



## “WHATS UP” DEC NEWSLETTER 2021

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# Welcome everyone to “Whats Up”

So another year is coming to an end and the 2021/22 summer season is underway. The new pitch looks fantastic and it will be great to see it in full action soon.



This year we welcomed our first Affiliate Member, Wellington Niu Rugby League. A great addition to the membership and they have settled into the facility and proud to call Ricoh their new home.

Good news is that the Wellington Phoenix Academy will be staying at Ricoh and hopefully the addition next year of the Wellington Phoenix Womens Academy.

Some good “and bad” news is that our lovely Tash is going to become a Mum in May 2022 and will be going on maternity leave from early May. I will advise you all nearer the time of Tash’s replacement.

We have expanded our team recently and we are now a team of 5. We welcomed Dale Jenness and Malaya Reihana Gibbs who have settled in really well as facility administrators working 20 hours each a week.

Again Covid has dominated many of our challenges this year and confirms that ‘change’ is the new norm. We have shown we have the ability and willingness to adapt and move forward together.



The below article was sent from the UK and is a very very good read I thought I would share with you all.

*The Coronavirus (Covid-19) has had a significant impact on life as we know it, and community sport and physical activity are no exemption.*

*Community sports need to adopt a new mindset and learn a new skill set - taking the best from successful social enterprises and the hospitality sector. They have to recognise that sport operates in the experience business and that it is competing for people’s leisure time and money and has to attract people away from online shopping, watching Love Island, apathy, etc. by providing better experiences for each*



customer segment.

*Life is changing and community sport has to change with it. Or even better - if you listen to people and their lives you should be able to anticipate the changes in their needs and wants. You can then adapt your offering and service so you are always that half a step ahead.*

*These changes include that many of us have been more active outdoors and in more informal settings and that the number of apps and other digital technology solutions have boomed. Unfortunately, we are also witnessing a widening in health inequality where the inactive and disengaged groups have become even less active.*

*So, what can our sports bodies and clubs and gyms and leisure centres learn from these developments?*

*The first step is to acknowledge that these trends are accelerating and that they are here to stay. No, we will not go back to “the way things were”, with changing work patterns, massively increased use of technology, growth of social exercise/small sports happening all over the place.*

*We are also seeing a resurgence in the whole thinking around that sport and physical providers must become better at “listening to people’s lives” and provide services and experiences that are relevant to different types of people. High-pressure spinning classes may be great for 25-year old fitness fanatics whereas ‘walking and knitting or singing’ is more likely to appeal to 60+ females.*

*The second step is to throw away the rule book. Too many places/clubs/bodies are run by the ‘diehards’ who want things to stay the same, partly because they are afraid of change. Why can’t our football providers organise family football festivals? Our supermarkets should organise doggy walks starting and finishing in their car parks. Our housing associations could set up sports equipment libraries for residents (this is happening in Roskilde, Denmark)...the list of options is endless.*

### **Build back better**

*It’s time for a rethink and re-set for providers of community sport and physical activity. In many countries, the traditional leisure facilities are therefore facing considerable financial pressure, whilst workout-at-home brands like Peloton, Nautilus and NordicTrack are reporting massive increases in the number of subscribers, cycling is becoming increasingly popular (In the UK there is a shortage of bikes) and Amazon and Google are joining Apple and many others in launching fitness apps and videos. We are also an increase in the number of people joining traditional sports clubs but in more flexible ways. In Denmark, they are seeing many families joining clubs but as part of an ‘exercise community’ which has proved popular with females who won’t/can’t commit to regular classes. We are also experiencing golf clubs where people don’t have to join as members but simply buy say, 100 points, where a round on Saturday costs, say, 10 points whereas a round on a Monday afternoon only costs 4 points. We are also experiencing a growing number of non-sports bodies, such as housing, patient associations and social enterprises delivering physical activity programmes to residents, patients and clients, respectively. Many of our sports and leisure centres could benefit from. Does the average community sports club really welcome overweight people with underlying health conditions? Does the fitness enthusiast want to (re)join their studio/centre when they have now taken out a \$50 per month subscription to Peloton? Can the family which has been used to doing family sport in the back garden join your place as a family? Family football or cricket, anyone?*



# CAFÉ, BAR, RESTAURANT

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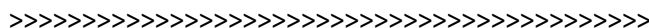
Its great to have our new Hospitality Contractor on Board. Welcome to Ian He and his family. You will meet Ian’s partner Michelle, their children Vicki, Dillen and Jing and a lovely wee grandson Lucas. Ian is trading as Fraser Park Hospitality Limited. He brings a great deal of hospitality experience to the facility and is building an awesome team of people around him. Next year we will see a very different operation within the hospitality side of the business with our new Bar Manager, Darrell Bennett (also a qualified Chef and cocktail specialist) who will introduce some great menus, entertainment and will work with the Clubs to ensure we all have many fun hours at Ricoh. E: parksidecafe2021@gmail.com



## XMAS HOURS

The team will be taking a well earned break and the facility will be closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December reopening on Saturday 8th January 2022.

