



A special event to celebrate girls and women's football in Aotearoa



Friday April 1, 2022 | kick-off 6pm

FRIENDS OF FOOTBALL'S **ALL STARS** V **MAGS**

Mount Albert Grammar School Girls Team

Auckland United FC
Keith Hay Park



www.friendsoffootballnz.com



About Friends of Football

Friends of Football is an independent group of people with a common interest in sharing their love of the 'beautiful game' and its rich and proud history as the globe's most popular team sport.

We're passionate about protecting and promoting the positive aspects of the game to others — young and old — and the benefits it provides to the wider community.

Our organisation (we're an incorporated society) was founded in 2013 by former All White Brian Turner.

Since then, we've been active, primarily in Auckland where most of our members are based, promoting and supporting football-related events.

In time, we hope to build membership in other parts of New Zealand.

Our vision

We'll create opportunities for people to share their love of football without boundaries of age, colour/ethnicity, gender or status.

Our mission

To promote the positive aspects of football as widely as possible, particularly among young people.

To foster fellowship and a love for the game among friends spanning all spheres of football — playing, administering, officiating or supporting — from the cradle to the grave.

Our goals/objectives

Help the game: To harness knowledge and information about football through the skills and experience of our members for the benefit of the game in New Zealand.

Heritage: To protect the heritage of the game in New Zealand.

Recognition: To recognise and acknowledge publicly those who have made a significant contribution to football in New Zealand.

Friendship: To foster friendship and collegiality through social and business networking opportunities between members and others.

Support: To get behind football in New Zealand, and to lend a helping hand to those who need our help.

How to join

Membership of Friends of Football is open to anyone who supports our group's goals and objectives.

We have a \$40 joining fee which entitles you to perpetual membership — there are no annual subscriptions.

Details on how to join us can be found at our website.

Look for 'join' on the site's menu.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.FRIENDSOFFOOTBALLNZ.COM

'Welcome to a special game of football.'



Introducing the Friends of Football's women's All Stars team ...



ON BEHALF of Friends of Football, I'd like to welcome you to a special game of football.

Tonight's match is the first by our women's All Stars team. They will play the girls' team from Mount Albert Grammar School.

We're grateful to Auckland United for hosting this historic match.

The All Stars are a squad of players who have all played football to a high level.

For some, this means representing New Zealand Secondary Schools or New Zealand Universities; most have played for our national age group teams; many have played for our Football Ferns. Some have played more than 100 times for New Zealand.

Tonight, these players have gathered for another game of football.

They are doing so for a number of reasons.

First, they love a game of football and want to play with their mates — with the friends they have made over many years.

Second, they want to entertain. They will play for the sheer fun of it, expressing themselves on the pitch.

Importantly, they hope to inspire the next generation of young women players.

We hope there'll be players in the MAGS team who will remember this game as a turning point. Maybe it will be the game that inspired them to dream of what they can achieve through football.

Or maybe it will remind them of the friendships they've already made,

friendships that might also last a lifetime.

The origins of our All Stars team go back to the 1970 and 1980s when a former England international, Ken Armstrong, established a team in Auckland called the Corinthians.

They were former internationals, with a few guest players, and they played exhibition games against Auckland college teams.

Armstrong, a strong advocate for women's football, named the team after a London club of the same name which is credited with popularising football in the 19th century.

The club was famed for its ethos of 'sportsmanship, fair play and playing for the love of the game.'

Today, the term 'Corinthian spirit' is widely used to describe the highest standard of sporting behaviour.

Friends of Football have set out to establish men's and women's All Stars teams, who will play with the Corinthian spirit envisaged by Ken Armstrong.

Tonight, Ken's granddaughter, Bridgette, is among the All Stars team.

We hope all the football community will embrace our All Stars teams. Come and watch us play. Tell your friends about us.

Join Friends of Football.

Our aims are to promote football, protect the game's New Zealand heritage and to seek ways to foster friendship.

Cathleen Bias

— Secretary, Friends of Football



Emma KETE
Forward
Fern

Rachel HEAD
Defender
NZ U-20

Meet the Friends of Football All Stars



Hannah WALL
Forward
Fern



Melissa RAY
Forward
Fern



Martine PUKETAPU
Forward
Fern



Kirsty YALLOP
Midfielder
Fern



Jasmine PEREIRA
Forward
Fern



Marlise OOSTDAM (right)
Defender
Fern



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Caitlin CAMPBELL
Midfielder
Fern



