



Pūrongo ā-tau



ANNUAL REPORT

24-25



MORE THAN A GAME®

NUI ATU I TE KĒMU

**Transforming lives and
community wellbeing
through Rugby League**

Ka mārō te haere i te wao a Tāne,
kia piki te ora o te iwi, mā roto
i te hutupōro rīki.

THE **KIWI** WAY®

**We are diverse, we call
Aotearoa home and
we are all Kiwis**

We are family first

We are responsible

We are innovative and courageous

We are inclusive, respectful & humble

We are stronger together

**We live and play
The Kiwi Way
every day**







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From the Chairman & CEO

Nā te Toihau me te Tumu Whakarae

2024 has been a landmark year for NZRL and rugby league in Aotearoa, marked by growth, a strengthened presence, and a return to profit. These achievements reflect the dedication of our people, the growing passion for our game across the country, and the strength of our partnerships. With a new strategic direction grounded in our kaupapa “More than a Game,” more than ever we are focused on transforming lives and communities through rugby league.

New Zealand Rugby League acknowledges the sad passing of the esteemed Kiingi Tuheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawhiti in 2024. His unwavering service to Māori and upholding the principles and traditions of the Kiingitanga, leaves an enduring legacy on our nation. We warmly acknowledge Kuini Nga Wai Hono i te Po as the new monarch of the Kiingitanga.

It was exciting to see one of the most anticipated grassroots events, the NZRL National Secondary Schools Tournament (NZSS) which marked its biggest year yet. Due to the increased numbers, it was held across two venues for the first time at Auckland's Bruce Pulman Park and Walter Massey Park, the Tournament attracted a record 49 teams, drawing young players and supporters from across the country. Congratulations to St. Thomas of Canterbury College for going back-to-back in the Boys' Premiership, and Southern Cross Campus for winning the Girls' Championship.

The Tournament continues to grow from strength to strength. Since its return in 2022 post-COVID, we have seen a 122% increase in participating teams, from 22 to 49 teams in just two years. Ahead of the 2025 Tournament there are at least 12 teams preparing to enter the Girls' Championship, up from eight in 2024.

We also welcomed back the National Youth Tournament, with the National Girls' Youth Tournament held in Mount Maunganui for the first time. The National Boys' Youth Tournament in Rotorua featured 25 teams from across Aotearoa, a 25% increase from 2023.

We are excited for the 2025 National Youth Tournament, set to be held in Christchurch for the first time, recognising the significant growth and impact the region has had on the game in recent years. This is most notable with St. Thomas' consecutive NZSS titles, and Sport Canterbury's 2024 Sport Report revealing our game as the fastest-growing sport in Canterbury with a rise of 24.5%. Congratulations to Canterbury Rugby League for the part they have played together with Southern Zone in this growth.

We acknowledge Aotearoa New Zealand Māori Rugby League and the Pacific Aotearoa Collective for another year of delivering outstanding tournaments. These events showcase a key strength of our game, which is the additional opportunities participants have to engage in rugby league beyond traditional club or school formats. Cultural tournaments such as these add another layer of richness to player's rugby league experiences, strengthening their connection to the game and their

heritage.

The appeal of rugby league in Aotearoa has never been at such a height for many years, further enhanced by the success of the One New Zealand Warriors and now looking forward to the re-entrance of a women's team into the NRLW this year. The presence and success of both men's and women's Warriors teams is important in attracting young people to our domestic game.

We continue to make a significant contribution to the men's and women's NRL competitions. This year, 30% of the total player population is from New Zealand, and this figure is expected to grow with increased investment into our game here.

In November, we co-hosted the second Pacific Championships international Cup competition in partnership with the NRL. It was fantastic to see the return of Test-match rugby league, with multiple nations competing on New Zealand soil. Christchurch hosted an exciting trans-Tasman double-header, where our Kiwis and Kiwi Ferns took the field in front of a sold-out Apollo Projects Stadium. It was incredible to see the stands filled with our supporters in Black and White, for what was the Kiwis' first game in Christchurch since 2019 and the Kiwi Ferns' first since 1998.

In Auckland, the Physical Disability Rugby League NZ Kiwis played their inaugural Trans-Tasman Challenge as a curtain-raiser to the Kiwis vs Tonga match, with PDRLNZ clinching a thrilling win against the PDRLA side. Although the Kiwis narrowly lost to Tonga, the spectacle of the game was stunning, with Kiwis supporters and the Tongan Red Sea out in full force filling the 24,000 seats at Go Media Stadium.

The Kiwis retained their place in the Pacific Championships Cup by defeating Papua New Guinea at the Grand Final in Sydney, a day that was a true celebration of Pacific culture and rugby league. With several key players injured in critical positions leading into the 2024 campaign, the Kiwis were unable to reach the heights of previous years. However, the squad drew on a deep pool of young talent, showing strong promise for the future.

In the Kiwi Ferns' campaign, while they were unsuccessful against Australia, they secured a victory over Papua New Guinea to remain in the Cup for the 2025 Pacific Championships. Like the Kiwis, they are on a path to broadening the depth and talent of their squad, looking ahead to the next Pacific Championships and the 2026 World Cup. The team's coaching and management staff, along with key leadership players, convened in Sydney for a leadership camp in May 2025 to reconnect and plan for the year ahead.

In 2024, the Wheel Kiwis played their historic trans-Tasman wheelchair rugby league Tests in Auckland. This milestone

campaign, which included the first haka ever performed in wheelchair rugby league, marked New Zealand's international debut in the sport. Despite falling short against Australia, we are excited about the future of wheelchair rugby league in Aotearoa and the opportunities it creates for wheelchair users to take part in our great game.

The overall success of the Pacific Championships campaign and all our broader organisational work in 2024, has meant that for the first time in recent years, we returned to profit. Building on this success, we now continue the hard work towards one of our most significant challenges and risks: maintaining investment in the game and servicing the growing demand, so that all participants continue to have the best possible experience.



Following an all-in-game hui in 2024, NZRL has been undertaking a strategic refresh. This thorough process is aimed at developing a strategy and plan that will set us in good stead for the next five years, anchored by our long-term vision for the game through to 2035. We look forward to presenting the proposed strategy to stakeholders for consultation in July.

At the heart of our new strategic direction is our kaupapa of “More than a Game”. This ethos reflects our aim to transform lives and communities through the rugby league. The new strategy reinforces this as a central pillar at all levels of the game from grassroots to international, embodying our identity and purpose.

Throughout 2024, connected game plan workstreams enabled NZRL to engage with stakeholders in a meaningful manner and operate in a deeper, more efficient way. This approach will continue as we implement the new strategy and finalise the various workstreams aligned with a connected game plan.

Meanwhile, the grassroots game continues to thrive. We recorded over 38,000 participants in 2024 with early indications showing we are on track to reach our goal of 50,000 participants in 2025, which will mark doubling rugby league participation in Aotearoa over the past six years. Growth is continuing to be driven by increased rangatahi, youth, and female participation, with a 41% increase in rangatahi players and a 34% increase in female players.

We are mindful of the expectations of our participants and recognise the need to remain dynamic, adapting to the evolving demands of our game here in Aotearoa. We are especially encouraged by not only increased participation, but by the reinvigoration of rugby league in regions that had less activity in recent years, now reemerging with stronger player numbers and growing public interest.

This past year's success wouldn't have been possible without the support of our valued partners. A special thank you to our long-standing partners Pirtek and Mainstream for their continued support and loyal commitment. Both remain proudly onboard as Principal Partners of the Kiwis, Kiwi Ferns, NZRL, and our match officials.

A big thank you to Sky Sport for another year of outstanding partnership and game coverage. Their exceptional service and support ensure players at every level, from grassroots to high performance, have the opportunity to showcase their talents.

A heartfelt thank you to ACC, Le Va, Sports Chaplaincy New Zealand, Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand, South Seas, and all our support partners for your ongoing commitment and collaboration. We are also thankful for another year of outstanding support from Ricoh as our IT Solutions and Technology Partner, and we acknowledge Dynasty as we celebrate one year of partnership as our Official Apparel Provider.

With the continued valuable support of the NRL, Sport New Zealand, and High Performance Sport NZ, we're able to keep driving the growth and development of rugby league across all levels of the game.

NZRL is also very pleased with our new partnership with the Pasifika Medical Association Group (PMA). Through this partnership, free medical services, which can be difficult to access for many people, have been made available to anyone involved in rugby league. We are proud to give back to our rugby league whānau through this partnership with PMA, a fantastic addition to our partner suite.

We acknowledge and appreciate the dedication and mahi of our associate members: Masters of Rugby League, New Zealand Defence Forces Rugby League, New Zealand Rugby League Kiwis Association, New Zealand Universities and Tertiary Students Rugby League, and Physical Disability Rugby League.

At the 2024 AGM, Tawera Nikau (MNZM) was appointed NZRL President. A rugby league icon and Kiwi #614, he has played 19 international Tests and served the game over many years. Hugh Martyn stepped down as Chair but remained on the Board for the final year of his term. We thank Hugh for the significant contribution and invaluable service to the game over his two terms, as he retires from the Board at the end of his second term this year.

Justin Leydesdorff was elected Board Chair, and Nevak Rogers was co-opted to the Board during 2024. Together with their fellow Directors, they have already made substantial contributions over the past year.

We are deeply grateful to all within our rugby league whānau including Zone boards, Districts, clubs, staff, coaches, managers, match officials, players, and volunteers across Aotearoa. Your ongoing dedication and service to rugby league is truly valued, our beloved game would not continue to flourish without you all. A special thank you also to our NZRL Board of Directors, Life Members, and our Patron, Sir Anand Satyanand, for your continued support and leadership. Lastly, we thank our NZRL team for another year of hard mahi and driving outstanding outcomes for our game.

The year 2024 stands out as one of the most successful in recent times for rugby league in Aotearoa, marked by continued growth in popularity, a further strengthened public narrative, and exceptionally increased participation across all levels. On the back of this momentum, NZRL is well-positioned to sustain progress and further advance the game. We look forward to the year ahead and the continued opportunity to serve and support the sport and its wider community.



Justin Leydesdorff,
Chairman

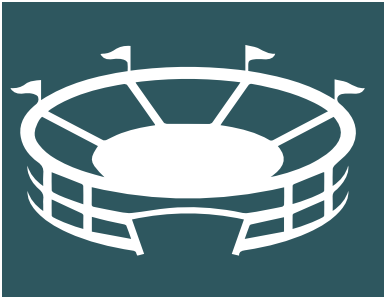


Greg Peters,
CEO



Key Statistics

Ngā Tatauranga Matua



**CHRISTCHURCH
DOUBLE-HEADER TESTS
SELL OUT**



11

ADDITIONAL
Teams at the NZRL
National Secondary
Schools Tournament



12

ADDITIONAL
Teams at the NZRL
National Youth
Tournament



3.6

MILLION
MONTHLY average
social media reach
in 2024

+132K

**Social Media
FOLLOWERS in 2024**

24%
**OVERALL
INCREASE**
in registered players

41%
INCREASE
in rangatahi
(13-17 years old) players

34%
INCREASE
in female players





HIGH PERFORMANCE

— Hau Tupua

PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS



KIWI FERNS

Ngā Ponga Kiwi

PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS | OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2024
AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & PAPUA NEW GUINEA

HEAD COACH
Ricky Henry

SQUAD

Abigail Roache, Alexis Tauaneai*, Amber Hall, Angelina Teakaraanga-Katoa, Annessa Biddle, Apii Nicholls, Ashleigh Quinlan, Brianna Clark, Brooke Anderson, Brooke Talataina*, Cheyelle Robins-Reti, Gayle Broughton*, Georgia Hale (C), Leianne Tufuga, Mackenzie Wiki*, Mele Hufanga, Mya Hill-Moana, Najvada George, Otesa Pule, Shanice Parker, Tiana Davison, Tyla King
*Debutants

Sunday 27 October 2024 | Apollo Projects Stadium, Christchurch, NZ

GAME 1

NEW ZEALAND V AUSTRALIA

0

KIWI FERNS

14

AUSTRALIA

TRIES -

CONVERSIONS -

DEBUTANTS - Alexis Tauaneai, Gayle Broughton

TRIES - Jessica Sergis, Tiana Penitani, Tamika Upton

CONVERSIONS - Tarryn Aiken

Sunday 3 November 2024 | Santos National Football Stadium, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

GAME 2

NEW ZEALAND V PAPUA NEW GUINEA

36

KIWI FERNS

0

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

TRIES - Angelina Teakaraanga-Katoa, Ashleigh Quinlan, Leianne Tufuga 2, Mackenzie Wiki 3

CONVERSIONS - Tyla King 4

DEBUTANTS - Brooke Talataina, Mackenzie Wiki

TRIES -

CONVERSIONS -

Pacific Cup Final | Sunday 10 November 2024 | CommBank Stadium, Sydney, Australia

FINAL

NEW ZEALAND V AUSTRALIA

4

KIWI FERNS

24

AUSTRALIA

TRIES - Leianne Tufuga

CONVERSIONS -

TRIES - Isabelle Kelly, Julia Robinson, Tamika Upton, Tarryn Aiken, Tiana Penitani

CONVERSIONS - Tarryn Aiken 2

PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS



KIWIS Te Kapa Kiwi

PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS | OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2024
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

HEAD COACH

Stacey Jones

SQUAD

Casey McLean*,
Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad, Erin Clark*,
Griffin Neame, Isaiah Papali'i, Jahrome Hughes, Jamayne Isaako, James Fisher-Harris (C), Joseph Tapine, Jordan Riki*, Keano Kini*,
Kodi Nikorima, Leo Thompson, Marata Niukore, Matthew Timoko, Naufahu Whyte*, Peta Hiku, Phoenix Crossland*,
Scott Sorensen, Shaun Johnson, Trent Toelau*, William Warbrick*

