



**MANAWATŪ
RUGBY**

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



**BRINGING OUR
COMMUNITY TOGETHER
THROUGH RUGBY**

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Hollyrae Mete
2024 Cyclones Player of the Year
and Fiao'o Fa'amausili Medal winner



WHO MADE IT HAPPEN

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TE TINI A MAUI CENTRAL MĀORI RUGBY - MANAWATŪ REPRESENTATIVES

DAMIAN PEETI

TE ANA WAIHI

CHAIR'S REPORT



As we reflect on 2024, we recognise that it has been another challenging year for Manawatū Rugby, but one that has also brought several encouraging signs of progress and opportunity for the future.

We continue to navigate the complexities of provincial rugby in New Zealand, where we are not only working to preserve and strengthen the grassroots of the game but also being impacted by the growing commercialisation and globalisation of rugby at the highest levels.

Rugby in New Zealand finds itself at a crossroads. On one hand, we need to ensure the long-term sustainability of the grassroots and community game, which has always been the lifeblood of our sport. On the other hand, the Teams in Black, and in particular the All Blacks' brand continues to expand, and the expectations for funding and performance at the highest level of professional rugby are intensifying. As a provincial union, we exist in the space between these two forces. We are neither fully professional nor purely grassroots; we occupy a space where we must simultaneously support local talent while providing a pathway towards for talent from this region to participate and excel at the national level.



The financial challenges we faced in 2024, including a reduction in New Zealand Rugby funding and decreased sponsorship revenue, have only made this balancing act more difficult. As Nelson Mandela once said, "Rugby has the power to inspire, it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does." In Manawatū, we continue to see the power of rugby to bring our community together, but the need to invest in both the high performance and grassroots sides of the game has never been more urgent.

The MRU Board's strategic focus remains on the long-term sustainability of rugby in our region. Last year, we introduced a new strategic framework that has been guiding the Union's direction, including the Pathways Strategy, which focuses on developing local talent and creating an environment that attracts high-calibre players and coaches aspiring to perform at the highest levels. Whilst the economic environment continues to present challenges, we are committed to ensuring that rugby remains accessible to everyone, regardless of personal circumstances. We must also continue to drive participation across all levels, as we recognise the vital importance of growing both our players and volunteers for the game to thrive.





A significant achievement this year was the successful appointment of Doug Tietjens as our new CEO. Doug's leadership style, combined with his depth of experience, has already started to make a positive impact on the Union. We are excited to work with Doug and the team to ensure our strategic plan is brought to life, and to strengthen the relationships with key stakeholders and commercial partners. The management team, under Doug's guidance, remains committed to delivering on the Union's goals and objectives, ensuring the continued growth of rugby in Manawatū.



From a financial perspective, 2024 has been a tough year. We made the difficult decision to purchase vehicles outright using the Silverlake funds made available to all provincial unions in 2023, as we faced a significant shortfall in vehicle sponsorship. In addition, our financial accounts include a fair value reduction in land and buildings, in line with reporting requirements. Despite these financial challenges, we remain focused on maintaining a responsible approach to managing our resources.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support from our local businesses and the wider community. Their contributions remain vital to the success of the Union, and we are deeply grateful for their continued commitment to rugby in Manawatū.

In closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the MRU Board for their professionalism and dedication throughout the year. Their collaborative efforts are key to the Union's ongoing success, and I am confident that together, we will continue to strengthen rugby in our province.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us along the way. We are focused on creating a strong future for Manawatū rugby, and with your continued support, we will continue to inspire and unite our community through this great game.

Bertus Mulder
Manawatū Rugby Union Board Chair

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



After 12 months in the role, I want to thank everyone who supported the Union throughout 2024. The year has involved many highlights, and I must first mention the Cyclones'

outstanding season and their successful competition win, which makes us all proud.

We are in a rebuilding phase with substantial work ahead, which excites us as we progress towards our 2028 goals. Changes have been implemented in 2024, and will continue into 2025 and beyond, which may be challenging but offer opportunities for our Union and province. It is important to be transparent about the Union's current state, which still requires considerable work from both the team and the wider community. Throughout this time we will continue to uphold our values:

- MAHIA TE MEA TIKA - "DOING WHAT'S RIGHT RATHER THAN WHAT'S EASY",
- O MĀTOU HONONGA - "OUR CONNECTIONS",
- KIA MĀIA, KIA MANAWANUI - "BELIEF AND DETERMINATION"

People

He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata – We extend our appreciation to everyone who contributed in 2024, acknowledging the efforts of Manawātū Rugby supporters. Thanks to all staff, board members, committees, volunteers, partners, trust funders, and major partners including Go Media, Best Care Whakapai Hauora, Gallagher Insurance Brokers, Paladin, Higgins Concrete, PTS, McDonald's Manawātū, Iplex Pipelines, Tranzit Coachlines, Palmy Ag, McIntosh Cranes, George Hospitality, Totalspan, UCOL, Plumbing World, Telcospec, Palmerston North City Council, Naylor Lawrence & Associates, Property Brokers, and Distinction Hotel. Special thanks for the renewed partnership with Higgins Concrete who came back on our board in 2024. Additionally, gratitude goes to Mainland Foundation, NZ Community Trust, Pub

Charity, Central Energy Trust, Grassroots Trust, One Foundation, The Lion Foundation, and Trust House.

Acknowledgment to Manawatu Rugby Centurions, Manawatu Rugby Evergreens, Life Members, Dave Rennie, Joe Schmidt, Christian Cullen, Mark Stafford, Kurt Baker, Hadleigh Parkes, Grant Smith, Waid Crockett, and the PNCC team for their support. Numerous contributions, both large and small, have significantly impacted our Union throughout the year. When combined, these contributions have been very powerful and are greatly appreciated.



Successes and Highlights

Our vision is bringing our community together through rugby. Some notable achievements include:

- Cyclones' success: The Cyclones had an outstanding season, demonstrated by successfully winning the competition.
- Feilding High School First XV and MANUKURA First XV's accomplishments in the Top 4 National First XV Championship. MANUKURA First XV showcased remarkable resilience and teamwork, culminating in their victory at the Top 4.
- Palmerston North Boys High School 1st XV being among the top 8 rugby schools in New Zealand.
- Growth in participation numbers across all levels of rugby, including a 27% increase in female players and a 10% increase in male players.



·Talent in the Turbos for 2024: The Turbos showcased incredible talent in 2024, with a number of players reaching higher honours. We showed the talent with impressive performances against Wellington, Taranaki and Hawkes Bay which show we have the talent to compete in the NPC. We are delighted to welcome Wesley Clarke as the new Head of Performance Rugby and Turbos Head Coach, bringing his wealth of experience and leadership to our team in 2025.

·Successful introduction of the Turbos and Cyclones games at Massey.

·Kia Toa winning the Hankins Shield, overcoming adversity with the fire at the start of the season to their clubrooms, Marist claimed the Prue Christie Cup, and congratulations to other club teams in 2024 for their success.

·The launch of our first all girls Ripa grade (which included five teams) and the first girls team in our intermediate development programme. Both initiatives have the potential to attract more girls to our game going forward.

· The Adopt a Cyclone programme saw Cyclones players refereeing junior rugby. The Adopt a Turbo programme had Turbo players helping at junior club trainings and running water on a Saturday.

·Higher honours – A special mention to those players,

management, and volunteers who have reached higher honours in 2024 whether that be through the Teams in Black, Super Rugby or representative rugby. It is a huge privilege to achieve this honour, and we are all proud of your achievements.

Challenges and Opportunities

Despite our successes, we face significant challenges, particularly in achieving financial sustainability. We must lead change for Manawātū Rugby and work with New Zealand Rugby and our community, addressing these challenges head-on to ensure we are relevant for our community and positioning ourselves for those opportunities. We will continue to innovate and adapt, in line with our core value to MAHIA TE MEA TIKA.



The Path Ahead

Looking ahead, we are dedicated to engaging with our community, clubs, sponsors, fans, and stakeholders, recognising the importance of this commitment in alignment with our value of O MĀTOU HONONGA. Our primary focus will be on the bringing the 2024 – 2028 Strategic Plan to life, fostering a rugby environment throughout our province, and uniting our community through rugby in alignment with our vision.

Lastly, I want to finish by expressing my deepest gratitude to the Manawātū rugby community for their hard work and dedication. I am enthusiastic about the opportunities that lie ahead and know we will need to continue to KIA MĀIA, KIA MANAWANUI through the next 12 months.

Doug Tietjens

Manawātū Rugby Union Chief Executive Officer

OBITUARIES

ROGER OSCAR CLAUSEN

Manawatū Men's Representative #1018

Club: Kia Toa

Roger played five games for Manawatū as a flanker in 1965. He was awarded the Queen's Service Medal for community service.

Died in Palmerston North, October 17 2024, aged 81.

DONALD ROSS FORGIE

Manawatū Men's Representative #1119

Club: Te Kawau

Donald was a replacement first five-eighth for Manawatū in one game against NZ Universities in 1975.

Died in Tauranga, March 26 2024, aged 72.

WILLIAM GEORGE 'BILL' NAIRNE

Manawatū Men's Representative #901

Technical Old Boys

Bill appeared at first five-eighth or fullback in 16 games for Manawatū between 1956 and 1959.

Died in Tauranga, November 21 2024, aged 87.

PETER JAMES NORTHCOTT

Manawatū Men's Representative #922

Feilding Old Boys

Peter played 34 games for Manawatū at first five-eighth between 1957 and 1960. He also appeared for the Manawatū-Horowhenua combined side against the 1959 Lions.

Died in Maungaturoto, March 4 2024, aged 85.

LEO PAHL SMITH

Manawatū Men's Representative #979

Marist

Leo played four games for Manawatu in 1962.

Died in Cromwell, September 16 2024, aged 87.

BERNARD PATRICK OLIVER

Manawatū Men's Representative #1163

Marist

Bernard played two games for Manawatū at lock in 1981. He was a brother of Frank and Paul.

Died in Canterbury high country, March 20 2024, aged 63.

PAUL TUIALA SCHMIDT-UILI

Manawatū Men's Representative #1335

Marist

A wing/centre, Paul played 22 games for Manawatū and 12 for the Central Vikings between 1995 and 1998. Paul played sevens for New Zealand in 1998. He also represented Wellington and North Harbour, giving him a total of 47 first class games.

Died in Lower Hutt, March 3 2024, aged 53.

HADYN SMITH

Hadyn served as Manawatū Rugby Chief Executive from 2005 to 2008, having previously been the Chief Executive of NZ Softball. Hadyn led the Union when the men's representative team returned to the top flight of provincial rugby and became the Turbos.

Died 19 April 2024, aged 65.

HECTOR CYRIL WRIGHT

Manawatū Men's Representative #967

Club: Technical Old Boys

Cyril played at fullback for Manawatū in 40 games between 1961 and 1966. He represented the combined Manawatū-Horowhenua team in 1965 and 1966. Cyril also represented Manawatū in cricket from 1961 to 1974.

Died in Palmerston North, September 9 2024, aged 83.



HONOURS

NATIONAL TEAMS

Black Ferns

Kaipo Olsen-Baker
Layla Sae

All Blacks Sevens

Jayden Keelan

Black Ferns Sevens

Sarah Hirini

Māori All Blacks

TK Howden

Fiji (Men)

Isaiah Armstrong-Ravula

Samoa (Men)

Iakopo Mapu

Samoa (Women)

Sosoli Talawadua

Tonga (Men)

Taniela Filimone

Ireland (Women)

Molly Scuffil-McCabe

New Zealand Sevens Development Men

Jai Tamati

New Zealand Sevens Development Women

Maia Davis

New Zealand Under 20

Mosese Bason
Vernon Bason
Sam Coles
Logan Wallace

Fiji Under 20

Moses Armstrong-Ravula

New Zealand Schools

Alani Fakava
Peni Havea
Bradley Tocker

New Zealand Under 18 Sevens Boys

Rupeni Raviyawa
Bradley Tocker

New Zealand Under 18 Sevens Girls

Taufa Bason
Maia Davis
Te Maia Sweetman

New Zealand Māori XV

Elyjah Crosswell

New Zealand Māori Under 18 Boys

Ryder Crosswell
Clark Sutcliffe

New Zealand Māori Ngā Mareikura

Lashaye Blake
Eva Rose Dean
Keira Mete-Renata
Tayla Seng
Te Maia Sweetman
Kingston Taiapa
Danica Talitonu
Emerald Tuhiwai-Poulson

New Zealand Barbarians (Men)

Logan Love
James Tofa

New Zealand Barbarians Under 18 Boys

Alani Fakava
Peni Havea
Dane Johnston
Rupeni Raviyawa

New Zealand Barbarians Under 18 Girls

Taufa Bason

New Zealand Universities

Julian Goerke
Dylan Hall
George Jacobs
Josh Taula*

SUPER RUGBY PACIFIC

Hurricanes

Brett Cameron
TK Howden
Brayden Iose
Josh Taula*
Raymond Tuputupu
Jordi Viljoen

Fijian Drua

Isaiah Armstrong-Ravula
Waqa Nalaga

Moana Pasifika

Ofa Tauatevalu*

SUPER RUGBY AUIPIKI

Hurricanes Poua

Marilyn Fanoga
Rhiarna Ferris
Elinor-Plum King
Paige Lush
Hollyrae Mete*
Te Uarangi Olsen-Baker
Rachael Rakatau
Layla Sae
Kahurangi Sturmeay
Rangimarie Sturmeay
Sam Taylor

