Kia ora koutou katoa

The last 12 months saw the reconnection with our sport after two years of uncertainty and adversity. We were finally able to return to our first full year of hockey and we got to see the resilience of our clubs and wider community supporting our sport around the country.

There were a few firsts for us in 2022, new hockey events and some changes to how we have traditionally played the game. We held our inauguaral Matariki event, we celebrated our first Junior Festival of Hockey and we introduced the Senior B grade as a part of our National Club Championships. These all being underpinned by our goals to create more opportunities to play the game, build pathways for our players and support the shift in how we think and behave around how we engage within our sport.

A big focus for us going forward over the next year is around building on these principles and continuing to strengthen what we do by encouraging courageous leadership, accountability for how we care for our members and embracing change.

We will continue to see more change with our new conference system, coach and player development, supporting the strengthening and development of women’s hockey and continuing to employ the balance is better philosophy across our sport to help further instil that different way of thinking. Our goal is to be better across all aspects of our sport.

We appreciate that the change from what we have always done can be daunting, however, we hope that you will be willing to give change a chance and continue on our collective journey to see our sport succeed.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thankyou you all for your efforts over the last year and look forward to your continued support as we navigate through the next one.

Nāku noa nā

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