

Merry Christmas



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN



MARTIN BELL



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Merry Christmas from the Executive Committee

2012 has once again been a good year at Western Springs Football Club. We have all enjoyed a reasonably uninterrupted season of football and off the field a full year in our stunning new clubrooms.

The club finds itself in a strong position moving forward and the Executive Committee has worked hard to ensure the Clubs position is secure in preparation for the *"next phase of development"*.

Early December we see the start of "Round Two" of the facilities development with the laying of the artificial turf. Covering two full size pitches and a training area, this is set to further transform the club. On completion, Western Springs will have a world class facility almost solely for the enjoyment of year round football. I would like to recognise in particular Zoran Jerkovic for all the long hours he has put into this project. It is the intention that we make the most of the new fields and facilities by developing closer relationships with neighbouring schools, communities and surrounding facilities. By sharing what we have here, we hope to be able to access additional fields and facilities not previously available to us as a club.

2013 will also see a focus on getting as many existing members of the club back playing or training

at Seddon Fields with no weather interruption and expanded training times, additional Friday night and Saturday game time slots. Much in the way that Junior football has helped transform Friday nights at Seddon Fields, imagine the atmosphere of a Friday 7pm or Saturday 5pm kick off just off the deck of the clubrooms!

In the recent months, the Senior and Junior Club have been collectively looking at creating a clear Junior to Senior Player pathway. It is a key issue for a club looking to develop its own home grown players. Look out for an announcement on this mid January.

The Western Springs Football Club would cease to function if not for a lot of time given freely by an awful lot of individuals. Not just those that involve themselves on the committees but the grade coordinators from the 6th through to the 17th grade, the coaches, some of whom take more than one team, the managers of the Junior and Youth teams, and of course the players who proudly wear our strip.

At Western Springs there are now somewhere around 2,000 of us, and growing!

All the best for the festive season and a very Happy New Year.

Regards

Martin Bell





MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR CHAIRMAN



Hi all,

With the season well and truly behind us, this is my last official job as Chairman before I step down. In doing so, I would like to thank a few people, who like myself, do not do the job for money, but for the love of the club.

The first group are my fellow Committee Members. You may not know who they are, or what they do, but they are always behind the scenes doing little things here and there. By doing this, it means everybody else can enjoy the football and socialise in the great facilities the club now has to offer.

The second group are the Coaches and Managers. Without them to look after the teams, making sure they have the right gear, the fees are collected or the fines paid, most teams would not exist. The time and effort they put in is truly outstanding (and I know from personal experience) sometimes a right pain!

I would like to thank all the players who turn up every week, often in awful weather, to put on the green and white hoops and represent the Club. Because of you, the Club is what it is today.

Finally, to our loyal supporters, who deserve the most credit for being there week in, week out, cheering from the balcony and even travelling away—to you goes a big thank you.

I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I look forward to seeing you all back again next year.

Here is a little something for Christmas:

“I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying “toys not included.”

Mario





MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR/ YOUTH COMMITTEE



Merry Christmas from the Junior/Youth Committee

As we start thinking about what we are going to eat on Christmas Day, football may be far from your mind! We can however let you know that planning is already in place for next season and it will be a major year with the installation of the pitches starting today! This is a great result and you can read about this more in the following article. It is good to see that there are always games taking place down at Seddon, even through the summer season and this goes to show that football is slowly becoming an all year round sport, rather than just an option for the winter season. I believe the volume of kids that want to focus more on football more than any other sport will only increase as we see ongoing successes in our National teams. Also in terms of Western Springs and its new pitches, we want to make sure we are making the most of this great facility and ensure we are offering plenty of options for you to enjoy your football. In retrospect, 2012 was another great season for the Club, with a number of

successes on the field across all of our grades. For those that are unaware, the numbers at the Club show no signs of declining and we ended up with 118 teams across Junior and Youth grades which is just massive.

I would finally like to thank the Junior Committee for their efforts through the year—Joanne Powell, Grant Russell, Guy Chadwick, Al Best, Tony Bullen plus Paul Rutland and Geoff Brogan for their ongoing enthusiasm. As mentioned in our Youth Prizegiving (which was a great event!!), we do need some support in the marketing and sponsorship space, especially with the pitch instal, there are a number of opportunities that we do not want to miss out on. If you are able to help out in this area, even for a short period, could you please call Michael Hope on 021 349 315.

Once again, have a great Christmas and see you in the New Year!!

Thanks
The Junior/Youth Committee...

Michael Hope



Stop the Press!! Work Commences on World Class Pitches at your Club... Western Springs AFC!

