

Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Subject: Chairman's Report  
Our 2019-2020 Tag Season In review.**



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Its been an interesting season like no other with the world wide covid-19 Pandemic putting us into Lockdown several times and like many amateur sports with a fragile income source we would not have survived and everything we had built over the last 10 years would have been lost to this changing world. It was fortunate that we had been able to complete our 3 Big tournaments, Junior and senior nationals and the Junior Oceania weeks before the country went into lock down, giving our players the competitive sport they love to play away from module and also the financial income we needed to see us through the pandemic. The Trans-Tasman series with Australia due commence in April 2019 was postponed with a view to it taking place in September 2019 when a bubble with Australia possibly opened. This did not occur, and the series was postponed again until April 2021 at which point a final decision would be made on its viability. Australian players were up for loosing their chance for International representation as age limits would changing and their cyclical selection would mean new players would become eligible. On top of this there would be a financial issue with 250K potential loss in airfare and accommodation costs. (though outside this report period the Trans-Tasman is set to go Ahead now in September 2021 with exemptions for age issues due to Covid-19 and thus limiting financial loss.)

The Tag world cup in Ireland in 2020 was also postponed and its status is still unknown as covid-19 still has boarder closures and the unpredictable future.

The Following months after the three big tournaments April through to October "Module off season period" usually involving the Schools programme was also affected with the schools closing and then on re opening allowing limiting contact with outside organisations. Claude and the administration team were kept busy with the Administration issues including Sport NZ sanctioning which was held up due to Covid-19 and Sport NZ revising their criteria after a review.

Our first funded Development officer programme involving before, lunch and after school tag programmes in the Mangere, Otahuhu and Papatoetoe areas was supported by CLM through the Kiwi Sport funding arm. Daniel Caddy was interviewed and selected to deliver this short 10-week programme. However, after getting commitment from the schools and starting the programme it was disrupted by Covi-19 and the Lockdown weeks into its delivery. It became stop start with the schools opening and closing again. Its true potential to get kids to play tag and engage in exercise was not for filled due to Covid-19. Hopefully this can be attempted again and expanded to other areas once there is certainty.

We have got to say a big thank you to Sport NZ for a life saving grant made available to emerging and amateur sports during the Covid-19 Lockdown. With out this and the Governments salary assistance grant for salary workers we would surely have been close to closing shop.

We had made a new capital purchase during the 2019-20 season and prior to Covid-19. A new vehicle for our sole salaried employee, freeing up the old vehicle which was to be utilised by the contracted development officer on his or her school visits.

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The NZTFI executive would like to thank all our members (Module Co Ordinator's) for having faith and sticking with NZTFI as other off shoots of the game start up in competition to NZTFI thinking they can do better. Together and with your support we will continue to pursue NSO (National Sports organisation) recognition for "Our" game. The executive would also like to thank all the Regional Co Ordinator's and Nation Co Ordinator's for also staying with NZTFI and we appreciate your loyalty under sometimes trying circumstances.

Yours in Tag.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darryl Bovaird'.

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