***Debutants**

***Travelling Reserves**

Sunday 27 October 2024 | Apollo Projects Stadium, Christchurch, NZ

GAME 1

NEW ZEALAND V AUSTRALIA

10
KIWIS

22
AUSTRALIA

TRIES - Jamayne Isaako, Will Warbrick
CONVERSIONS - Jamayne Isaako
DEBUTANTS - Jordan Riki, Keano Kini, Naufahu Whyte, Phoenix Crossland, Will Warbrick

TRIES - Lindsay Collins, Mitchell Moses, Zac Lomax 2
CONVERSIONS - Zac Lomax 2

Saturday 2 November 2024 | Go Media Stadium, Auckland, NZ

GAME 2

NEW ZEALAND V TONGA

24
KIWIS

25
TONGA

TRIES - Isaiah Papali'i, Joseph Tapine, Keano Kini, Phoenix Crossland
CONVERSIONS - Jamayne Isaako 4

TRIES - Addin Fonua-Blake, Siliva Havili, Sione Katoa, Soni Luke
CONVERSIONS - Isaiya Katoa 4
PENALTY GOALS - Isaiya Katoa
1 POINT FIELD GOALS - Isaiya Katoa

Sunday 10 November 2024 | CommBank Stadium, Sydney, Australia

GAME 3

NEW ZEALAND V PAPUA NEW GUINEA

54
KIWIS

12
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

TRIES - Casey McLean 4, Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad, Jamayne Isaako 3, Leo Thompson, Naufahu Whyte
CONVERSIONS - Jamayne Isaako 6, Shaun Johnson
DEBUTANTS - Casey McLean, Erin Clark

TRIES - Robert Derby, Sylvester Namo
CONVERSIONS - Rhyse Martin 2

WHUTUPŌRO RĪKĪ
WHAIKAHĀ O AOTEAROA



Whutupōro Rīki Whaikaha o Aotearoa

Physical Disability Rugby League New Zealand

HEAD COACH

Paul Mills

SQUAD

Cody Matthews, Delta Taeauga, Hedi Moani-Kafoa, Jack McSweeney, Jason Wali, Kent Stroobant, Macken Graham, Mal Davis (C), Matthew Williams, Michael Kulene, Mowhia Cook, Phil Milne, Roko Nailolo, Sam Haira (VC), Steven Beazley, Zachary Tagomoa Papali'i

TRANS-TASMAN TEST | SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2024
GO MEDIA STADIUM, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

PDRL NEW ZEALAND WHAIKAHA KIWIS

V

PDRL AUSTRALIA

20

NZ

TRIES - Delta Taeauga, Hedi Moani-Kafoa, Michael Kulene, Roko Nailolo
GOALS - Michael Kulene, Roko Nailolo

18

AUS

TRIES - Bryce Crane 2, Luke Vella 2
GOALS - Stephen Hendry



WHEEL KIWIS



WHEEL KIWIS

TRANS-TASMAN TEST SERIES | NOVEMBER 2024
NEW ZEALAND

HEAD COACH

Edie George

ASSISTANT COACHES

Natasha Barber
Robert Graham

INAUGURAL WHEEL KIWIS SQUAD

1. Ryan Charles
2. Nikia Fa'atau
3. Robert Graham
4. Jayson Hooker
5. Charles Joyce
6. Kauri Murray
7. Dan Scott
8. Jamie Tapp
9. Lance Pakura
10. Slade St John
11. Yann Roux

Friday 1 November 2024 | Eventfinda Stadium, Auckland, NZ

GAME 1

NEW ZEALAND V AUSTRALIA

4

WHEEL KIWIS

TRIES - Jamie Tapp
GOALS -

98

AUSTRALIA

TRIES - Bayley McKenna 5, Brad Grove, Cory Cannane 3, Daniel Anstey 5, Peter Arbuckle, Zac Schumacher 2
GOALS - Diab Karim 3

Monday 4 November 2024 | Eventfinda Stadium, Auckland, NZ

GAME 2

NEW ZEALAND V AUSTRALIA

8

WHEEL KIWIS

TRIES - Ryan Charles, Jamie Tapp
GOALS -

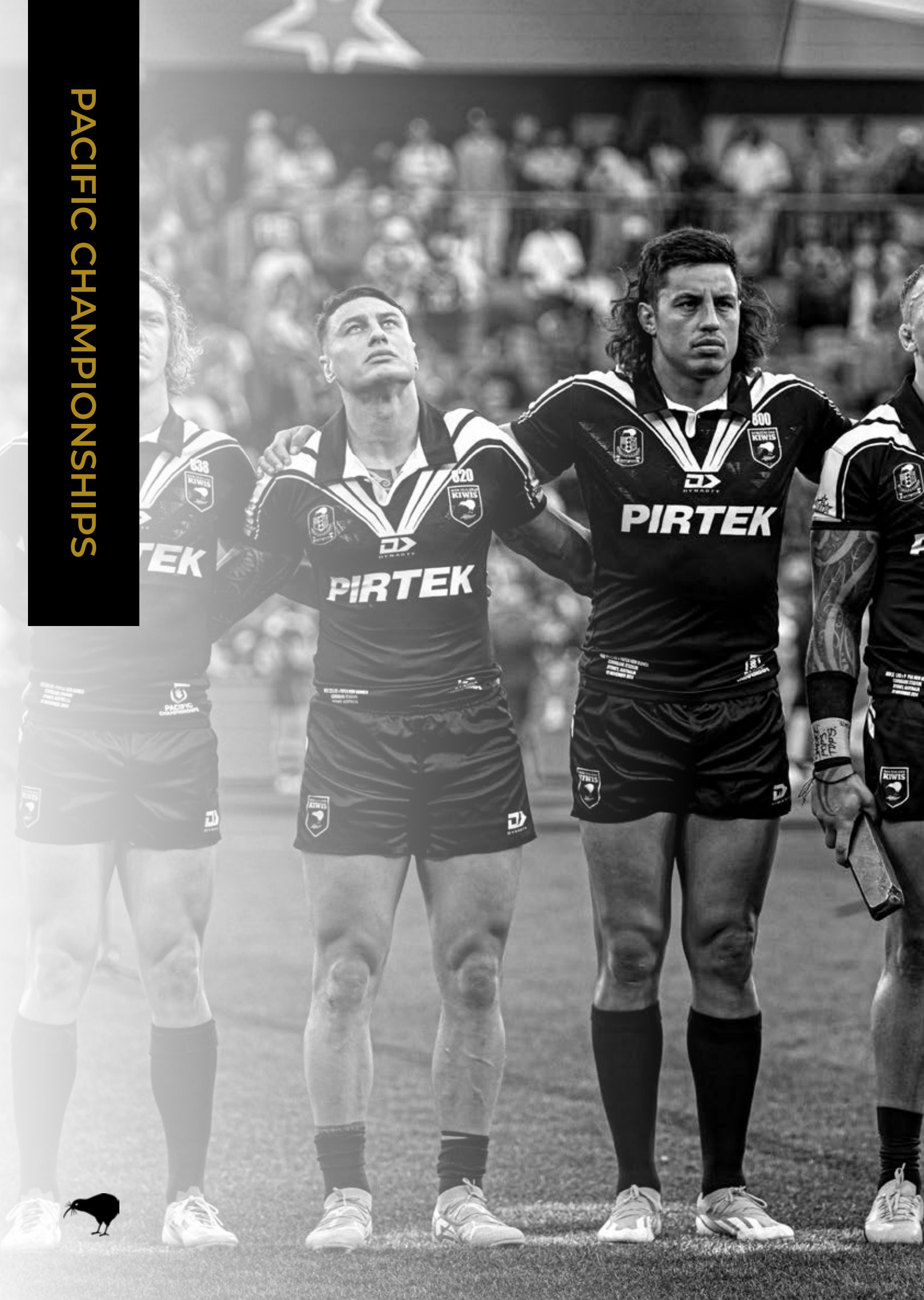
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AUSTRALIA

TRIES - Bayley McKenna 4, Brad Grove 3, Cory Cannane 3, Daniel Anstey 5, Diab Karim 2, Tony Popple 2, Zac Schumacher 2
GOALS - Daniel Anstey, Bayley McKenna 4, Tony Popple, Zac Schumacher 7



PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS



Campaign Results

ATTENDANCE



39,368

Total tickets sold across all games in NZ

7%

Increase from 2023

VIEWERSHIP



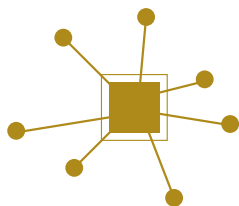
3.48 MILLION

Total viewership (NZ & AU)

13.7%

Increase from 2023

MEDIA



25,200,000

overall campaign social media reach



277,184

visits to nzrl.co.nz

3,554

pieces of media coverage



DOMESTIC RUGBY LEAGUE

It was exciting to see the return of one of the most anticipated events on the NZRL grassroots calendar, the NZRL National Secondary Schools Tournament (NZSS), which returned for its biggest year yet.

Held at Auckland's Bruce Pulman Park and Walter Massey Park, 49 teams took part drawing rangatahi and supporters from across Aotearoa. Congratulations to all teams who took part, and to St. Thomas of Canterbury College, Southern Cross Campus, Westlake Boys High School, and St. Paul's College for winning their respective divisions. A special mention goes to St. Thomas' who went back-to-back to claim the highly contested Boys' Premiership for the second year in a row.

We now look ahead to 2025 as the tournament continues to grow. In 2018, 22 schools took part; this year that number is expected to triple with over 70 teams expressing interest. More than 12 teams are preparing to enter the Girls' Championship, up from eight in 2024.

We also welcomed back the NZRL National Youth Tournament, with the National Girls Tournament held in Mount Maunganui for the first time. The National Boys Tournament in Rotorua featured 25 teams from throughout Aotearoa, marking a 25% increase since 2023.

We are excited for the 2025 competition, set to be held in Christchurch for the first time ever, recognising the significant growth and impact the region has had on the game in recent years.

With rugby league participation among rangatahi continuing to rise, we are excited for another action-packed year of domestic competitions and tournaments as our game continues to thrive and expand across Aotearoa.

TOURNAMENTS



NZRL National Secondary Schools Tournament



BOYS' PREMIERSHIP

GRAND FINAL

St. Thomas of Canterbury College **24**

De La Salle College **18**

FINAL STANDINGS

St. Thomas of Canterbury College

De La Salle College

St. Paul's College

Rotorua Boys' High School

Mt. Albert Grammar School

Southern Cross Campus

Aorere College

Manurewa High School

BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

GRAND FINAL

Westlake Boys High School **18**

James Cook High School **6**

FINAL STANDINGS

Westlake Boys High School

James Cook High School

Te Wharekura o Rakaumangamanga: Tainui-Kura

Whangārei Boys' High School

St Bede's College

Hornby High School

Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate

Otahuhu College

Wesley College

Howick College

Francis Douglas Memorial College

New Plymouth Boys High School

Hamilton Boys' High School

Tamaki College

Tauranga Boys' College

Tokoroa High School

Western Heights High School

Onehunga High School

Fraser High School

Whangaparāoa College

Haeata Community Campus: Okea Ururoatia

Trident High School

Papatoetoe High School

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS 16S BOYS TEAM

Alexander Pua (St. Paul's College)

Bishop Neal (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)

Casey Tuitoga-Foi (Haeata Community Campus)

Cesar-John Bonnar-Rawhiti (Otahuhu College)

Christiano Elia (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)

Dreytin Marriott (Tainui Kura)

Epeli Pohiva (Wesley College)

Jacksyn Hill (Rotorua Boys' High School)

Kingston Pupuke-Robati (De La Salle College)

Kobi Hauraki (Whangārei Boys' High School)

Krushil Koteka (Sir Edmond Hillary Collegiate)

Latu Vaiaku (De La Salle College)

Luteru Isaia (Francis Douglas Memorial College)

Matu Te Maipi (Tauranga Boys' College)

Nathan Lopamaua (James Cook High School)

Rylan Muaulu (De La Salle College)

Siaosi Alaitini-Tahitu'a (St. Paul's College)

Tyson Hansen (Rotorua Boys' High School)

Victor Kenese (Manurewa High School)

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS 18S BOYS TEAM

Compton Purcell (St. Paul's College)

Hudsyn Frost (De La Salle College)

Isaiah Savea (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)

Jackson Stewart (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)

Kaawyn Patterson (Westlake Boys High School)

Lautasi Etuale (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)

Lennox Tuiloma (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)

Meihana Pauling (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)

Noah Hetutu-Davis (St. Paul's College)

Rico Toeava (De La Salle College)

Setaleki Mafileo (Rotorua Boys' High School)

Solomone Mailulu (Rotorua Boys' High School)

Tepatasi Laumalili (De La Salle College)

Toby Gibson (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)

Tyrone Hurt-Pickering (St. Paul's College)

Waka Tate (St. Paul's College)

Xavier Lynch (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)

Zeke Faga-Ieti (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)

Tournament MVP

Bishop Neal (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)

Emerging Talent

Kaawyn Patterson (Westlake Boys High School)

TOURNAMENTS



NZRL National Secondary Schools Tournament



GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP

GRAND FINAL

Southern Cross Campus **14**
Auckland Girls Grammar **4**

FINAL STANDINGS

Southern Cross Campus
Auckland Girls' Grammar School
McAuley High School
St. Mary's College
Tokoroa High School
Wesley College
Tauranga Girls' College
Hamilton Girls' High School

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS 16S GIRLS TEAM

Alaina Lauitiiti (McAuley High School)
Betsy Fifita (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Jada-Breeze Gray (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Jordan-Paige Mano-Pedro (St Mary's College)
Kamaile Haggie (Hamilton Girls' High School)
Lala Vaea (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Lavinia Moala (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Lytic Vano (Tokoroa High School)
Monica Tuala-Leaunoa (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Mya Vetelino (McAuley High School)
Olivia Filikitonga (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Paige Lilo (St Mary's College)
Peyton Perez (St Mary's College)
Saydee Popata (Tokoroa High School)
Shaine Thompson (Tokoroa High School)
Shakira Lui (Southern Cross Campus)
Shanthie Lui (Southern Cross Campus)
Tiarna Berryman-Hill (Hamilton Girls' High School)
Tui Lisa Te Awa (Tokoroa High School)