Matatū

Kaipo Olsen-Baker

* Selected but did not play

FIRST CLASS REFEREES

Stu Curran – National Provincial Championship, Super Rugby Pacific (Assistant Referee)

Mathew McEwen – Farah Palmer Cup

AWARDS

Manawatū Turbos

Player of the Year:

TK Howden

Players' Player of the Year:

TK Howden

Forward of the Year:

TK Howden

Back of the Year:

Reece MacDonald

Rookie of the Year:

Lachlan Shaw

Manawatū Cyclones

Player of the Year:

Hollyrae Mere

Players' Player of the Year:

Elinor-Plum King

Forward of the Year:

Elinor-Plum King

Back of the Year:

Hollyrae Mere

Rookie of the Year:

Anahera Hamahona

Manawatū Community Rugby Awards

Best and Fairest - Senior One:

Joe Fabish

Best and Fairest - Prue Christie Cup:

Kahurangi Sturmey

Players' Choice Referee of the Year - Senior One:

Carl Baker

Players' Choice Referee of the Year - Prue Christie Cup:

Warrick Price

Community Rugby Coach of the Year:

Justin Lock

Volunteer of the Year:

Brenda Baker

ASB Rugby Awards

Black Ferns Player of the Year:

Kaipo-Olsen Baker

Fiao'o Fa'amausili Medal:

Hollyrae Mete

Hurricanes

Rookie of the Year:

Jordi Viljoen

Best and Fairest 3-2-1:

Brayden Iose

Hurricanes Poua Player of the Year:

Layla Sae

Under 20 Player of the Year:

Moses Bason

Matatū

Player of the Year Aoraki

Award:

Kaipo Olsen-Baker

Super Rugby U20

Most Valuable Player:

Moses Bason

Māori Sports Awards

Te Tamāhine-Ā-Papatūānuku | Junior Māori Sportswoman of the Year:

Maia Davis

Sport Manawatū Secondary School Sport Champions

Student Official of the Year (Male):

Liam Brown

Champion Team of the Year:

MANUKURA Girls First XV



Kaipo Olsen-Baker
2024 Black Ferns
Player of the Year

TURBOS REPORT

2024 National Provincial Championship was another tough campaign for the Turbos. While the team only managed one win, there were still lot of positives to take away and glimpses of what the team can achieve as the young core gains experience.

The NPC Campaign

The Turbos opened their campaign at home against Tasman. While they offered plenty on attack, sparked by first-five eighth Brett Cameron hot off a standout Super Rugby Pacific, they let themselves down on defence. Tasman were punishing on counterattack and our team was not ready to deal with their strike power. Tasman ran away with the 54-21 win, which was made worse by the sight of Turbos captain Brayden lose coming off with a rib fracture.

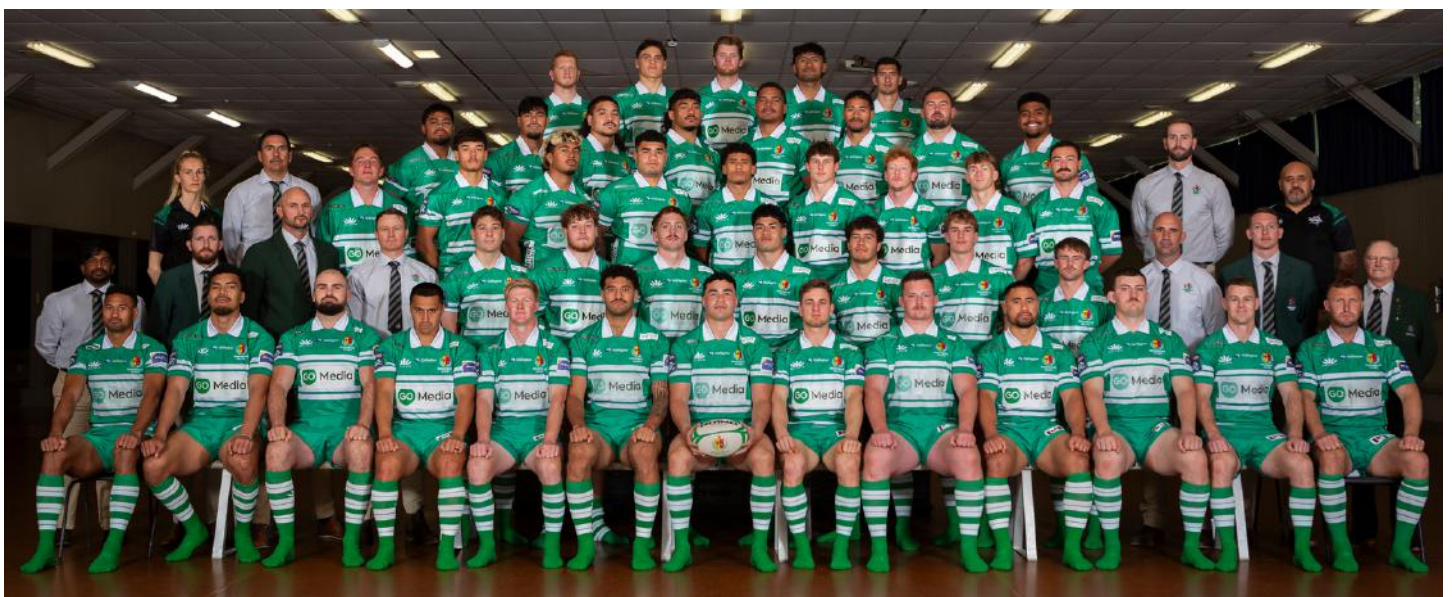
Next was Northland in a very rainy Whangarei. Our team didn't adapt to the wet conditions and made costly mistakes at crucial times. Northland took the win, 35-18. The heavy rain resulted in five flights home from Auckland being cancelled and the team having to bus back to Palmerston North.

The long trip home impacted the team's preparation for Wellington the next weekend, but they still came out strong and put together their best performance yet. The Turbos took a massive step up in physicality and showed that when they defend well, they play well. Sparked by hooker Raymond Tuputupu and newly-recruited back Reece MacDonald (playing at first five-eighth in place of the injured Brett Cameron),

the Turbos ran in four tries in a gutsy 31-39 loss. The absence of Brett saw Manawātū Rugby Academy first five-eighth Liam O'Connor included on the bench and score a try on debut. Overall, the team showed they could hang with the competition heavyweights and came away with a boost in self-belief.

Next up was Hawke's Bay back in Palmerston North, a clash the Turbos always get up for. This game also doubled as Evergreens Day, with many former Manawātū players in attendance. The Turbos got off to a hot start, leading 19-0 after 20 minutes. However, the lack of experience was evident and the team was unable to compose themselves to take the win. The team backed up the physicality from the previous week and scored some exciting tries, but ultimately went down 26-38.

The Turbos then had to refocus for a tough away game against Bay of Plenty. Travelling to Rotorua by bus made it even more of a challenge that the team just didn't get up for. The Turbos were truly taken apart, losing 14-68. The only high points came in the form intercept tries to TK Howden and Taniela Filimone.



Another big loss followed, with the Turbos falling 19-58 to North Harbour in Albany. This game really showed that when the Turbos kick the ball away, they have to defend the first phase well or they will get taken apart on counterattack.



Coming off two heavy losses on the road, the Turbos had to pick themselves up for Southland in Palmerston North four days later. They trailed 0-7 after a scrappy first 40 and conceded another try shortly after the break. Manawatū then mounted a spirited comeback in the last 25 minutes. Tries to Jordi Viljoen and Malakai Hala-Ngatai tied things up before a Pena Va'a try put Manawatū in the lead with 15 minutes to go. A Southland try in the 75th minute evened the scores again but you could feel the Turbos still had momentum and the belief to get the win. Ultimately it was a Kyle Brown try after the hooter that sealed the Turbos win – a fitting ending given Kyle's excellent performance all evening.

The team faced Otago four days later on a wet and windy day in Palmerton North. It was an entertaining game but the Turbos just ran out of juice, and Otago took the 28-10 victory.

The showdown with competition leaders Taranaki was probably the Turbos best all-round team performance, even if they didn't get the win. It was a big effort from the team, with Reece MacDonald finally popping a shoulder that had been giving him issues for much of the season. Two tries to Ataata Moeakiola – on loan from the Kobelco Kobe Steelers – showed how much of a game breaker he could be after injury had limited his game time. Taranaki took the 33-31 win, but the Turbos and their supporters were able to take pride in how they pushed a very good team.

For the last game of the season, the Turbos took on Counties Manukau at Massey University. There was a

great atmosphere and set up, with fans being much closer to the action. The Turbos led 12-7 at halftime, but Counties Manukau brought on All Blacks Dalton Papali'i and Cam Roigard who dominated and led their team to a 45-26 win.

Positive Signs for the Future

The continued rise of TK Howden was one of the biggest pluses from 2024. He topped the Turbos tries tally with five and led the NPC in tackles during the regular season. The man just didn't stop. His move to the Highlanders for more game time in Super Rugby Pacific will only help get even better, which Manawatū will benefit from.

Reece MacDonald proved to be a key signing from outside the province. The livewire back quickly became a fan favourite for his willingness to take on the line. Reece signed on for two years, so we're looking forward to having him back in 2025.

Kyle Brown benefited from playing a full season and solidified his position as a top midfielder the province.

Front rowers Flyn Yates, Joe Gavigan, and Raymond Tuputupu all really came of age in 2024. Raymond was rewarded with a full Hurricanes contract, while Flyn and Joe have been involved with the Hurricanes in wider squad and injury cover roles.

Academy players Sam Coles, Mosese Bason, and Liam O'Connor were thrown into the deep end with their Turbos debuts, but showed that they could be key players for the Turbos over the next few years.

As of writing this report, the majority of the 2025 squad has been signed. Many of them are young products of our Academy who now have NPC experience under their belts. We still have a lot of work to do, but we believe we are building a strong core and our development of local talent is working.

Lastly, we want to acknowledge the work of Turbos staff who have moved on - Head Coach Mike Rogers, Assistant Coach Robbie Robinson, Strength and Conditioning Coach Henry Gilbert, and Physiotherapist Chris Wilson. Mike has joined the Chiefs in a Pathway and International Academy role. Mike's focus on developing young players and giving them opportunities will pay dividends over the next few years. After six years with Manawatū Rugby, Henry has joined the ACT Brumbies as a Speed and Rehab Coordinator. Chris, is now with the New Zealand Warriors after three years with MRU.

	CLUB	Tasman	Northland	Wellington	Bay of Plenty	Hawke's Bay	Bay of Plenty	North Harbour	Southland	Otago	Taranaki	Counties Manukau	TOTAL
Drew Wild	Feilding Yellows	13	13	15	15	15	13	15	15	13	15	10	
Reece MacDonald	Feilding Old Boys-Ōroua	-	15	10	10	-	-	10	10	15	-	6	
Sam Coles	Varsity	15	s	-	-	-	15	s	-	s	s	6	
Pena Va'a	Kia Toa	14	-	11	11	11	11	11	11	-	-	7	
Taniela Fillimone	Kia Toa	-	s	14	14	14	-	14	14	14	14	8	
Ataata Moeakiola	Varsity	-	14	-	-	-	14	-	-	11	11	4	
Kyle Brown	Feilding Yellows	11	11	13	13	-	-	13	13	-	13	7	
James Tofa	College Old Boys	s	12	12	12	12	-	-	s	-	-	6	
Jason Emery	Kia Toa	12	-	s	-	s	s	12	12	s	-	7	
Caleb Leef	Feilding Yellows	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	2	
Hadleigh Parkes	Varsity	-	-	-	s	13	12	-	-	-	-	3	
Brett Cameron (VC)	Te Kawau	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	s	-	-	3	
Isaiah Armstrong-Ravula	College Old Boys	s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	3	
Liam O'Connor	Old Boys-Marist	-	-	s	s	10	10	-	-	-	-	4	
Rihari Jobe	College Old Boys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	s	1	
Cullen Gray	Feilding Old Boys-Ōroua	-	-	-	-	s	s	-	-	-	-	2	
Jordi Viljoen	College Old Boys	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	s	9	10	
Luke Campbell	Kia Toa	-	-	s	s	s	-	s	s	9	s	7	
Logan Love	Kia Toa	s	s	-	-	-	s	-	-	-	-	3	
Brayden Iose (C)	Kia Toa	8	-	-	-	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	
TK Howden (VC)	Feilding Yellows	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	s	6	10	
Mosese Bason	College Old Boys	-	-	-	s	-	7	s	7	6	-	5	
Slade McDowall	Te Kawau	-	s	7	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	4	
Julian Goerke	Varsity	-	8	s	8	-	s	-	s	-	s	6	
Tyler Laubscher	Varsity	s	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Elyjah Crosswell	College Old Boys	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	7	7	3	
Setaleki Baker	Feilding Old Boys-Ōroua	-	-	-	-	s	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Lachlan Shaw	Old Boys-Marist	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	s	5	10	
Johan Momsen	Te Kawau	7	7	-	-	-	4	4	s	5	4	7	
Stan van den Hoven	Varsity	5	4	4	4	4	s	s	4	-	-	8	
Micaiah Torrance-Read	Varsity	-	-	-	-	s	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Josh Taula	Varsity	s	s	s	s	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	
Ofa Tauatevalu	Kia Toa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Raymond Tuputupu	Freyberg	2	2	2	2	2	2	s	s	-	2	9	
Vernon Bason	College Old Boys	s	s	s	s	s	s	2	2	s	s	10	
Sase Va'a	Kia Toa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	s	2	
Flyn Yates	Varsity	s	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	s	3	10	
Joe Gavigan	Freyberg	1	1	1	s	-	1	1	1	s	1	9	
George Blake	Freyberg	s	s	s	1	1	s	-	-	1	-	7	
Sho Maeda	Feilding Yellows	-	-	s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Misinale Epenisa	College Old Boys	3	s	-	-	-	s	-	-	-	-	3	
Malakai Hala-Ngatai	Kia Toa	-	-	-	s	s	-	s	s	-	s	5	
Feleti Sae Ta'ufo'ou	Kia Toa	-	-	-	-	s	-	s	s	3	s	5	
Logan Wallace	Old Boys-Marist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	



