

ANNUAL REPORT

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New Zealand Rugby League

22-23



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



**We are
family first**



**We are
responsible**



**We are
innovative &
courageous**



**We are
inclusive,
respectful
& humble**



**We are
stronger
together**





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From the Chairman and CEO

Nā te Toihau me te Tumu Whakarae

2022 was a momentous year for New Zealand Rugby League (NZRL) as we celebrated the return of our full domestic and international rugby league calendar for the first time since the pandemic began.

It was exciting to welcome the return of one of the most anticipated events on the grassroots calendar, our NZRL National Secondary Schools Tournament (NZSS). After a three-year hiatus, the NZSS Tournament took place at Puketewhero Park, this time with the inclusion of the inaugural Girls' and U15s' divisions. Congratulations to all 56 teams who participated and Taikura, Manurewa, and De La Salle College for winning their respective tournaments.

We also celebrated the inclusion of the inaugural Girls' Youth Tournament in our National 16s and 18s Youth programme. This reflects positive growth that continues to happen in the women and girls space, leading to our first-ever Girls' NZ16s and 18s representative fixtures.

Congratulations to Aotearoa New Zealand Māori Rugby League (ANZMRL) and Pacific Aotearoa Collective (PAC) for running hugely successful tournaments throughout the year. They enable newcomers to the game and enrich our communities' connection to rugby league.

2022 also saw historic constitutional changes made, reflecting ongoing efforts to deepen and better honour the partnership between NZRL and Aotearoa NZ Māori Rugby League (ANZMRL) and the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Following NZRL's AGM, ANZMRL was elevated to full voting member status. Furthermore, the Chair of ANZMRL was also given a permanent and dedicated seat on NZRL's Board.

In June last year, we welcomed Test match rugby league back to New Zealand shores with the return of the NZ v Tonga rivalry. Mt Smart played host as the Kiwi Ferns defeated Tonga 50-6, while our Kiwis were victorious with a convincing 26-6 performance.

The international spectacle was the first Kiwis' home Test sell-out in over 35 years, and over 1.2 million people tuned into the live broadcast. Furthermore, we broke the international record, at the time, for the largest women's rugby league Test match crowd and introduced four inaugural Kiwi Ferns and eight Kiwis into our prestigious Legends of League.

It was also great to see the Warriors' long-awaited return to Mt Smart the following weekend. Their return home, their presence, and their success are important in attracting young people to our game across New Zealand.

The success of the June double-header was the first stop on our World Cup Waka campaign. It played a crucial role in reuniting our communities and re-invigorating the excitement around the Kiwis and Fern squads.

We then set sail for the Rugby League World Cup in October, where both teams were based in the beautiful city of York.



Although the ultimate results were heart breaking for our teams in Black and White, there were still many positive takeaways. Congratulations to our Kiwi Ferns for making the final and to the Kiwis for a hard-fought semi-final battle. There is, no doubt, unfinished business.

Congratulations to Joseph Manu and Raecene McGregor for winning both Golden Boot awards. We are incredibly honoured to have the two best players in international rugby league wearing the Black and White jersey with pride.

Our New Zealand Physical Disability Rugby League team also competed in its inaugural Rugby League World Cup. Despite falling short against England in the grand final, we are extremely proud of their efforts and the mana shown on the world stage.

Despite the significant investment the World Cup campaigns require, NZRL has the resources to manage the tour's economic impact without damaging the continued and growing investment into the grassroots game. We remain confident in our financial pathway as we commence the first year of the new cycle towards the 2025 World Cup.

Since the back end of 2022, we have been exploring different viewpoints and engaging in important korero regarding the structure of the game in New Zealand, conversations that have not taken place in-depth since the inception of the current system over ten years ago.

As we begin our post-Covid error, NZRL is working with all voting members, districts and stakeholders to explore the possibility of a more focused model that sees the mana returned to our districts and regions.

2023 will see us welcome a full programme of internationals back to the Southern Hemisphere. New Zealand and Australia are set to play host as the traditional trans-Tasman rivalry re-ignites alongside new Pacific battles.

Early indications of 2023 player registrations show significant growth relative to this time last year, as we forecast to break 30,000.

Our rangatahi participation increased by 28% in 2022, surpassing pre-Covid numbers, bucking the trend for sport in general. We are also encouraged by a 36% increase in female participation, giving us confidence that our growing tournament and competition opportunities are strengthening the game across Aotearoa.

Our success over the last year would not have been possible without our consortium of valued partners.

A special thank you to Sky for their excellent game coverage and above-and-beyond support to ensure our players are given opportunities to showcase their talent and our content is broadcast to the highest quality.

We are incredibly grateful to long-term partners Pirtek and Mainstream for their fantastic loyalty. Both partners have re-committed to the next Rugby League World Cup as Primary Sponsors of the Kiwis, Kiwi Ferns, NZRL and match officials. We also welcome RICOH to the NZRL whānau as our new IT Solutions and Technology Partner.

Thank you to the NRL, Sport NZ, and High-Performance Sport New Zealand, whose continued support enables us to invest in the game's growth and development at all levels.

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

We owe tremendous gratitude to our Zone Boards, staff, districts, clubs, coaches, managers, referees, players and volunteers across the motu. Your continued mahi and service to rugby league are invaluable to its success. Thank you also to our NZRL Board of Directors, staff, life members and Patron, Sir Anand Satyanand.

2022 was a momentous year for New Zealand rugby league, as we welcomed back full-strength calendars and increased opportunities at all levels. With momentum at an all-time high, we look forward to what we can achieve in the year ahead, not only for the game of rugby league but for its people, fans and communities.



