



Franklin United

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2021 was a rebuilding year for Franklin United after an Academy reset at the end of 2020. Under Mark and Ben's guidance I believe that the Football Academy made huge improvements over the 2021 season. I believe that under Mark's full control and with the quality of coaches that Mark has assembled for 2022 the Academy is well set to take another huge step forward in 2022.

I would like to thank Pukekohe AFC, Drury United Football Club and Tuakau Soccer for their continued support and the shared use of their facilities during the year. Without your support Franklin United would not exist.

I would like to thank the Franklin United Board members Bruce Ireland, Angela Yuksel, David Pivott, Stuart Ruddell, Darren Soroka and Jim Evans for their support and effort in guiding Franklin United during 2021.

I also thank Ben Fletcher and Mark Holt, and their teams of coaches, managers and assistants for their work in delivering Football at such a high standard in the Franklin Area. Ben had a very successful year in the Women's space and Mark has set new standards for the Men's teams and Youth Academy which has resulted in a new high achieving culture within the Men's senior and youth spaces.

With Ben Fletcher taking up a new role at Ellerslie AFC, Mark Holt has stepped in as the Talent Centre Programme Manager as well as continuing his role as Men's first team coach.

Henry Fa'arodo has moved from a part time position to a new full-time position, to assist with the Youth talent centre, run the Holiday programme and continue with his strength and conditioning role at the Club.

Reaz Moorad has moved into a position on the Board to provide a liaison between Mark and his Football delivery team and the Board.

Tam Cramer while coaching the U23 Reserves team has extended his role to include social media management.

I believe that these changes will bring a much greater cohesion between the Coaching team and the Board moving forward and allow us to deliver an improved and well communicated Football development programme. I believe that our Football Talent Programme will flourish under Marks guidance, and I look forward to seeing its growth in the future.

I wish Mark, Henry, Reaz and Tam well in their new roles this year and I look forward to the playing season ahead. I would like to thank the senior players, academy players and parents for putting their faith in Franklin United. Franklin United is still in its development phase as a Club and the Board are working hard with the resources available to deliver the best possible outcome for all Players and Coaches. I look forward to the continued progress that we will make during the 2022 season.

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