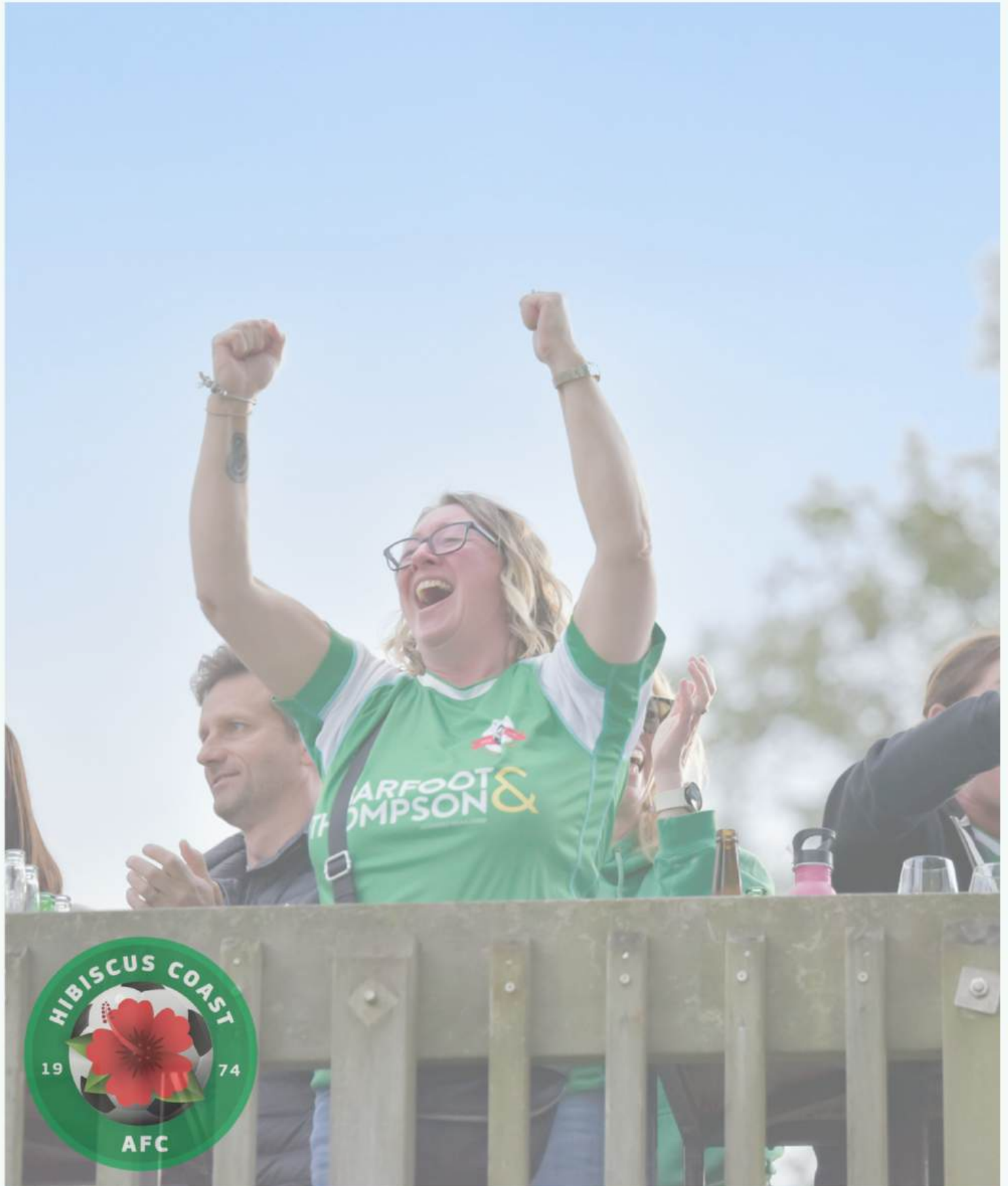


FEBRUARY 2025

# BLEED GREEN



# PRESIDENTS PIECE

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I'm excited to introduce myself as the new President of HBCAFC! In 2023 I brought my family back to NZ after 20 years away and the first job my daughter tasked me with was to find a football club!