Hugh Martyn,
Chairman



Greg Peters,
CEO



Key Statistics

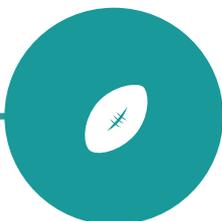
Ngā Tatauranga Matua



36% increase
in registered
female players



28% increase in rangatahi
(13-17 years old) players



3 inaugural Girls' Tournaments
2 inaugural Girls' representative fixtures



19% increase
in female volunteers
(111% increase since 2019)



41% increase in
registered female
coaches



June Test sell out
(First Kiwis' home Test
sell-out in over 35 years)



+126.8k
NZRL followers
in 2022



30 live-streamed
national games
in 2022



Four in five
(**83%**) intend to
re-join their club
next season

June Test - THE RETURN



KIWI FERNs

Ngā Ponga Kiwi



THE RETURN

HEAD COACH Ricky Henry

TEAM

Autumn-Rain Stephens Daly, Madison Bartlett, Page McGregor, Amy Turner, Katelyn Vaha'akolo, Laishon Albert-Jones, Raecene McGregor, Annetta Nu'uauasala, Krystal Rota (C), Mya Hill-Moana, Roxette Murdoch-Masila, Ngatokotoru Arakua, Georgia Hale, Nita Maynard, Charlotte Scanlan, Kararaina Wira-Kohu, Christyl Stowers.

18th Player – Karli Hansen,

19th Player – Hailee-Jay Maunsell

DEBUTANTES: Page McGregor, Amy Turner, Laishon Albert-Jones, Roxette Murdoch-Masila

Saturday 25 June 2022
Mt Smart Stadium, Auckland, NZ
NZ v TONGA

50

KIWI FERNs

TRIES - Madison Bartlett 2, Katelyn Vaha'akolo 2, Page McGregor, Raecene McGregor, Amy Turner, Roxette Murdoch-Masila, Kararaina Wira-Kohu, Laishon Albert-Jones, Nita Maynard

CONVERSIONS -
Laishon Albert-Jones 3

12

MATE MA'A TONGA

TRIES - China Polata, Haylee Hifo

CONVERSIONS -
Haylee Hifo 2



June Test - THE RETURN



THE RETURN

KIWIS

Te Kapa Kiwi



THE RETURN

HEAD COACH Michael Maguire

TEAM

Joseph Manu, Ronaldo Mulitalo, Marata Niukore, Peta Hiku, Jordan Rapana, Dylan Brown, Jahrome Hughes, Jesse Bromwich (C), Brandon Smith, James Fisher-Harris, Isaiah Papali'i, Kenneath Bromwich, Joseph Tapine, Kieran Foran, Moses Leota, Nelson Asofa-Solomona, Briton Nikora, 18th Player – Jordan Riki, 19th Player – Dallin Watene-Zelezniak.

DEBUTANTS: Ronaldo Mulitalo, Marata Niukore, Dylan Brown, Moses Leota

Saturday 25 June 2022
Mt Smart Stadium, Auckland, NZ
NZ v TONGA

26
KIWIS

TRIES - Jahrome Hughes, Jordan Rapana, Ronaldo Mulitalo, Isaiah Papali'i

CONVERSIONS - Jordan Rapana 4

PENALTY GOAL - Jordan Rapana

6
MATE MA'A TONGA

TRIES - Sione Katoa

CONVERSIONS - Kotoni Staggs



June Test - THE RETURN



Campaign Results

ATTENDANCE



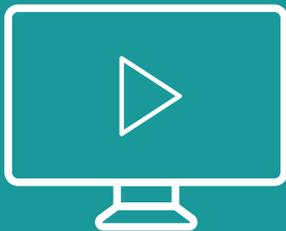
26,352

OFFICIAL CROWD ATTENDANCE
First Kiwis' Home Test sell-out

18,365

OFFICIAL WOMEN'S ATTENDANCE
New women's Test crowd attendance record at the time

VIEWERSHIP



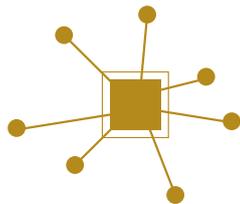
515,500

NZ VIEWERSHIP
(+46,500 from 2019)

1,208,000

VIEWERSHIP
(NZ, AUS, UK)

MEDIA



4,750,000

overall campaign social media reach



54,702

visits to nzrl.co.nz

745

pieces of media coverage

**INAUGURAL
PHYSICAL
DISABILITY
RUGBY LEAGUE
WORLD CUP
2021**

WARRINGTON,
ENGLAND, UK
October 2022

WHUTUPŌRO RIKI WHAIKAHA O AOTEAROA

**Physical Disability
Rugby League New Zealand**

HEAD COACH RAYMOND GREAVES

SQUAD

Harley Roach, Garry Kingi, Jeremy Hendrix Harris, Max Walsh, Shane Culling, Timothy Ragg, Kent Stroobant, Jed Stone, Shane Ratahi, Mal Davis, Matthew Williams, Michael Kulene, Daley Manu, Che Fornusek, Philip Milne, Roko, Nailolo, Matthew Slade, Delta Taeauga.



ROUND 1

Sunday
23 October 2022
Victoria Park Arena
Warrington, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v WALES**

**NZ
26**

TRIES - Michael Kulene 3,
*Daley Manu, Kent Stroobant
CONVERSIONS -
Roko Nailolo 3

**WALES
28**

TRIES - Paul Jones 2, Chris Young, Daniel
Shaw, Isaac Pickett, Leif Thobroe
CONVERSIONS -
Morgan Jones 2

*Daley Manu – First try scorer of the inaugural PDRL RLWC

ROUND 2

Tuesday
25 October 2022
Victoria Park Arena
Warrington, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v AUSTRALIA**

**NZ
34**

TRIES - Roko Nailolo 5, Michael Kulene
CONVERSIONS -
Roko Nailolo 5

**AUSTRALIA
26**

TRIES - Bryce Crane 4, Rylan Gauldron
CONVERSIONS -
Bryce Crane 3

ROUND 3

KNOCK OUT MATCH
Friday
28 October 2022
Victoria Park Arena
Warrington, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v ENGLAND**

