



## WKAFC Newsletter – February 2010

Happy New Year to you all !

What an amazing period it's been for New Zealand football since last winter! There was that fantastic November All White night at the Stadium, as I write the Phoenix are in the A League playoffs, will it be 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>? We even cheered an Auckland side in doing us proud in the World Club championships ! Our Under 20 women, including our own Hannah Wall, has just qualified for the World Cup in Germany by comprehensively winning the Oceania group.

There's been a huge amount happening at your club too, and even more coming up. There's several things we want your feedback on so please enjoy reading !

**CAFÉ** - At the club we've welcomed our **new café operators**, Alida and Karl. Do check the café out. We are very pleased with the service quality, business approach, and relationship with the clubs. Expect progressive expansion of their service. Having a good café at the clubrooms means better service for us as members, for the wider Karori public, and it turns the clubrooms into an asset, rather than being a financial drain on the clubs, so when you want a good **coffee** or a bite to eat **please support our café** !

**BAR** - For the moment we and the cricket club will manage our own bar. We need a **bar manager** for the winter. If you are interested or know somebody that might be please let me know on 4769220 or [andy.foster@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:andy.foster@wcc.govt.nz)

**Wine and Cheese evening.** Clubrooms Thursday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Our club has enormous unrealised potential. The Executive is putting on drinks and refreshments for anyone who wants to talk about our club's past, present and future, and about lifting our game. We're inviting people already active in administration and team management, as well as club stalwarts. We'll also talk about the 'club identity' project including writing the club's history. We'd welcome more people being involved. **RSVP to me by 21 Feb for catering please.** [andy.foster@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:andy.foster@wcc.govt.nz)

**Club Identity Project.** Karori Swifts and Waterside merged in 1987 to become WKAFC. Our existing club identity is almost completely dominated by Waterside colours, name, nickname, logo, even magazine. Our club has a long, interesting history going back to 1894 as Swifts FC. The Executive considers that we want to celebrate the Karori /Swifts part of our heritage as well as the Waterside one. The project will look at logo, colours, name, and develop the club history. A number of possible logos were drafted. This is the currently preferred one. If you have some artistic talent and desire to create some options that would also be welcome.

We'd appreciate your feedback on the logo –  
**Existing logo**



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**Executive proposed replacement logo**



**What do you think ? Please email me your thoughts by 21 February.**

Love the new one !	Yes, we should change logos but this isn't it.	I really like the existing logo!
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**WANTED ! - Memorabilia – Stories – Photos - Information !**

To write the club history we want to lay our hands on all possible information. That includes oral history, stories, memories, photos, old magpies, documents, anything may be useful. Everything obviously can be scanned and returned to you. We will be wanting to interview people too.

We also want more football 'stuff' in the clubrooms. If you have anything (photos or other memorabilia) that you think would be good in the clubrooms please let us know that too.

**Annual General Meeting**

As football becomes increasingly a 12 month of the year operation, we have moved the financial year end to 31 December. AGM's will now be held pre winter rather than post. This year's AGM will be held on **Monday 1 March from 7.30 at the clubrooms.** Please come and support your club, and make sure it's being run the way you want it to be.



Women's football is growing fast making football even more truly the World Game ! Feb 15-21 sees coaching courses, NZ women football stars visiting schools and clubs across NZ - the works. This is the chance for **women and girls to get involved** as players, coaches, referees....

The Wellington programme is as follows:

Capital Football					
Girls Football Festival	Nairnville Park, Ngaio Wellington	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Open (5-14yrs )	Cliff Bowden <a href="mailto:cliff@capitalfootball.org.nz">cliff@capitalfootball.org.nz</a>
Intro referee course(s)	Home of Football and/ or specified clubrooms	tba	tba	Parents	Jamie Cross/Helen Mallon <a href="mailto:jamie@capitalfootball.org.nz">jamie@capitalfootball.org.nz</a>
Visits to girls' schools	Various	15-18 Feb	tba	5-15 years	Andy Hedge <a href="mailto:andy@capitalfootball.org.nz">andy@capitalfootball.org.nz</a>
Small Whites	Seatoun FC	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	6:00-8:00pm	Parents	<a href="mailto:johank@nzfootball.co.nz">johank@nzfootball.co.nz</a>
Small Whites	Upper Hutt FC	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	6:00-8:00pm	Parents	<a href="mailto:johank@nzfootball.co.nz">johank@nzfootball.co.nz</a>
Small Whites	Karori FC	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	6:00-8:00pm	Parents	<a href="mailto:johank@nzfootball.co.nz">johank@nzfootball.co.nz</a>
Small Whites	Lower Hutt FC	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	6:00-8:00pm	Parents	<a href="mailto:johank@nzfootball.co.nz">johank@nzfootball.co.nz</a>
Small Whites	Kapiti Coast FC	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	6:00-8:00pm	Parents	<a href="mailto:johank@nzfootball.co.nz">johank@nzfootball.co.nz</a>

## **Grounds**

Poor drainage on **Karori Park** has been a real frustration for us all over the last 4 years. Since winter City Council has put a lot more drainage and irrigation (to promote grass growth during summer) onto the number 1 senior ground. It looks to be much improved, and fingers crossed it'll also perform in colder winter weather.