Since joining the club in 2023 upon returning back to NZ after 20 years in England, I've been actively involved as a volunteer and a few months ago joined the board. I've been particularly active with co-leading events to grow the girls football space and as a result of that, along with a football loving daughter, HBCAFC has quickly become a huge part of family life, and I'm passionate about ensuring it continues to thrive.

Professionally my background is in governance, business operations, and executive coaching working with leaders - this vast range of skills I look forward to applying in my role as President.

My priorities for the club over the next year are very clear and reflect what our membership are saying:

- Financial sustainability – Strengthening our financial position through sponsorship, funding, fundraising and more transparency of finances.
- Member experience & communication – Making sure players, volunteers, staff and supporters feel valued and engaged and comms from the club are good.

Jenni Schanschieff- continued on page 2

# PRESIDENTS PIECE

## Strategic Plan

Excitingly, we have a board who have amazing skills in all areas of the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan ([CLICK HERE](#)) and we are already taking action in this area.

The following board members will be leading the following Strategic Plan pillars:

## People

- Chair - Lisa Smith
- Members - Rob Carty, Nikita Jashari, Jenni Schanschieff

## Environment

- Co-Chairs - Nikita Jashari (Culture) & Keiron Henare (Building & Resources)
- Members - Lisa Smith

## Community & Partnerships

- Co-Chairs - Nikita Jashari (Partnerships) & Rob Carty (Community)
- Members - Keiron Henare

## Capability

- Co-Chairs - Suzie Corser (Finance & Risk) & Keiron Henare (Structure & Policy)
- Members - Jenni Schanschieff

We are looking forward to working alongside you all - players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters - to ensure HBCAFC continues to grow and succeed. We know that there are lots of you who want to know ways of how you can volunteer, so you'll be seeing clearer ways of how you can get involved in the coming months.

See you around the club!

- Jenni Schanschieff

# WE NEED YOU

Do you think we can improve on things? Join us and become part of the team. We need volunteers, whether it's meeting new people, coming up with new ideas, sharing your knowledge or just showing up to help out. Stop sitting on the bench and be part of the starting line up.

We're looking for Grade Co-Ordinator's and extra volunteers to help us organize

## FK/FF Co-Ordinator

9th Grade

11th Grade

14th Grade

15th Grade

17th Grade

Female Committee

Fundraising Committee

Women's Club Captain

BBQ Co-Ordinator

Gear & Equipment Co-Ordinator

If these sound like something you can do, [please click here and fill in this form](#)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6 WAITANGI DAY	7	8
9	10 GK/SKILL CENTRE STARTS	11	12	13	14 SENIOR SUMMER FOOTY	15 MUSTER DAY, FEMALE AND SENIOR MENS
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	1

## 2025

## MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	25	26	27	28	1 SENIOR SUMMER FOOTY FINALS DAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 LOTTO NRFL SEASON STARTS
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

## 2025

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 COMMUNITY SEASON STARTS
6	7 GK/SKILL CENTRE ENDS	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21 EASTER MONDAY	22	23	24	25 ANZAC DAY	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

## 2025

## MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## 2025

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SKILL CENTRE

Our Skill Center Programme runs for grades 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th.

It's main aim is to provide a structured programme for players, in an enjoyable environment that maximises player development. It is highly likely that the game in the future will be quicker, more technical and tactical, and the demands on our younger players will be elevated.

Through a planned, consistent approach to training, based around principles of Long Term Player Development, Skills Centres will provide a perfect start for players wishing to reach the highest level.



**SKILLS CENTRE**  
TERM 1 2025

Our high quality coaches aim to fast track players ability through highly engaging and fun sessions

**Mixed 9th & 10th Grade**  
4.30-5.30pm

**Mixed 11th & 12th Grade**  
Time: 5.30-6.30pm

Stanmore Bay Park  
\$100 per term  
Monday 10th Feb - Monday 7th April

## GOAL KEEPER ACADEMY

Led by our own Mens Championship GK this is an awesome opportunity to gather top-tier skills while having fun and developing a tactical approach.