**NZ
2**

**ENGLAND
50**

GRAND FINAL

Sunday
30 October 2022
Halliwell Jones
Stadium
Hull, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v ENGLAND**

**NZ
10**

TRIES - Roko Nailolo, Michael Kulene
CONVERSIONS -
Roko Nailolo

**ENGLAND
42**

TRIES - Sam Zeller 2, Scott Gobin 2, Nick
Leigh, Tommy Pouncey, Adam Fleming,
Nick Kenned
CONVERSIONS -
Sam Zeller 3, Darren Dean, Scott Gobin

Harley Roach - Captain
Phillip Milne - Vice Captain
Roko Nailolo - MVP
Jeremy Hendrix Harris - MIP
Daley Manu - Sportsman of the Year 2022

Roko Nailolo NZRL
Kiwi Physical Disability
Player of Year

“The impact we have made worldwide, not just on the rugby league communities but on all people, from this event is our most significant achievement. What we have created does not go unnoticed. We will strive to recruit more players and continue offering this to physically disabled persons to create unbelievable memories for all.”

Sandra Hickey Founder – Whutupōro Rīki Whaikaha o Aotearoa

WORLD CUP WAKA

**RUGBY LEAGUE
WORLD CUP**
ENGLAND, UK
November 2022



KIWI FERNS

Ngā Ponga Kiwi

NZRL extends its thanks and gratitude to partners Mainstream for their above-and-beyond support of the Kiwi Ferns throughout their World Cup Waka campaign.

Before the Kiwi Ferns set sail for the UK, Mainstream presented a generous koha at their jersey presentation and followed the Ferns across England, supporting them every step of the way.



KIWI FERNs

Ngā Ponga Kiwi

HEAD COACH Ricky Henry

SQUAD

Apii Nicholls, Katelyn Vaha'akolo, Autumn-Rain Stephens Daly, Page McGregor, Madison Bartlett, Laishon Albert-Jones, Raecene McGregor, Mya Hill-Moana, Krystal Rota (C), Annetta Nu'uausala, Roxette Murdoch-Masila, Amber Hall, Georgia Hale, Nita Maynard, Charlotte Scanlan, Christyl Stowers, *Otesa Pule, *Hailee-Jay Maunsell, Crystal Tamarua, *Shanice Parker, Karli Hansen, *Brianna Clark, *Mele Hufanga, *Abigail Roache

*DEBUTANTS



ROUND 1

Thursday
3 November 2022
LNER Community
Stadium York, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v FRANCE**

**KIWI FERNS
46**

TRIES - Roxette Murdoch-Masila 2, Katelyn Vaha'akolo 2, Madison Bartlett, Apii Nicholls, Amber Hall, Page McGregor, Shanice Parker

CONVERSIONS -
Brianna Clark 4, Apii Nicholls

**FRANCE
0**

DEBUTANTES Shanice Parker, Brianna Clark, Otesa Pule

ROUND 2

Monday
7 November 2022
LNER Community
Stadium York, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v COOK ISLANDS**

**KIWI FERNS
34**

TRIES - Raecene McGregor 2, Mele Hufanga 2, Krystal Rota, Amber Hall, Annetta Nu'uausala

CONVERSIONS - Brianna Clark 3

**COOK ISLANDS
4**

TRIES - Mackenzie Wiki

DEBUTANTES Hailee-Jay Maunsell, Mele Hufanga

ROUND 3

Friday
11 November 2022
LNER Community
Stadium York, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v AUSTRALIA**

**KIWI FERNS
8**

TRIES - Apii Nicholls, Autumn-Rain Stephens Daly

**AUSTRALIA
10**

TRIES - Tarryn Aiken, Julia Robinson

CONVERSIONS - Ali Brigginsshaw

DEBUTANTES Abigail Roache

SEMI FINAL

Tuesday
15 November 2022
LNER Community
Stadium York, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v ENGLAND**

**KIWI FERNS
20**

TRIES - Mele Hufanga, Raecene McGregor, Otesa Pule, Brianna Clark

CONVERSIONS - Apii Nicholls 2

**ENGLAND
6**

TRIES - Francesca Goldthorp

CONVERSIONS - Tara-Jane Stanley

GRAND FINAL

Sunday
20 November 2022
Old Trafford
Manchester, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v AUSTRALIA**

**KIWI FERNS
4**

TRIES - Madison Bartlett

**AUSTRALIA
54**

TRIES - Jessica Sergis 2, Isabelle Kelly 2, Kennedy Cherrington 2, Julia Robinson, Emma Tonegato, Tarryn Aiken, Evania Pelite

CONVERSIONS - Lauren Brown 5, Ali Brigginsshaw 2

**INTERNATIONAL
ACHIEVEMENTS**

RLWC2021 Women's Tournament Team
**APII NICHOLLS, MELE HUFANGA, RAECENE MCGREGOR,
AMBER HALL, ANNETTA NU'UAUSALA**

RLWC2021 Dream Team
AMBER HALL, MELE HUFANGA, RAECENE MCGREGOR

Golden Boot Award
RAECENE MCGREGOR

WORLD CUP WAKA

**RLWC WARM UP
MATCH**
ENGLAND, UK
October 2022



KIWIS

Te Kapa Kiwi

HEAD COACH Michael Maguire

SQUAD

Joseph Manu, Ronaldo Mulitalo, Marata Niukore, Peta Hiku, Jordan Rapana, Dylan Brown, Jahrome Hughes, Jesse Bromwich, Brandon Smith, James Fisher-Harris, Isaiah Papali'i, Kenneath Bromwich, Joseph Tapine, Kieran Foran, Moses Leota, Nelson Asofa-Solomona, Briton Nikora, Jared Waerea-Hargreaves, Dallin Watene-Zelezniak, Isaac Liu, Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad, *Jeremy Marshall-King, *Scott Sorensen, *Sebastian Kris