BOYS' U15 CARNIVAL

GRAND FINAL

St. Paul's College **14**
Southern Cross Campus **0**

FINAL STANDINGS

St. Paul's College
Southern Cross Campus
Putaruru College
Manurewa High School
James Cook High School
Tamaki College
Te Wharekura o Rakaumangamanga: Tainui-Kura
Rotorua Boys' High School
Hamilton Boys' High School
Tokoroa High School

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS 18S GIRLS TEAM

Billie Va'a (St Mary's College)
Braxton Sorensen-McGee (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Courtney Tyrell (St Mary's College)
Danii Nicole Gray (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Faith Tavita (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Grace Togia (Southern Cross Campus)
Ivana Lauitiiti (McAuley High School)
Jazahra Ah-Kuoi Lemusu (St Mary's College)
Josinah Filisi Tauilili (Southern Cross Campus)
Laie Potoru-Rokeni (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Luca-Bella Ngatuere-Ongley (St Mary's College)
Maaria Elkington (Hamilton Girls' High School)
Mele Kaufusi (Southern Cross Campus)
Mia Ualesi (St Mary's College)
Mya Tony (McAuley High School)
Peyton Leota (Southern Cross Campus)
Riley Fruean-Otineru (McAuley High School)
Shafenior Lui (Southern Cross Campus)
Te Raukura Leafe (St Mary's College)

Tournament MVP

Josinah Filisi Tauilili (Southern Cross Campus)

Emerging Talent

Makayla Graham (Tauranga Girls' College)

TOURNAMENTS



NZRL National Youth Tournament



GRAND FINAL

Counties Manukau **24**
Wellington **8**

FINAL STANDINGS

Counties Manukau
Wellington
Manawatu
South Island
Auckland
Bay of Plenty
Akarana
Coastline
Waikato
Northland
Mid Central

NZ CLUBS 16S GIRLS TEAM

Aliyah Tanoai (Counties Manukau)
Asha Taumoepeau Williams (Counties Manukau)
Ava-Lea Maxwell (South Island)
Brooke Jones (Wellington)
Druzelle Walter (Counties Manukau)
Emacyn Iremia (Akarana)
Jae-Jae Wickliffe (Bay of Plenty)
Jayda Peo (Counties Manukau)
Kyla Pasene (Wellington)
Maddison-Renae Seumanutafa (Manawatu)
Maraea Makiha (Bay of Plenty)
Neve Tacon (South Island)
Patricia Heihei (Wellington)
Ryteous Tutaia (Akarana)
Sari Iefata (Akarana)
Shikynah Pearson (Manawatu)
Sophie Parker Cornelius (Manawatu)
Tayla Peters (Counties Manukau)
Violet Hiku (Counties Manukau)
Tournament MVP: Asha Taumoepeau Williams (Counties Manukau)
Emerging Talent: Chrisena Nathan (Northland)

GRAND FINAL

Wellington **22**
South Island **4**

FINAL STANDINGS

Wellington
South Island
Counties Manukau
Auckland
Akarana
Waikato
Northland
Mid Central
Coastline
Bay of Plenty

NZ CLUBS 18S GIRLS TEAM

Ashlee Matapo (Akarana)
Danii Mafoe (Akarana)
Dormay Laufiso (South Island)
Fanua Rimoni (Wellington)
Ikapeta Fetu (South Island)
Jayda Maniapoto (Wellington)
Jayne Langsiu (Akarana)
Jemma Tonu'u (Counties Manukau)
Lialanie Muamua (South Island)
Lupelota Opeti-Finau (Auckland)
Maeya Talamaivao (Akarana)
Maia Davis (Wellington)
Malena Lavea (Akarana)
Mary-Jane Taito (Counties Manukau)
Mihikorama Kerr (Waikato)
Olive Connolly (South Island)
Riana Le'afa-Paki (Wellington)
Sydelle Samuelu (South Island)
Tiare-Anne Leauga (Auckland)
Tournament MVP: Dormay Laufiso (South Island)
Emerging Talent: Kyra-Lee Westland (South Island)

GRAND FINAL

Akarana **42**
Auckland **6**

FINAL STANDINGS

Akarana
Auckland
Counties Manukau
South Island
Wellington
Bay of Plenty
Canterbury
Waikato
Northland
Coastline
Mid Central
Manawatu
Gisborne Tairāwhiti

NZ CLUBS 16S BOYS TEAM

Bastion Armstrong (Auckland)
Charles-Johny Henry (Auckland)
Charleston Te Rore (Counties Manukau)
D'Angelo Mikaele (Counties Manukau)
Epapara Tahu-Apiata (Waikato)
Hinckley Ioka (Akarana)
Jeremiah Faanu Lemana (Akarana)
Justin Talalima Wineti (South Island)
Lorenz-Markel Strickland-Rere (Wellington)
Lucian Mikaele (Counties Manukau)
Nelson Tiimalu (Wellington)
Parekaahu Keepa (Akarana)
Quiziah Raina-Puletama (Akarana)
Rico Finau (Akarana)
Rilee Huggins (Akarana)
Ronan Byford (Akarana)
Soakai Pulu (Counties Manukau)
Tairyn Whata (Bay of Plenty)
Tamati Hemi Wainohu Te Aho (Waikato)
Tournament MVP: Bastion Armstrong (Auckland)
Emerging Talent: Hikurangi Kiel (Bay of Plenty)

GRAND FINAL

Auckland **22**
Akarana **12**

FINAL STANDINGS

Auckland
Akarana
Counties Manukau
South Island
Wellington
Canterbury
Bay of Plenty
Mid Central
Waikato
Manawatu
Northland
Coastline

NZ CLUBS 18S BOYS TEAM

Albert Balchin (Counties Manukau)
Atalea Filo (Akarana)
Devante Hurrell-Epati (Akarana)
Elijah Paea (Counties Manukau)
Etuati Tatupu (Auckland)
Ezekiel Tavita (Akarana)
Genesis Sherlock (Canterbury)
Gordan Afoa (Counties Manukau)
Hoani Richards (Wellington)
Joseph Ratcliffe (Manawatu)
Karlos Iraia (Bay of Plenty)
Militonimolela Sikuvea (Counties Manukau)
Noah Jensen (Akarana)
Psalms Iosua (Akarana)
Reweti Ngarimu (Wellington)
Ronnie Kivalu (Counties Manukau)
Taipiri Wikitera (Akarana)
Tavita Pomale (Bay of Plenty)
Tepaeroa Wineera (Akarana)
Tournament MVP: Noah Jensen (Akarana)
Emerging Talent: Laumoli Jonathan Solomon (Wellington)

TOURNAMENTS



NZRL National Men's Premiership

GRAND FINAL

Auckland **23** v Counties Manukau **22**

FINAL STANDINGS

Auckland
Counties Manukau
Akarana
Bay of Plenty
Otago
Waikato

NZRL Sky Sport National Women's Premiership

GRAND FINAL

Akarana **12** v Counties Manukau **10**

FINAL STANDINGS

Akarana
Counties Manukau
Auckland
Wellington
Canterbury
Waikato

NZRL National Men's Championship

GRAND FINAL

Canterbury **36** v Wellington **22**

FINAL STANDINGS

NORTH ISLAND

Northland
Wellington
Coastline
Te Tai Tokerau

SOUTH ISLAND

Canterbury
Southland
Aoraki
West Coast

NZRL National Women's Championship

GRAND FINAL

Coastline **20** v Northland **12**

FINAL STANDINGS

Coastline
Northland
Bay of Plenty
Waikato





REPRESENTATIVE

Hau Toa

In 2024, NZRL increased representative opportunities for players, coaches, and management staff from across Aotearoa, as we continue to provide standout young players an opportunity to wear the Black and White jersey.

The NZ Clubs v NZ Schools clash was introduced for 16s Boys and Girls to align with the 18s Boys and Girls fixtures which returned for another year since its launch in 2020. The Schools squads were selected from the NZRL National Secondary Schools Tournament, and the Clubs squads from the NZRL National Youth Tournament.

The 18s matches were held at St. Peter's School in Cambridge, where the Girls Schools side win by one try, and the intense Boys contest ending in a draw. The 16s fixtures followed at Auckland's Bruce Pulman Park, with both Clubs teams coming out on top.

NZRL celebrated the relaunch of the Taurahere programme, last implemented over five years ago. The programme aims to connect Australia-based talent with their New Zealand heritage and the Black and White jersey.

Forty-two rising rugby league stars were selected into two teams that faced each other in a one-off match in Gold Coast, Brisbane. The under 17 players from New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria came together for a three-day camp, with several former Kiwis involved as mentors.

NZRL is pleased with the continued growth these fixtures for another year, as they provide more representative opportunities for our rangatahi to showcase their talents in front of their families, friends, and selectors looking for our future Kiwis and Kiwi Ferns.

REPRESENTATIVE



Schools v Clubs

Kura v Karapu

U16 GIRLS

NZ CLUBS

Aliyah Tanoai (Counties Manukau)
Asha Taumoepeau Williams (Counties Manukau)
Ava-Lea Maxwell-Ogilvy (South Island)
Druzelle Walter (Counties Manukau)
Emacyn Ieremia (Akarana)
Jae-Jae Wickliffe (Bay of Plenty)
Jayda Peo (Counties Manukau)
Kyla Pasene (Wellington)
Maddison-Renae Seumanutafa (Manawatu)
Maraea Makiha (Bay of Plenty)
Neve Tacon (South Island)
Patricia Heihei (Wellington)
Ryteous Tutaia (Akarana)
Sari Iefata (Akarana)
Shikynah Pearson (Manawatu)
Sophie Parker-Cornelius (Manawatu)
Tayla Peters (Counties Manukau)
Te Maia Sweetman (Manawatu)
Violet Hiku (Counties Manukau)

NZ SCHOOLS

Alaina Lautiiti (McAuley High School)
Betsy Fifita (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Desiyah Waipari Leef (Tauranga Girls' College)
Jada-Breeze Gray (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Jordan-Paige Mano-Pedro (St Mary's College)
Kamaile Haggie (Hamilton Girls' High School)
Lala Vaea (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Lavinia Moala (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Lytic Vano (Tokoroa High School)
Monica Tuala-Leaunoa (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Olivia Filikitonga (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Paige Lilo (St Mary's College)
Peyton Perez (St Mary's College)
Saydee Popata (Tokoroa High School)
Shaine Thompson (Tokoroa High School)
Shakira Lui (Southern Cross Campus)
Shanthie Lui (Southern Cross Campus)
Tiarna Berryman-Hill (Hamilton Girls' High School)
Tui Lisa Te Awa (Tokoroa High School)

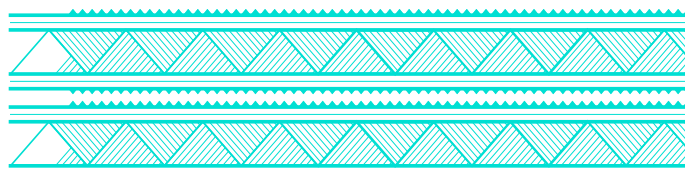
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Ronan Byford (Akarana)
Soakai Pulu (Counties Manukau)
Tairyn Whata (Bay of Plenty)
Tamati Hemi Wainiohu Te Aho (Waikato)

NZ SCHOOLS

Alexander Pua (St. Paul's College)
Bishop Neal (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)
Casey Tuitoga-Foi (Haeata Community Campus)
Ceasar-John Bonnar-Rawhiti (Otahuhu College)
Christiano Elia (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)
Dreytin Marriott (Tainui Kura)
Epeli Pohiva (Wesley College)
Jacksyn Hill (Rotorua Boys' High School)
Kingston Pupuke-Robati (De La Salle College)
Kobi Hauraki (Whangārei Boys' High School)
Krushil Enere Koteka (Sir Edmond Hillary Collegiate)
Latu Vaiaku (De La Salle College)
Luteru Isaia (Francis Douglas Memorial College)
Matiu Te Maipi (Tauranga Boys' College)
Nathan Lopamaua (James Cook High School)
Rylan Muauulu (De La Salle College)
Siaosi Alatini-Tahitu'a (St. Paul's College)
Tyson Hansen (Rotorua Boys' High School)
Victor Kenese (Manurewa High School)



REPRESENTATIVE



Schools v Clubs

Kura v Karapu

U18 GIRLS

NZ CLUBS

Iokapeta Fetu (South Island)
Jailah Vanilau (Wellington)
Jayne Langsiu (Akarana)
Kyra-Lee Westland (South Island)
Lialanie Muamua (South Island)
Lose Kuli (Auckland)
Luisa Kuli (Auckland)
Lupelota Opeti-Finau (Auckland)
Maeya Talamaivao (Akarana)
Malena Lavea (Akarana)
Mary-Jane Taito (Counties Manukau)
Mihikorama Kerr (Waikato)
Pasikalia Tuiatua (Wellington)
Ripena Umaga Vaeila (South Island)
Serina Tautau (Wellington)
Simina Lokotui (Auckland)
Sydelle Samuelu (South Island)
Tiare-Anne Leauga (Auckland)
Tyali Raihe (Waikato)