**GK ACADEMY**  
TERM 1 2025

**Ages 8-12:**  
4.30-5.30pm

**Ages 13-17:**  
5.30-6.30pm

Stanmore Bay Park  
\$100 per term  
Monday 10th Feb - Monday 7th April

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS

Our Football Fundamentals programme is for players of all abilities. It allows them to work on their co-ordination, learn football skills by way of fun activities, playing games and participating in football matches.

Sessions take place on the school fields, making it easy for children and parents to access. We run after school and lunchtime sessions for kids in years 1 - 6.

Our Fundamentals programme takes place on the school grounds, making it easy for children and parents to access. We run after school and lunchtime sessions for kids in years 1 - 6. In these sessions we work on coordination and football skills by incorporating fun games and matches.

**Stella Maris - Tuesday lunchtime 12.30 - 1.10pm**

**Stanmore Bay Primary - Tuesday after school 3pm-4pm**

**Whangaparaoa Primary - Tuesday after school 3pm-4pm**

**Red Beach - Wednesday lunchtime 1.00pm-1.40pm**

**Silverdale Primary - Wednesday after school 3pm-4pm**

**Orewa Primary - Wednesday after school 3pm-4pm**

**Gulf Harbour Primary - Thursday after school 3pm-4pm**

**Dairy Flat Primary - Thursday after school 3pm-4pm**

**Orewa Beach Primary - Friday after school 3pm-4pm**

**Wentworth Primary - Friday after school 3pm-4pm (on school courts)**

**Ahutoetoe - Friday after school 3pm-4pm**



## MILO FANTAILS

If you've got young girls looking to give football or futsal a go in a fun and safe environment, MILO Fantails is the programme for you!

MILO Fantails is a programme designed to attract new female players aged 4-9 years old to the beautiful game through sessions focused on helping girls make friends, having fun, improving their skills and being active through football.

Sessions will take place throughout the remainder of the year, and are now rolling out all across Aotearoa New Zealand.





# WOMEN'S PREMIER

I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself as we get ready for the 2025 season. My name is Caleb Ward, and I'm incredibly excited to be the new coach of Women's First Team here at Hibiscus Coast. It's a real honour for me to be part of this club and I know I speak for the rest of the coaching staff when I say we are all excited for the season ahead.

One of the key focuses for me this season is development and I've really enjoyed working with the young players in the squad. Giving players the opportunity to grow, learn, and express themselves is something I'm really passionate about. We want to create an environment where players feel supported to take risks and are given the tools to improve. I firmly believe that investing in our young players is important not just for their own development but the energy they bring can really help drive us forward this season.

As a team, we've set ourselves some key goals, both on and off the pitch. Our biggest priority is to enjoy our football, push ourselves to improve, and this in turn should hopefully inspire the next generation of Hibiscus Coast players to do the same. We want to build something special as a group, not just in terms of results on the field, but in the culture within our environment that we will be creating together.

On the pitch, we are working hard to implement a new style of football, and it's been exciting to see the progress we've already made throughout the first few weeks of pre-season. The players are really embracing the challenges that this is bringing and I'm looking forward to seeing how we continue to develop as the season unfolds. I can't wait to get started and look forward to seeing the club, the players, and the supporters come together for what promises to be a great year for Hibiscus Coast

- Caleb Ward, Women's First Team Head Coach

# MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

## A New Season Beckons!

The countdown to the 2025 season has begun, and Hibiscus Coast AFC Men's First Team is gearing up for an exciting campaign. With new challenges ahead, our preseason is focused on installing our tactical model, physical conditioning and Player development and recruitment. This period is crucial in setting the tone for the year ahead!

## Building a Strong Squad

With a mix of experienced leaders and promising young talent, our squad is shaping up to be highly competitive. We have some new additions and lots returning coasties that we cant wait to introduce. Preseason will help shape our tactical flexibility and provide opportunities for players to prove themselves.

## Coaching Staff's Vision

The coaching team has instilled four pillars in the group.