DEBUTANTS*

Sat 8 October 2022
Emerald Headingley Stadium,
Leeds, England

NZ v LEEDS RHINOS

74
KIWIS

TRIES - Sebastian Kris 3, Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad 2, Ronaldo Mulitalo 2, Kenneath Bromwich, Dean Whare, Jeremy Marshall-King, Briton Nikora, Jahrome Hughes, Jesse Bromwich, Brandon Smith

CONVERSIONS - Jordan Rapana 9

0
LEEDS RHINOS



KIWIS

Te Kapa Kiwi

HEAD COACH Michael Maguire

SQUAD

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*DEBUTANTS



ROUND 1

Monday
17 October 2022
Halliwell Jones
Stadium
Warrington, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v LEBANON**

**KIWIS
34**

TRIES - Kenneath Bromwich,
Nelson Asofa-Solomona, Peta Hiku, Dylan
Brown, Joseph Manu, Jordan Rapana

CONVERSIONS -
Jordan Rapana 5

**LEBANON
12**

TRIES - Josh Mansour, Abbas Miski

CONVERSIONS -
Mitchell Moses 2

DEBUTANTS Jeremy Marshall-King

ROUND 2

Sunday
23 October 2022
MKM Stadium
Hull, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v JAMAICA**

**KIWIS
68**

TRIES - Dallin Watene-Zelezniak 4, Jeremy Marshall-King 2,
Brandon Smith 2, Peta Hiku, Marata Niukore, Sebastian Kris,
Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad, Briton Nikora

CONVERSIONS - Kieran Foran 6, Dallin Watene-Zelezniak 2

**JAMAICA
6**

TRIES - Ben Jones-Bishop

CONVERSIONS -
Kieran Rush

DEBUTANTS Sebastian Kris, Scott Sorensen

ROUND 3

Saturday
29 October 2022
Emerald Headingley
Stadium
Leeds, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v IRELAND**

**KIWIS
48**

TRIES - Jahrome Hughes 2, Jordan Rapana 2,
Peta Hiku 2, Ronaldo Mulitalo, James Fisher-
Harris, Kenneath Bromwich, Joseph Manu

CONVERSIONS - Jordan Rapana 2,
Dylan Brown 2

**IRELAND
10**

TRIES - Louis Senior 2

PENALTY GOAL - Ed Chamberlain

QTR FINAL

Sunday
6 November 2022
MKM Stadium
Hull, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v FIJI**

**KIWIS
24**

TRIES - Ronaldo Mulitalo, Briton Nikora,
Joseph Manu, Jordan Rapana

CONVERSIONS - Jordan Rapana 3

PENALTY GOAL - Jordan Rapana

**FIJI
18**

TRIES - Kevin Naiqama 2, Maika Sivo
CONVERSIONS - Brandon Wakeham 3

SEMI FINAL

Saturday
12 November 2022
Elland Road
Leeds, England

**NEW ZEALAND
v AUSTRALIA**

**KIWIS
14**

TRIES - Jahrome Hughes, Dylan Brown

CONVERSIONS - Jordan Rapana 2

PENALTY GOAL - Jordan Rapana

**AUSTRALIA
16**

TRIES - Josh Addo-Carr, Valentine Holmes,
Cameron Murray

CONVERSIONS - Nathan Cleary 2

**INTERNATIONAL
ACHIEVEMENTS**

RLWC2021 Men's Tournament Team
JOSEPH MANU, JAMES FISHER-HARRIS

RLWC2021 Dream Team
JOSEPH MANU

Golden Boot Award
JOSEPH MANU

WORLD CUP WAKA

#WORLDCUPWAKA



Campaign Results

VIEWERSHIP



1.4 million

watched the Kiwi Ferns take on England in their semi-final BBC

1.8 million

watched the Kiwis take on Australia in their semi-final BBC

MEDIA



49,525+

new NZRL followers

505,747

post engagements

11.8 million

reached



194,316

visits to nzrl.co.nz



8054

pieces of media coverage

115+

media interviews for the Kiwi Ferns

265+

media interviews for the Kiwis



DOMESTIC RUGBY LEAGUE

NZRL celebrated the return of its full domestic rugby league calendar for the first time since the pandemic began.

We welcomed back one of the most anticipated events on the grassroots calendar, the NZRL National Secondary Schools Tournament.

After a three-year hiatus, the NZSS Tournament took place at Puketewhero Park, this time with the inclusion of the inaugural Girls' and U15s' divisions.

Congratulations to all 56 teams who participated and to Taikura, Manurewa, and De L Salle College for winning their respective tournaments.

NZRL also celebrated the inclusion of the inaugural Girls' Youth Tournament in our National 16s and 18s Youth programme. Over 4,000 spectators flocked to Taupo and Rotorua to celebrate the best rangatahi talent from across the country.

We welcomed back the NZRL National District 9s after its successful inaugural year. Now one of the most attended NZRL tournaments, the 9s celebrated district rugby league in style. Hawkes Bay was able to field their first-ever Girls' representative team, evident the 9s works as a successful entry point for newcomers to the game.

With the return of a complete domestic calendar and increased opportunities across the game, participation rates in both the rangatahi and women's space have surpassed pre-covid numbers.

We look forward to another jam-packed year of activity as rugby league continues to strengthen across Aotearoa.