NZ SCHOOLS

Billie Va'a (St Mary's College)
Braxton Sorensen-McGee (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Faith Tavita (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Grace Togia (Southern Cross Campus)
Ivana Lauitiiti (McAuley High School)
Janelle Tonu'u (McAuley High School)
Jazahra Ah-Kuoi Lemusu (St Mary's College)
Josinah Filisi Tauilili (Southern Cross Campus)
Laie Potoru-Rokeni (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
Luca-Bella Ngatuere-Ongley (St Mary's College)
Maaria Elkington (Hamilton Girls' High School)
Mele Kaufusi (Southern Cross Campus)
Mia Ualesi (St Mary's College)
Mya Tony (McAuley High School)
Peyton Leota (Southern Cross Campus)
Raelyn Monga (Tauranga Girls' College)
Riley Fruean-Otineru (McAuley High School)
Shafenior Lui (Southern Cross Campus)
Shya Peri (Tauranga Girls' College)
Te Raukura Leafe (St Mary's College)

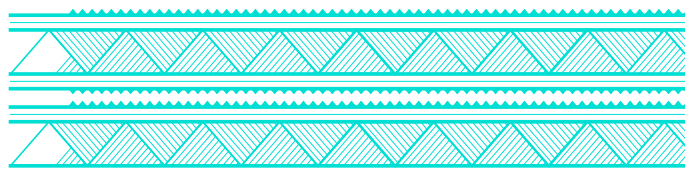
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Taipiri Wikitera (Akarana)
Tavita Pomale (Bay of Plenty)
Tepaeroa Wineera (Akarana)

NZ SCHOOLS

Atapana Su'a (St. Paul's College)
Compton Purcell (St. Paul's College)
Hudsyn Frost (De La Salle College)
Isaiah Savea (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)
Jackson Stewart (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)
Lauiti Lauvao (De La Salle College)
Lennox Tuiloma (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)
Meihana Pauling (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)
Nathanial Fifita (De La Salle College)
Noah Hetutu-Davis (St. Paul's College)
Rico Toeava Ward (De La Salle College)
Setaleki Mafileo (Rotorua Boys' High School)
Solomone Mailulu (Rotorua Boys' High School)
Tepatasi Laumalili (De La Salle College)
Toby Gibson (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)
Tyrone Hurt-Pickering (St. Paul's College)
Waka Tate (St. Paul's College)
Xavier Lynch (St. Thomas of Canterbury College)
Zinzan Cooper Fuimaono (Manurewa High School)



REPRESENTATIVE



Taurahere

15 September 2024

Runaway Bay Junior Leagues Club, Gold Coast, Australia

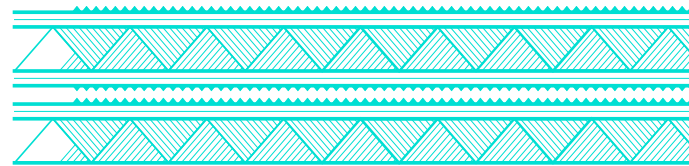
Toa **34** Tū **10**

TOA SQUAD

Azariah Toki-Mautairi (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs)
Daniel Rakena (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks)
David Bryenton (Brisbane Broncos)
Dean Tauaa (Brisbane Broncos)
Ezra Leota (Parramatta Eels/Canberra Raiders)
Fa'apale Feaunati (Brisbane Broncos)
Hayden Watson (Melbourne Storm)
Jai Bilish (Gold Coast Titans)
Joseph Tupuse (Brisbane Broncos)
Keyarn Pene (Moreton Bay Raiders)
Kilarney Lavender (Redcliffe Dolphins)
Mace Andrew (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs)
Ronnic Starkey (Melbourne Storm)
Sangstar Figota (Sydney Roosters)
Siosaia Poesa (Brisbane Broncos)
Sitiveni Afu (North Queensland Cowboys)
Taylan Toa (Gold Coast Titans)
Te Ira Rudolph-Mokaraka (Brisbane Broncos)
Torino Jackson (Gold Coast Titans)
Tyler Pereira (Redlands Parrots)
Xzavier Timoteo (Logan Brothers)

TŪ SQUAD

Andes Johansson (Parramatta Eels)
Alex Futialo (St. George Illawarra Dragons)
Alipate Vaka (Melbourne Storm)
Caleb Fesolai (Central Coast Roosters)
Cedric Peti-Tafola (Penrith Panthers)
Christian Taupau-Moors (Western Suburbs Magpies)
Cruze Luke (Penrith Panthers)
Eddy Cayless (Sydney Roosters)
Fine Fale (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs)
Isaac Fotu-Moala (Central Coast Roosters)
Jack Dean-Potaka (Sydney Roosters)
Jackson Ellia (North Sydney Bears)
Josh Fesolai (Central Coast Roosters)
Kordell Pritchard (St. George Illawarra Dragons)
Maddax Fui (Western Suburbs Magpies)
Nathanial Tolu (Penrith Panthers)
Olesa Tai (Canterbury Bulldogs)
Pheonix Godinet (Western Suburbs Magpies)
Phillip Lavaiekaho (Sydney Roosters)
Roman Tuaimau (Penrith Panthers)
Zaylen Ekepati (Central Coast Roosters)





PARTNERSHIPS

We continue our partnership with providers of wellness, education, and support such as Le Va and other local NGOs. These partnerships have provided service to our community through mental health deliveries, helplines and counselling provision. At the end of 2024 NZRL signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding with the Pasifika Medical Association Group. This agreement provides free and prompt medical care through their clinics across Auckland and Canterbury. We are also proud to continue our relationship with key partners such as Sports Chaplaincy New Zealand and Te Rau Ora amongst others.

FIND YOUR FRONT PROGRAMME

Find Your Front has pivoted from being one of our deliverable programs to becoming the framework and overarching philosophy that drives a number of our initiatives and deliveries. Find Your Front programming covers topics from mental resilience and concussion awareness, to suicide prevention, and the wellbeing journey when transitioning to a high-performance playing level in rugby league.

WELLBEING PODCAST

The impact and influence of what NZRL is doing in the wellbeing and education space has been met by backing and support to continue telling our stories through popular mediums such as podcasting. The NZRL wellbeing team has been sponsored to deliver a third season of our popular podcast, sharing athletes' stories to wellness, wellbeing and suicide prevention. The third season is targeted to launch in July 2025.

HIGH-PERFORMANCE & DEVELOPMENT PLAYER SUPPORT

The NZRL wellbeing team undertakes group and one-to-one wellbeing mentorship of high-performance development and representative players aged 16 to 20, mirroring NRL/NRLW club wellbeing support. With current ongoing development, NZRL works alongside teams and the NRL to establish an appropriate level of care and support that ensures equal opportunity for all player's wellbeing, as they navigate the high-performance pathway. Wellbeing support is continually provided at an international high-performance level, with additional support being provided to post-career players transitioning out of sport.



FEMALE GAME



34%

Increase in registered female players

1,300+

Females engaged in online coach development

LAUNCH OF THE 'SISTER RISE' TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

In 2024 NZRL launched the 'Sister RISE' talent development programme, aimed at preparing female rangatahi to reach peak physical performance while also upskilling and developing coaches and support staff. The programme was delivered across 10 Districts to Zone and District representative coaches of U16 and U18s girls' teams. Its theoretical and practical training sessions focused specifically on preparing coaches and athletes for the NZRL National Girls Youth Tournament. Sister RISE builds on the success of NZRL's 'RISE' talent development programme, which has over the past two years and supported the Ahi Kā Aotearoa U19 female representative team that competed in the Harvey Norman Women's Championship in Australia. The Sister RISE programme ensures our talented female rangatahi have strong foundational skills to succeed both now and in the future. It represents another important step in nurturing our local talent as we continue to develop and showcase our future Kiwi Ferns stars. 2025.

WARRIORS RE-ENTERED NRLW

The Warriors have re-entered the NRLW with the 2025 competition commencing in July. Five players in the team's playing squad were scouted directly from domestic grassroots competitions. An additional four domestic under-21 players signed on as development players, all of whom participated in one or more NZRL national tournaments between 2023 and 2024. The Warriors have also successfully launched a development academy for selected high school-aged females, with future aspirations to implement a female age-group team into a representative NSWRL competition. The domestic presence of a professional women's pathway and team will further encourage wāhine, both young and senior, to continue pursuing rugby league here in Aotearoa.



COACH DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

The release of the new NZRL Strategic Coaching Plan in 2024 has positively impacted the rugby league coaching environment. The four key focus areas—Growth and Impact, Education and Development, Environment and Experience, and Collaboration and Partnerships—are proving beneficial to both coaches and participants. Recent data from player surveys has indicated that 34% feel the coaching quality is above average, while 63% feel the coaching quality is excellent. Another survey provided data suggesting that 96.77% of players felt the coaches created a safe team and whānau environment for them to thrive.

GROWTH & IMPACT

With new coach development and education content being continuously updated from May 2024 through 2025, we have seen a significant increase in engagement and registrations on our coaching education and development platforms. By the end of May 2024, over 3,200 volunteers were engaging with our coach education resources and platforms; this number has now grown to 5,735. As coach development staff across the country deliver the revised action learning workshops, the continual updating of online modules, and the introduction of the new NZRL CoachMate app, it is no surprise that we are witnessing a phenomenal increase in coaches upskilling themselves.

ENVIRONMENT & EXPERIENCE

For the first time, NZRL has released a resource specifically focused on coaching young females. While the resource includes standard coach education topics, it is specifically tailored to address physical and hauora differences with a particular emphasis on understanding female health in sport. We have also strengthened our female leadership capabilities by dedicating 80% of the delivery staff to this resource, ensuring ongoing development of female leadership. We have already seen the benefits of the resource, with an increase in the quality of football played at our national tournaments and NZRL age-group representative teams.

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

The 2024-2025 period has seen the release of revised Kiwi League Kids and Youth workshops, as well as the design and release of several online education modules. The workshops align strongly with the Kiwi Way, emphasising inclusivity and accommodating different coach learning styles, focusing on providing more time for the practical application of the latest knowledge learnt and shared during the workshop. Several of the new online modules cover education on the rules of rugby league, game sense (both technical and tactical), and provide an introduction to female health in sport.

COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIPS

A strong partnership with High Performance Sport NZ has led to an increase in NZRL coaches being accepted into the Core Knowledge Coach Development Programme. Currently, 29 coaches are actively involved in the programme, learning, sharing and networking with full-time Olympic and semi-professional coaches. We have already seen success from this programme with two coaches progressing on to become part of the Kiwi Ferns staff. The NZRL coaches engaged in the HPSNZ female coaching programme, Te Hāpaitanga, are leading the way, with one receiving a HPSNZ personal development scholarship and another advancing to a semi-professional coaching role in the Brisbane QRL BMD Women's Premiership competition.



COMMUNITY



KIWIS AND KIWY FERNS FAN DAYS

During the Pacific Championships, the NZRL Community team delivered hugely successful fan days in Christchurch and Auckland. These fan days provided a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between grassroots and high-performance. The events brought together local communities and national representative players in accessible, family-friendly environments, fostering inspiration, pride, and a sense of connection.

By creating direct interactions between our fans and athletes, we were able to deepen engagement with the game—especially among young players and supporters—playing a key role in growing the fandom and strengthening regional ties to the Kiwis' and Kiwi Ferns' legacies.

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT – EMPOWERING THE GAME AT ALL LEVELS

We continued to grow relationships with clubs, volunteers, and regional bodies to encourage the wider adoption of NZRL's digital tools and platforms. These tools are designed to simplify and streamline administration, making it easier for community leaders to manage the game more efficiently.

By building trust and providing hands-on support, we've seen increased uptake across the country—reducing administrative burdens, improve communication, and creating more time for what matters most: the game itself.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS GROWTH – EXPANDING RANGATAHI PARTICIPATION

In 2024, NZRL saw significant growth in secondary school rugby league, with team numbers increasing from 39 in 2023 to 49 in 2024. This uplift reflects our direct work in the secondary school space—building relationships with schools, supporting delivery, and providing pathways for rangatahi to engage in the game.

This growth not only boosts participation but also strengthens the pipeline between school, club, and representative rugby league, reinforcing long-term player development and community engagement.

REFEREES

Kaiwawao

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

FETU SAMOA V FIJI BULIKULA

2 November 2024 | Go Media Stadium, Auckland, New Zealand

Touch Judge: Jack Feavers

NEW ZEALAND KIWIS V TONGA XIII

2 November 2024 | Go Media Stadium, Auckland, New Zealand

Touch Judge: Paki Parkinson

PAPUA NEW GUINEA ORCHIDS V FETU SAMOA

10 November 2024 | CommBank Stadium, Sydney, Australia

Touch Judge: Paki Parkinson

REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

GIRLS U16 NZ CLUBS V NZ SCHOOLS

Referee: Epiha Muru-Kete

Touch Judges: Lau Pauuvale & Will Toelau

BOYS U16 NZ CLUBS V NZ SCHOOLS

Referee: Chris McMillan

Touch Judges: Lau Pauuvale & Will Toelau

GIRLS U18 NZ CLUBS V NZ SCHOOLS

Referee: Epiha Muru-Kete

Touch Judges: Ryan Doherty & Chris McMillan

BOYS U18 NZ CLUBS V NZ SCHOOLS

Referee: Chris McMillan

Touch Judges: Ryan Doherty & Epiha Muru-Kete

NATIONAL FINALS APPOINTMENTS

NZRL SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

GIRL'S CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Referee: Maxine Godinet

Touch Judges: Epiha Muru-Kete & La Winitana

BOY'S PREMIERSHIP FINAL

Referee: Chris McMillan

Touch Judges: Lau Pauuvale & Keven Ah Ken

**NZRL MATCH OFFICIAL
OF THE YEAR 2024:
Jack Feavers**



NZRL GIRLS NATIONAL YOUTH TOURNAMENT

16S FINAL

Referee: Epiha Muru-Kete

Touch Judges: Paki Parkinson & Jordyn Robertson

18S FINAL

Referee: Paki Parkinson

Touch Judges: Epiha Muru-Kete & Jack Feavers

NZRL BOYS NATIONAL YOUTH TOURNAMENT

16S FINAL

Referee: Jack Feavers

Touch Judges: Paki Ngaira & Paki Parkinson

18S FINAL

Referee: Jack Feavers

Touch Judges: Paki Ngaira & Paki Parkinson

NZRL NATIONAL MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Referee: Jack Feavers

Touch Judges: Dary Mataiti & Porfi Vivas

NZRL SKY SPORT NATIONAL WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP FINAL

Referee: Jack Feavers

Touch Judges: Anthony Elliott & Lau Pauuvale

NZRL NATIONAL MEN'S PREMIERSHIP FINAL

Referee: Paki Parkinson

Touch Judges: Anthony Elliott & Jack Feavers





● Aotearoa New Zealand Māori Rugby League

Aotearoa New Zealand Māori Rugby League (ANZMRL) has continued its dedication and mahi to nurture the passion and aspirations of Māori rugby league players throughout Aotearoa.