Over the next two years Council plans to extend irrigation and improve drainage across the rest of the Park.

Work was also done to improve **Kaiwharawhara Park** late last year. The old club building has now been demolished. Council will soon upgrade the old changing facility and toilets at the northern end of the ground. That contract is expected to run March- April for 4 – 6 weeks, so portaloos will be provided temporarily. The changing room will be enlarged, toilet and two showers and storage provided.

## **Artificial Turf**

City Council started building its 2<sup>nd</sup> artificial turf in December above Te Whaea (the Old Show Buildings). Completion is due early May. This one is full size where Nairnville is only ¾ size. It will allow some competition at night during the week, something Capital Football asked players about a couple of years ago. 5 further full size pitches are currently planned over the next 8 years around Wellington. We continue to advocate for an artificial in Karori. We need artificials to cope with growth in player numbers, and critically to allow training and the certainty of match play. It would be fantastic to consign cancellations to history! Go and check Nairnville out – with clean boots please! Also please keep letting your councillors know (gently) that you'd like artificials sooner rather than later. The other great advantage of artificials is the ability to play football during summer.

## **Summer Football**

During the summer the Junior part of the club has run **High Performance** and **Summer Skills** programmes at Nairnville and Ian Galloway with 150 children involved.

The **Coaches Academy** is delivering coaching skills to mostly young coaches from our club, Onslow and North Wellington. Those coaching skills are already coaching teams within and outside the club, including two Marsden College teams.

## **Early Season Action coming up.**

Our two Masters teams, the Turtles and Fossils, warm up for winter on the artificial turf at Nairnville in an 8 a side tournament running for 8 weeks from 6 February.

Our Mens Premier and Second teams kick off on 21 February at the Hilton Petone tournament.

Our women defend their Stop Out 7's title on March 6 and 7th.

They'd all appreciate your support.

**Senior Winter leagues start Easter Weekend.** At this stage because all grounds won't be ready for winter sport at Easter weekend, we aren't sure whether all games will be played Saturday/Sunday. It seems likely many teams will play Monday.

I've previously suggested to Capital Football that there would be merit in playing Easter weekend games on Fridays or Mondays rather than the traditional Saturday/Sunday so that people wanting to get away during the weekend could still play and get at least 3 days away. What do you think?

**Junior Winter league starts weekend of 17/18 April.**

## **WANTED !**

Karori Park Sports Club (KPSC) needs **treasurer/one more committee member**. KPSC is jointly owned by WKAFC and Karori Cricket. It's not an onerous job. If you have some skill with numbers and/or want to put something back into our club please let me know.

## **U21 and Girls Only Football**

A new innovation last year from Capital Football was an Under 21 League designed to cater for players leaving college who maybe aren't premier or reserve team standard, but find it hard to fit into some of the more settled older teams. We want to keep people active and in our game. We would again like to enter a team. Just to get you interested, Capital Football charges only half what it does for senior teams! If you are interested please contact Warwick Jones [juniors@wkafc.co.nz](mailto:juniors@wkafc.co.nz).

The other innovation was the girls only league at Under 8, 10 and 12 years, playing Sundays on the Nairnville artificial. The biggest growth area in football is certain to be in women's and girls football. Year one was a great success. If you want to be involved again please contact Warwick.

## **Volunteers Wanted – Senior part of club especially !**

We are a big club, probably just the biggest in the whole of Wellington City, in any code. We have a solid volunteer base in the junior part of the club, but we could definitely do with a few more hands up from the senior side of the club. It's that little bit extra that will keep the ship going, and allow us to achieve a lot more. Please email me on [andy.foster@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:andy.foster@wcc.govt.nz)

### **News in Brief**

#### **Mobile senior goal posts**

We plan to purchase another set of mobile senior goal posts to allow us to rearrange pitches at Karori Park to spread wear and tear better.

#### **Subs**

No change is again proposed for senior or junior subs this year despite a rise in Capital Football junior subscriptions.

#### **Grants**

We could not run the club as we do without the support of very significant grants from NZ Community Trust. A huge thank you to NZCT. We are also very grateful for the support from other Trusts including Lion Foundation (new lights at Kaiwharawhara and Cue Sports).

#### **Karori Normal School project**

We have contributed to a project to put lights in at Karori Normal's for training purposes. The next stage (resource consent) awaits Board decision by the school.

Looking forward very much to getting on the pitch – and please, please, give us a yell if you're willing to help out in any way.

**Andy Foster**  
**Club Chairman**