RESULTS

Manawatū 21-54 Tasman

11 August in Palmerston North
B. Cameron, J. Tofa, T Howden tries;
B. Cameron (3) cons.

Manawatū 18-35 Northland

17 August in Whangarei
J. Tofa, V. Bason tries;
B. Cameron con; B. Cameron (2) pens.

Manawatū 31-39 Wellington

25 August in Wellington
J. Tofa, R. Tuputupu, L. O'Connor, T. Filimone,
K. Brown tries; R. MacDonald (3) cons.

Manawatū 26-38 Hawke's Bay

1 September in Palmerston North
R. Tuputupu, R. MacDonald, J. Viljoen,
T. Flimone tries;
R. MacDonald (2), L O'Connor cons.

Manawatū 14-68 Bay of Plenty

6 September in Rotorua
T. Howden, T. Filimone tries;
L. O'Connor (2) cons.

Manawatū 19-58 North Harbour

14 September in Albany
R. Tuputupu, J. Gavigan, T. Howden tries;
L. O'Connor (2) cons.

Manawatū 26-21 Southland

18 September in Palmerston North
J. Viljoen, M. Hala-Ngatai, P. Va'a,
K. Brown tries; R. MacDonald (3) cons.

Manawatū 10-28 Otago

22 September in Palmerston North
L. Campbell try; B. Cameron con.; R.
MacDonald pen.

Manawatū 31-33 Taranaki

29 September in New Plymouth
R. MacDonald, A. Moeakiola (2), E. Crosswell,
S. Coles tries; I. Armstrong-Ravula (3) cons.

Manawatū 26-45 Counties Manukau

5 October in Palmerston North
T. Howden (2), J. Viljoen, T. Filimone tries;
I. Armstrong-Ravula (2), R. Jobe cons.

CYCLONES REPORT

A Season to Remember

The 2024 Farah Palmer Cup season will be etched in Manawātū Cyclones' history as the year we conquered the Championship and earned our rightful place in the Premiership. It was a season of dominance, resilience, and collective effort, culminating in a well-deserved title and a step up to the elite tier of New Zealand women's rugby.

From the very first match, the Cyclones set the tone for a remarkable campaign. The theme for our season was inspired by New Zealand sporting legend Lisa Carrington. Like her, we aimed to build on the foundations laid by past players and coaches, refining our waka and setting sail towards success. Every training session, every match, and every challenge was approached with the mindset of strengthening our boat, ensuring we were prepared for the fierce competition ahead.

Unstoppable From the Start

The opening round against Taranaki was a statement of intent. A dominant 86-7 victory showcased the attacking firepower and defensive solidity that would define our season. The momentum carried forward as

we brushed aside Otago (47-12), Wellington (55-24), and Tasman (55-17), with our attacking structures and disciplined play proving too much for our opponents. In order to have the freedom in attack, you need a solid set piece. The scrum was an immovable object, powered by coach Johann Botha.

One of the season's defining characteristics was our defensive prowess, best exemplified in the 31-0 shutout against North Harbour. Not only did we demonstrate our ability to pile on points, but we also showed our commitment to keeping the opposition scoreless—proof of the defensive grit instilled in this squad.

Finals Domination

As we entered the business end of the season, the intensity only increased. The semi-final saw us face North Harbour once again, and in a stunning performance, we stormed to a 72-0 victory. The result left no doubt about our readiness for the Championship final.

In the title decider against Otago, the Cyclones delivered a near-perfect performance, securing a 33-3 win to clinch the Championship trophy. This



final was a testament to our season-long focus on precision, discipline, and execution. Our defensive wall held firm, and the attack led by coach Bryce Grant, was clinical in seizing opportunities. This victory was not just about lifting silverware—it was about proving that we belonged in the top tier of New Zealand women’s rugby.



Key Players and Standout Performances

While this season was a collective effort, certain individuals shone brightly. Hollyrae Mete was one such player. Her impact throughout the campaign was immense, and her contributions were recognized as she was awarded the prestigious Fiao’o Fa’amausili Medal, an accolade reserved for the best player in the Farah Palmer Cup. Her stellar performances also earned her selection for Matatū, a clear indication of her talent and growing influence in women’s rugby.

The leadership duo of Kahurangi Sturmey and Selica Winiata played a crucial role in steering the team through the season. Their experience, composure under pressure, and ability to rally the team in key moments were instrumental in our success. Both players embodied the waka analogy—steadying the ship when needed and propelling us forward when opportunities arose.

Beyond these individuals, every player in the squad contributed to the team’s triumph. The tight five laid the platform with dominant scrummaging and relentless work around the park. The loose forwards provided the link between attack and defense, ensuring we maintained our intensity for the full 80 minutes. The backline showcased electrifying pace, skill, and vision, carving open defenses and finishing opportunities with precision.



The Challenge Ahead: Navigating Premiership Waters

With the Championship secured, our waka now faces uncharted waters—the Farah Palmer Cup Premiership. The step up to the top division will present new challenges. The competition will be fiercer, the opposition stronger, and the margins for error smaller.

But just as Lisa Carrington continuously refines her craft to stay at the top, so too must we. The journey doesn’t stop with a Championship title—it evolves. Our waka must be adapted, strengthened, and fine-tuned to navigate the stormier seas ahead. This means working harder in preseason, sharpening our skills, and ensuring that we can match the physicality, tactical awareness, and execution required to compete at the highest level.

Looking Forward With Confidence

As we prepare for the 2025 Farah Palmer Cup Premiership, we do so with the belief that we belong among the best. The 2024 season proved that the Manawatū Cyclones are a force to be reckoned with. The spirit, culture, and dedication of this team have laid a strong foundation, and now it’s about taking the next step.

The journey ahead will not be easy, but we embrace the challenge. Just as we built and streamlined our waka this season, we will now strengthen it further, preparing for the tougher waters ahead. With the right mindset, work ethic, and belief in our identity, the Manawatū Cyclones will not just compete in the Premiership—we will thrive.

This season was about proving our potential. Next season will be about realizing it.

Campbell MacNeill, Manawatū Cyclones Coach

	CLUB	Taranaki	Otago	Wellington	Tasman	Harbour	North	Harbour (SF)	North	Otago (F)	TOTAL
Selica Winata (CC)	Kia Toa	-	15	15	15	15	15	15	-	-	5
Alesha Williams	Old Boys-Marist	14	14	14	14	s	14	14	14	14	7
Wikitoria Doyle	Old Boys-Marist	11	11	s	s	11	11	11	11	11	7
Maia Davis	Freyberg	15	-	11	s	-	-	-	15	15	4
Kaia Walker-Waitoa	Freyberg	s	s	s	s	14	s	s	s	s	7
Ruci Malangicagi	Kia Toa	s	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hollyrae Mete	Kia Toa	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	7
Rangimarie Sturmeay	Old Boys-Marist	-	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	6
Patricia Heihe	Freyberg	s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Corrineke Windle	Bush	12	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	7
Jayda Maniapoto	Freyberg	10	s	-	s	s	s	s	s	s	6
Molly Scuffil-McCabe	Kia Toa	9	9	s	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Paige Lush	Freyberg	s	-	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	6
Taylah Barrett	Taihape	-	s	-	-	s	s	s	s	s	4
Kahurangi Sturmeay (CC)	Old Boys-Marist	8	8	8	5	5	8	8	8	8	7
Anahera Hamahona	Old Boys-Marist	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Elinor-Plum King	Freyberg	6	6	6	8	8	6	6	6	6	7
Taufa Bason	Kia Toa	s	s	s	6	6	s	s	s	s	7
Kaipo Olsen-Baker	Freyberg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Layla Sae	Old Boys-Marist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Taylor	Freyberg	5	5	5	-	s	5	5	5	5	6
Brianna Wallace	Old Boys-Marist	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	7
Riahn Brickland	Old Boys-Marist	-	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	6
Rachael Rakatau	FOB-Ōrua	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jayme Nuku	Kia Toa	2	2	2	s	2	2	2	2	2	7
Sosoli Talawadua	Whanganui Marist	s	s	s	s	s	3	3	3	3	7
Te Uarangi Olsen-Baker	Freyberg	-	s	s	2	-	-	-	s	s	4
Ruby May Ngaruhe	Bush	3	3	3	3	3	s	s	s	s	7
Ngano Tavake	Old Boys-Marist	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Katelyn Donaldson	Bush	s	1	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	7
Holly Powell	Old Boys-Marist	s	s	-	-	s	s	s	-	-	4
Traest Mafileo	Old Boys-Marist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lavenia Nauga-Grey	Whanganui Marist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Manawatu 86 v 7 Taranaki

11 August in Palmerston North

A Williams (2), M. Scuffil McCabe (3), J. Nuku, N. Tavake, W. Doyle, E. King, K. Sturmey, K. Walker-Waitoa (2), P. Heihei, H. Powell tries; M. Davis (8) cons.

Manawatū 47-12 Otago

17 August in Palmerston North

J. Nuku, S. Winiata, W. Doyle, R. Sturmey, H. Mete, M. Scuffil-McCabe, A Williams tries; S. Winiata (6) cons.

Manawatū 55-24 Wellington

25 August in Wellington

K Sturmey (2), A. Hamahona, M Davis (3), R. Sturmey, K. Walker-Waitoa, H. Mete tries; S. Winiata (5) cons.

Manawatū 55-17 Tasman

31 August in Blenheim

R. Malanicagi (3), K. Sturmey (2), R. Sturmey, H. Mete, N. Tavake, S. Winiata tries; S. Winiata (5) cons.

Manawatū 31-0 North Harbour

7 September in Palmerston North

R. Sturmey, J. Nuku, W. Doyle tries; S. Winiata (3) cons.

Manawatū 72-0 North Harbour FPC Championship Semifinal

14 September in Palmerston North

K. Walker-Waitoa (4), E. King (2), P. Lush, J. Nuku, W. Doyle (3), R. Brickland tries; C. Windle (6) cons.

Manawatū 33-3 Otago FPC Championship Final

22 September in Palmerston North

A. Hamahona, K. Sturmey, H Mete (3) tries; M. Davis (4) cons.



RESULTS



MILESTONES

TURBOS

20TH (BLAZER) GAME

Luke Campbell (#1700) v Taranaki, 29 September
Taniela Filimone (#1685) v Counties Manukau, 5 October

DEBUT

Misinala Epenisa (#1723) v Tasman, 11 August
Lachlan Shaw (#1724) v Tasman, 11 August
Sam Coles (#1725) v Tasman, 11 August
George Blake (#1726) v Tasman, 11 August
Logan Love (#1727) v Tasman, 11 August
Ataata Moeakiola (#1728) v Northland, 17 August
Reece MacDonald (#1729) v Northland, 17 August
Liam O'Connor (#1730) v Wellington, 25 August
Sho Maeda (#1731) v Wellington, 25 August
Mosese Bason (#1732) v Hawke's Bay, 1 September
Setaleki Baker (#1733) v Bay of Plenty, 6 September
Cullen Gray (#1734) v Bay of Plenty, 6 September
Sase Va'a (#1735) v Taranaki, 29 September
Caleb Leef (#1736) v Taranaki, 29 September
Rihari Jobe (#1737) v Counties Manukau, 5 October

CYCLONES

50TH GAME

Jayme Nuku (#339) v Otago, 17 August

20TH (BLAZER) GAME

Elinor-Plum King (#390) v Taranaki, 11 August
Hollyrae Mete (#391) v Tasman, 31 August
Alesha Williams (#382) v North Harbour, 14 September

DEBUT

Anahera Hamahona (#408) v Taranaki, 11 August
Molly Scuffil-McCabe (#409) v Taranaki, 11 August
Wikitoria Doyle (#410) v Taranaki, 11 August
Holly Powell (#411) v Taranaki, 11 August
Patricia Heihei (#412) v Taranaki, 11 August
Tayla Barrett (#413) v Otago, 17 August
Riahn Brickland (#414) v Otago, 17 August

PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

Total Players **4905**

Juniors
2335



Teens
1394



Adults
1176



Females
968



Males
3937



Referees
52

Coaches
324



ACADEMY REPORT

2024 was another big year for the Manawatū Rugby Academy, highlighted by a strong year one Men's intake, the inaugural Women's intake, and four players selected for the New Zealand Under 20 team.