In 2024 ANZMRL hosted its five annual rugby league tournaments, catering to Māori boys and girls of all ages from tamariki, juniors, right through to tuakana, seniors. These tournaments consistently attract large numbers of players and supportive whānau from across the motu, including teams and supporters who travel from Australia.

From these tournaments, the top young players are selected to represent ANZMRL in the Pasifika Youth Cup, an annual rugby league tournament where rangatahi from U13 up to U18 compete, proudly representing their Māori and Pasifika heritage.

The ANZMRL v Auckland Rugby League men's and women's representative matches returned in 2024 following their establishment in 2023. The best senior Māori talent was selected to face the Auckland Invitational sides, with the NZ Māori Wāhine Toa finishing in a draw, while the NZ Māori Taane came out on top.

On the NRL stage, the 2025 NRL Indigenous All Stars v Aotearoa Māori matches saw the men claim victory, while the women narrowly went down in the dying minutes of the game.

The grassroots tournaments and representative opportunities created by ANZMRL continue to strengthen players' connections to both rugby league and their cultural heritage.





PHYSICAL DISABILITY RUGBY LEAGUE

● Whutupōro Rīki Whaikaha o Aotearoa

2024 was another year full of activity and significant achievements for Whutupōro Rīki o Aotearoa, Physical Disability Rugby League New Zealand (PDRLNZ).

An exciting partnership was established with the Pasifika Aotearoa Collective to help bring the game to more people living with a physical disability within the wider Pasifika and Māori rugby league communities. This partnership aims to engage and identify potential players while increasing awareness of PDRL among Māori and Pasifika communities.

In collaboration with the Papakura Sea Eagles, PDRLNZ hosted the second Inclusiveness Day event to celebrate disability and host Round 3 of the Campbell Cup, the annual four-match series between the PDRL Stags and PDRL Sea Eagles.

The annual North Island v South Island PDRL match was held at Semenoff Stadium in Northland for the first time. The event was highly anticipated, with reigning champions Te Waipounamu (South Island) determined to defend their title. Congratulations to Te-Ika-a-Māui (North Island) who took the win over Te Waipounamu.

Later in the year, three international training camps were held, attracting a significant number of players from across New Zealand, all training together and vying for a spot in the 2024 PDRLNZ Kiwis squad.

The highlight of the year came in November with the first-ever international PDRL match on New Zealand soil, played against Australia. Nine players made their international debuts in this historic game.

Played as a curtain raiser to the Kiwis vs. Tonga Pacific Championship match at Go Media Stadium, the intense game didn't disappoint. With tries going back and forth between both teams, the match built to a thrilling finish. Down two points with only minutes remaining, the PDRLNZ Kiwis stayed composed, showing great determination to score a match-winning try, clinching the game and becoming Trans-Tasman Challenge Champions.

New Zealand Rugby League and Whutupōro Rīki Wahikaha o Aotearoa remain committed to growing PDRL throughout Aotearoa, continuing to offer physically disabled persons opportunities to participate in and thrive within the great sport of rugby league.



ZONES

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AKARANA

COUNTIES MANUKAU

MID CENTRAL

NORTHLAND

SOUTHERN ZONE

UPPER CENTRAL

WELLINGTON

Akarana



Congratulations to the Akarana women's team who won the NZRL Sky Sport National Women's Premiership.

Congratulations to the Akarana 16s boys team who won the NZRL National Boys Youth Tournament, and the Akarana 18s boys team who placed second.

Congratulations to Kaiyah Atai who received the Domestic Female Player of the Year award, and Charlotte Scanlan who received the Domestic Coach of the Year award.

The Akarana men's team finished third in the NZRL National Men's Premiership.

Congratulations to the following Akarana representatives:

16s Girls

Emacyn Ieremia – NZ Clubs selection
Jada-Breeze Gray – NZ Schools selection
Lala Vaea – NZ Schools selection
Olivia Filikitonga – NZ Schools selection
Ryteous Tutaia – NZ Clubs selection
Sari Iefata – NZ Clubs selection

16s Boys

Hinckley Ioka – NZ Clubs selection
Jeremiah Faanu Lemana – NZ Clubs selection
Luke Lemalu – NZ Clubs selection
Parekaahu Keepa – NZ Clubs selection
Quiziah Raina-Puletama – NZ Clubs selection
Rico Finau – NZ Clubs selection
Rilee Huggins – NZ Clubs selection
Ronan Byford – NZ Clubs selection
Siaosi Alatini-Tahitu'a – NZ Schools selection

18s Girls

Ashlee Matapo – NZ Clubs selection
Danii Mafoe – NZ Clubs selection
Jayne Langsiu – NZ Clubs selection
Maeya Talamaivao – NZ Clubs selection
Malena Lavea – NZ Clubs selection

18s Boys

Atalea Filo – NZ Clubs selection
Atapana Su'a – NZ Schools selection
Compton Purcell – NZ Schools selection
Devante Hurrell-Epati – NZ Clubs selection
Ezekiel Tavita – NZ Clubs selection
Kaawyn Patterson – NZ Schools selection
Noah Hetutu-Davis – NZ Schools selection
Noah Jensen – NZ Clubs selection, National Boys Youth Tournament MVP
Psalms Iosua – NZ Clubs selection
Taipiri Wikitera – NZ Clubs selection
Tepaeroa Wineera – NZ Clubs selection
Tyrone Hurt-Pickering – NZ Schools selection
Waka Tate – NZ Schools selection



Counties Manukau



Congratulations to the Counties Manukau 16s girls team who won the NZRL National Girls Youth Tournament.

The Counties Manukau men's team were runners-up in the NZRL National Men's Premiership, and the women's team were runners-up in the NZRL Sky Sport National Women's Premiership.

The 16s boys, 18s boys, and 18s girls Counties Manukau teams all placed third in their respective grades at the NZRL National Youth Tournament.

Congratulations to the following Counties Manukau representatives:

16s Girls

Alaina Lauitiiti – NZ Schools selection
Aliyah Tanoai – NZ Clubs selection
Asha Taumoepeau Williams – NZ Clubs selection, National Girls Youth Tournament MVP
Betsy Fifita – NZ Schools selection
Druzelle Walter – NZ Clubs selection
Jayda Peo – NZ Clubs selection
Lavinia Moala – NZ Schools selection
Monica Tuala-Leaunoa – NZ Schools selection
Shakira Lui – NZ Schools selection
Shanthie Lui – NZ Schools selection
Tayla Peters – NZ Clubs selection
Violet Hiku – NZ Clubs selection

16s Boys

Charleston Te Rore – NZ Clubs selection
D'Angelo Mikaele – NZ Clubs selection
Lucian Mikaele – NZ Clubs selection
Soakai Pulu – NZ Clubs selection

18s Girls

Ivana Lauitiiti – NZ Schools selection
Janelle Tonu'u – NZ Schools selection
Jemma Tonu'u – NZ Clubs selection
Josinah Filisi Tauiliili – NZ Schools selection
Laie Potoru-Rokeni – NZ Schools selection
Mary-Jane Taito – NZ Clubs selection
Mele Kaufusi – NZ Schools selection
Mya Tony – NZ Schools selection
Peyton Leota – NZ Schools selection
Riley Fruean-Otineru – NZ Schools selection
Shafenior Lui – NZ Schools selection

18s Boys

Albert Balchin – NZ Clubs selection
Elijah Paea – NZ Clubs selection
Gordan Afoa – NZ Clubs selection
Miltonimolela Sikuvea – NZ Clubs selection
Rico Toeava – NZ Schools selection
Ronnie Kivalu – NZ Clubs selection
Tepatasi Laumalili – NZ Schools selection

Mid Central



Congratulations to the Manawatu 16s girls team who finished third in the NZRL National Girls Youth Tournament.

Congratulations to the following Mid Central representatives:

16s Girls

Maddison-Renae Seumanutafa (Manawatu) - NZ Clubs selection

Shikynah Pearson (Manawatu)- NZ Clubs selection

Sophie Parker Cornelius (Manawatu) - NZ Clubs selection

Te Maia Sweetman (Manawatu) – NZ Clubs selection

18s Boys

Joseph Ratcliffe (Manawatu) - NZ Clubs selection

Northland



Congratulations to the Northland men's team who finished first in the NZRL North Island Men's Championship.

The Northland women's team finished second in the NZRL National Women's Championship.

Congratulations to the following Northland representatives:

16s Girls

Chrisena Nathan – National Girls Youth Tournament Emerging Talent

16s Boys

Kobi Hauraki – NZ Schools selection



Southern



Congratulations to the Canterbury Bulls men's team who won the NZRL National Men's Championship.

Congratulations to Bishop Neal (Canterbury) who was awarded Male Junior Player of the Year.

Congratulations to Jack Feavers (Canterbury) who was awarded Match Official of the Year, and Cameron Tukapua who was awarded Pirtek Volunteer of the Year.

The South Island 18s girls team finished second at the NZRL National Girls Youth Tournament.

Congratulations to the following Southern Zone representatives:

16s Girls

Ava-Lea Maxwell – NZ Clubs selection

Neve Tacon – NZ Clubs selection

16s Boys

Bishop Neal – NZ Schools selection, Male Junior Player of the Year

Casey Tuitoga-Foi – NZ Schools selection

Christiano Elia – NZ Schools selection

Justin Talalima Wineti – NZ Clubs selection

18s Girls

Dormay Laufiso – NZ Clubs selection, National Girls Youth Tournament MVP

Iokapeta Fetu – NZ Clubs selection

Kyra-Lee Westland – NZ Clubs selection, National Girls Youth Tournament Emerging Talent

Lialanie Muamua – NZ Clubs selection

Olive Connolly – NZ Clubs selection

Ripena Umaga Vaeila – NZ Clubs selection

Sydelle Samuelu – NZ Clubs selection

18s Boys

Isaiah Savea – NZ Schools selection

Jackson Stewart – NZ Schools selection

Lautasi Etuale – NZ Schools selection

Lennox Tuiloma – NZ Schools selection

Meihana Pauling – NZ Schools selection

Toby Gibson – NZ Schools selection

Xavier Lynch – NZ Schools selection

Zeke Faga-Ieti – NZ Schools selection

Upper Central



Congratulations to the Coastline women's team who won the NZRL National Women's Championship.

Congratulations to Waikato's Marewakiterangi Samson who won the Female Junior Player of the Year award.

The Bay of Plenty women's team finished third in the NZRL National Women's Championship.

Congratulations to the following Upper Central representatives:

16s Girls

Desiyah Waipari Leef (Bay of Plenty) – NZ Schools selection

Jae-Jae Wickliffe (Bay of Plenty) – NZ Clubs selection

Lyric Vano (Bay of Plenty) – NZ Schools selection

Maraea Makiha (Bay of Plenty) – NZ Clubs selection

Saydee Popata (Waikato) – NZ Schools selection

Shaine Thompson (Waikato) – NZ Schools selection

Tiarna Berryman-Hill (Waikato) – NZ Schools selection

16s Boys

Epapara Tahu-Apiata (Waikato) – NZ Clubs selection

Hikurangi Kiel (Bay of Plenty) – National Boys Youth Tournament Emerging Talent

Tairyn Whata (Bay of Plenty) – NZ Clubs selection

Tamati Hemi Wainohu Te Aho (Waikato) – NZ Clubs selection

Tyson Hansen (Bay of Plenty) – NZ Schools selection

18s Girls

Maaria Elkington (Waikato) – NZ Schools selection

Mihikorama Kerr (Waikato) – NZ Clubs selection

Shya Peri (Bay of Plenty) – NZ Schools selection

Tyali Raihe (Waikato) – NZ Clubs selection

18s Boys

Karlos Iraia (Bay of Plenty) – NZ Clubs selection

Tavita Pomale (Bay of Plenty) – NZ Clubs selection



Wellington



Congratulations to the Wellington 18s girls team who won the NZRL National Girls Youth Tournament and the Wellington 16s girls team who finished second.

Congratulations to Petone Panthers Rugby League Club who won the Grassroots Club of the Year award.

The Wellington men's team finished second in the NZRL North Island National Men's Championship, and second overall in the NZRL National Men's Championship.