Maia JACKMAN, MNZM
Defender
Fern



Katie DUNCAN
Midfielder
Fern

Meet the Friends of Football All Stars



Corina BROWN
Goalkeeper
NZ U-20



Rosie WHITE
Forward
Fern

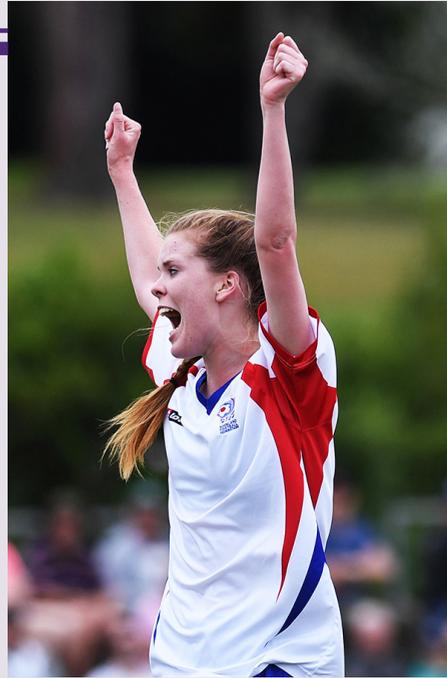


Bridgette ARMSTRONG
Defender
Fern



Tess MURPHY
Defender
NZSS & NZ Universities

Chloe KNOTT (right)
Midfielder
Wellington Phoenix
Captain NZSS



Tayla O'BRIEN
Forward
NZ U-20



Pip MEO
Forward
Fern





Members of the Friends of Football men's All Stars after a game against Auckland's St Peter's College.

Our men's All Stars are getting ready to play again

OUR FRIENDS OF FOOTBALL men's All Stars team will re-launch in 2022 after a two-year break forced by COVID-19 disruption.

The team played two games in 2019, against Westlake Boys and St Peter's College. These high-scoring and entertaining matches created a strong desire to move to a programme of at least six games in 2020.

Unfortunately, the pandemic got in the way and we're currently bringing together a squad to carry on from where we left off.

The men's squad included high profile All Whites such as goalkeeper Jacob Spoonley, midfielder David Mulligan, and wing backs Ian Hogg and Chad Coombes.

Other squad members included age group internationals and national league players such as Louie Caunter, James Pritchett, Emmanuel Darkwa, Kris Carpenter, Nick Forrester, Sam Jasper, Darren White, Anthony Hagan, Liam Mulrooney, James Debenham, Judd Baker and Damien Mosquera.

Three of the squad (Pritchett, Mulrooney and Coombes) are coaching in the Northern League and Lotto NRFL competitions this year, indicating the degree of their commitment to helping young players.

Friends of Football's dark blue men's strip bears our logo and our players wear light blue socks as a show of our support for Blue September, the annual campaign by the Prostate Cancer Foundation of NZ to raise awareness of the need for men to test for the disease.

Our choice of light blue socks also serves as a tribute to our friend and Blue September campaigner Steve Sumner who lost his life to prostate cancer in February 2017.

Watch our website for upcoming fixtures for our men's and women's All Star teams — we're looking forward to making these games regular events

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A FORMER NZ U-20 international is leading an ambitious global project that uses football to change the way people view the world.

Andrew Aris, based in Germany, is the founder of an international non-profit organisation called Spirit of Football and its work has won support from world leaders and football luminaries including Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp who is their Fair Play ambassador.

Spirit of Football's latest project is The Ball — a plan to carry a football from London's Battersea Park (where the world's first football match took place) to Auckland for the opening of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup. It's football's answer to the Olympic torch, except the journey of The Ball is more inclusive, giving everyone the chance to help it along its way.

The Ball will be kicked, headed, caressed and signed by thousands of people across the planet.

Since 2002, SoF (an education and advocacy not-for-profit organisation) has taken balls around the world to five World Cups.

The ball leaves the UK after a kick-off festival at Battersea Park on Sunday July 10 and its journey will be used to promote

**'Imagine The Ball is
at your feet
— what would you
do with it?'**

gender equality and climate action.

In line with SoF's values and the aims of The Ball project, their team plans to use balls (about 2,000 are used) made from recycled leather and wear apparel and footwear made from sustainable materials.

Through Friends of Football, Andrew Aris is seeking expressions of interest from schools, clubs and football organisations keen to participate when The Ball arrives in New Zealand in July 2023.

Rather than suggest specific ways the community can get involved, Aris poses the challenge:

"We always say: 'Imagine The Ball is at your feet; what are you going to do with it?'"

Please contact Friends of Football if you want to participate.

Email: secfof@gmail.com



FRIENDS OF FOOTBALL ALL STARS

Bridgette ARMSTRONG
Corina BROWN
Caitlin CAMPBELL
Katie DUNCAN
Rachel HEAD
Maia JACKMAN
Emma KETE
Chloe KNOTT
Pip MEO
Tess MURPHY
Tayla O'BRIEN
Marlies OOSTDAM
Jasmine PEREIRA
Martine PUKETAPU
Melissa RAY
Hannah WALL
Rosie WHITE
Kirsty YALLOP

Coach

Katie DUNCAN

Team managers

Claire HAMILTON

Cathleen BIAS



MT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Alisha BRAUN
Hannah BROCK
Natalie BROOK
Milly CLEGG
Mia CROFTS
Maia LYTHE
Stella NOLA
Madi OLIVER
Roxy PERSSON
Sophia DE PLEDGE
Holly RENNELL
Neveah RHODES
Rosie ROBSON
Carrie SOUTHGATE
Willa STEPHENS
Anika TODD
Sharon TOMOKINO
Maya VINCE

Coach

Kate INWOOD

Girls and Women
PLAY. DREAM. LIVE.