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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our regular newsletters for 2025 - We hope the information we bring you fortnightly on this newsletter helps you remain engaged and well informed about the club. If you need more instant information we recommend you follow us on social media - our pages are listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

Just as a reminder in our previous newsletter we covered the following topics:

1. Tāmaki League fixtures
2. Ellerslie AFC AGM
3. This Weekend
4. Michaels Ave Community Centre
5. Member Offers
6. Shoutouts
7. First Team fixtures this month

If you wanted to find out more about any topics we covered in previous newsletters (including 2024 newsletters) you can click [here](#) and looking at our newsletter archive.

For today's Newsletter we have a few topics to cover:

1. Carpark Reminder
2. Good Sports Initiative
3. Sponsorship Announcement - Five

4. Ellerslie AFC AGM - Reminder
5. Tamaki League - Girls Only team update
6. Live Q&A with Francis de Vries
7. Member Offers
8. Shoutouts
9. First Team fixtures this month

Thanks for reading our newsletter, we appreciate your support!

Cheers
Tim Adams

Chairman - Ellerslie AFC

CARPARKING AT MICHAELS AVE

We know it gets busy at times at Michaels Ave with carparks - but we are pleading with members to try and navigate around this with care for other people - it can be tempting to park on yellow lines or in a disabled spot if you are running late or you are only going to be parked for a few minutes - but these actions amplified over the course of a busy evening or morning of football have roll on impacts.

One car parked for example on the hill on the Elwood place carpark where it's yellow lined on both sides to allow traffic both in and out of the carpark can have a really bad impact on traffic flow - the same for people who are parked in their cars in disabled spots waiting to pick up someone - as these bays are used not only by the people who need them the most but for people to turn around when they are not in use by those with the disabled car park access card.

For Matchdays when the parking is at it's most premium we recommend allowing a little more time than usual and if the parking is full perhaps try parking at Liston Park where there is heaps of parking and it's only a 5 min walk from Michaels Ave Reserve.

EAFC Committee

GOOD SPORTS INITIATIVE



At Ellerslie AFC, we're proud to introduce a new initiative to recognise and celebrate the positive behaviours we want to see in football. Each week, with support from our friends at Meadow in Meadowbank, we'll be honouring one player from each youth team (boys and girls) as our "Good Sport of the Week." This isn't about being the best player on the field – it's about demonstrating the values that make a great teammate and person: sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership, effort, and a positive attitude.



Coaches will select their Good Sport Player after each game, and they'll receive an ice cream voucher from Meadow as a small token of appreciation. We'll be sharing the names of our Good Sports each week on our social media channels, so be sure to check out this week's Good Sports by clicking on the image to see our social post.



club agm

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Ellerslie Football Club Inc. shall be held as follows :

Thursday, 5th June 2025

6:00pm

Michaels Ave Community Centre, Michaels Ave Reserve, Ellerslie

Contact · secretary@ellersliefootball.org.nz



NEW SPONSOR - FIVE

ELLERSLIE WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

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Ellerslie AFC are excited to announce a new major sponsor for the Women's First Team — please welcome [@five.newzealand](#) to the club!

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GIRLS TĀMAKI LEAGUE HIGHLIGHT | U8/U9 GIRLS HAHN



U8/U9 HAHN



Maya Hahns video

At Ellerslie, all of our Girls Only Tāmaki League teams have been named after notable kiwi football players, who are doing great things for the game. We believe having a reminder of the role models we have in New Zealand football is great for our youngest female players.

Before the season began, we sent out an overview of each player our teams are named after, so the girls know exactly who they can embody and strive to be as they take the field.

This set one team in particular on a journey of their own, finding out more about Maya Hahn and her playing history. Their team manager reached out to her and Maya was kind enough to send back an inspiring video message to the team! (click on the image above and to the right to see the video on our facebook page)

This is exactly what we were after when we named all our teams, and Maya Hahn just gained 7 new little football fans! The team has enjoyed a great start to the season and are now feeling extra motivated to keep improving and having fun.

FRANCIS DE VRIES Q&A

Many young players dream of making it in football

Between trainings, games, and school, it's not always easy to know what's really needed to help them thrive.

That's why we're inviting you to a special free live virtual interview with All White and Auckland FC player Francis De Vries - a unique opportunity to hear how he navigated the path from grassroots to professional football.