Congratulations to the following Wellington representatives:

16s Girls

Brooke Jones – NZ Clubs selection
Kyla Pasene – NZ Clubs selection
Paige Lilo – NZ Schools selection
Patricia Heihei – NZ Clubs selection
Peyton Perez – NZ Schools selection

16s Boys

Lorenz-Markel Strickland-Rere – NZ Clubs selection
Nelson Tiimalu – NZ Clubs selection

18s Girls

Billie Va'a – NZ Schools selection
Fanua Rimoni – NZ Clubs selection
Jailah Vanilau – NZ Clubs selection
Jayda Maniapoto – NZ Clubs selection
Jazahra Ah-Kuoi Lemusu – NZ Schools selection
Luca-Bella Ngatuere-Ongley – NZ Schools selection
Maia Davis – NZ Clubs selection
Mia Ualesi – NZ Schools selection
Pasikalia Tuiatua – NZ Clubs selection
Riana Le'afa-Paki – NZ Clubs selection
Serina Tautau – NZ Clubs selection
Te Raukura Leafe – NZ Schools selection

18s Boys

Hoani Richards – NZ Clubs selection
Laumoli Jonathan Solomona – National Boys Youth Tournament Emerging Player
Reweti Ngarimu – NZ Clubs selection

AWARDS

Ngā tohu

2024 NZRL HIGH-PERFORMANCE AWARD WINNERS

NEW ZEALAND KIWIS PLAYER OF THE YEAR
James Fisher-Harris

**NEW ZEALAND KIWI FERNS
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**
Annessa Biddle

**NEW ZEALAND WHEELCHAIR
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**
Kauri Murray

NEW ZEALAND KIWIS ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Keano Kini

**NEW ZEALAND KIWI FERNS
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**
Alexis Tauaneai





PIRTEK

MAINSTREAM

AWARDS

2024 NZRL DOMESTIC WINNERS

GRASSROOTS CLUB OF THE YEAR

Petone Panthers Rugby League Club (Wellington)

DOMESTIC MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Fine Vakautakakala (Auckland)

DOMESTIC FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kaiyah Atai (Akarana)

MALE JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Bishop Neal (South Island)

FEMALE JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Marewakiterangi Samson (Waikato)

DOMESTIC COACH OF THE YEAR

Charlotte Scanlan (Akarana)

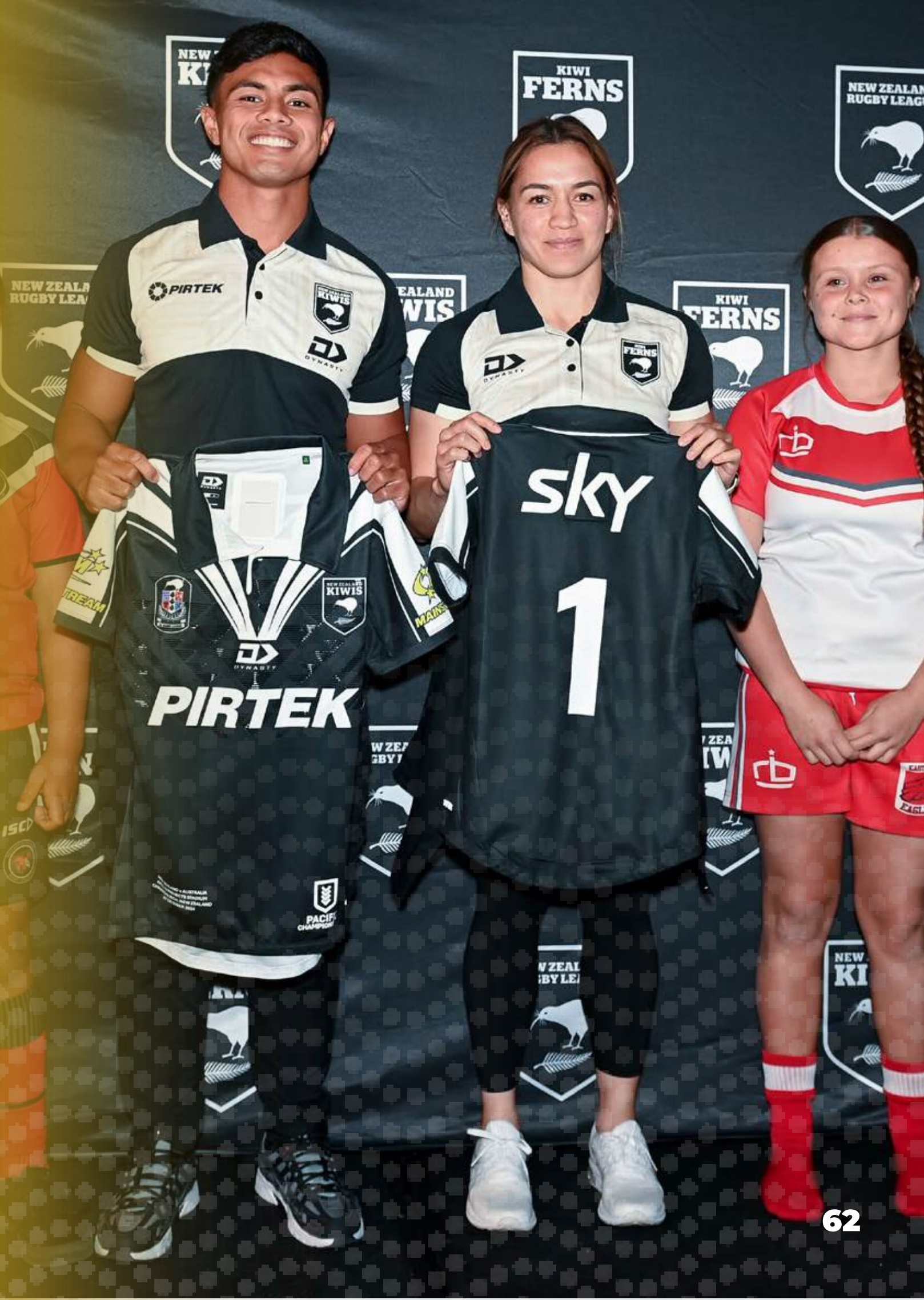
MATCH OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Jack Feavers (South Island)

PIRTEK VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Cameron Tukapua (South Island)





OUR PEOPLE

Ō tātau tāngata

LIFE MEMBERS:

1920 Stan Brice **1921** Duncan McLean **1926** Thomas Boswell, William Liversidge, Arthur Schofield, George Wheatley **1935** Arthur Harlock **1937** Lewis Binns, Cyril Snedden **1939** Ernest Stallworthy **1940** Wilf Davies, George Bassett **1941** Tonga Mahuta **1942** Scotty McClymont **1943** Lance Hunter **1946** Gordon Hooker **1947** Edward Chapman **1948** Owen Carlaw **1949** Thomas Smith, Leslie Bull **1950** Ivan Culpan, Harry Rogers **1953** Robert Doble, Jack Redwood OBE **1956** George Falgar **1957** Ernie Asher **1958** David Wilkie, William Swift **1961** John Watson, Roy Lash **1962** Dr Fred Gwynne **1963** Bill Moyle, Colin Siddle **1964** Tom Skinner KBE, Tom McKenzie **1966** "Ted" Knowling MBE **1968** George Plant **1969** Eric Bennett **1970** Dr Leo Cooney **1971** Arthur Chapman, Ray Cody MNZM, Doug Wilson **1972** Ces Mountford MBE, Ivan Stonex **1974** Archie Stuart BEM **1976** Trevor Wellsmore **1977** Keith Blow, Jack Williams **1978** Ron McGregor JP & OBE **1980** Ken English **1981** Des Barchard **1982** Dr Brian Watson **1983** Les Huston **1984** Bill O'Callaghan JP, Tom Newton, **1985** Allen Gore* KSM, Mel Clinton OBE **1988** Bill Nesbitt, "Bud" Lisle MNZM, Bill Whitehead QSM **1989** Bob Aynsley **1990** Jim Campbell MNZM **1991** Bill Sorensen **1993** George Rainey **1994** "Ted" Gutberlet QSM, John McKeown* **2000** Crispin Easterbrook **2003** Ray Cranch MNZM **2006** Gerald Ryan ONZM, Don Hammond **2007** Peter Kerridge* JP & MNZM **2008** Lory Blanchard MNZM, Bernie Wood MNZM **2009** Howie Tamati* MBE **2010** John Bray* KSM **2012** David Robinson **2013** Ray Haffenden* MNZM, Trevor Maxwell* **2014** Mrs Cathy Friend QSM & DSA **2015** Jack Fagan, Sel Pearson*, Brian Reidy **2016** Sir Peter Leitch* KNZM & QSM **2017** Cherie Steele-Shanks* **2018** John Coffey* QSM **2019** Kevin Tamati*, Cameron McGregor* **2020** Frank Morris Endacott* ONZM **2022** Reon Edwards* **2023** William (Bill) McEntee*, Christine Rewa Panapa* **2024** Kevin Bailey, Jeff Whittaker*

*current life member

In Memoriam

Richard Bolton, Kiwi #499

Kevin Bailey, Life Member

Dennis Key, Kiwi #469

Roy Christian (MBE), Kiwi #435

Kathleen Wharton (née Keremete), Kiwi Fern #92

Robert Piva, Kiwi #647

CURRENT LIFE MEMBERS (alphabetical order)

John Bray KSM, John Coffey QSM, Reon Edwards, Frank Endacott, Allen Gore KSM, Ray Haffenden MNZM, Peter Kerridge JP & MNZM, Sir Peter Leitch KNZM & QSM, Trevor Maxwell, William (Bill) McEntee, Cameron McGregor, Christine Rewa Panapa, Sel Pearson, Cherie Steele-Shanks, Howie Tamati, Kevin Tamati, Jeff Whittaker

OUR ASSOCIATES

Defence Forces Rugby League

Masters of Rugby League

New Zealand Rugby League
Kiwis Association

New Zealand Universities
and Tertiary Students Rugby
League Council

Whutupōro Rīki Whaikaha o
Aotearoa Physical Disability
Rugby League





NZRL Staff

Left to right: Anahera Parata, Lisa Mansell, Waione Te Paa, Dan Keepa, David Brewis, Juanita Woodhouse, Toyah Brooking, Carmel 'Uhila, Lucy Tuave, Craig Archer, Linda Hellesoe, Patrick Carthy, Jordan Grace, Blake Ayshford, Shontayne Hape, Ali Lauitiiti, Holly Nahu, Alan Caddy, Luisa Avaiki, Fumika Santesso, Cliff Thompson, Gina Tuala, Shanice Wiki, Motu Tony, Greg Peters, Amy Thomason, Dave Hurdle, Nadene Conlon, Craig Priest

Absent: Ani Cherrington, David McMeeken



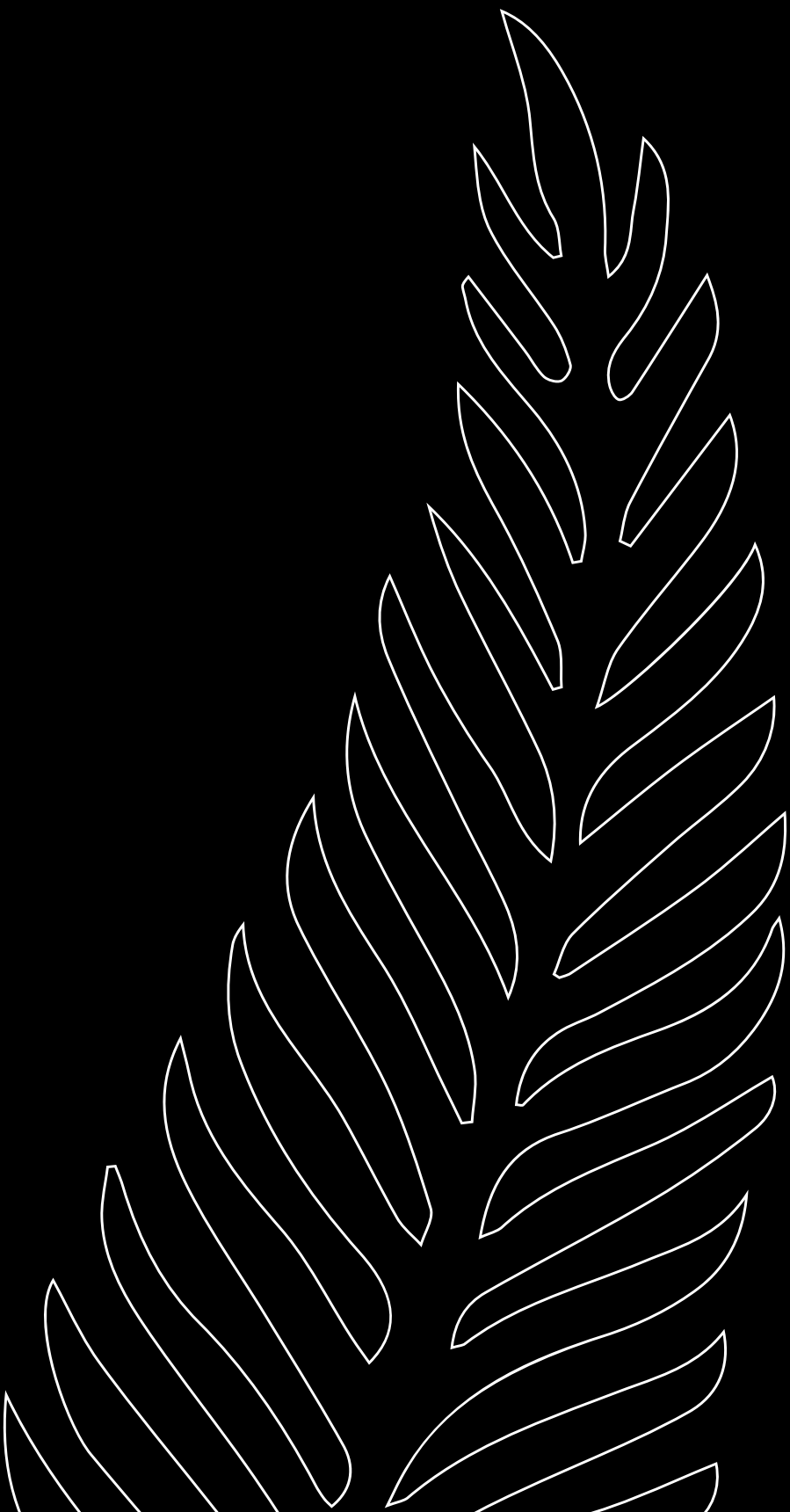
NZRL Board

Left to right: Honey Hireme-Smiler, Tawera Nikau (President), Greg Peters (CEO), Hugh Martyn, Grant Stapleton, Nevak Rogers, Justin Leydesdorff (Chairman), Robyn Morete

Absent: Ian Olán, John Devonshire

Tauaki Pūtea

FINANCIALS



**NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.
DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The Directors present the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

These consolidated financial statements reflect the overall state of the game controlled by the New Zealand Rugby League Incorporated ("the Society"). The seven Zones have been consolidated with the results of those of the Society and NZRL Investment Limited Partnership.