In assembling our 2024 year one Men's intake, the focus was again put on recruiting top talent from local schools, while also attracting quality players from outside the province. We are fortunate enough to have a trusted network of people across the country to help identify players who would fit well into our Academy.

The year one intake included three players who had played for the New Zealand Schools team – loose forward Mosese Bason (Feilding High School – brother of Turbos hooker Vernon Bason), prop Logan Wallace (Palmerston North Boys' High School), and halfback Jai Tamati (Rotorua Boys' High School). Mosese and Jai joined the Academy fresh after selection in the New Zealand Under 18 Boys Sevens team.

The inaugural Women's Academy intake included 11 players, six of whom were still in secondary school. The Women's Academy concept started to gain traction in 2023 during the inaugural Manawatū Wāhine Development XV's campaign. Coaches noted that key players in the squad could be good enough to play for the Cyclones if they had the right kind of support in their rugby and personal lives. Through depth charting, Cyclones and Wāhine Development coaches identified positions that had the greatest need for player development, and appropriate players were invited to join the Academy. For 2021/22 Cyclone Kaia Walker-Waitoa, joining the Academy was a way for her to get back into the Manawatū Rugby system after having a child.

As always, the Hurricanes Under 20 trials were key events on our Men's Academy calendar. The Manawatū Academy team - consisting of Academy members and other top local under 20 players - lost both of its Hurricanes trials, going down 36-48 to Hawke's Bay and 12-41 to Wellington.

Six Manawatū players were selected in the Hurricanes squad for the Super Rugby U20



tournament in Taupo. Vernon Bason, Mosese Bason, first five-eighth Liam O'Connor, Jai Tamati, utility back Peter Manamanaivalu, and outside back Sam Coles made the cut, while Logan Wallace was unavailable for selection due to injury. For Vernon and Sam, this was their second year in the Hurricanes U20 team.

Second year Academy player Moses Armstrong-Ravula (brother of Turbos first five-eighth Isaiah) was picked for the Moana Pasifika U20 team.

While the Hurricanes finished in third place, Mosese Bason was named player of the tournament. Mosese impressed selectors with his strong work rate and effort on attack and defence.

Four Academy members featured for the Turbos during their NPC campaign. In his second year in the Turbos, Vernon Bason spent much of season coming off the bench for Academy graduate Raymond Tuputupu. Sam Coles, Mosese Bason and Liam O'Connor all made their Turbos debuts. Having this many Academy members playing NPC rugby is a testament to their hard work and is great sign for the future.



Women's Academy players Kaia Walke-Waitoa and Anahera Hamahona featured in all the Cyclones Farah Palmer Cup games, with Anahera starting all seven. Anahera was named Cyclones Rookie of the Year and was selected for a NZ Rugby's Under 20 Women's Development Camp in October.

Moving forward, Manawatū Rugby remains focused on recruiting the top young local players into our Academy. As we have seen in recent years, other provincial unions and Super Rugby clubs are aggressive with their recruitment in our province's schools, which has resulted in some top players choosing to pursue their rugby future elsewhere. These players have departed our province for a variety of reasons, including family and study, so we will continue to put our best foot forward when offering players spots in our Academy.

Lastly, we would like to acknowledge Lifeimi Mafi for his work as Academy/Pathways Manager over the past two years. Lifeimi was a tremendous mentor to our Academy members, with his ability to connect with young players being a real asset to the Union. Under Lifeimi's guidance, Manawatū had seven players represent New Zealand at Under 20 level. We wish Lifeimi the best.

2024 MANAWATŪ RUGBY ACADEMY

MEN - YEAR ONE

Moses Bason
Kepa Bryce
Jack Delaney
Sam Dyer
Josiah Johnston
Pita Manamanaivalu
Liam O'Connor
Henele Oliveti
James Parkinson
Michael Stassen
Jai Tamati
Logan Wallace

WOMEN

Ffion Barr
Lashaye Blake-Thompson
Manaia Blake-Thompson
Gracie Donaldson
Anahera Hamahona
Kaelyn Ilangana-Latu
Tayma Jahnke
Briahna Roache- Jackson
Havahna Tuwhangai-Moon
Shakariyah Waiwai
Kaia Walker-Waitoa

MEN - YEAR TWO

Moses Armstrong-Ravula
Vernon Bason
Sam Coles
Telson Liuvaie
Tadhg O'Connor

2023 ACADEMY HONOURS

NEW ZEALAND UNDER 20

Vernon Bason (captain)
Moses Bason
Sam Coles
Logan Wallace

FIJI UNDER 20

Moses Armstrong-Ravula

HURRICANES UNDER 20

Vernon Bason
Moses Bason (Super Rugby U20 MVP)
Pita Manamanaivalu
Liam O'Connor
Jai Tamati
Sam Coles

MOANA PASIFIKA UNDER 20

Moses Armstrong-Ravula

NEW ZEALAND SEVENS DEVELOPMENT

Jai Tamati

MANAWATŪ TURBOS

Vernon Bason
Moses Bason
Liam O'Connor
Sam Coles

MANAWATŪ CYCLONES

Anahera Hamahona
Kaia Walker-Waitoa

COMMUNITY RUGBY REPORTS

MRU Community Rugby Manager - CHRIS GUNN

2024 was a great year within community rugby in the Manawatū . A huge thank you goes to Irene Walker (Acitvator and Junior Lead), Kahurangi Sturme (Women and Inclusion Lead), Ryan Evans (Schools Lead), and Kyla Sherriff (Administrator/Club Lead) for their outstanding work in connecting with the community through a range of opportunities, activities and initiatives.

In 2024 we farewelled Matt Booth, who was the Club Lead, and Shaun Eade, who over the years had several roles finishing as Game Development and Operation Manager. Both individuals were big contributors and left their mark on the Manawatū Rugby scene. We thank them both for their dedication, hard work and ability to make a difference.



The Community Team worked hard to live out their key objective which is 'enabling our people to lead, inspire and belong at all levels of rugby'. Throughout the year we were pleased with the number of opportunities that we were able to lead, deliver and support where we truly lived out this vision. Tiny Turbos and Tiny Cyclones, holiday programmes, and Rippa clinics, sessions and tournaments were all aimed at engaging our 5 to 13-year-olds in non-contact offerings. With smiling faces and constant positive chatter, it was easy to see that these opportunities were greatly enjoyed. Our in-school sessions are designed to connect, build skills, and develop game sense. We love getting into school

environments and feeling the energy and enthusiasm of the children getting involved.



The local rugby competitions are treasures of the Manawatū and the community bursts with enthusiasm for these to begin. We had a 11 percent increase in players in 2024 compared to the previous year, with 4905 registered. While we had good growth in males playing rugby, it was exciting to see the huge numbers of females playing with 968 female players registered compared to 761 in 2023. A big thanks to Kahu and the rest of the Community Team in driving female participation and the formation of girls-only grades and other initiatives which have added value to the women and girls' space within Manawatū rugby.

Many thanks to Matt McEwan and the rest of the Manawatū Rugby Referees' Association (MRRA) who do a fantastic job in recruiting, retaining and developing referees for our competitions. There was good growth in this area also with 52 referees registered in our Union, which is a good 30 percent increase compared to 40 in 2023. Our MRU Referee Education Officers Matt and Kahu did a great job supporting the MRRA.

Volunteers are critical for any regional sport organisation and within the MRU we were fortunate to have some very hard-working contributors who supported us with our many activities and initiatives through the year. Special mention must be made of

Liam Brown who was a student intern who really excelled within our environment, supporting many activities and leading others. Club of Origin, which Liam led, was a tremendous success with over 100 players involved and good links made from school to club. We look forward to the third year of this successful initiative in 2025 and engaging our youth in club pride rugby.

We admire the many coaches (324 in 2024) and managers that play a significant role within rugby teams, as it takes dedication, persistence and a love of the game. Many of these individuals are coaching or managing family members and follow them through their many years on their rugby journey. Others do it for the love of the game and a passion to continue their pathway to higher levels. Regardless of your desires, we appreciate everyone who picks up one of these roles and we value you immensely.

Parents and caregivers are a dedicated bunch who want the best quality experience for their children. As the MRU, we want that too and continually look for ways to improve the experience for all those involved. We value feedback delivered in a productive way and to be able to understand the needs and wants of our community is important to us. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who transport, support and cheer for our tamariki out there on the cold mornings or afternoons. In 2024 there were 2335 juniors, up 13% on the year before and 1394 teenagers involved in rugby which is up 17% on 2023.

We are excited about the season ahead and working hard to ensure that we are doing our best to lead, inspire and support the community to belong at all levels of rugby in Manawatū.

Manawatū Club Rugby Executive - CHAIR SEAN O'CONNOR

Community rugby remains at the heart of the Manawatū Rugby Union, providing a platform for players, coaches, administrators, referees, and volunteers to bring our game to life. A huge thank you to all those who contribute their time and effort—your dedication makes club rugby possible.

Continuing on with that theme, it was great to see the acknowledgement of community rugby at the annual Manawatū Rugby Awards Dinner. Congrats to the following winners for 2024:

- Volunteer of the Year - Brenda Baker
- Community Rugby Coach of the Year - Justin Lock
- Players' Choice Referee of the Year - Prue Christie Cup - Warrick Price
- Players Choice Referee of the Year - Senior One - Carl Baker
- Best and Fairest - Prue Christie Cup - Kahurangi Sturmey
- Best and Fairest - Senior One - Joe Fabish





COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024 club season saw plenty of action across the grades and some outstanding performances by individuals and teams throughout the year.

Senior One – Hankins Shield

The Senior 1 competition saw another thrilling season, with Kia Toa emerging as champions after going through the season unbeaten. The final against College Old Boys proved to be a close one, with Kia Toa taking it out 40-30.

This season also welcomed Feilding Old Boys-Ōroua and Linton Army back into the top grade, adding further depth and competitiveness to the competition. The Val Holland Trophy was taken out by Freyberg after they beat Linton 29-22.

Kia Toa's win, also meant a continuation of the trend with different Hankin's Shield champions for the past four years, setting up an exciting 2025 season.

Women's Competition – Prue Christie Cup and Women's X Grade

The Women's competition was split into two this year but continued to showcase high quality rugby. Old Boys-Marist took out the prestigious Prue Christie Cup and Feilding Old Boys-Ōroua were X Grade winners.

Senior Two – Houlihan Cup

Feilding Yellows secured the Houlihan Cup with a strong season, making it their first win in this grade for many years. They faced College Old Boys in the final, and despite a tight battle throughout, they proved too strong, taking the win 28-24.

Senior Three – Life Members Cup

The Senior 3 grade saw Bunnythorpe claim the title over Massey Vets in the final. The match ended 20-10, with Bunnythorpe proving too strong and making it back-to-back titles.

Presidents

The Presidents grade once again provided great competition, with Kia Toa taking the title for 2024.

Colts – Gordon Brown Memorial Cup

The Colts competition saw Te Kawau take the Gordon Brown Memorial Cup, overcoming Bush 52-6 in the final. This dominant win was reflective of the great season that Te Kawau had, finishing the season unbeaten.

Under 85kg Grade - Josef Schmidt Cup

The Under 85kg Grade entered its second season, building on the foundations set in 2023. While growth is still a key focus, the grade continues to provide a valuable pathway for players who might not otherwise be involved in senior rugby. Congratulations to Feilding Yellows who claimed the Josef Schmidt Cup in a hard-fought final.

LOOKING AHEAD

With another season wrapped up, congratulations to all clubs - not just the championship winners, but every team, player, and volunteer who contributed to another successful year of community rugby. The 2025 season promises to be just as competitive and we look forward to another year of growth, connection, and great rugby.



Manawatū Secondary Schools Rugby Board - CHAIR NICK REID

It was exciting to read that we had an increase in some key player and referee statistics for the 2024 season. So we thank those players who decided to take up the challenge and hope they return along with a few more in 2025.

We must also thank those volunteers who played a significant role in making 2024 a success. Our Operations Board, who emailed/Zoomed and gathered often to ensure day to day tasks were completed and events juggled to ensure rugby was played. The Board consists of Damon Durie (PNBHS), Justin Lock (FAHS), Campbell McNeill (FAHS), Saskia Beveridge (Freyberg High School) and myself Nick Reid (Awatapu College).

