

# Playing the name game

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THE naming of Wellington's A-League football franchise is creating plenty of interest, with an entire school class offering its views and one person suggesting 30 names. *The Dominion Post* sports department was flooded with e-mails in the past week when we asked readers for their suggestions on what the new team should be called.

We received more than 250 ideas for franchise names and many names were put forward by more than one respondent.

Taita Central School's Area 9 class of 6 to 8-year-olds volunteered plenty of suggestions, and while they were certainly colourful — ranging from the Ninja Knights to the Wellington Monkeys — most readers yesterday preferred more traditional names.

Wellington AFC,

Wellington FC, FC Wellington and Wellington City FC proved popular, with about 90 per cent of respondents still preferring to have either Wellington or Capital in the name, though there was a sprinkling of support for a nationwide approach.

Wellington Wanderers and Cosmos were the most popular with respondents while other names to feature well included Tornados, Dukes, Wizards and Wellington Boots.

"Under no circumstances should the name be a

gimmicky one like the Phoenix, Whirlwinds, Wasps, Mercury, Thunder or Hornets", wrote Jarrod Clyne, who liked New Zealand United or New Zealand FC.

"Such names are pathetic attempts at creating a culture and atmosphere, and are similar to franchises in United States sport — the end result is utterly soulless."

Wellington or Capital Cosmos figured several times, with the wide range of ethnic backgrounds in Wellington —

including the Greek heritage of owner Terry Serepisos — being a major reason.

"This encompasses the cosmopolitan feel of the region along with the Greek flavour that should suit the owner and likely bulk of the supporters," wrote Glenn Calder.

Representatives from the new team are expected to finalise a name within the next week and the complete list of readers' ideas has been forwarded to the franchise.

## YOU HAVE SPOKEN

This week we asked what Wellington's A-League team should be called.

On this page we list all the suggestions.

- Aotearoa Athletic
- Aotearoa Ramblers
- Aotearoa United
- AoteaRovers
- Athena Wellington
- Beehive Boomers
- Capital Aotearoa
- Capital Bees
- Capital Blast
- Capital Breeze
- Capital Canes
- Capital Cannons
- Capital Carnival
- Capital Cats
- Capital Centurions
- Capital Chargers
- Capital (City) Chasers
- Capital Cheetahs
- Capital City Crushers
- Capital City Football Club
- Capital City Force
- Capital City Pirates
- Capital City Quakers
- Capital City Shakers
- Capital City Storm
- Capital City Wanderers
- Capital Coasters
- Capital Coast Cyclones
- Capital Cobras
- Capital Comets
- Capital Cool
- Capital Cosmos
- Capital Cruise
- Capital Crushers
- Capital Culture
- Capital Daze
- Capital Expenses
- Capital Footballers
- Capital Force
- Capital Flyers
- Capital Gains
- Capital Jolts
- Capital Korus
- Capital Lions
- Capital-New Zealand
- Capital Punishment
- Capital Rangers
- Capital Riot
- Capital Rippers
- Capital Roar
- Capital Quake
- Capital Serpents
- Capital Shooters
- Capital Socks
- Capital StallioNZs
- Capital Strikers
- Capital Tacklers
- Capital Tigers
- Capital Titans
- Capital Tornados
- Capital Towers
- Capital Trophies
- Capital United
- Capital Wellington
- Capital Wellington AFC
- Capital Wellington United
- Capital Wipers
- Capital Wizards
- Central Cats
- Central City United
- Central Coast Cyclones
- Central Districts FC
- Central Giants
- Central Gladiators
- Central Incredibles
- Central Jaguars
- Central Rovers
- Central Strikers
- Centurions
- Century City
- Century City Dolphins

- Century Shooters
- Century Wellington
- City Enforcers
- City Slickers
- Dynamo Wellington
- Football Breeze
- FC Wellington United
- Force
- Greater Wellington
- Harbour City
- Harbour City Dynamos
- Harbour City FC
- Harbour Hawks
- Heartland NZ

- Sparta Wellington
- Strait Fury
- Strait Shooters
- Taniwha NZ
- Tasman Clippers
- Tasman Flyers
- Tasman Islanders
- Terry's Giants
- Terry's Mob
- Terry's Yellow Brigade
- Terry's Tornados
- Terry's Vikings
- The Capitals
- The Capital Letters