1. Lead the Way - be an inspiration to our young footballers
2. compete with the best - a level of dedication, preparation and ability to win our way.
3. Create special Moments - this is underpinned by a special effort required to make days like the chatham cup quarter final possible.
4. Bleed Green - drive into being a part of the community and this amazing club.

Every player is encouraged to push their limits, embrace our footballing philosophy, and develop a relentless winning mentality.

## Looking Forward

As we edge closer to the season kick-off, our focus remains on refining our game plan, pushing our physical capability and building confidence and connect within our squad. With a solid preseason behind us, we will be ready to make an impact and strive for success.

## Hibiscus Coast AFC - Bleed Green!

- Nathan Cranney, Men's First Team Head Coach. Technical Director of Football

# FEMALE SIDE

Kia ora,

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Girls' & Women's Muster Day at Hibiscus Coast AFC! With around 130 girls registered, it was incredible to see both new and returning players out on the field, having fun and embracing the game.

One of the highlights was seeing our youth girls take an active role in the event, stepping up to help coach the younger players. Their enthusiasm and commitment were truly inspiring, and it was fantastic to watch them grow as leaders while sharing their love for football. This involvement is what makes our club so special, and we look forward to seeing even more youth girls take on coaching roles in the future!

Luca Vasori, the new Women & Girls Director of Football for East Coast Bays AFC and Hibiscus Coast AFC, had this to say about the day:

**"What a day I had on Saturday down at the Club! It reminded me why I am still involved after 20 years of coaching! The girls' energy, smiles, and joy really filled my heart with excitement to start this new journey. I am grateful to be part of this amazing family, and I'll do all it takes to support everyone along the way!"**



# FEMALE SIDE

The Girls' & Women's Muster Day was more than just an event; it was an opportunity to foster a greater sense of community and support for girls and women in football. With our growing female player base, we wanted to provide a fun, welcoming environment where all ages could come together, build confidence, and be inspired by one another. This is just one of the many ways we're working to increase participation and demonstrate that football is a sport for everyone.

## Looking for 17+ Female Players!

We're excited to announce that we're kicking off a new social women's team! If you're 17 or older and keen to play in a fun, social environment, we'd love to have you join the team! No experience necessary—just a love for the game and a desire to have fun!

If you couldn't make it to Muster Day, we missed you! But don't wait any longer—register now for the 2024 winter season, which kicks off on April 5th. Spaces are filling up fast, and early registration is crucial to ensure we have the right teams and players in place for a fantastic season.

### Winter Football Details:

- Fun Kicks – 8th Grade: Girls can register for mixed or all-girls teams. If you prefer an all-girls team, just let us know when signing up!
- Grades 9 & Up: All players will be placed in girls' teams unless a mixed team is specifically requested.
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We're committed to creating a fun, inclusive, and empowering environment for girls and women, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

- Lisa Smith, Female Committee

# FANTAILS

The Awesome Girls Fantails Program at Hibiscus Coast AFC continues to thrive, and this term, we've seen an exciting boost of energy with youth players Holly, Jess, and Tayla stepping into key coaching and leadership roles. As part of our youth development program, their dedication and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring. The young girls in our junior program have absolutely loved every moment of their guidance and support!

## **Building Confidence, Skills & Friendships**

Holly, Jess, and Tayla's involvement has brought a fresh dynamic to Fantails, helping to mentor and motivate the junior players with their passion for the game. Their leadership is creating a positive, fun, and encouraging environment where the girls can grow in confidence, develop football skills, and make lifelong friendships.

Supported by Northern Region Football (NRF), the Fantails Program has been running for a few terms now, and it's amazing to see how much it has grown!

## **Ready to Join the Fun?**

Fantails is a great introduction to football, and for those looking to take the next step, we have girls' teams they can join! It's a fantastic opportunity to develop skills, be part of a team, and grow a love for the game.

To learn more, contact: [female@hbcafc.org.nz](mailto:female@hbcafc.org.nz)

A huge thank you to all the players, coaches, and supporters who continue to make this program a success! We're excited to see our junior girls flourish and grow in the months ahead!

# JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAIN

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It's hard to believe that after a fantastic summer, it's almost football season. Registrations have been open since January and it already looks like the numbers have increased since 2024. The club's skills centre and football fundamentals in schools have already begun with many preparing for the season.

Our premier youth teams have already been training since late January preparing for their season opener on March 23rd. The club is going from strength to strength in the youth space with this year being the first season we will have two 13th grade teams playing in the Sunday format. Our new partnership with the Pro Project also offers our junior and youth players the opportunity to develop their skills and achieve their potential.

With that being said there, is still time for players to register. Registrations close soon and our junior committee will be organising our teams. As a growing club we are always in need of volunteers to support the club. Being a member of our junior committee is a great way to support the club in the junior space from 5th to 17th grade. We help to organise teams, communicate with our members, help prepare the pitches on Saturdays and many other methods of support. If you would like to give back to the club or can support in anyway please email me at [angus@hbcafc.org.nz](mailto:angus@hbcafc.org.nz).

See you on the sidelines.

- Angus Goodrick, Junior Club Captain

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very big thank you to, Craig Daly, Marek Cyra and Reggie van Rooyen who have been a large part of the club for many years, given years of volunteering over so many parts of the club and were awarded with Lifetime Membership at our AGM on February 12th. COYG!

HARD ACT TO FOLLOW  
AS FOOTBALL  
PRESIDENT STEPS  
DOWN  
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COACH BRINGS  
PASSION AND  
EXPERIENCE TO  
FOOTBALL  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We've organized a partnership with Hibiscus Coast App, where it gives your teams the opportunity to showcase game moments, whether it be photos, the score or any unforgettable moments.

Our Club initiative and strategic plan includes fostering a positive and inclusive environment which we believe can in part be achieved by giving you the opportunity to help us build community engagement and inspire a passion for football in and around the Hibiscus Coast Community.

We're looking for potential parttime journalist to assist us in achieving this, which would entail taking photos, gathering names, keeping note of the score and writing a little bit about the game. If this sounds like something you can or want to do please email [victoria@hbcafc.org.nz](mailto:victoria@hbcafc.org.nz)

In the meantime make sure you've downloaded The Hibiscus Coast App which is available on android, iPhone and desktop.

You can click the photo below to go straight to their website



**Hibiscus Coast App**  
Everything Local



# CLUB SHOP

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We are currently awaiting a shipment for uniform and supporters apparel, if you have any questions regarding this please contact

[admin@hbcafc.org.nz](mailto:admin@hbcafc.org.nz)

# CLUB HIRE

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Our clubrooms are available to hire!

With one of the best views on the coast our venue is the perfect place to book for your event.

To book or for further info email: [events@hbcafc.org.nz](mailto:events@hbcafc.org.nz)

# BUSINESS GROUP

## The Business Network Group (BNG) Supporting the Hibiscus Coast Football Club

We are local businesses to the Hibiscus Coast with a passion for football and a desire to support the Hibiscus Coast Football Club. The Business Network Group was formed 7 years ago as a mechanism to provide affordable sponsorship for local businesses while offering a measurable return on investment. The BNG provides its members with business support, advice, networking and referrals, while offering the club a unique mechanism to fund projects which would otherwise be unachievable.

Membership is just \$500 + gst per year.

Current Members:

Rob Howarth Life & Health Insurance – NZ Sign Solutions – Luck Mortgages – Paperspaces Architectural

Design – Avodah HR – Northern Union – The Accountant Online – Renovo Construction – Cranefield

Automotive – Studio 4 Photography – North Harbour Fencing – Build Firm – Chris Triscott Harcourts – GJ

Gardner Homes – AJ Electrical Services – Grouse Plumbing – Accountable Bookkeeping – Aquaman

Water Rescue – Insight EDS – Davies Appliances –

For more information contact Rob Howarth 021 925 489

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# THANK YOU

With such amazing sponsors varying over many trades and needs, Hibiscus Coast AFC is honoured to be working with so many different businesses. We want to thank all new and existing sponsors and encourage all club members to use them when they can. A special thank you to Carla Newman and Iain Douglas for their awesome capturing of moments and memories that enable us to have the photos we have today.