We must also thank those staff within our kura who act as the main point of contact within the school and the Union. Your support and hard work is greatly appreciated.

It is timely that we also thank the many other volunteers that helped with our programmes and those staff who are in paid roles; they exceedingly go above and beyond. In particular, Ryan Evans (Manawatū Rugby) for his many hours spent working across our schools.

It would be remiss of us not to acknowledge the support of our referees. In a time where people's time becomes more precious, we are grateful for those refs willing to turn up to fixtures and remain involved in the game. The increase in our refs was greatly appreciated by all involved (especially those coaches who didn't have to). We must continue to support our refs and we look forward to seeing how we can maintain the momentum from 2024.

The Board would also like to express their thanks to the clubs who supplied refs for our games when they had their club byes. These extra refs help cover a number of games, so the support of our clubs and the Union to make this happen is appreciated.



The female game continues to grow and we were excited to see the positive feedback from our under 16 module. This new initiative allowed our younger players an opportunity to experience the game with players more aligned in age.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS/HIGHLIGHTS

A list of those individuals making higher honours can be found on page 11 of this Annual Report.

Our first XV's continue to achieve well locally and on the national stage

Hurricanes Cup (boys' competition): Feilding High School (Manawatū), defeated Palmerston North Boys' High School (Manawatū) 15-14. Feilding went on to finish third in the National Boys' Secondary School Top 4 competition.

Rex Kerr Cup (girls' Competition): MANUKURA (Manawatū) defeated St. Mary's College (Wellington) 22-10. MANUKURA went on to win the National Girls' Secondary Schools Top 4 competition for the third consecutive year.

Condor 7's: We are also proud of the achievements our kura earned at Condors. Feilding High School placed sixth and Palmerston North Boys' High School were seventh in the male competition. MANUKURA finished fifth and Feilding High School were seventh in the female division. These are outstanding results for our schools and Union.

Finally, we thank the Manawatū Rugby Union and its sponsors for the guidance and support offered throughout the year. We look forward to the challenges of 2025 but are excited about the prospects.



Manawatū Junior Rugby Board - CHAIR KENT HIGSON

The 2024 junior rugby season saw player numbers remain strong throughout the Manawatū, which is a testament to the community’s resilience and clubs putting in additional efforts to provide a quality experience for their players and families.

The 2024 season saw the introduction of an all-girls Rippa grade. This was a positive step forward to attract more female players to junior rugby. Additionally, three clubs fielded all-girls teams this season, which was great to see as it shows clubs are identifying the need to facilitate girls-only teams and provide an environment girls will enjoy and thrive in.

Sideline behaviour continues to be a focus. While sideline behaviour is generally to a high standard, there continues to be several occasions during the season when it is not at the expected level. The Junior Rugby Board has worked hard to implement a new framework around Manawatū Rugby’s sideline behaviour expectations and repercussions for spectators, coaches, managers, and players who do not conduct themselves appropriately. The guidelines proved beneficial in 2024 and the board feels it is a positive step forward as we continue to embed the framework in the 2025 season to make rugby a more enjoyable experience for all. Thank you Irene Walker, Manawatū Rugby Junior Lead, for your efforts in this space.

This season we continued the intermediate development module for Year 7 and Year 8 players as a replacement for the representative program. It was pleasing to see the introduction of an all-girls team in both grades meaning four teams in total in each grade. This is

testament to the continuing growth of women’s rugby in the Manawatū. However, it proved more difficult to gain support from clubs, coaches, and referees than in 2023, along with some weather disruptions. A new structure may need to be implemented for the 2025 season for the program to remain beneficial and true to its purpose of developing and upskilling players. 2024 saw the introduction of year-based grades as opposed to the traditional age-based grades. It initially proved a challenge for clubs to realign teams as many players and coaches had to be moved from their historical teams, putting team numbers out of alignment. Clubs navigated this well, which will make for a smoother transition into the 2025 season. After a few weeks of monitoring scores, an additional Year 7/8 grade was created where the top Year 7 teams would play the lower Year 8 teams. This flexible approach proved a success as more even games resulted.



Thank you to Irene Walker for your support of Junior rugby. Additionally, I would like to thank all the members of the Manawatū Junior Rugby Board for the time you have given this season. Finally, a big thank you to all the club convenors, administrators and volunteers who have given their time to coach, manage, referee, and carry the water bottles. Junior rugby would not be possible without your commitment and passion.

Manawatū Rugby Referees' Association - PRESIDENT MATTHEW MCEWEN

2024 was a tough but rewarding year in many ways.

Things that went well included:

- recruiting of new members
- new kit
- blazer and badge initiatives
- regular in-person meetings
- social opportunities to enhance association culture (e.g. Super Rugby viewing, quiz night, post-final catch-up)
- Matthew McEwen, Sam Couper, Jacob Booth and Warrick Price were all selected as part of the Hurricanes region development squad for referees.



Things that have posed challenges:

- Monday night meeting clashes with MRU meetings
- poor conduct from some teams/coaches
- the loss of our Referee Education Officer in August.

What we are working on for the 2025 season:

- sponsorship
- improving training and development meetings
- moving to a more technology-focused capability
- improving our social media presence
- enhancing social opportunities

- improving attendance at weekly meetings
- formalising the process of MRU notification of appointments and improved support of our referees when dealing with referee abuse.

BLAZERS

In 2024, former MRRA President Matt Booth's drive to get referees recognised with blazers finally came to fruition. A referee will receive a blazer once they have achieved one of the following:

- 10 years' service to the association
- 30 Senior One games as a referee
- serve as President of the Association
- be appointed as a Life Member.

Most of the blazers were presented in 2024.

BADGES

The Executive have really wanted to reward members for milestone achievements, and so the idea of badges was floated. We determined that badges would be presented for the following milestones:

- service to the association as a key Executive member (President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary). These badges will be presented for the first time now, and when a new member is voted into the position, the previous holder will pass on the badge.
- reaching 50 Senior One matches will see a referee awarded with a silver badge. Badges were presented to Sam Couper and Matt Booth.
- reaching 100 Senior One matches will see a referee awarded with a gold badge. When a referee reaches 100 matches they will trade up their existing badge. Gold badges were presented to Carl Baker, Chris Jansen, and Matthew McEwen.
- reaching Life Member status - While we acknowledge Life Members with a blazer, we anticipate that many members who attain Life Member status will likely have been presented with a blazer already, so we wanted to further recognise such an achievement by presenting a badge too.

We will also be looking to review historical data in order to recognise refereeing achievements of our referee coaches, as we are aware that many have refereed a significant number of Senior One or First Class games.

By presenting members with blazers and badges, we aim to portray refereeing positively in the community, including when referees attend post-match functions. We hope that people will see that taking up the whistle can lead to some great opportunities, as well as recognition for the great work that all referees do.



I'd like to take a moment to give thanks to all the partners, parents, children who all lay a platform for our members to contribute to the game. Without family support, it would be hard to fulfil our refereeing responsibilities. Most importantly, I would like to thank the referees. Without your tireless effort to referee games and be present in our Association, we wouldn't achieve the great things we do.

Manawatū Rugby Judicial Committee – CHAIR ALASTAIR HALL

After another year of rugby, it is good to look back and review what has happened in the judicial space. Over time, it is useful to pick up trends and look to implement strategies in problem areas.

I am pleased to report that overall, the most recent season was relatively quiet. The numbers for the year are:

- Yellow cards - 86
- Red cards - 7
- Blue cards - 9
- Cittings - 3
- Referee abuse cases - 2
- Matches called off - 0

The first matter to touch on is judicial matters involving children and young people. Over the last couple of

years, the Union has implemented a Judicial Committee – Youth. The intention is to have a different system, which is intended to make the process more user friendly and reflective of the young people involved in it. The judicial process itself is relatively formal, which can be challenging for younger players of the game.

The Judicial Committee – Youth is chaired by Belinda Bidois, and she is supported by two additional members of the panel. Although no formal review has been undertaken, anecdotally we have heard regularly that the youth process is well received, and that engagement rates have improved. The aim of the Judicial Committee – Youth is to identify other options which might support the development of a young person and better ensure that the rules of rugby are complied with. It has been excellent to see how schools and clubs have supported the process, and the players involved.

Otherwise, we have continued to see referee abuse cases appearing before us. That is such a shame, not only for the game but for the individuals involved. The referees give up their time and should be respected. If there are any concerns, there are appropriate channels to raise them. Raising them on the field, in an argumentative and combative way is not one of them.

We have also seen some problems on the sidelines, which is also unfortunate. Referee and sideline abuse is always something the Judicial Committee will take seriously.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Committee members: Belinda Bidios, Shane Harris, Russell Wilson, Martin Brady, Dan Lester and Rob Coulsen. The work done by the Union to administer the process, and the involvement of the Referees' Association is also very much appreciated. We are looking forward to a quiet season.



SENIOR CLUB TROPHY WINNERS

Abraham Cup

Club Supremacy

Kia Toa

SENIOR ONE

Hankins Shield

Champions

Kia Toa

Jubilee Cup

End of first round

Kia Toa

Centennial Shield

End of second round

Kia Toa

Val Holland Trophy

Winners of bottom four

Freyberg

Top Points

Logan Love (Kia Toa) – 137

Top Tries

Logan Love (Kia Toa) – 13

PRUE CHRISTIE CUP

Prue Christie Cup

Champions

Old Boys-Marist

Top Points

Laura Claridge (OBM) – 77

Top Tries

Kahurangi Sturmey (OBM) - 13

SENIOR TWO

Houlihan Cup

Champions

Feilding Yellows

John Clifford Memorial Cup

End of first round

Kia Toa

WOMEN'S X GRADE

Dixie Jones Shield

Champions

Feilding Old Boys-Ōroua

SENIOR THREE

Life Members' Cup

Champions

Bunnythorpe

COLTS

Gordon Brown Memorial Cup

Champions

Te Kawau

Broome Shield

End of first round

Te Kawau

PRESIDENTS

President's Cup

Champions

Kia Toa

UNDER 85KG

Josef Schmidt Cup

Champions

Feilding Yellows

REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY TEAMS

MANAWATŪ B

Squad: Hunter Anderson, Moses Armstrong-Ravula, Alex Ashton, Tevita Asi, Gabriel Casey, Griffin Culver, Niki Cuming, Conor Davey, Reuben Davis, Kody Edwards, Joseph Fabish (C), Tone Fau'olo, Jeremiah Fryer, Ajae Hansen, Riley Kinloch, Taihei Kusaka, Chris Lafaele, Aso Lene, Oscar Lennon, Sho Maeda, Ezra Malo, Chance Malu, Malua Mauola, Tai Rolls-Paewai, Hiro Sakamoto, Joeli Saku, John Samuelu, Max Schumacher, Cam Scott, Peter Seeling, Jared Sellwood (VC), Sase Va'a, Charlie Walsh, Hunter Yarrall.

Head Coach: Lewis Williams

Assistant Coach: Mike Tagicakibau

Manager: Shon Brown

Assistant Manager: Murray Signal



Results

20 July v Whanganui in Feilding - lost 15-26

27 July v Taranaki Pasifika Trojans in Waverly - won 61-22

3 August v Wairarapa Bush in Eketahuna - won 31-19

17 August v Hawke's Bay Development in Waipukurau - lost 26-44

24 August v Wellington Centurions in Wellington - lost 26-59

MANAWATŪ WĀHINE DEVELOPMENT XV

Squad: Kara Adrole, Ffion Barr, Taylah Barret, Jessica Bills, Jinaya Blundell-Harmon, Lashaye Blake, Riahn Brickland, Pippa Burgess-Smith, Hannah Cadzow, Gracie Donaldson, Jera Flexman, Irihapeti Gray, Molly Hailes, Breezy Henry-loane, Kurarauringa Hudson (C), Kaelyn Ilangana-Latu, Jordan Kruger, Jessie Malaesilia, Keira Mete, Mary O'Neill, Keely Patterson, Holly Powell, Maia Putoko, Te Maia Sweetman, Emerald Tuhiwai-Polson, Aniva Tuiletufuga, Havahna Tuwhangai-Moon, Brooklyn Walker, Darian Walker (VC), Sue Waqanivalu.

Head Coach: Ethan Henare

Assistant Coach: Mallory Nikora-Townsend

Assistant Coach: Troy Sherriff

Manager: Kylie Trask

Physiotherapist: Warren Stent



Results

27 July v Whanganui in Palmerston North - won 51-22

3 August v Wairarapa Bush in Pahiatua - won 56-15

17 August v Wellington Development in Palmerton North - lost 21-55

25 August v Wellington Development in Porirua - lost 5-55

MANAWATŪ UNDER 18 GIRLS

Squad: Fono Bason, Bridie Beveridge, Gracie Carthew Waugh, Charlotte Castle, Keirah Evans, Kiriwai Hamahona-Barlien, Malama He-Lotu Palelei Jr., Kate Hopkins, Merenia Houltham, Kaelyn Ilangana-Latu, Holly Jacobs, Chloe Jamieson, Rebecca MacDonald, Alexia MacPherson, Kearney Matenga, Casey Mitchell, Lydiah Muyengwa-Cotton, India O'Connell, Asaia Rongokea, Tupou, Alicia Ross, Laila Severinsen, Millane Stassen, Hana Symes, Emerald Tuhiwai-Polson, Tina Watson, Kalanee Wicks-Rauhihi.