For anything urgent during this time  
E: [liz@fpsportsville.org.nz](mailto:liz@fpsportsville.org.nz) or call on 021529759.



# CLUB NEWS



## Taita Cricket

It has been a very damp start to the season with three rounds cancelled because of inclement weather. However our Premier team at the time of writing is on top of the grade and looking to replicate last years achievement of making and winning the one day final set down for 24<sup>th</sup> of January.

I am pleased to advise Taita has a new “Wellington Firebird”- Nick Greenwood made his debut in the 4 day Plunket Shield, One day and T20 this season, this is a great outcome for one of our most talented batsman. We wish Nick all the very best as he starts out on his first class career.



## Xmas Party

Taita Cricket and Dodgers Softball are hosting a Xmas Bash on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December from 6pm

- Great music
- Raffles
- Spot prizes
- Light nibbles
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It would be great to see all members of both clubs plus players and supporters of the other founding member clubs join us to celebrate Xmas 2021.



## Playing for Taita

If you or anyone you know is interested in playing cricket for Taita from juniors, social to premier level please contact Taita Cricket at [taitacricket@gmail.com](mailto:taitacricket@gmail.com)

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## Lower Hutt City Football

Looking forward to a busy 2022 season.

### 2022 Events

- Central League, Men's Capital Premier and Capital 1 competition starts | Weekend of 26 March
- Capital 2-4 & Masters starts | Weekend of 2 April
- All other Men's Senior Football leagues starts | Weekend of 9 April
- Kelly Cup starts | Weekend of 26 March
- W-League and Women's Capital Premier starts | Weekend of 23 April
- Women's 1-3 starts | Weekend of 9 April
- Junior season starts on the weekend of 7th/8th May



## Hutt City Squash

We welcome all new members interested in playing or trying out squash.

Squash is a year-round game that members can enjoy either as individuals just playing each other, by joining regular social competitions, leagues, inhouse and interclub competitions; there is an option for everyone.

The regular competitive season starts March 2022 finishing around October 2022; however, the courts are available and open 7 days a week and members can play any day of the week 52 weeks of the year. <https://www.huttcitysquash.co.nz/joinus>



## Dodgers Softball

Unfortunately due to Covid Dodgers had to cancel its 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee for the second time (bring on our 80<sup>th</sup> year celebrations).

Not to completely miss important milestones our President Mens Team – Dynamo's celebrated 40 years with a celebration dinner, lots of drinks and fine company. Our Major B women – Diva's also took the opportunity to have a reunion for their 30 years.



Dodgers Dynamo's 2021



### **Xmas Party – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – at Ricoh**

Dodgers will be celebrating Xmas this Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a sausage sizzle for our Dodgers juniors (and the team they play), bouncy castle for the little ones and Santa may even make an appearance.

Hutt Valley Dodgers and Taita Cricket are also collaborating and having combined Christmas Drinks at the Ricoh Centre Saturday 18th December 5.30pm.

We look forward to seeing all our teams and family come together. Remember you must be double vaccinated (and show your pass) to use the club rooms.

Dodgers will be drawing the Xmas raffle at 6.30pm.

There are 9 draws

6x half hams

2x meat packs

1x Xmas hamper

The 2022 season will restart on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for Seniors and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for the juniors.



Dodgers under 5 Pandas little league team coached by the club President with the third generation of the family starting

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# OUR BOARD

Our Fraser Park Sportsville Board, headed by Chairman Colin Stone, have had a full on year focusing on governance and building a bright future for Ricoh Sports Centre. We are very privileged indeed to have such a highly skilled voluntary Board and for our Management Team a support network we can totally rely on. Our last 2021 Board Meeting takes place on the 13<sup>th</sup> December and the Board will kickstart 2022 in February. Board Members email: [board@fpsportsville.org.nz](mailto:board@fpsportsville.org.nz)



Colin Stone (Chair)



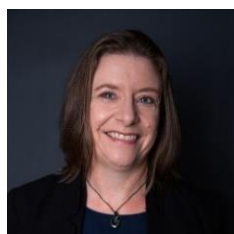
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## FPS STRATEGIC PLAN

### OUR PURPOSE

Fraser Park Sportsville exists as a sport, recreation and social hub that enables our member clubs and the local community to thrive “on and off the field”

### OUR VISION

Thriving clubs and a connected vibrant local community

### OUR VALUES

**Respect** – we treat all people with respect in every interaction.

**Integrity** – we are honest, transparent and committed to doing what’s best for our stakeholders and the community.

**Inclusion** – we value diversity and support and enable this through the services we deliver

**Sustainability** – we operate in a manner to ensure a long-term sustainable business for the benefit of our stakeholders and the community

# FRASER PARK SPORTSVILLE THANKS

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