

Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Subject: Chairmans Report 2020-2021 Season**



It's been a short turn around since our last AGM for 2019-2020 and we still find ourselves dealing with the world wide covid-19 Pandemic putting us into Lockdown again just after the recent AGM, putting both our AGM Calendar and current season in jeopardy and causing the postponement of the season but that is for another day and next year's report. Fortunately, the 2020-21 module season and tournaments were able to operate without interruption allowing the players to participate in their summer sport of tag. I would like to thank those Module coordinators for their continued support and a huge thank you to those who have been coordinating the National Regions and Nations for their respective tournaments, the senior and Junior Nationals and Junior Oceania.

With the cancellation of the Trans-Tasman series due to covid-19 after several Postponements and the Postponement of the World Cup to 2023 it is hoped that a Senior Oceania Tournament can take place in 2022. The Trans-Tasman series will be looked at in 2022 and may take place if viable and travel restrictions don't apply between New Zealand and Australia.

Our College Schools programmes continued throughout the 2020 year leading into 2021. These included the AAIMS Intermediate and College Sports Secondary Schools programmes. At the same time the administration team under Claude have been working on the Sport New Zealand application, the Business Plan 2021-2022 and 5-year Strategic Plan 2021-2026. These are all a works in progress and will be covered off in next years report as they should all be finalised and agreed to by the executive committee in this current financial year.

As a result of an issue with our 2021 Junior Oceania Cup, Players in the Senior Competitive grades became non-competitive at the end of day 2. The issue meant the draw for finals day could not be completed without unfair biases to teams that had missed a quarter final game due to it not taking place due to a referee shortage not foreseen. (Injuries are beyond our control). Though the competitive nature was taken out of the senior grade's teams, they had more games and players were given a pro rata refund.

As a result of this NZTFI called for a high-level independent review after this event. This is being Conducted by Freeman Associates limited and should be available in the 2021-22 season.

Once again, our financial viability was at issue and our reserves have been able to keep the door open and things ticking over through this Covid -19 crisis with funding avenues not being readily able to support our sport. These reserves will see us through to the end of 2021 where we await government direction on large outdoor gatherings which are vital to ongoing survival through our tag events. This could become an issue if these events cannot take place in 2021-2022.

We made a new capital purchase during the 2020-21 season a motorised Polaris tractor to assist the ground staff at our tournaments to more easily set up, take down, manage rubbish and traffic control as well as transport referees and medics as required around our large Pulman Park base.

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As we look to the future it is unclear how things Tag will look as Covid-19 continues to dominate the landscape, you can be sure that the Administration team led by Claude and backed by the executive will keep everyone informed how things will operate in these uncertain times from Tournaments to Schools programmes and growing the game around the regions. Most decisions will be based on guidance from the relevant government agencies and we will be led in particular by Sport New Zealand along with other amateur sports on how events need to be structured and run.

I would like to thank all the NZTFI team from Claude leading the team at the front office, the executive members, our members the Module co Ordinator's. On behalf of the executive I would also like to thank all the voluntary Regional Co Ordinator's and Nation Co Ordinator's for their time and effort during these surreal times for putting in the time and effort on behalf of their players.

We look forward to a full 2021-2022 Season and hope everyone stays safe and well.

Kind regards,

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

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