Head Coach: Kelvin Tantrum

Assistant Coach: Anton Dickson

Manager: Elmarie Dickson



Results

7 September v Hawke's Bay in Palmerston North - won 34-15

14 September v Taranaki in Hawera - lost 12-29

Hurricanes Youth Rugby Council Tournament - 1-3 October in Napier

v Whanganui - won 24-14

v Hawke's Bay - lost 0-32

v Wellington Centurions - won 22-12

Semi Final v Wellington Centurions - drew 12-12

Final v Hawke's Bay - lost 5-22

MANAWATŪ UNDER 19 MEN

Squad: Matthew Anstis, Mosese Bason, Arje Beveridge, Kepa Bryce, Oliver Cole, Jack Delaney, Sam Dyer, Billy Easton, Eli Edwards-Martin, Mativa Fonua, Kallum Gullery, Jimmy Harrison, PJ Iakapo, Josiah Johnson, Blake Kidby, Sam Masoe, Lave Miller, Reuben Nelley (C), Liam O'Connor (VC), Pita Manamanivalu, Henele Oliveti, Matthew Parker, James Parkinson, Van Prenter, Kami Ratuibau, Fred Schuster, Michael Stassen, Tyler Stewart, Peni Tafea, Jai Tamati (VC), Fu'atapu Tu'imana.

Head Coach: Chris Long

Assistant Coach: Lifeimi Mafi

Assistant Coach: Sam Mayes

Assistant Coach: Scott Davidson

Manager: Sam Bradnock

Analyst: Connor Drummond

Physiotherapist: Mitch Steere



Results

27 July v Taranaki in Waverley - won 31-26

3 August v Bay of Plenty in Taupō - won 28-26

24 August v Wellington in Wellington - lost 22-29

31 August v Hurricanes Heartland U20 in Pahiatua - won 31-0

7 September v Hawke's Bay in Palmerston North - won 8-5

MANAWATŪ UNDER 16 GIRLS

Squad: Kedron Brown, Gracie Carthew-Waugh, Riley Cribb, Petra Fell, Scarlett Hodder, Kate Hopkins, Holly Jacobs, Chloe Jamieson, Summer Kidby, Nyla Lauridsen, Pasepa Leba, Rebecca MacDonald, Veiana Malu, Kayley-Joh Masoe, Kinismere Mataitoga, Brooklyn Murphy, Lydiah Muyengwa-Cotton, Mia Palatchie, Peyton Peka, Jaylynn Richards, Asaia Rongokea Tupou, Alicia Ross, Millane Stassen, Hana Symes, Suitupe Utailesolo, Tiana Walsh-Addenbrook.

Head Coach: Reece Brosnan

Assistant Coach: Nigel Bilton

Manager: Tommy Wanoa



Results

7 September v Hawke's Bay in Palmerston North - won 24-15

14 September v Taranaki in Hawera - lost 12-20

21 September v Wellington in Palmerston North - lost 17-31

MANAWATŪ UNDER 16 BOYS

Squad: Otaki Adams, Dante Brown, Kade Carter, Callum Cribb, Cole Cullen, Tevita Fakava, Monty Gibson, Lucas Goodman, Jack Greaves, Steelie Hammond, Lachie Hawker, Poutama Hay, Poe Iakopo, Carlos Isaac, Elisala Malili-Malo-Lauano, Vitor Malaesilia, Eric Miller, Kingston Ngata, Cayden Pardey, Alex Pringle, Ollie Read, Viliami Rongokea-Tupou, Manaia Rudolph, Jack Saunders, Micah Steinmetz, Josh Stevens, Jahvarn Tuisila, Austin Tunnicliffe, Chance Walker, Tuharaka Wallace-Mcleod.

Head Coach: Justin Lock

Assistant Coach: Jason Temara

Assistant Coach: Nathan Williams

Assistant Coach: Aaron Satchwell

Manager: Scott Banner



Results

14 September v Taranaki in Hawera - lost 7-17

21 September v Hawke's Bay in Napier - lost 19-28

Hurricanes Youth Rugby Council Tournament

30 September-2 October in Levin

v Wellington Black - won 42-34

v Wellington Gold - won 39-21

Division A Final v Hawke's Bay - lost 8-13

MANAWATŪ MĀORI TĀNE

Squad: Aloysius Autagavaia, Cyrus Baker, Alex Boblea, Harry Evans, Kees Greig, Max Harris, Carson Hepi, Blair Hodgson, Grant Kauri, Jarrod Mackey, Taiaha Mangu, Jamie Maoate, Matt Maoate, Kobe McLean, Ben Minhinnick, Pōtene Paewai Jr., Jacob Parlato, Kees Pereka, Zayne Poole, Leighton Osgood, Trent Reti (C), Jay Rolleston, Tai Rolls-Paewai, Israel Parker, Jared Sellwood, Anton Shepherd, Regan Sword, Vince Tahiwī-Macmillan, Wipere Takitimu, Leo Tanginoa, Daniel Tawhai, Tama Whatuira, Ethan Woodmass.

Head Coach: Pōtene Paewai

Assistant Coach: Dan Butters

Assistant Coach: Kingsley Teppett

Co-Manager: Damian Peeti

Co-Manager: Brendon Poole

Physiotherapist: Eloise Kissock

Physiotherapist: Tepiwa Bullock



Results

3 August v Te Matau A Maui – Hawkes Bay in Hastings - lost 12-57

10 August v Te Upoko o te Ika – Wellington in Palmerston North - lost 7-38

17 August v Whanganui Māori in Whanganui - won 48-29

Te Upoko o te Ika Invitational Tournament - 23-24 August in Upper Hutt

v Wairoa - won 12-10

Division 2 Final v Horowhenua Kapiti - won 36-14

1 September v Manawātū Aiga Pasifika in Palmerston North - won 27-26

7 September v Wairarapa Bush Development in Palmerston North - won 51-22

29 September v Taranaki Māori in Harewa - lost 19-54

MANAWATŪ AIGA PASIFIKA

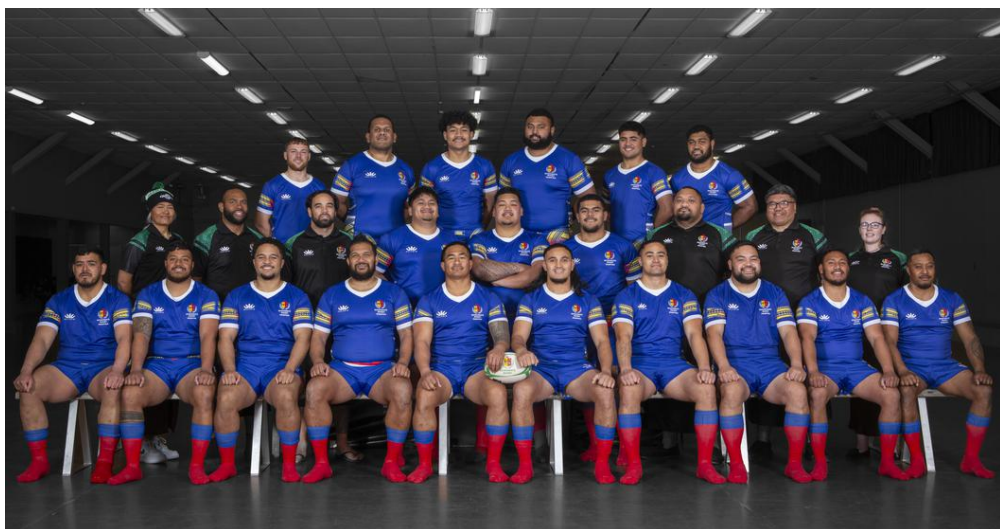
Squad: Gore Dulume, Sheriff Fetu, Alofa Fili, Alex Harris, Aso Lene, Sekove Levaci, Randy Liuvaie, Telson Liuvaie, Jake Malu, Waiva Mataora, Televa Jnr Mokole, Logan Marsh, Papa Masinalupe, Nehemia Mataroa, Malua Mauola, Moleli Mauola, Atunaisa Raralevu, Tony Samau (CC), John Samuelu, Yaca Savuro, Ben Schuster, Fred Schuster, Jae Sturley, Kenari Tafeaga, Nickstar Tafolo, Rodney Tanaloa, Apelu Tautele, Sanaila Tawake, Mika Tuiala (CC), Makesi Tulemau, Justin Ugone-Higano Lino, Dave Vao, Meli Vueti.

Head Coach: Bethel Fauo'lo

Assistant Coach: Khan Fotuali'i

Assistant Coach: Suli Vitau

Assistant Coach: Willie Ioane



Results

10 August v Whanganui Pasifika in Palmerston North - won 46-19

17 August v Wellington Flying Fijians in Palmerston North - won 45-24

24 August v Wellington Samoa in Porirua - lost 5-85

1 September v Manawātū Māori - lost 26-27

Manager: Lydia Pei-Pereira

Technical Advisor: Aue Te Ava

Physiotherapist: Jess Illingworth

MANAWATŪ WOMEN'S SEVENS

Squad: Hannah Cadzow, Waitui Cooper, Anahera Hamahona, Kuraraurangi Hudson, Paige Lush (C), Jayda Maniapoto, Keira Mete, Kaipo Olsen-Baker, Te Uarangi Olsen-Baker, Layla Sae, Te Maia Sweetman, Alesha Williams.

Head Coach: Slade Sturme

Assistant Coach: Rangimarie Sturme

Manager: Kahurangi Sturme



Results

Central Region Sevens - 23 November in Palmerston North

v Whanganui - won 50-0

v Wellington - won 26-5

Final v Wellington - lost 22-26

MANAWATŪ MEN'S SEVENS

Squad: Tevita Fakahau, Ben Fakava, Mativa Fonua, Pita Manamanaivalu, Taiaha Mangu, Baine Pikimau. Tyson Savaii, Jai Tamati, Shaq Waara (C), Hunter Yarrall.

Head Coach: Troy Sherriff

Assistant Coach: Jared Deal

Manager: Keegan Buckle



Results

Central Region Sevens - 23 November in Palmerston North

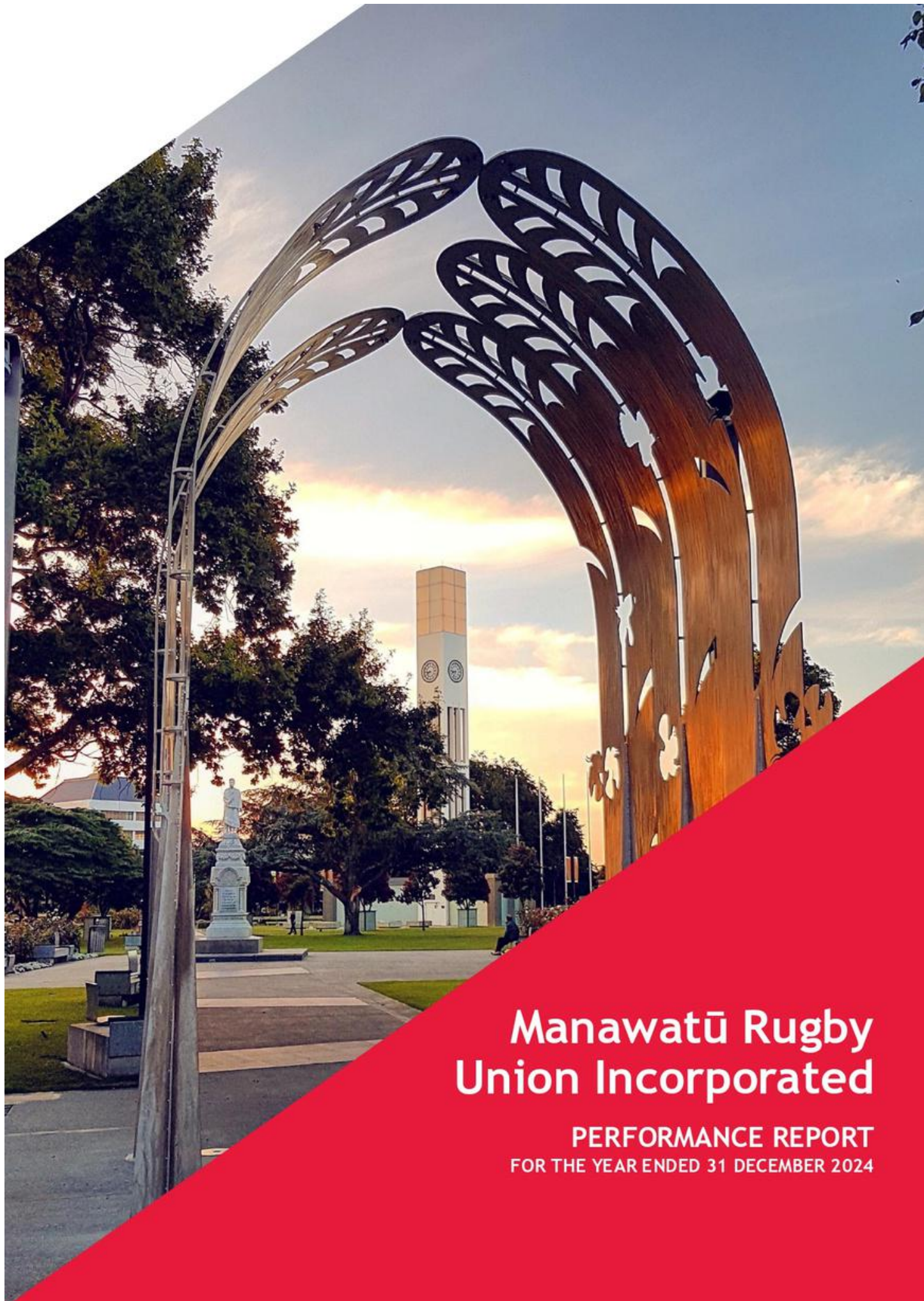
v Whanganui - won 31-19

v Wellington - lost 5-40

Semi final v Whanganui - lost 7-15







Manawatū Rugby Union Incorporated

PERFORMANCE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Consolidated Entity Information