The consolidated surplus for the year was \$975,000 (2024: \$580,000 deficit) and the consolidated excess of assets over liabilities was \$3,943,000 (2024: \$2,968,000).

New Zealand Rugby League Board Members

The following people held office as a Director of New Zealand Rugby League Inc. during the year:

- Hugh Martyn (Chairperson until term ended 22/06/24)
- Justin Leydesdorff (Chairperson from 22/06/24)
- Grant Stapleton
- Natasha Tere (Term ended 22/06/24)
- Honey Hireme-Smiler
- John Devonshire
- Tania Te Whenua (Resigned in June 2024)
- Ian Olan
- Robyn Morete (Appointed June 2024)
- Nevak Rogers (Appointed September 2024)

Directors' Interests in Transactions with the Group

Total remuneration and fees paid to Directors and transactions with parties related to Directors are disclosed in note 17 to the financial statements.

Auditors

BDO Auckland were appointed auditors for the year ended 31 March 2025. The audit is conducted on a group basis with one audit fee paid for and recorded in the financial statements of New Zealand Rugby League Inc.

For and on behalf of the Board



Director

Date: 23 June 2025



Director

Date: 23 June 2025

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

This report has been prepared in accordance with PBE FRS 48 *Service Performance Reporting*. The Board of Directors of New Zealand Rugby League Inc believes that the statements contained in this report accurately reflect the overall performance of New Zealand Rugby League Inc for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Who we are and why do we exist?

Core Purpose

New Zealand Rugby League Inc is a not-for-profit national sports organisation charged with the growth, development, and delivery of the game of rugby league in New Zealand.

Vision

More than a game - Transforming lives and community wellbeing through rugby league.

The way we will achieve our Strategy

The Kiwi Way is the New Zealand Rugby League Ethos.

We are diverse, we call New Zealand home and we are all Kiwis

We are family first

We are responsible

We are courageous and innovative

We are inclusive, respectful and humble

We are stronger together

	2025	2024
Goal 1: Rugby league is enjoyed by more people		
Total player numbers	34,989	28,180
Total Rangatahi (youth) numbers	10,506	7,709
Goal 2: Women's game thriving and enhanced opportunities for Females in the game		
Number of Females as registered players	8,009	5,810
NZRL Board Diversity (Female Directors / Total Directors)	3 / 8	3 / 8

Notes: The Player figures are based on the rugby league season which runs annually from November - October.

Rangatahi is defined as players aged 13 - 17.

Current NZRL Strategic Priorities

Rugby League enjoyed by more people

- Increase in participation number, particularly in Rangatahi
- Rugby League is the sport of choice in more schools
- Opportunities exist for all people in rugby league
- Participants and fans report Rugby League offers a quality / fun experience
- Rugby League is relevant and appealing to youth

A financially stable game

- NZRL has cash reserves
- NZRL revenue continues to grow
- the development of the grassroots game is well funded

Women's game thriving and enhanced opportunities for Women in the game

- Women and girls participation increased
- Development plan executed and Women's Rugby League funding on par with Men's game
- Women's Rugby League recognised and fully integrated into NZ Rugby League planning



**NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Kiwis and Kiwi Ferns Inspirational and Aspirational

- Kiwis and Kiwi Ferns winning in ways that matter to our communities
- The wellbeing of our players drives performance to new levels
- A strong international calendar of exciting events in place
- Fan research/perception measures positive

NZRL a model modern sports organisation

- Our people feel valued and supported
- We are a leader in diversity and inclusivity
- Development and training programmes lift capability across the game
- The game structured to meet the evolving need of the game and sport
- The game is well respected by Government agencies and funders
- Innovation focus for Rugby League
- Whakamana i te tiriti - giving effect to the principles of the Treaty
- Mana Ōrite - partnership
- Mana Māori - protection
- Mana Taurite - participation
- Te reo Māori, tikanga, taonga and mātauranga Māori are actively promoted

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<i>Revenue from exchange transactions:</i>	3(a)i		
Coaching and development		157	134
<i>Revenue from non-exchange transactions:</i>	3(a)ii		
Match revenue		1,616	1,333
Charitable trust grants		1,595	1,271
Other grants		544	450
Sponsorship and funding		6,018	6,075
TAB NZ		3,032	2,778
Other income		139	142
		<u>13,101</u>	<u>12,183</u>
<i>Expenses:</i>			
Employee benefits expenses	5	(6,296)	(5,528)
Depreciation expense	10	(136)	(124)
General expenses	6	(6,189)	(7,058)
		<u>(12,621)</u>	<u>(12,710)</u>
Surplus / (deficit) before net financing costs		<u>480</u>	<u>(527)</u>
Finance income		30	33
Finance costs		(106)	(86)
Net finance cost		<u>(76)</u>	<u>(53)</u>
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		<u>404</u>	<u>(580)</u>
Other comprehensive revenue and expense for the year			
Gain on revaluation of land and buildings	10	571	-
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year attributable to owners of the controlling entity		<u>975</u>	<u>(580)</u>

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the consolidated financial statements.



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Group

	Accumulated comprehensive revenue and expenses	Revaluation surplus	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 1 April 2024	389	2,579	2,968
Total comprehensive revenue and expenses for the year	404	571	975
Balance as at 31 March 2025	793	3,150	3,943
Balance as at 1 April 2023	969	2,579	3,548
Total comprehensive revenue and expenses for the year	(580)	-	(580)
Balance as at 31 March 2024	389	2,579	2,968

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the consolidated financial statements.

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	1,120	1,136
Term Deposits	8	120	-
Receivables (non-exchange transactions)	9	1,547	943
Prepayments		172	156
		2,959	2,235
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	4,604	4,108
		4,604	4,108
TOTAL ASSETS		7,563	6,343
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables (from exchange transactions) and accruals	11	1,751	1,251
BNZ Loan	13	82	1,271
Deferred revenue	12	453	595
Employee benefit liability		240	231
Goods and service taxation		31	27
		2,557	3,375
Non-current liabilities			
BNZ Loan	13	1,063	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,620	3,375
EQUITY			
Accumulated comprehensive revenue and expenses		793	389
Revaluation surplus		3,150	2,579
TOTAL EQUITY		3,943	2,968
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		7,563	6,343

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the consolidated financial statements.



**NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from:			
Coaching and development fees		296	276
Grants, sponsorship, match revenue, and TAB NZ		12,059	12,021
Interest received		30	33
Payments to suppliers		(5,703)	(6,857)
Payments to employees		(6,290)	(5,528)
Net GST received / (paid)		4	10
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		396	(45)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for purchase of property, plant and equipment		(60)	(109)
Net cash (outflow) from investing activities		(60)	(109)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Drawdown of loans	13	2,996	1,690
Repayment of loans	13	(3,122)	(1,240)
Interest paid		(106)	(86)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(232)	364
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		104	210
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,136	926
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	7 & 8	1,240	1,136

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the consolidated financial statements.

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Note 1 - Reporting entity

New Zealand Rugby League Inc. (the "Controlling Entity", also referred to as "the Society") is a public benefit entity for the purposes of financial reporting in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 2013.

These consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 comprise the controlling entity and its controlled entities (together referred to as the 'Group') and individually as 'Group entities'.

Note 2 - Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("NZ GAAP"). They comply with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime ("PPE Standards RDR") as appropriate for Tier 2 public benefit entities, for which all reduced disclosure regime exemptions have been applied.

The Group qualifies as a Tier 2 reporting entity as for the current and prior period the group is not publicly accountable and is not large (operations expenditure has been between \$5m and \$33m).

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the New Zealand Rugby League Board on 23 June 2025.

(b) Measurement basis

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for revalued land and buildings.

(c) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars (\$) which is the controlling entity's functional and Group's presentation currency, rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

There has been no change in the functional currency of the Group during the year.

(d) Going Concern basis

The Group has made a surplus for the year of \$404,000 (2024: \$580,000 deficit before other comprehensive income) and report positive working capital of \$402,000 (2024: negative working capital of \$1,140,000). The group has positive cashflow of \$104,000 (2024: \$210,000)

Subsequent to reporting date, the ARLC, suspended its pathways and wellbeing funding to NZRL. This funding provided approximately 15% of NZRL revenue. This suspension in funding is in force until ARLC completes a strategic review of its operations and funding in New Zealand. ARLC have communicated that this review will be completed by 1 November 2025. NZRL has not been provided details as whether funding to NZRL will continue, and if so when and at what amount.

Given the significance of this funding source and its termination, the Directors have approved new Group forecasts which involve a range of cost cutting and revenue generating activities. The cost reduction actions alone (much of which relates directly to activities supported by the ARLC funding, other administrative and support costs are also being reduced) indicate the Group can continue to pay its debts as and when they fall due for a period of no less than 12 months from date of signing of these financial statements. Additional revenue sources, bank facility limits and assets of the Group provide further options to support the organisation. Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.



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Note 3 - Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements and have been applied consistently by the Group.

The significant accounting policies of the Group are detailed below:

(a) Revenue

Revenue is comprised of exchange and non-exchange transactions. Exchange transaction revenue arises when one entity receives assets or services, or has liabilities extinguished, and directly gives approximately equal value in exchange.

Non-exchange transaction revenue arises from transactions without an apparent exchange of approximately equal value. Non-exchange revenue includes grant, sponsorship and other revenue derived from activities that are partially funded by rates.

Revenue is recognised when the amount of revenue can be measured reliably and it is probable that economic benefits will flow to the Group, and measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable.

The following specific recognition criteria in relation to the Group's revenue streams must also be met before revenue is recognised.

i. Revenue from exchange transactions

Coaching and development

Coaching and development revenue consists of revenue sourced from players' fees and levies. Revenue from these fees and levies will be recognised as the services associated are completed. Amounts received in advance for services to be provided in future periods are recognised as a liability until such time as the service is provided.

ii. Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Charitable trust grants, other grants and sponsorships and funding

Revenue from grants and sponsorship is recognised when it becomes receivable unless there is an obligation to return the funds if conditions of the grant or sponsorship agreement are not met. If there is such an obligation, the grants are initially recorded as grants received in advance and recognised as revenue when conditions of the contract are satisfied.

Match revenue and TAB NZ revenue

Match revenue and TAB NZ revenue is recognised when the amount of revenue can be measured reliably and it is probable that economic benefits will flow to the Group, and measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable.

(b) Foreign currency transactions

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the year, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the year, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the year.

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Note 4 - Use of judgements and estimates

Judgements

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made judgements, which have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

Estimates and assumptions

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. The Group based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the consolidated financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of The Group. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

Key assumptions and judgements relate to:

- Revenue recognition: non-exchange revenue - Management is required to make a judgement on the value received (where the revenue stream is not received in cash or is not easily measurable) and as to the existence of any conditions and restrictions. (Note 8)
- Going concern - Management is required to make a judgement on key inputs and assumptions to cash flow forecasts used to assess the Group as a going concern. (Note 2d)
- Revaluation of land and buildings - The Group's land and buildings were revalued at 31 March 2025 using an independent valuer. Management has judged that the revaluation method is more relevant than the cost method for the Society, as it ensures the carrying value of the land and buildings reflects the market/fair value of the assets as at 31 March 2025.

In estimating the fair value of land and buildings, the fair value method of valuation was used under PBE IPSAS 17 *Property Plant and Equipment*. The fair value method makes significant use of observable prices in active markets and recent market transactions on an arm's length basis. Management consider it appropriate to have the land and buildings revalued every 3 - 5 years.



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Note 5 - Employee benefits expense

	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Short-Term employee benefits	4,896	4,595
Defined employee contribution plan - Kiwisaver	111	107
Match fees, allowances and other employee related costs	1,289	826
Total employee benefit expenses	6,296	5,528

Short-term employee benefit liabilities are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation to remunerate employees for services provided within 12 months of the reporting date and is measured on an undiscounted basis and expensed in the period in which employment services are provided.

Note 6 - General expenses

	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
General expenses includes:		
Administration and communication expenses	831	860
Audit fees	52	50
Coaching and development expenses	307	357
Directors fees	124	125
Event management expenses	1,362	1,450
Legal fees	141	41
Other professional service fees	315	277
Team expenses	1,054	1,007
Travel expenses	2,003	2,891

Audit fees include payments to BDO Auckland for the following:

Audit of the financial statements \$50,000 (2024: \$48,000)

Other services* \$2,000 (2024: \$2,000)

Total fees paid to auditors \$52,000 (2024: \$50,000)

*Other services comprise of tax compliance services.

Note 7 - Cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Current assets:		
Current Account	432	575
Call & Rapid Save Account	284	179
Donations Account	310	287
League 4 Life	92	88
Foreign Currency Accounts	2	7
	1,120	1,136

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Note 8 - Term Deposits

The term deposits are held with local banks which are investment graded, they are short term, between 3 and 6 months, the outmost expiry date is on 22 September 2025, and the interest rate is set at 4.4%.