You'll learn:

- Career journey – How he got started, big decisions, biggest lessons
- Mindset – Staying focused, handling pressure, mental skills
- Playing overseas – Adapting to new cultures and teams
- Training & recovery – What his weekly routine looks like
- Advice for young athletes – What he wishes he knew earlier
- Setbacks – Injuries, losses, and how he bounces back
- Goals – What keeps him motivated
- Head Start Coaching – Why he started it, what it's about, and how it helps youth athletes

Opportunities like this don't come around often - especially one that your child can join from the couch.

Date: Sunday, July 13, 7pm

Location: Online (Zoom – link provided after RSVP)

Cost: Free for all

- ✓ To join, either fill in the google form by clicking on the above image
- ✓ or email us at info@thegamechangerhub.com and we'll send you the Zoom link.

MEMBER OFFERS



Join the Friends of Ellerslie Partnership today!

Ellerslie AFC and Ellerslie YMCA have been busy over Christmas and the New Year period sorting out this amazing deal for Ellerslie AFC members - this deal which has a significant discount (30% off) for a 3 month membership which enables users to access both YMCA Ellerslie and the YMCA Lagoon facilities.

The deal also includes a payback model to the club, for every membership sold the club will collect a small payback which will be used in our player development space to keep the amazing services we offer at the lowest available price point.

If you are looking for a quick blast in the gym to get ready for the middle of winter then please check out this amazing offer by clicking on the image above or scanning the QR code - full deal details below:

Special Membership Price: Access a special rate of \$220 for 3 months, a significant saving from the regular price of \$312. Thats a massive 30% discount!

Full Facility Access: Enjoy full access to The Y Ellerslie's welcoming fitness centre, including top-notch gym equipment, group fitness classes, and qualified staff.

Pool and gym access included: Your membership also includes access to The Y Lagoon Pool Facilities, featuring another gym, swimming pools, and aquatic fitness classes.

Community Connection: Be part of a supportive and motivating Ellerslie community that encourages a healthy and active lifestyle.

We're giving back to your club: Each membership earns rewards for your organisation, club or business which can be used to benefit your club!

INTRODUCTION TO JASON @ SPINEWORKS

New local Chiropractic practice now located at Michaels Ave Leisure Centre next to the YMCA reception.

Local Chiropractic Jason Payne has now opened a small practice serving the local community conveniently based next to Ellerslie FC. Offering holistic family-based care with a background in high performance coaching and athlete development. Chiropractic can help with corrective care, postural alterations, injury rehab, back and neck issues, headaches, general wellness, and sports performance.

Jason hopes to work closely with Ellerslie AFC and the supporting community looking to get themselves back track and running at their best in the off-season and preseason. Discounts for members on initial consultations and ongoing care, free advise anytime. Feel free to book in online for a **free spinal assessment** on the on the website below, mention you are a member of EAFC in the notes, or just call into the practice for a chat to learn more about the benefits of care or advise on any existing injuries.

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SHOUTOUTS



PLAYER MILESTONE | MOST CAPPED PLAYER

Big shoutout to Men's First Team captain Seb Poelman who last weekend became the most capped player for Ellerslie* taking the position from Women's team legend Deb Tutty.

Seb has now played 173 times in the First Team for his boyhood club.

*since stats kept – 2007

INTERNATIONAL CALLUP | BEN PEREZ BALDONI

Congrats to Ben Perez Baldoni who with his U16 New Zealand team finished 2nd in the FIFA Youth Series in Switzerland earlier this month - Ben got a goal and was named as the player of the day in the game against Guatemala.

Click the picture to see more

[#UpThePonies](#)
[#InternationalPonies](#)
[#FallinLoveWithFootball](#)



FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

WOMENS FIXTURES

june.

west coast rangers (a)
FRI 6TH JUN 19:30 KICK OFF

western springs (h)
SUN 15TH JUN 15:00 KICK OFF

eastern suburbs (a)
SUN 29TH JUN 13:00 KICK OFF

Gebrüder Weiss
Transport and Logistics

WOMENS FIXTURES

MENS FIXTURES

june.

north shore utd (h)
SAT 7TH JUN 17:00 KICK OFF

takapuna (h)
SAT 14TH JUN 17:00 KICK OFF

northern rovers (a)
SAT 28TH JUN 15:00 KICK OFF

THOMPSON

MENS FIXTURES

Full draws found here:

[Women's First Team](#)

[Men's First Team](#)



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Follow us on social media for updates on fixtures, results and to see goals etc - also if your team has a bit of content you would like to share get in touch with us on chairman@ellersliefootball.org.nz or tag us in on your platform of choice.



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