Manawatū Rugby Union

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Legal Name of Entity

Manawatū Rugby Union Incorporated

Entity Identifier

Manawatū Rugby Union Incorporated - Incorporation Number 215669

Entity Type and Legal Basis

Incorporated Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908

Entity's Purpose or Mission

Rugby first appeared in our region in 1878 when clubs were set up in Feilding and Palmerston North. As new clubs continued to form in the region in the 1880s, the Manawatū Rugby Union was formed in 1886 to administer the game.

Manawatū Rugby Union's vision is bringing the community together through rugby.

Manawatū Rugby has four strategic pillars:

- Community - Enabling our people to lead, inspire and belong at all levels of rugby.
- Performance - Sustained performance on and off the field that achieves success.
- Commercial - Establishing and nurturing trusting, mutually beneficial partnerships.
- Advocacy - Through our legacy we promote rugby in the Manawatū with pride for our future.

Our goals for 2024:

- Highly engaged rugby community
- Increased rugby game formats
- Have more than 7000 registered participants
- Achieved sustained finance performance
- Have international representatives
- Have championship winning teams

Entity's Operational Structure

The organisation commenced in 1886 to administer the game of rugby. The organisation has four primary functions:

Community Rugby - Support training and education of volunteers, lead competition management, support clubs and schools to deliver rugby in the province.

Performance Rugby - Support professional players and aspirational players in the province who are in representative teams or involved in pathways programmes.

Commercial - Generate commercial revenue to invest in the game.

Advocacy - Communications and Marketing to fans, members, partners and stakeholders.



Entity's Governance Arrangements

The Manawatū Rugby Union is governed by the Board of Directors who consist of:

Bertus Mulder - Chair
Daniel Iose
Mike Botherway
Danelle Whakatihi
Rebecca Brown
Maryann Pratt
Dan Lewis

Richard Greaves (Non-voting executive position)

Other Entities Controlled by the Entity

Team Manawatū Limited - Company Number 1188666

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services

The organisation has a number of volunteers involved within its service delivery and programme facilitation.

Volunteers' assist within governance roles, assistance with game days and across the region in community rugby clubs.

Additional Information

Chartered Accountants

BDO Manawatū Limited
32 Amesbury Street
Palmerston North 4410

Auditors

Auditlink Limited
196 Broadway Ave
Palmerston North 4410

Bankers

ANZ Bank



Approval of Consolidated Performance Report

Manawatū Rugby Union For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Board of Directors are pleased to present the approved Performance report including the historical financial statements of Manawatū Rugby Union for year ended 31 December 2024.

APPROVED



Director

10/4/25
Date



Director

10/4/25
Date



Consolidated Statement of Service Performance

Manawatū Rugby Union

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Our medium to long term objectives

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In 2024, Manawatū Rugby's role is to foster, encourage and support the game of rugby within its boundaries. We support all clubs in the Manawatū Rugby Union region and the referee association that participate in the organised competitions we manage in our community game. We also organise development and representative programmes that enable our finest to represent their province, region and country against the best of New Zealand and beyond.

The Manawatū Rugby Union vision is 'bringing our community together through rugby' and are working towards our 2028 goals of a highly engaged rugby community, increased rugby game formats, more than 7000 registered participants, achieved sustained financial performance, have international representatives and to have championship winning teams.

Our key activities

Grow the Game

Registration year runs from 1 October to 30 September. Figures below are only for registrations classified as 'highly engaged' as defined by NZR.

			2024	2023
Player Participation	Promotion of amateur rugby conducted for recreation is the primary objective of the MRU. Participants are registered to clubs and schools via the NZR database.	Junior	2,335	2,060
		Secondary School	1,394	1,189
		Senior	1,176	1,075
		Total	4,905	4,324
Volunteers	All coaches and referees are required to register via the NZR database.	Coaches	324	328
		Referees	52	40
Diversity & Inclusion	Monitoring of Gender/Age/Ethnicity make up of our participants to track the success of initiatives and provide insight for opportunities for future growth.	Male	3,937	3,563
		Female	968	761
		NZ European	49%	51%
		Māori	32%	32%
		Pasifika	14%	13%
		Asian	1%	1%
		Other	4%	3%



Performance/Achievements

			2024	2023
Performance Programme	An Academy program with proven athletic results will enable retention of players from our region creating a stronger community connection	Prior Year Academy Athletes	16 (Boys) 11 (Girls)	19
	Conversion of prior year academy athletes to becoming fully contracted players.	Contracted Conversion Rate	3 (Boys) 18% 2 (Girls) 18%	9 47%
	Manawatū Rugby players with Super Rugby contracts for the subsequent season based on their performances representing the Turbo's or Cyclones. Figures include both re-signed and newly contracted players to Super Rugby contracts.	Turbo's Super Rugby Players Conversion Rate	14 (Boys) 11 (Girls)	7 16%
		Cyclones Super Rugby Players Conversion Rate	3 (Boys) 46% 11 (Girls) 42%	12 38%
	Manawatu players recognised for International honours during the year. *	All Blacks	-	1
		All Blacks XV	1	1
		Māori AB's	1	1
		NZ U20's	4	4
		Black Ferns	2	1
		Black Ferns 7's	1	1
		Black Ferns XV	-	2
		Other	5	4

* Players can represent more than one team. The disclosure above reflects all teams represented.

Highly Engaged Rugby Community

			2024	2023
Community Engagement	Total Content Views for the Year	Facebook	3,413,051	4,133,188
	Driving stakeholders to our social media platforms is the key communication mechanism for engaging in the 21st Century. Increased traffic is evidence of a strong brand and works with our desire to grow the game and promote our culture. It also presents opportunity to promote commercial partners and other revenue generating activities.	Instagram	1,510,468	202,584



Consolidated Statement of Financial Performance

Manawatū Rugby Union

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	NOTES	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
Revenue			
Donations, koha, bequests, and other general fundraising activities		220	200
General grants	1	660,325	476,196
Government service delivery grants/contracts		2,058,363	2,220,843
Membership fees and subscriptions		30,783	27,131
Revenue from commercial activities		811,213	959,913
Interest, dividends, and other investment revenue		37,493	31,337
Other revenue		74,576	64,940
Total Revenue		3,672,974	3,780,560
Expenses			
Employee remuneration and other related expenses		2,286,252	2,156,430
Expenses related to commercial activities		938,091	982,146
Expenses related to government service delivery grants/contracts		491,257	497,312
Other expenses		350,384	185,808
Total Expenses		4,065,984	3,821,695
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(393,011)	(41,135)



Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Manawatū Rugby Union As at 31 December 2024

	NOTES	31 DEC 2024 (\$)	31 DEC 2023 (\$)
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and short-term deposits	2	279,281	922,555
Debtors and prepayments	2	135,780	148,102
Total Current Assets		415,060	1,070,657
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	3	1,482,539	1,974,986
Total Non-Current Assets		1,482,539	1,974,986
Total Assets		1,897,599	3,045,643
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	4	177,870	292,680
Employee costs payable	4	35,928	66,847
Deferred revenue		8,739	169,959
Loans	4	100,799	102,131
Total Current Liabilities		323,336	631,617
Non-Current Liabilities			
Loans	4	50,000	50,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		50,000	50,000
Total Liabilities		373,336	681,617
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		1,524,263	2,364,026
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	5	524,263	917,274
Restricted Reserve	6	1,000,000	1,000,000
Revaluation reserves	6	-	446,752
Total Accumulated Funds		1,524,263	2,364,026



Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Manawatū Rugby Union For the year ended 31 December 2024

	NOTES	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
Capital grants and donations			
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Cash was received from			
Donations, koha, bequests, and other general fundraising activities		220	200
General grants		493,858	584,895
Government service delivery grants/contracts		2,057,989	2,220,844
Membership fees and subscriptions		30,783	27,131
Revenue from commercial activities		591,632	591,521
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts		40,312	28,518
Other cash received		93,103	64,940
Total Cash was received from		3,307,897	3,518,049
Cash was applied to			
Employee remuneration and other related payments		(2,374,953)	(2,087,554)
Payments related to commercial activities		(786,560)	(760,669)
Other payments related to service delivery		(477,070)	(508,352)
Other payments		(113,160)	(115,143)
Total Cash was applied to		(3,751,743)	(3,471,718)
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities		(443,846)	46,331
Cash Flows from other activities			
Cash was received from			
Receipts from the sale of property, plant and equipment		-	143
Total Cash was received from		-	143
Cash was applied to			
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment		(198,096)	(62,827)
Repayments of loans borrowed from other parties		(1,332)	(19,403)
Funds paid on behalf		-	(88,500)
Total Cash was applied to		(199,428)	(170,730)
Total Cash Flows from other activities		(199,428)	(170,587)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		(643,274)	(124,256)
Opening Cash Balance		922,555	1,046,811
Closing Cash Balance		279,281	922,555
Bank Accounts and Cash			
ANZ Bank - Current Account		24,974	101,655
ANZ Bank Premium Call Account		67	100,216
ANZ Term Deposit		-	700,000
Team Manawatu Ltd - Business Current Account		330	20,684
Professional Investment Services - Call Account		253,910	-
Total Bank Accounts and Cash		279,281	922,555



Consolidated Statement of Accounting Policies

Manawatū Rugby Union

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Reporting Entity

Manawatu Rugby Union Incorporated ("MRU") is a society incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and is domiciled in New Zealand. MRU is a public benefit entity for the purposes of financial reporting in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 2013.

The consolidated financial statements are presented for the year ended 31 December 2024 and comprise of MRU (the "Parent") and its controlled entity, Team Manawatu Limited ("TML") (collectively the "Group").

These consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes summarise the financial result and activities carried out by the Group. The Group is engaged in fostering the game of rugby in the Manawatu region.

Basis of Preparation

The entity has elected to apply with XRB's Tier 3 PBE (NFP) standard for the year ended 31 December 2024. This entity is eligible to apply these requirements as it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses equal to or less than \$5,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

This is the Entity's first Performance Report presented in accordance with XRB's NFP Tier 3 Standards.

Upon transition to these Standards the entity has complied with the General Provisions set out in Appendix B (transitional arrangements) of the Tier 3 Framework and restated the comparative period figures.

In the application of the Tier 3 (NFP) Standard the Group is eligible to opt up and apply Tier 2 PBE Standards to specific types of transactions. The Group has elected to apply the following Tier 2 PBE Accounting Requirements:

- PBE IPSAS 35 Consolidated Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis. All transactions in the Statement of Financial Performance are reported using the accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Consolidation

i. Controlled entities

Controlled entities are entities controlled by the Group, being where the Group has power to govern the financial and operating policies of another entity so as to benefit from that entity's activities. The financial statements of the Group's controlled entities are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

Subsequent changes in a controlled entity that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as transactions with controllers of the controlling entity in their capacity as controllers, within net assets/equity.

ii. Loss of control of a controlled entity

On the loss of control, the Group derecognises the assets and liabilities of the controlled entity, any minority interest, and the other components of net assets/equity related to the controlled entity. Any surplus or deficit arising on the loss of control is recognised in surplus or deficit.

If the Group retains any interest in the previously controlled entity, then such interest is measured at fair value at the date that control is lost. Subsequently, the retained interest is either accounted for as an equity-accounted associated or an available-for-sale financial asset depending on the level of influence retained.

iii. Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

Unrealised gains arising from transactions with equity accounted associates and jointly-controlled-entities are eliminated against the investment to the extent of the Group's interest in the investee.

Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment

Presentation Currency

The Performance Report is presented in New Zealand dollars (NZ\$) and all values are rounded to the nearest NZ\$.

Revenue Recognition

Donations

Donations are recognised as revenue upon receipt and include donations from the general public, donations received for specific programmes or services.

Donated assets that are significant and have useful lives of 12 months or more are recorded on receipt at readily obtainable values. Other donated assets are not recorded.

Donated goods or services are not recorded.

Volunteer Services

Coaching and other management roles for many teams within the Group are volunteer roles. Volunteer Services are not recognised as revenue or expenditure by the Group.

Grant Funding

Grant revenue includes grants given by other charitable organisations, philanthropic organisations and businesses, as well as New Zealand Rugby.

Grant revenue is recognised when the conditions attached to the grant have been complied with. Where there are unfulfilled conditions attaching to the grant, the amount relating to the unfulfilled condition is recognised as a liability and released to revenue as the conditions are fulfilled.

Match Income

Income from the sale of tickets is recognised as revenue when the match is held. Season tickets purchased for future seasons are recognised as revenue in advance for the proportion of matches that the tickets are still valid for after the reporting period.

Sponsorship Revenue

Sponsorship Revenue in monetary form is recognised as revenue in advance until all services under the sponsorship agreement have been provided, at which point the sponsorship is recorded as revenue.

Sponsorship Received in Kind is recorded as revenue with a corresponding recognition of expenditure, based on fair value, at the point in time at which the in-kind services to which the sponsorship relates are performed.

Sponsorship relating to the provision of merchandise and other goods is recognised as revenue with a corresponding recognition of inventory at the fair value of goods received, at the point in time at which the goods are provided.

Membership Fees

Fees and subscriptions from members are recorded evenly over the period the item is provided, or where the value varies recorded proportionally on the basis of value in relation to total estimated value.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

Other Revenue

All other revenue is recognised at the time the goods or services are provided.

Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, determined on a first-in-first-out basis.

Prepayments

Prepayments represent payments made for the supply of goods or services to the Group in advance of those goods or services being supplied.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

Income Tax

Manawatū Rugby Union is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions. This is on the basis that Manawatū Rugby Union is promoter of amateur sport, under section CW46 of the Income Tax Act 2007. TML is subject to income tax, however, it operates on a nil profit basis.

Trade Receivables

Trade receivables are initially measured at the amount owed. When it is likely that the amount owed, or some portion, will not be collected, an impairment adjustment is recorded. Interest charged on overdue amounts are added to the individual debtor balance.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are initially recognised at cost. Historic cost includes items of expenditure directly attributable to the acquisition of assets and includes the cost of replacements that are eligible for capitalisation when these are incurred.

Items of property, plant and equipment are subsequently measured either under the:

- Cost model: Cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment.
- Revaluation model: fair value, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses recognised after the date of the most recent revaluation.

Valuations are performed with sufficient frequency to ensure that the fair value of a revalued asset does not differ materially from its carrying amount.

Gains and losses on revaluation are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

All of the entity's items of property plant and equipment are subsequently measured in accordance with the cost model, except for land and buildings which are subsequently measured in accordance with the revaluation model.

All other repairs and maintenance expenditure is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance as incurred.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line / diminishing value basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. The following estimated depreciation rates /useful lives have been used:

Fixtures and Fittings	0 - 40% DV
Office Equipment	10 - 67% DV
Plant & Equipment	10 - 50% DV
Land	-
Buildings	1% SL
Rugby Equipment	10 - 40% DV
Vehicles	18.58 - 26% DV

An item of property, plant and equipment or investment property is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the Statement of Financial Performance in the year the asset is de-recognised.

Investments

Investments are recorded when purchased and are recorded at cost. If it appears that the carrying amount of the investment will not be recovered, it shall be written down to the current market price. Any impairment expense is recorded in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit liabilities are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation to remunerate employees for services provided up to reporting date and that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the reporting date. Short-term employee benefits are measured on an undiscounted basis, and expensed in the period in which employment services are provided.

Loans

Loans are recorded when the amount borrowed has been received and measured at cost. Interest expense is recognised on an accruals basis.

Finance Leases

Leases in terms of which the Group assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases.

Upon initial recognition the leased asset is measured at an amount equal to the lower of its fair value and the present value of the minimum lease payments. Subsequent to initial recognition, the asset is accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy applicable to that asset. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance charges so as to achieve a constant rate on the finance balance outstanding, using the effective interest method.

Changes in Accounting Policies

The performance report has been prepared in line with the new Tier 3 reporting framework that the entity has adopted early.

There have been no other changes in accounting policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.



Consolidated Notes to the Performance Report

Manawatū Rugby Union For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
1. Analysis of Revenue		
General grants		
Grassroots Trust Central Limited	60,000	24,817
Mainland Foundation	310,679	242,114
Pub Charity	48,397	44,905
NZ Community Trust	153,242	98,019
Lion Foundation	30,000	40,000
One Foundation	10,000	-
Central Energy Trust	22,007	16,341
Eastern & Central Community Trust	-	10,000
Trust House Foundation	4,000	-
Palmerston North City Council	22,000	-
Total General grants	660,325	476,196
	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)

2. Analysis of Assets

Cash and Short Term Deposits		
ANZ Bank - Current Account	24,974	101,655
ANZ Bank Premium Call Account	67	100,216
Team Manawatu Ltd - Business Current Account	330	20,684
ANZ Term Deposit	-	700,000
Professional Investment Services - Call Account	253,910	-
Total Cash and Short Term Deposits	279,281	922,555
Debtors and Prepayments		
Accounts Receivable	58,067	52,304
Accrued Interest	-	2,819
Bartercard	50,720	74,646
Prepayments	17,325	18,333
Prepaid Wages	9,668	-
Total Debtors and Prepayments	135,780	148,102

The Group has an overdraft facility available of \$200,000 (2023: \$200,000) Interest is charged on any overdrawn balance at 9.70% per annum (2023: 11.05%). The facility is secured against 28 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North.



3. Property, Plant and Equipment

2024 (\$)						
Asset Class	Opening Carrying amount	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation & Impairment	Revaluation Movements	Closing Carrying Amount
Fixtures & Fittings	113,714	-	-	(12,944)	-	100,770
Office Equipment	34,501	1,800	-	(8,385)	-	27,917
Plant & Equipment	22,712	-	-	(3,366)	-	19,345
Land & Buildings	1,676,079	-	-	(2,050)	(613,700)	1,060,329
Rugby Equipment	68,329	53,962	-	(20,591)	-	101,700
Vehicles	59,651	142,334	-	(29,507)	-	172,477
Total	1,974,986	198,096	-	(76,843)	(613,700)	1,482,539

2023 (\$)						
Asset Class	Opening Carrying amount	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation & Impairment	Revaluation Movements	Closing Carrying Amount
Fixtures & Fittings	128,588	-	-	(14,873)	-	113,714
Office Equipment	37,682	5,076	-	(8,257)	-	34,501
Plant & Equipment	26,912	-	-	(4,200)	-	22,712
Land & Buildings	1,686,729	-	-	(10,650)	-	1,676,079
Rugby Equipment	72,700	9,489	(143)	(13,717)	-	68,329
Vehicles	19,630	48,262	-	(8,241)	-	59,651
Total	1,972,240	62,827	(143)	(59,938)	-	1,974,986

Land and buildings have been restated to valuation in accordance with the council valuation dated 1 September 2024. The current revaluation (loss) on revalued land and buildings is \$(166,948) (2023: Surplus \$446,752). Rateable value may not reflect fair value.

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
4. Analysis of Liabilities		
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Accounts Payable	113,353	236,616
Credit Cards	4,110	3,838
Funds Held on behalf of Third Party	-	11,500
GST Payable	35,995	17,469
Sundry Creditors	24,412	23,257
Total Creditors and accrued expenses	177,870	292,680
Employee Benefits		
Accrued Wages	-	18,181
Provision for Holiday Pay	35,928	48,666
Total Employee Benefits	35,928	66,847
Current Loans		
One - Mobile Phone Purchase Interest Free	799	2,131
Manawatu Rugby Referee Association - Short Term Loan	100,000	100,000
Total Current Loans	100,799	102,131
Loans		
Sir Pat Higgins - Interest Free Advance	50,000	50,000
Total Loans	50,000	50,000
Total Analysis of Liabilities	364,597	511,658

Trade and other payables are on-interest bearing and are normally settled on 30 day terms.

The MRRA loan is unsecured, incurs interest at a rate of 2.0% per annum (2023: 2.0%), and is repayable upon demand. The interest is paid in two equal instalments, in April and September.

The interest-free advance is on-demand and unsecured. Demand for repayment can only be made if MRU ceases to use its gymnasium as a team training facility, or ceases ownership of the gymnasium. The Directors have no plans to cease using the gymnasium or to cease ownership in the next 12 months, so the advance is therefore classified as a non-current liability.

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
5. Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance	917,274	958,409
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	(393,011)	(41,135)
Total Accumulated Funds	524,263	917,274

Accumulated revenue and expense

Accumulated revenue and expense is the Group's accumulated surplus or deficit since its formation, adjusted for transfers to/from specific reserves.

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
6. Breakdown of Reserves		
Asset Revaluation Reserve		
Opening Balance	446,752	446,752
Revaluation Movements	(446,752)	-
Closing Balance	-	446,752
Restricted Reserves		
Special Purpose Reserve		
Opening Balance	1,000,000	1,000,000
Closing Balance	1,000,000	1,000,000

Asset revaluation reserve

The asset revaluation reserve comprises increases and decreases from the revaluation of property.

Special purpose reserve - Stakeholder investment funding

The stakeholder investment funding consists of a cash contribution received from New Zealand Rugby to be spent on strategic rugby investment. The purpose of the reserve is to ensure the ongoing legacy of the union.

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
7. Commitments		
Commitments to lease or rent assets		
Current (less than twelve months)	7,490	7,482
Non Current (later than twelve months)	2,861	9,962
Total Commitments to lease or rent assets	10,352	17,444

The Group leases equipment. The Group did not have any restrictions placed on it by any of its leasing arrangements.

8. Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at 31 December 2024 (Last year - nil).



	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
9. Related Parties		
Receivables		
NZRU	375	-
Total Receivables	375	-
Payables		
NZRU	25,819	21,158
Total Payables	25,819	21,158
Sales		
NZRU - Grants Received	2,058,363	2,220,843
Total Sales	2,058,363	2,220,843

New Zealand Rugby Union (NZRU) is a related party due to its close affiliation with the Group.

A number of Directors have involvement with entities that sponsor the Group. There were no other transactions with related parties during the reporting period (2023: nil).

10. Events After the Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report.

11. Comparatives

There have been a number of prior period comparatives which have been reclassified to make disclosure consistent with the current year adoption of XRB's Tier 3 PBE (NFP) Standards issued in May 2023. The impact of the reclassification includes:

The restatement of the 2023 Consolidated Cashflow Statement inline with the updated classification groups required by the early adoption of the new Tier 3 PBE Standards.

The reversal of finance leases:

2023 Accumulated Surplus	917,393
Add back:	
Interest Expense	10,228
Depreciation	21,044
Other	1,674
Less:	
Lease Payments	(33,065)
2023 Restated Accumulated Surplus	917,274

Balance Sheet Item	2023	2023 Restated
Motor Vehicle (Cost)	291,563	125,737
Motor Vehicle (Accumulated Depreciation)	(87,129)	(66,084)

Finance Leases	149,684	-
Unexpired Interest	5,057	-









THE TEAM BEHIND OUR TEAMS

Go Media, Rāngitane o Manawatū & Best Care (Whakapai Hauora) Charitable Trust,
Gallagher Insurance Brokers, Paladin

Palmy Ag, Tranzit Coachlines, McDonalds, Higgins Concrete, Totalspan,
Plumbing World, Naylor Lawrence and Associates, UCOL, PTS, Iplex Pipelines

Vining Group, PreCast Concrete Manawatū, Team DH, Drone Wash New Zealand,
Distinction Hotel, Scafit, Holy Grail, DTSL, Freedom+, Mcintosh Farm Machinery &
Cranes, The Verdict Café, TelcoSpec, Over & Out Communications, Property
Brokers, Cocky, Bell-Booth, Ricoh, Higgins Family Holdings Ltd, Avant Decorating,
Manawatū Hunting & Fishing, Breakers

Robyn Young HR, Hedley Electrical, LW Electrical, Alan McNeil, Not Now James,
Silver Fern Collectables, Liz Kane Literacy, The Cobb, P3 Physio, Sturme Building
Solutions, Leader & Watt, A&P Trucking, Screen Print Services, Cross Country
Rentals, More FM, Lido Aquatic Centre, Subway Rangitikei & Princess Street,
Hirepool

D3 Tape, George Hospitality, POWA, ShedEx & PCM, Ricoh, See Me Media, Fisher
Print, T Market Fresh

Turbine Club, RCG - Rural Community Group

Mainland Foundation, NZ Community Trust, Pub Charity, Lion Foundation, One
Foundation, Central Energy Trust

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