TOURNAMENTS



NZRL National Secondary Schools Tournament



BOYS' PREMIERSHIP

GRAND FINAL

De La Salle **42**
Rotorua Boys High School **6**

Grand Final MVP: Kayliss Fatialofa (De La Salle)

FINAL STANDINGS

De La Salle
Rotorua BHS
Southern Cross Campus Boys
St Thomas of Canterbury College
St Pauls College
Mt Albert Grammar School
Wesley College
Taikura Composite

BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

GRAND FINAL

Manurewa High School **18**
Te Whanau a Noa **4**

Grand Final MVP: Christian Auva'a (Manurewa)

FINAL STANDINGS

Manurewa High School
Tokoroa: Te Whanau a Noa
Haeta Community Campus
Tauranga Boys College
St Bernard's College
Western Heights High School

2022 NZRL NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS BOYS' TOURNAMENT TEAM

1. Ngaheke Nepata (St Thomas)
2. Malakai Cama (Rotorua Boys)
3. Sio Kali (St Pauls)
4. Keisaia Su'a (St Pauls)
5. Waisake Salabiau (Rotorua Boys)
6. William Piliu (St Pauls)
7. Oliver Lawry (St Thomas)
8. Lamonye Matu (Southern Cross)
9. Malachi Tony (De La Salle)
10. Sione Tupou (Rotorua Boys)
11. Alekolasimi Jones (St Pauls)
12. Rodney Tuipulotu – Vea (De La Salle)
13. Elijah Salesa Leumoana (Southern Cross)
14. Zackariah Stephenson (St Pauls)
15. Ieti Jeff Samuelu (De La Salle)
16. Kaylise Fatialofa (De La Salle)
17. Noah Harmer – Campbell (St Thomas)

Tournament MVP

Waisake Salabiau (Rotorua Boys)

GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP

GRAND FINAL

Manurewa High School **8**
Auckland Girls Grammar **4**

Grand Final MVP: June Westerland (Manurewa)

FINAL STANDINGS

Manurewa High School
Auckland Girls Grammar School
Southern Cross Campus Girls
Taikura Composite
KHS: Te Oraka Kairangi
Tokoroa: Te Whanau a Noa

2022 NZRL NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS GIRLS' TOURNAMENT TEAM

1. Braxton Sorensen-McGee (AGGS)
2. Violet Hiku (Manurewa)
3. Giovanna Suani (AGGS)
4. Kingslee Hohaia (Manurewa)
5. Faith Tavita (AGGS)
6. Sharnyze Pihema (Manurewa)
7. Caitlyn-Jain Bushell (AGGS)
8. Lose Kuli (AGGS)
9. Chevy Brough (Manurewa)
10. Cleo Sauaga (AGGS)
11. Seriah Palepale (AGGS)
12. June Westerlund (Manurewa)
13. Paea Uilou (AGGS)
14. Jonesha Katipa-Blakelock (Manurewa)
15. Latesha Mitchener (AGGS)
16. Mia Jones (AGGS)
17. Shanthie Lui (Southern Cross)

Tournament MVP

Sharnyze Pihema (Manurewa)

TOURNAMENTS



NZRL National Youth Tournament



U16 GIRLS

GRAND FINAL

Counties Manukau **22**
Wellington **16**

FINAL STANDINGS

Counties Manukau
Wellington
South Island
Auckland
Northland
Akarana
Mid Central
Upper Central

TOURNAMENT TEAM

1. Billie Va'a (Wellington)
2. Tiare-Anne Leauga (Akarana)
3. Arlia Maccarthy (Northland)
4. Milahn Ieremia (Akarana)
5. Jayda Maniapoto (Wellington)
6. Braxton Sorensen-Mcgee (Counties Manukau)
7. Lialanie Muamua (South Island)
8. Josinah Filisi Tauilili (Counties Manukau)
9. Riana Le'afa-Paki (Wellington)
10. Te Ngaroahiahi Rimoni (Wellington)
11. Luca-Bella Ngatuere-Ongley (Wellington)
12. Seriah Palepale (Counties Manukau)
13. Trinity Tauaneai (Wellington)
14. Indiana Ronnie Russell-Lia (Wellington)
15. Molly Byford (Upper Central)
16. Giovanna Suani (Counties Manukau)
17. Kayshana Rapana-Phillips (South Island)

Tournament MVP: Seriah Palepale (Counties Manukau)

U18 GIRLS

GRAND FINAL

Akarana **16**
Counties Manukau **14**

FINAL STANDINGS

Akarana
Counties Manukau
Auckland
Upper Central
South Island

TOURNAMENT TEAM

1. Tamisha Tulua (Counties Manukau)
2. Summer Van Gelder (Akarana)
3. Paris Pickering (Akarana)
4. Henillietta Lokotui (Counties Manukau)
5. Lily Newton (Auckland Vulcans)
6. Milahn Situa (Auckland)
7. Tiana Thomson (Counties Manukau)
8. Savannah Tato (Akarana)
9. Monica Samita (Akarana)
10. Tafao Fa'aeaina Asua (Counties Manukau)
11. Tatiana Finau (Akarana)
12. Claudia Finau (Akarana)
13. Alexis Tauaneai (Upper Central)
14. Ronise Matini (Akarana)
15. Taleenza Nelson (Counties Manukau)
16. Theresa Nasilai (Auckland)
17. Alianna Tonu'u (Counties Manukau)
18. Kimoana Niupalau (Upper Central)

Tournament MVP: Tamisha Tulua

U16 BOYS

GRAND FINAL

Counties Manukau **22**
Akarana **4**

FINAL STANDINGS

Counties Manukau
Akarana
Wellington
Mid Central
South Island
Auckland
Upper Central
Northland

TOURNAMENT TEAM

1. Ernie Mahu-Delamere (Counties Manukau)
2. Vitaliano Roach (Counties Manukau)
3. Taipari Wikitera (Akarana)
4. Sosaia Antony Fatani Latu (Counties Manukau)
5. Ezekiel Tavita (Auckland Vulcans)
6. Tyrone Hurt-Pickering (Akarana)
7. Haami Loza (Counties Manukau)
8. Noah Hetutu-Davis (Counties Manukau)
9. Kaawyn Patterson (Akarana)
10. Joshua Totara Kopua (Counties Manukau)
11. Te Paeroa Wi-Neera (Akarana)
12. Sosaia Alatini (South Island)
13. Augustina Filipo (Counties Manukau)
14. Austyn Ah Toon-Hotene (Counties Manukau)
15. Joey Upoko (Akarana)
16. Kanaan Talia Magele (Akarana)
17. Ezekiel Faga-Ieti (South Island)

Tournament MVP: Kaawyn Patterson (Akarana)