- Wellington Capitals
- Wellington Cardinals
- Wellington Central Stags
- Wellington Central Stallions
- Wellington Centurions
- Wellington Century FC
- Wellington City Century FC
- Wellington Chargers
- Wellington Chase
- Wellington Chocolate Brownies
- Wellington (City) Chasers
- Wellington City
- Wellington City Cardinals
- Wellington City Cavalry

- Wellington Jacksons
- Wellington Jazz
- Wellington Jets
- Wellington Jet-Streams
- Wellington Jolts
- Wellington Kaha
- Wellington Kings Football Club
- Wellington Tigers
- Wellington Lightning
- Wellington Lookouts
- Wellington Magic
- Wellington Mana
- Wellington Mighty
- Wellington Mercury
- Wellington Moccas
- Wellington Night-Clubbers
- Wellington Ninja Knights
- Wellington Orcas
- Wellington Passion
- Wellington Phoenix
- Wellington Pilots
- Wellington Politicians
- Wellington Poneke
- Wellington Power
- Wellington Pride
- Wellington Quicks
- Wellington Ranges
- Wellington Razorbacks
- Wellington Rippers
- Wellington Roar
- Wellington Rockets
- Wellington Rocks
- Wellington Rovers
- Wellington Rush
- Wellington Serpents
- Wellington Soccer Sharks
- Wellington Spartans FC
- Wellington Speed
- Wellington Spirit
- Wellington Sprint
- Wellington Stallions
- Wellington Strikers
- Wellington Taniwhas
- Wellington Teamsters
- Wellington Te Papas
- Wellington Terriers
- Wellington Thrillers (Thrill)
- Wellington Tigers
- Wellington Tornados
- Wellington Thunder
- Wellington Troopers
- Wellington United
- Wellington Waka
- Wellington Wanderers
- Wellington Wardens
- Wellington Warlords
- Wellington Wasps
- Wellington Watersiders
- Wellington Weather
- Wellington Wetas
- Wellington Whack
- Wellington Whalers
- Wellington Whatu koura
- Wellington Whips
- Wellington Whirlwinds
- Wellington Wind
- Wellington Windbreakers
- Wellington Windwards
- Wellington Wingers
- Wellington Winners
- Wellington Wild
- Wellington Wildcats
- Wellington Wipers
- Wellington (City) Wizards
- Wellington Wolves
- Wellington Wolverines
- Wellington Wombles
- Wellington United
- Wellington's Yellow Dragons FC
- Wellington Zephyrs
- Zealandia



- Iron Dukes
- Kapital Kool
- Kiwi Blaze
- Kiwi Jazz
- Kiwi Rocks
- Kiwi Thunder
- Kiwi United
- Koru Crests
- Koru Crowns
- Mana Wellington
- Nicks
- NZ Capital United Football Club
- New Zealand Comets
- New Zealand FC
- New Zealand Mercury
- New Zealand Phoenix
- NZ Football Pirates
- NZ Power
- New Zealand United
- Poneke Mana
- Poneke Maori
- Poneke Pirates
- Poneke Wellington
- Riviera Pacific
- Roaring Forties Clippers
- Roaring Forties Flyers
- Rock City Shakers

- The Centurions
- The Inter-Islanders
- The Kiwi Pride
- The New Zealand Alchemy
- The Phoenix
- The Power
- The Rumble
- The Southern Capitals
- The Tsunami
- The Wetas
- Thorndon Bureaucrats
- Upthejafa United
- Wellington
- Wellington Anchors
- Wellington Athletic
- Wellington Bandits
- Wellington Bees
- Wellington Blackbacks
- Wellington Blades
- Wellington Blast
- Wellington Blaze
- Wellington Bombers
- Wellington Boots
- Wellington Booters
- Wellington Breeze
- Wellington Bulls
- Wellington Bumblebees

- Wellington City Chevrons
- Wellington City Centurion
- Wellington City Cyclones
- Wellington City FC
- Wellington City Stars
- Wellington City Turbines
- Wellington City United
- Wellington Connection
- Wellington Comets
- Wellington Cosmos
- Wellington Cyclones
- Wellington Dragons
- Wellington Dukes
- Wellington Energy
- Wellington Engineers
- Wellington Explosion
- Wellington Ferries
- Wellington Fever
- Wellington Fire Chiefs
- Wellington Fish Heads
- Wellington FC
- Wellington Flyers
- Wellington's Giants
- Wellington Gumboots
- Wellington Heat
- Wellington Hellcats
- Wellington Hornets