35+ players, growth, continued improvement, and delivering the best female football experience this side of the bridge continues to be our bottom-line mission.

Our U19's have already been preparing during this lockdown for the upcoming U19's tournament in Napier, where they'll be coached by our very own Lisa Kemp (First Team Captain) and looking to go all the way. All the best to the players, coaches and parents going down. We know you'll do us all proud!

To the players, coaches and supporters, I can't thank you enough for yet another year of your passion, energy and commitment to the cause. Much love to you all. We go again! #COYG

~Asher Trotter Women's First Team Coach

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Men's First Team



The 2021 season for the Men's 1st team has been a rollercoaster to say the least. From the Head Coach leaving, a new coach coming in, wins, losses, injuries and Covid this season has been crazy. This team has showed a lot of adversity and heart.

Firstly, the boys were open and supportive of having me as a player/coach this season. We struggled with injuries, changes in formation and suspensions, but everyone stepped up when called upon and did a job for us.

Coming off of last season's performance, we had some high expectations going into the 2021 campaign and we were pushing for promotion. Between our preseason results and the first few games of the season, things were looking really good. Unfortunately, we had a bad run of games and saw some inconsistency in our form. Between injuries and suspensions we dug ourselves a hole and struggled to get out of it. Towards the end of the season, we found our stride and things started looking up again! We were on a good run of wins and looked good to finish top 3 by the end of the season. But, thanks to our good friend Covid we were unable to see out the rest of the season.

The goal for this season was to get promoted. We didn't achieve that goal but it wasn't for lack of trying. Every time we stepped on the field, every single player gave it everything they had. They not only worked hard for themselves, but also for their teammates and the club. Looking at the positives, we had 8 players from the U23's squad (Zach Newman, Blake Murphy, Jack Brown, Ryan Kirkpatrick, Hunter Struve, Taine Bracken, Fabian Diaz, and Josh Harold) get playing time with the 1st Team this season. These guys really stepped up when we needed them and they performed well.

For the young players, Zach Newman really made a name for himself this season. He started with the U23's at the beginning of the season. Due to injuries, he was called up to the first team and played really well coming off the bench. He didn't look out of place and eventually became a regular starter for the 1st team. For a young player, he's grown so much this season and showed a lot of maturity on the field.

Looking towards next season, our main goal will still be promotion. It's something we can definitely achieve, we just need to keep working hard on and off the field.

~ Tyler Agiovlassitis Men's First team Coach U17's Conference Coach



Tournaments

All dates are subject to alert levels

U19s Tournament

Over Labour weekend our Men's and Womans's U19s are still hoping to head down to Napier for the annual national tournament.

Due to current COVID19 Alert Levels we are in, the trial process will be undertaken differently this year.

If you are between the ages of 15&19 (boys) or 14&19 (girls) and wanting to be considered for the trial process please make contact with the coaches directly via email at:

tyler@hbcafc.org.nz for the Men's

lisa@hbcafc.org.nz for the Women's

We wish everyone who represents our Club at the tournament the best of luck! COYG!





<u>Clarrie Morgan</u>



Our annual 9th Grade Clarrie Morgan tournament has had to be postponed and penciled in for Sunday 17th October.

This is the last weekend of the school holidays. Hopefully this will be far enough away for us to go down alert levels and be able to play.

When: 17th October Where: Stanmore Bay Park Entrance fee: \$200 per team







Summer Football

Junior Summer Football Referees

We are looking for some enthusiastic kids to come and referee our junior summer footy teams on Monday afternoons 4-7pm If your child is interested in earning some pocket money this summer email jnrsummerfooty@hbcafc.org.nz

Get your team together and register now!





6.30pm-7.55pm Season starts: 5th Nov-17th Dec Christmas Break **Returning 14th Jan-6th March**

> **Registrations open from** 20th August - 22 October snrsummerfooty@hbcafc.co.nz

Any paid programmes that were disrupted due

to lockdown will be credited for next term. You

can view our Club Subscription and Refund

Policy on our website www.hbcafc.org.nz

or contact mauricio@hbcafc.org.nz

Development Programmes

All dates are subject to alert levels

The club is still planning on running our development programmes, but with Auckland still in lockdown it is really hard for the Club to set dates. Keeping this in mind we will send out information on confirmed dates when we are at a safe alert level to provide these programmes safely to our community.

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<u>The Business Network Group</u>

Supporting the club and local business

The BNG is a group of local businesses who support each other and the club with this unique sponsorship mechanism.

Earlier this week they were joined for a breakfast Zoom meeting by our local MP Mark Mitchell. Mark listened to feedback around the impact of

lockdown and lack of financial support available particularly for 3 of our members, The Northern Union Gastro pub, NZ Sign Solutions and Club Physical. Mark was straight on the Mike Hosking show after our meeting voicing our concerns, it is fantastic to have that kind of support.

If you are keen to join the BNG we currently have the following business slots available within the group:

- Lawyer
- Business Coach
- Electrician
- IT Repair & Support
- Property Rentals / Management

Other businesses are also welcome to get in touch - you can check out our current membership at www.hbcbng.co.nz

If you are interested to find out more please contact Rob Howarth on 021925489 or rob@futureprooflife.co.nz



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Rob is a huge supporter of HBCAFC and helps us in a number of ways transporting goals to and from our satellite fields, refereeing and coaching. Rob is also a Platinum sponsor for the Club and one of our main Sponsors for our Mens and Womans First teams. We would like to thank Rob for his support and dedication to the Club. We appreciate all that you do for all of us at HBCAFC.



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