



WATERSIDE KARORI JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB JUNIOR CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2008 (to 31/12/2008)

Annual Awards in 2009

Wilf Glover spoke and presented awards at Club's end of season Coaches and Managers event. Congratulations: The Lanes– Best Manager Helen Gibbons, G13 Cobras; Alan Moore Junior Champions Best Full Sided – Grade 11 JPL; Wilf Glover Best Coach Charlie Cordwell; Karori Swifts Best Small Sided – Grade 9 team the Raptors, coached by Charlie Cordwell; Tisdall Cup Most Improved Team Award = Grade 11 JPL team – the Keas.

Introduction

In 2008 there were 700 registered junior and youth players, aged 5-19 years, in 73 teams. Three other teams played at Wellington College Football Club. Playing weekends were interrupted by wet weather. Holiday programmes delivered high quality skills and entertainment to 200 children. The Club was run by volunteers numbering over 200 Coaches and Managers, 25 Convenors and Coordinators in Committee and Coaches Academy Board.

The Club operates because of our many Volunteers. Coordination of Gear, Grounds and Events are vital to services delivery. Thank you.

The three youngest grades played at Karori Park in the internal player development programme and there was sufficient space, just, for training and competitions to take place for all.

The vision of our Club rooms facility operating as a place to meet, learn, train, hang-out and go for delicious food and café has a way to go for fulfilment. We're clear the operating model is good. The facilities are excellent.

Football delivery and improvements have focussed on using our capacity to coach coaches, thank you to our coaching development professional and high quality coaching from many dedicated coaches both parents and Coaches Academy. We provided referee and coaching education with NZ standardised qualifications backing. Holiday programmes to develop football skills were again a high priority for April, July and the summer period. We began a very successful 'High Performance Players' programme with selected players. The advances in coaching have been through working with neighbouring clubs Onslow and North Wellington with close collegial work and shared inspiration. We began to lift the demands on even higher quality coaching from the Coaches Academy coaches and coach assistants.

Purpose of the Junior Club

These themes continued to guide Club efforts:

- *more highly skilled footballers attracted and retained in the beautiful game, and*
- *performance with a winning edge*

Our goal is to enable and provide enjoyable football experiences for young players, with technical skills developing at the rate of the best development seen anywhere.

Review of 2008 and Advances Made

HPP – the High Performance Players Programmes.

3C-CDC – the three Clubs Coaching Development Coordinator full time role – we initiated this, funded, recruited and governed well. We enjoyed support from NZCT – Thank You!



Club is financially sound. We invested in accounting systems to ease reporting workload on our volunteers.

Our end-of-season get together for Coaches and Managers was a resounding success and looks set to be repeated. Our Coaches Academy with support from strengthened Coaches Academy Advisory Board continued to grow in coaching quality and experience.

We invested in new equipment and gear more than in previous years and are looking to replace old strip and gear in 3-4 seasons. We have a gear inventory and gear superbly looked after between seasons and stored exceptionally well. Thank you Heather Baldwin for your work and support.

Grounds coordination was superb and our player photographs event was the best we have ever had! Thank you Natasha.

The **Selectors Panel** for grades 10-13 was once again pleasing to see as it delivered independent service.

Karori Cup was back at home in 2008 (Upper Hutt tournament) after competitive play at Awakairangi Park.

Top Grade 12 players in the region got to represent NZ in New Caledonia. An ongoing programme. Karori was well represented in district and federation academies.

Congratulations to you all.

The **U19s age group** programme has a long way to go as it contributes to building a powerful pathway between Juniors and Seniors in WKAFC.

Thank you NZCT. The funding application process further improved with acquittal completion in Dec 08. The whole Club received funding for playing and training

equipment and support of club and 3-Clubs coaching programme.

The results of improved coaching, innovations with development programmes and smaller-sided games should begin to show in Karori Club results. We'll test that in 2009.

The Club will continue and develop the 3C-CDC relationships and full time role/s in the Coaching Development Coordination and promotion of girls football as well.

The Club places a high priority on quality coaching and will continue to develop programmes and exchanges with neighbouring Clubs that help us learn from best practice and push boundaries.

The Junior Club initiated a **federal structure** for WKAFC as a whole which is delivering pleasing results. Objectives: (1) improved player development and retention pathways (2) equitable access to resources and facilities to engage and benefit all players and the community (3) equitable approach to community funding based on our whole player population and (4) representative communication from WKAFC to the wider community (WCC, Capital Football included).

The whole Club is looking to introduce a logo that works for all and connects us with our history.

Communications of regular 'coaches and managers news' and regular opt-in member news is advancing and we look forward to this working in 2009.

Volunteers are the source of our operation. We intend to do more to understand, interpret and reward volunteers in the Junior Club.

Warwick Jones, Chairman
WKAFC Karori Junior Football Club