It is with a great deal of excitement that the Committee can now announce that work has commenced on the installation of two full size pitches and two training pitches at Seddon Fields. As background, this is a major coup for the Club with Western Springs picking up the bulk of Auckland City Councils funding for 2012/2013 in terms of artificial pitch installation. This was down to the hard work of the Committee over the past two years involving submissions to a number of Councils, ongoing meetings and discussions with key Council members to achieve this fantastic result. While the Committee started with a discussion around one pitch, to end up with the final result shown is a major achievement. This will mean that combined with our new facilities, Western Springs will have the best facilities offered in the country. What you will see at the Club this week is the erection of temporary fencing as work commences on the project. This is a Council led project and they have awarded the contract to Wilkinson Civil Ltd. They will be setting up the site this week including fencing around the whole of the Seddon #1 and 2 fields so that excavation can commence. The work is currently estimated to

take around 24 weeks and should be completed in early May 2013, however we will ensure that Club members are informed of on-going changes as they arise. While there may be some disruption to the beginning of the next season, this is a bit of short term pain for a great gain and we do expect this to be minimal! In term of the construction, the Designers of the project are Harrison Grierson who will carry out project management and site observation. Specifically the installation will result in two full size fields at 100m x 65m and two junior fields 50m x 32.5m, plus an upgrade in our lighting to international game standard. The Council has also completed the

tender for the installation of the turf and this has been awarded to Greenfields SportsTurf Systems and you can view other projects of theirs at the following web-site <http://www.greenfields.eu/>. The pitch itself is MX-60 Evolution and will be installed to a Fifa 2 rating. With this change we will have the option of having increased training at our home ground, plus football played at Seddon Fields rain or shine. The general frustration of Seddon fields with cancellations should be a thing of the past! Congratulations and thank-you once again to those involved in this project, we will all be looking forward to stepping out onto these pitches in the New Year!





MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR CLUB CAPTAIN



I'd like to start by thanking Mario Campbell on behalf of the Club Members for all his efforts as Senior Club Chairperson. Mario has given the role his all and although he steps down as Chairman, he will continue on as a value Senior Committee Member. Thanks Mario!

We should thank and congratulate **Mark Evans** for taking on the Senior Club Chairperson role. Mark is a top bloke and should be another great Chairperson. Mark and Mario both play for the Over 35 Geris so watch for them playing when the Geris next feature on the main pitch.

It looks like Santa will be bringing us a new set of artificial turf pitches for Christmas. With all the consents now sorted, the fences for the construction should be up by the time you read this. This will be great for the club as it will allow for more teams to train and play at

Seddon Fields. We also get match quality lighting and better use of the available space (ie. bigger pitches). It will also improve summer soccer as the grounds won't wear and the ground won't harden out.

It's been fantastic to see all the youth players enjoying the Summer comp on Monday afternoons. Some of the football has been really good to watch and it's a time when the joy of playing is highlighted. It's also great to see the Women's Competition up and running on Thursday nights. I'm sure this competition will become more and more popular each year. There is only one more week of the Soccer Seven's Competition to run before the Christmas break, so it won't be long before Christmas is upon us.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Tony





WSAFC AGM

The WSAFC AGM was held on Monday the 3rd of December at the clubrooms.

The meeting was chaired by Martin Bell, Executive Chairman and included reports from Martin on the Overall Club, Junior Club Chairman Michael Hope, Senior Club Chairman Mario Campbell and Executive Treasurer Grant Russell.

This was Mario's last report as Senior Chairman as he was stepping down after serving for 3 years. The club would like to note it's appreciation for Mario's service as Chairman. Mario has offered to stay on the Senior Committee and his vast experience will be welcomed in a variety of roles in the next year. The role of Senior chairman for the 2013 will be served by Mark Evans who has stepped up to the role after a couple of years' service on the Senior Committee.

All other positions were filled by incumbents so their remains a good level of stability in the governance of the Club for the year ahead.

Grant Russell presented a draft of the Statement of Financial position which showed a small surplus for the operating year which he was satisfied with.

TAURANGA LADIES TOURNAMENT 2012 BEST DRESSED AWARD WINNERS



Congratulations to the Western Springs Women's team for winning the Best Dressed Award.

Clothes designed and handmade by Becs Stitt and Jo Kennedy.

A very appropriate theme for this issue!
Well done girls!!



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WSAFC Major Sponsors



Major Men's First Team Sponsor Peter Baker Transport are back as our major Men's First Team sponsor for the 2012 season!

For any new client that signs up with PBT this year, which has an affiliation with WSAFC, they have generously agreed to give a percentage back to the Club.

Any new clients or queries should be addressed to Scott Sheppard at ScottS@pbt.com.



We are very pleased to announce that Bayleys Real Estate Maritime Square are back on board as a Major Sponsor for the club for the 2012 season.

Their very generous contribution to the club is reflected in branding and signage for the Men and Ladies First Team.

Bayleys are pleased to be able to offer all WSAFC members an opportunity to support their local club by way of a \$1,500 donation for every property which is listed exclusively and sold by Bayleys Real Estate Maritime Square.

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