U18 BOYS

GRAND FINAL

Counties Manukau Stingrays **28**
South Island Scorpions **12**

FINAL STANDINGS

Counties Manukau
South Island
Akarana
Auckland
Wellington
Mid Central
Waikato
Upper Central

TOURNAMENT TEAM

1. Kyan Alo (Akarana)
2. Raphael Sio (Akarana)
3. Leka Halasima (Auckland Vulcans)
4. Kayliss - Jess Fatialofa (Counties Manukau)
5. Jarome Falemoe (Counties Manukau)
6. Phranklyn Mano-Le-Mamea (Counties Manukau)
7. Afaese Fa'avae (Wellington)
8. Ben Peni (Counties Manukau)
9. Makaia Tafua (South Island)
10. Jordan Chapman (Wellington)
11. Devante Mihinui (Auckland Vulcans)
12. Te Kaio Cranwell (South Island)
13. Tanner Stowers Smith (South Island)
14. Khalan Clyde (Akarana)
15. Bob Iosefo (Auckland Vulcans)
16. Francis Tuimauga (Counties Manukau)
17. Samuela Vakadula (Mid Central)
18. Alvin Chong Nee (Counties Manukau)
19. Sitana Loamanu (Auckland Vulcans)

Tournament MVP: Ben Peni (Counties Manukau)

TOURNAMENTS



National Men's Premiership

GRAND FINAL

Akarana **48** v Canterbury **4**

FINAL STANDINGS

Akarana
Canterbury
Counties Manukau
Waikato

FINALS MVP: Jerry Poutu (Akarana)

NZRL National Women's Championship

GRAND FINAL

Auckland **22** v Wellington **18**

FINAL STANDINGS

Auckland
Wellington
Upper Central
Counties Manukau
Waikato
Northland

FINALS MVP: Cesca Luafalealo (Auckland)

NZRL National 20s Ruben Wiki Cup

GRAND FINAL

Counties Manukau Stingrays **28** v South Island **16**

FINAL STANDINGS

Counties Manukau
South Island
Akarana
Waikato
Wellington
Bay of Plenty

COMPETITION TEAM

1. Robin Herbert (Counties Manukau)
2. Ariki Honetana (Akarana)
3. Niu-Alinghi Peni (Counties Manukau)
4. Deijdre Siaki (South Island)
5. Toaiti Ramsay (Counties Manukau)
6. Felise Tau (Counties Manukau)
7. Caleb Murphy (South Island)
8. Jaedon Wellington (South Island)
9. Khalan Clyde (Akarana)
10. Portman Paul (Waikato)
11. Te Kaio Cranwell (South Island)
12. Sakiusa Lomanikaya (South Island)
13. Daniel Smith (Akarana)

PIRTEK COMPETITION MVP: Te Kaio Cranwell (South Island)

TOURNAMENTS



NZRL National District 9s

NZRL 9S GIRLS' U16

SEMI FINALS

Manawatu 8 v Hawkes Bay 4
Waikato 12 v BOP 10
Wellington 20 v Auckland 4
Northern Swords 12 v Canterbury 10

FINALS

Hawkes Bay 52 v BOP 8
Waikato 20 v Manawatu 4
Auckland 14 v Canterbury 8
Wellington 20 v Northern Swords 6

U16 GIRLS' TOURNAMENT TEAM

1. Dormay Laufiso (Canterbury)
2. Kayshana Rapana-Phillips (Canterbury)
3. Billie Va'a (Wellington)
4. Te Raukura Leafe (Wellington)
5. Trinity Tauaenai (Wellington)
6. Bailey Rae Edwards (Northland)
7. Kahlanie Hebden-Salase (Northland)
8. Tyali Raihe (Waikato)
9. Lahnayah Daniel (Waikato)

Tournament MVP: Trinity Tauaenai (Wellington)

NZRL 9S BOYS' U16

SEMI FINALS

Waikato 14 v Northland 6
Auckland 24 v Coastline 4
Canterbury 24 v BOP 0
Manawatu 24 v Wellington 6

FINALS

Coastline 18 v Northland 10
Auckland 14 v Waikato 12
Wellington 16 v BOP 4
Manawatu 18 v Canterbury 14

U16 BOYS' TOURNAMENT TEAM

1. Ryder Crosswell (Manawatu)
2. Te-ava-a-katu Nicholas (Otago)
3. Rewiti Ngarimu (Wellington)
4. Micah Sula (Canterbury)
5. Delahoia Te Pakeke-Kakoi (Canterbury)
6. Shayne Wassell (Northland)
7. Gordon Taanuu Jordan T Afoa (Auckland)
8. Hoani Richards (Wellington)
9. Czah Sun (Waikato)

TOURNAMENT MVP: Rewiti Ngarimu (Wellington)

NZRL 9S GIRLS' U18

SEMI FINALS

Canterbury 14 v Northland 0
Wellington 30 v BOP 4
Auckland Red 18 v Auckland Blue 4
Auckland White 12 v Waikato 8

FINALS

Northland 14 v BOP 6
Canterbury 16 v Wellington 14
Auckland Blue 18 v Waikato 16
Auckland Red 20 v Auckland White 4

U18 GIRLS' TOURNAMENT TEAM

1. Olive Connolly (Canterbury)
2. Indiana Russel-Lia (Wellington)
3. Michelle Taikato (Wellington)
4. Gillian Fa'aumu (Auckland White)
5. Arlia Maccarthy (Northland)
6. Elenoa Havea (Auckland Red)
7. Paea Uilou (Auckland Red)
8. Leila Schmidt-Sopoaga (Auckland Red)
9. Silalotoga Tamisha Tulua (Auckland Red)

TOURNAMENT MVP: Silalotoga Tamisha Tulua (Auckland)

NZRL 9S BOYS' U18

SEMI FINALS

Manawatu 32 v Hauraki 0
Waikato 28 v BOP 4
Auckland 14 v Wellington 12
Canterbury 26 v Northern Swords 4