Note 9 - Receivables (non-exchange transactions)

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Receivables (non-exchange transactions)	1,547	943
Total receivables from non-exchange transactions	1,547	943

Note 10 - Property, plant and equipment

Group	Freehold land *	Buildings: *	Motor vehicles	Plant and equipment	Furniture and fittings	Capital work-in - progress	Total
<u>Cost/Valuation</u>	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 31 Mar 2024	960	3,071	12	553	133	0	4,729
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	61	-	-	61
Revaluations	120	260	-	-	-	-	380
Balance as at 31 Mar 2025	1,080	3,331	12	614	133	0	5,170
<u>Accumulated depreciation and impairment</u>							
Balance as at 31 Mar 2024	-	151	11	367	92	-	621
Reversal of accumulated depreciation on revaluation	-	-191	-	-	-	-	-191
Depreciation	-	59	0	70	7	-	136
Balance as at 31 Mar 2025	-	19	11	437	99	-	566
<u>Net book value</u>							
As at 31 Mar 2023	960	2,817	2	165	25	154	4,123
As at 31 Mar 2024	960	2,920	1	186	41	0	4,108
As at 31 Mar 2025	1,080	3,312	1	177	34	0	4,604

* Freehold land and buildings are measured on a revaluation basis. They have been revalued to a total amount of \$4.08 M, which lead to a revaluation of \$571k, after reversing the accumulated depreciation.



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Recognition and measurement

Property, plant and equipment are initially shown at cost or at fair value in the case where an asset is acquired at no cost or for a nominal cost, less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Cost includes any costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the items including the costs of bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended.

Additions

The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as an asset if, and only if, it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Disposals

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount of the asset. Gains and losses on disposals are recognised in surplus or deficit.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment depreciation is based on the cost of an asset less its residual value.

Depreciation is recognised in surplus or deficit on a diminishing value or straight line basis over the estimated useful lives of each component of an item of property, plant and equipment. Land is not depreciated.

The diminishing value and straight line depreciation rates are:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| • Buildings | 1.5% - 2.0% |
| • Motor Vehicles | 20% |
| • Plant and equipment | 10.0% - 50.0% |
| • Furniture and fittings | 8.0% - 20.0% |

Depreciation methods, useful lives, and residual values are reviewed at reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

Revaluation

Following initial recognition at cost, land and buildings are carried at re-valued amounts, which is the fair value at the date of the revaluation less any accumulated impairment losses. Fair value is determined by reference to market based evidence, which is the amount for which the assets could be exchanged between a willing buyer and a knowledgeable willing seller in an arm's length transaction as at the valuation date.

Any revaluation surplus is recognised in other comprehensive income and credited to the asset revaluation reserve in equity, unless the increase relates to a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in the profit or loss. Any revaluation deficit is recognised in other comprehensive income and debited to the asset revaluation reserve in equity to the extent of the revaluation reserve balance accumulated from previous year gains. When no revaluation reserve balance is available to offset a revaluation loss the revaluation deficit is reported within profit or loss for the year.

Revaluations are completed on an asset basis and movements are evaluated on an asset class basis. Upon disposal, any revaluation reserve relating to the particular asset being sold is reclassified to retained earnings. Revaluations are completed every 3 - 5 years, unless the board deems a revaluation is required due to external factors.

Subsequent to revaluation, the building assets are depreciated based on their estimated useful lives.

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Note 11 - Payables (from exchange transactions) and accruals

	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Trade payables from exchange transactions	903	785
Other accruals	848	466
	1,751	1,251

Note 12 - Deferred revenue

	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Charitable trust donations received in advance	303	308
Other revenue received in advance	150	287
	453	595

Note 13 - Loans

Security held

In 2019 the Group arranged a \$1,700,000 term loan facility with the Bank of New Zealand, secured against a registered first mortgage over the property at 7 Beasley Avenue, Penrose, Auckland (refer to note 9). This loan has been renewed for a value of \$1,296,440 beginning in August 2024 with an expiry of 30 August 2029

At balance date the Group had \$1,145,350 drawn on this facility (2024: \$1,271,080), out of a total of \$1,251,430 available to draw down (2024: \$1,327,160). A floating per annum interest rate applies which at reporting date was 8.65%.

On 31 July 2024, the Group entered into a new arrangement with BNZ with term of the loan expiring 30 August 2029. This results in an amount of \$1,063,150 being non-current and \$82,200 repayable within 12 months from reporting date.

Note 14 - Financial Instruments

Group 2025

Group 2025		Carrying Value (\$)		
	Note	Financial Assets Amortised Cost \$'000	Financial Liabilities Amortised Cost \$'000	Total \$'000
<i>Subsequently not measured at fair value</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents (assets)	7	1,120	-	1,120
Term deposits (assets)	8	120	-	120
Gross receivables from non-exchange transactions	9	1,547	-	1,547
Payables (from exchange transactions) and accruals	11	-	(903)	(903)
BNZ Loan (liabilities)	13	-	(1,145)	(1,145)
Balance as at 31 March 2025		2,787	(2,048)	739



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Group 2024

Group 2024		Carrying Value (\$)		
	Note	Financial Assets Amortised Cost \$'000	Financial Liabilities Amortised Cost \$'000	Total \$'000
<i>Subsequently not measured at fair value</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents (assets)	7	1,136	-	1,136
Term deposits (assets)	7	-	-	-
Gross receivables from non-exchange transactions	9	943	-	943
Payables (from exchange transactions) and accruals	11	-	(873)	(873)
BNZ Loan (liabilities)	13	-	(1,271)	(1,271)
Balance as at 31 March 2024		2,079	(2,144)	(65)

i. Financial assets measured at amortised cost

Financial assets classified as amortised cost are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market.

Financial assets classified as amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

Financial assets classified as amortised cost comprise of cash and cash equivalents, term deposits and net receivables from non-exchange transactions.

Cash and cash equivalents represent highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into a known amount of cash with an insignificant risk of changes in value, with maturities of 3 months or less.

ii. Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

Financial liabilities classified as amortised cost are non-derivative financial liabilities that are not classified as fair value through surplus or deficit financial liabilities.

Financial liabilities classified as amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities classified as amortised cost comprise cash and cash equivalents (bank overdrafts), trade and other payables, and loans.

Trade and other payables are carried at amortised cost using effective interest method and due to their short-term nature they are not discounted.

Note 15 - Group entities

The Group consolidated financial statements comprise New Zealand Rugby League Inc. and the following entities:

- NZRL Investment Limited Partnership.
- NZRL Investment GP Limited.
- Rugby League Northland Zone of NZRL Inc.
- Akarana Zone of NZRL Inc.

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Counties Manukau Zone of NZRL Inc.
Upper Central Zone of NZRL Inc.
Mid Central Zone of NZRL Inc.
Wellington Rugby League Zone of NZRL Inc.
Southern Zone of NZRL Inc.
League 4 Life Foundation

All controlled entities have a balance date of 31 March except for League 4 Life Foundation which has a balance date of 31 December.

There are no significant restrictions regarding to the transfer of loan repayments, and other funds from controlled entities.

The Zones have been established as the delivery mechanism of the national strategy working with Clubs and District Leagues. The Limited Partnership was established to create an entity to hold its land and building assets. These assets were subsequently mortgaged to the Bank of New Zealand to secure a new term loan.

For accounting and financial reporting purposes, the seven Zones and the Limited Partnership are considered to be subsidiaries of New Zealand Rugby League Inc.

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

Note 16 - Operating leases

(i) Leases as lessee

The future non-cancellable minimum lease payments of operating leases as lessee at reporting date are detailed in the table below:

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Not later than one year	81	92
Later than one year and not later than five years	26	29
Total non-cancellable operating lease payments	107	121



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The Group has entered into a number of operating leases for the lease of motor vehicles. None of the leases has a term of longer than five years.

The majority of the leases are in the name of New Zealand Rugby League Inc., with 1 lease in the name of Mid-Central Zone of NZRL Inc.

Note 17 - Related party transactions

(i) Controlling entity and ultimate controlling entity

New Zealand Rugby League is the ultimate controlling entity.

Related party disclosures have not been made for transactions with related parties that are within a normal supplier or client/recipient relationship on terms and conditions no more or less favourable than those that it is reasonable to expect the entity would have adopted in dealing with the party at arm's length in the same circumstances.

Related party transactions required to be disclosed

Funding Support - Zones

During the period the Parent Entity provided its subsidiaries with funding support, and had receivable balances outstanding, as outlined below:

	2025		2024	
	Funding Support \$'000	Current Amount Receivable \$'000	Funding Support \$'000	Current Amount Receivable \$'000
Related Party				
Rugby League Northland Zone	65	6	64	4
Akarana Zone	60	1	60	1
Counties-Manukau Zone	80	2	80	3
Upper Central Zone	-	-	4	-
Mid Central Zone	71	-	98	-
Wellington Zone	82	2	92	2
Southern Zone	130	2	126	2
Total	488	13	524	12

(ii) Key management personnel remuneration

The Group classifies its key management personnel into one of two classes:

- Members of the governing body
- Senior executive officers, including the Chief Executive Officer

Members of the governing body are paid annual fees of \$3,000 to \$31,000 which is dependent on their role within the governing body.

Senior executive officers are employed as employees of the Group, on normal employment terms.

The aggregate level of remuneration paid and number of persons (measured in 'people' for Members of the governing body, and 'full-time-equivalents' (FTE's) for Senior executive officers in each class of key management personnel is presented below. The long term incentive ('LTI') has been accrued in these

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financial statements but will not be paid until the year ending 31 March 2026 providing certain criteria are achieved.

	2025			2024	
	Remuneration \$'000	Number of individuals		Remuneration \$'000	Number of individuals
Members of the governing body	124	8 people		125	8 people
Senior executive officers - Base	321	1 FTE		328	1 FTE
Senior executive officers - LTI	77	1 FTE		68	1 FTE
Total	522			521	

(iii) Rugby League International Federation Limited

Greg Peters is a director of the Rugby League International Federation Limited (RLIF), a joint venture partner in relation to the GB Oceania Limited Joint Venture (see iv). The Group had no transactions with RLIF in 2025 (2024: No transactions).

(iv) GB Oceania Limited Joint Venture:

On 7 May 2019, a joint venture between New Zealand Rugby League Inc., The Rugby League Football Limited and Rugby League International Federation Limited, known as GB Oceania Limited, was incorporated. Greg Peters was a director of this company. This company was wound up on 19 December 2023. The Group had no transactions with GB Oceania in 2025 (2024: No transactions).

(v) NZRL Investment GP Limited:

NZRL Investment GP Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of New Zealand Rugby League Inc., was incorporated on 2 July 2019 as a general partner in the NZRL Investment Limited Partnership. Hugh Martyn and Grant Stapleton are the directors of this company.

(vi) Aotearoa New Zealand Maori Rugby League Incorporated:

John Devonshire is the Chairperson of Aotearoa New Zealand Maori Rugby League Incorporated (NZMRL). During the financial year New Zealand Rugby League provided financial support to this entity for their tournaments.

Transactions with entities with common board members:

Transactions during the period	2025	2024
Purchases	321,906	313,068
Outstanding balance at period end		
Payables	94,650	45,057

During the year ended 31 March 2025, there have been no sales to related parties (2024: No transactions) and there are no outstanding receivables (2024: No transactions).



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Note 18 - Commitments and contingencies

(i) Commitments

The Group had no commitments of a capital nature as at 31 March 2025 (2024: \$Nil).

(ii) Contingent liabilities

The Group had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2025 (2024: \$Nil)

(iii) Contingent assets

The Group had no contingent assets as at 31 March 2025 (2024: \$Nil).

Note 18 - Subsequent Events

Subsequent to reporting date the ARLC, suspended its pathways and wellbeing funding to NZRL. The full impact of this is discussed under note 2 (d) - Going Concern basis.

There were no other subsequent events arising after the balance date.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INCORPORATED**

Report on the Audit of the General Purpose Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the general purpose financial report of New Zealand Rugby League Incorporated ("the Society") and its controlled entities (together, "the Group"), which comprises the consolidated financial statements on pages 4 to 19, and the consolidated statement of service performance on page 2 and 3. The complete set of consolidated financial statements comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2025 the consolidated statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, consolidated statement of changes in net assets/equity, consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion the accompanying general purpose financial report presents fairly, in all material respects:

- the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 March 2025, and its consolidated financial performance, and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the consolidated statement of service performance for the year ended 31 March 2025, in that the service performance information is appropriate and meaningful and prepared in accordance with the Group's measurement bases or evaluation methods,

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime ("PBE Standards RDR") issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)) and the audit of the consolidated statement of service performance in accordance with the ISAs (NZ) and New Zealand Auditing Standard 1 (NZ AS 1) (Revised) *The Audit of Service Performance Information (NZ)*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the General Purpose Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our firm carries out other assignments for the Group in the area of tax compliance services. The firm has no other relationship with, or interests in, the Group.

Director's Responsibilities for the General Purpose Financial Report

The Directors are responsible on behalf of the Group for:

- (a) the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements and consolidated statement of service performance in accordance PBE Standards RDR;
- (b) the selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods that present a statement of



service performance that is appropriate and meaningful in accordance with PBE Standards RDR;

- (c) the preparation and fair presentation of the statement of service performance in accordance with the Group's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with PBE Standards RDR;
- (d) the overall presentation, structure and content of the statement of service performance in accordance with PBE Standards RDR; and
- (e) such internal control as those charged with governance determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and consolidated statement of service performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the general purpose financial report those charged with governance are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless those charged with governance either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the General Purpose Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and the consolidated statement of service performance are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate or collectively, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this general purpose financial report.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the general purpose financial report is located at the XRB's website at:

<https://www.xrb.govt.nz/standards/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-13-1/>

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Who we Report to

This report is made solely to the Group's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the New Zealand Rugby League Incorporated and the Group's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.



BDO Auckland
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New Zealand
23 June 2025

League 4 life

League 4 Life is about empowering, equipping and encouraging the rugby league community affected by injury, illness and disability.

We provide grants to individuals, families and organisations to ensure our community is supported through difficult times.

Our two main focus areas for these grants are as follows:

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

To provide financial support for people involved in rugby league that would otherwise be improbable due to injury, disability or hardship.

HEALTH & RECOVERY

To provide financial support for rehabilitation after injury, including towards medical bills and in-home equipment. the country.

We would like to thank all involved for their support in making League 4 Life a New Zealand Rugby League community success. As a result, we have been able to help a number of people in the rugby league community from throughout the country.



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