FINALS

BOP 18 v Hauraki 8
Waikato 20 v Manawatu 10
Wellington 28 v Northern Swords 0
Auckland 24 v Canterbury 4

U18 BOYS' TOURNAMENT TEAM

1. Chelden Hayward (Canterbury)
2. Ezekiel Faga-leti (Canterbury)
3. Dakota Kakoi (Canterbury)
4. Jaziah Symons (Manawatu)
5. Harrison Irving (Wellington)
6. Adam Laurence (Waikato)
7. Unique Waeremu (Northland)
8. Christian Junior Sikuvea (Auckland)
9. Christopher James Masina Tuivai-Lopa (Auckland)

TOURNAMENT MVP: Chelden Hayward (Canterbury)



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REPRESENTATIVE

Hau Toa

NZRL, in collaboration with Auckland Rugby League (ARL), introduced a full representative calendar in 2022, including the first-ever NZ16s and 18s Girls' representative fixtures.

The inaugural Auckland Invitational v Aotearoa Whaanui contest took place for both U16 Girls and Boys representatives.

The U16 Auckland teams consisted of players from the ARL competition, the Region of Origin development programme and representative teams, including; Akarana, Counties-Manukau and Auckland.

The Aotearoa Whaanui squads were selected from zonal teams; Northland, Upper Central, Mid Central, Wellington and South Island.

The U18 Clubs vs Schools clash returned, this time with the inaugural Girls' clash.

NZRL selected the Schools teams from their performances at the NZRL National Secondary Schools Tournament, while the Clubs' squads consisted of stand-out performers from the NZRL National Youth Tournaments.

NZRL look forward to these becoming regular age group fixtures in the representative calendar, with the inaugural girls' clashes a testament to the hard mahi and growth happening within the female game.

REPRESENTATIVE



NZ 16s Te Kapa Mātāahi

U16 GIRLS

FINAL SCORE

Auckland Invitational **22**
Aotearoa Whaanui **8**

AUCKLAND INVITATIONAL

1. Tayla-Benet Masoe (Auckland Vulcans)
2. Tiare-Anne Leauga (Akarana)
3. Elizabeth Ngahe (Auckland Vulcans)
4. Milahn Ieremia (Akarana)
5. Tia'ane Tavita Fesolai (Akarana)
6. Riley Pasese (Akarana)
7. Danii-Nicole Gray (Counties Manukau)
8. Josinah Filisi Tauilili (Counties Manukau)
9. Mele Feaomoengalu (Akarana)
10. Mercedes Lisone siaea (Counties Manukau)
11. Leaony Macdonald Tuimauga (Counties Manukau)
12. Maeya Talamaivao (Akarana)
13. Ashlee Matapo (Akarana)
14. Mary Jane Taito (Counties Manukau)
15. Ivana Lauitiiti (Counties Manukau)
16. Monica Ben (Auckland Vulcans)
17. Fualaau Poutoa (Auckland Vulcans)
18. Mayann Ioane (Akarana)

AOTEAROA WHAANUI

1. Billie Va'a (Wellington)
2. Manaia Blake (Mid Central)
3. Arlia Maccarthy (Northern Swords)
4. Kayshana Rapana-Phillips (South Island)
5. Jayda Maniapoto (Wellington)
6. Miria Faulkner – Luke (Northern Swords)
7. Lialanie Muamua (South Island)
8. Molly Byford (Upper Central)
9. Riana Le'afa-Paki (Wellington)
10. Te Ngaroahiahi Rimoni (Wellington)
11. Luca-Bella Ngatuere-Ongley (Wellington)
12. Te Raukura Leafe (Wellington)
13. Trinity Tauaneai (Wellington)
14. Indiana Ronnie Russell-Lia (Wellington)
15. Danica Talitonu (Mid Central)
16. Tyali Raihe (Upper Central)
17. Olive Connolly (South Island)
18. Bailey Rae Edwards (Northern Swords)

U16 BOYS

FINAL SCORE

Auckland Invitational **24**
Aotearoa Whaanui **20**

AUCKLAND INVITATIONAL

1. Ernie Mahu-Delamere (Counties Manukau)
2. Vitaliano-Roache (Counties Manukau)
3. Taipari Wikitera (Akarana)
4. Sosaia Antony Fatani Latu (Counties Manukau)
5. Ezekiel Tavita (Auckland Vulcans)
6. Tyrone Hurt-Pickering (Akarana)
7. Haami Loza (Counties Manukau)
8. Noah Hetutu-Davis (Counties Manukau)
9. Kaawyn Patterson (Akarana)
10. Joshua Totara Kopua (Counties Manukau)
11. Te Paeroa Wi-Neera (Akarana)
12. Dezman Laban (Akarana)
13. Augustino Filipo (Counties Manukau)
14. Austyn Ah Toon-Hotene (Counties Manukau)
15. Joey Upoko (Akarana)
16. Kanaan Talia Magele (Akarana)
17. Eteuate Leilua (Counties Manukau)
18. Compton Purcell (Akarana)

AOTEAROA WHAANUI

1. Meihana Pauling (South Island)
2. Xavier Lynch (South Island)
3. Chelden Hayward (South Island)
4. Jackson Stewart (South Island)
5. Genesis Sherlock (South Island)
6. Eli Bijl-Kakoi (South Island)
7. Maui Winitana-Patelesio (Wellington)
8. Ezekiel Fanga'ietu (South Island)
9. Mangaroa Mark (Upper Central)
10. Jake Rabarts (Upper Central)
11. Ezekiel Paulo (South Island)
12. Sosaia Alatini (South Island)
13. Marley Igasan (Upper Central)
14. Kyan Rosie (South Island)
15. Reihana Timms (Upper Central)
16. Toby Gibson (South Island)
17. Adam Lawrence (Upper Central)
18. Ryder Crosswell (Upper Central)

REPRESENTATIVE



Schools v Clubs

Kura v Karapu

U18 GIRLS

FINAL SCORE

NZ Clubs **50**

NZ Schools **0**

NZ CLUBS

1. Tamisha Tulua (Counties Manukau)
2. Summer Van Gelder (Akarana)
3. Paris Pickering (Akarana)
4. Henillietta Lokotui (Counties Manukau)
5. Lily Newton (Auckland Vulcans)
6. Milahn Situa (Auckland Vulcans)
7. Tiana Thomson (Counties Manukau)
8. Kimoana Niupalau (Upper Central)
9. Monica Samita (Akarana)
10. Tafao Fa'aeaina Asua (Counties Manukau)
11. Tatiana Finau (Akarana)
12. Claudia Finau (Akarana)
13. Alexis Tauaneai (Upper Central)
14. Ronise Matini (Akarana)
15. Taleenza Nelson (Counties Manukau)
16. Theresa Nasilai (Auckland Vulcans)
17. Alianna Tonu'u (Counties Manukau)
18. Kokako Raki (Upper Central)
19. Kyla Lynch Brown (South Island)

NZ SCHOOLS

1. Braxton Sorensen-McGee (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
2. Violet Hiku (Manurewa High School)
3. Giovanna Suani (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
4. Kingslee Hohaia (Manurewa High School)
5. Faith Tavita (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
6. Sharnyze Pihema (Manurewa High School)
7. Caitlyn-Jain Bushell (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
8. Lose Kuli (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
9. Chevy Brough (Manurewa High School)
10. Cleo Sauaga (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
11. Seriah Palepale (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
12. June Westerlund (Manurewa High School)
13. Paea Uiloa (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
14. Jonesha Katipa-Blakelock (Manurewa High School)
15. Latesha Mitchener (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
16. Mia Jones (Auckland Girls Grammar School)
17. Shanthie Lui (Southern Cross Campus)
18. Vienna Lupe Alapae (Southern Cross Campus)
19. Saylor Maletino (Manurewa High School)

U18 BOYS

FINAL SCORE

NZ Clubs **26**

NZ Schools **22**

NZ CLUBS

1. Kyan Alo (Akarana)
2. Raphael Sio (Akarana)
3. Leka Halasima (Auckland Vulcans)
4. Kayliss - Jess Fatialofa (Counties Manukau)
5. Jarome Falemoe (Counties Manukau)
6. Phranklyn Mano-Le-Mamea (Counties Manukau)
7. Afaese Fa'avae (Wellington)
8. Ben Peni (Counties Manukau)
9. Makaia Tafua (South Island)
10. Jordan Chapman (Wellington)
11. Devante Mihinui (Auckland Vulcans)
12. Te Kaio Cranwell (South Island)
13. Tanner Stowers Smith (South Island)
14. Khalan Clyde (Akarana)
15. Bob Iosefo (Auckland Vulcans)
16. Francis Tuimauga (Counties Manukau)
17. Samuela Vakadula (Mid Central)
18. Alvin Chong Nee (Counties Manukau)
19. Sitana Loamanu (Auckland Vulcans)

NZ SCHOOLS

1. Ngaheke Nepata (St Thomas of Canterbury)
2. Malakai Cama (Rotorua Boys High School)
3. Sio Kali (St Pauls College)
4. Keisaia Su'a (St Pauls College)
5. Waisake Salabiau (Rotorua Boys High School)
6. William Piliu (St Pauls College)
7. Oliver Lawry (St Thomas of Canterbury)
8. Lamonye Matu (Southern Cross Campus)
9. Malachi Tony (De La Salle College)
10. Sione Tupou (Rotorua Boys High School)
11. Alekolasimi Jones (St Pauls College)
12. Jason Salalilo (St Thomas of Canterbury)
13. Rodney Tuipolotu - Ve'a (De La Salle College)
14. Allan Talataina-Malama (De La Salle College)
15. Elijah Salesa Leaumoana (Southern Cross Campus)
16. Zachariah Stephenson (St Pauls College)
17. Noah Harmer - Campbell (St Thomas of Canterbury)
18. Cooper Te Hau (St Thomas of Canterbury)
19. Maraki Aumua (Rotorua Boys High School)

NZRL SNAPSHOT

WELLBEING



Wellbeing Teams established around NZ

NZRL have put in many hours to work with, train and develop wellbeing teams around New Zealand comprised of a Champion, Chaplain and Ambassador, with the long-term focus on having these teams apply and provide wellbeing support to all of our rugby league communities.



Creation of Wellbeing webpage and Staff Portal

A wellbeing webpage was launched that provides support services, self-assessment and requests for sessions to the community. We have also created an internal wellbeing portal for staff. A safe and secure space they can go to when needing support.



Wellbeing Podcast - 'Find your Front'

A podcast in conjunction with the Warriors launched early 2023. A space to tell and hear stories about what inspires our athletes and people in and around our great game.



FEMALE GAME



36%

INCREASE IN REGISTERED FEMALE PLAYERS

26%

INCREASE IN REGISTERED FEMALE COACHES

19%

INCREASE IN REGISTERED FEMALE VOLUNTEERS

Inaugural NZSS Girls' Tournament and Girls' 16s and 18s Youth Tournaments

These new tournaments offered female participants pathway opportunities to develop further in the game and acted as an entry-level for representative experiences. The fixtures continue to support clear aspirational desires for players, coaches, managers and trainers to develop at a national level.

Inaugural NZ16s and NZ18s Girls' Representative fixtures

The Girls' NZSS and Youth Tournaments acted as selection pathways for NZRL's first-ever 16s and 18s Girls' representative sides, Aotearoa Whaanui and Auckland Invitational (16s) and NZ Clubs v NZ Schools (18s).

NZRL SNAPSHOT

COACHING



Resident Coaching appointments **DOUBLED**

2022 saw the NZ Resident representative coach pathways extended by including the NZRL Whaanui Girls (16s) and the NZ Resident Girls' Schools and Clubs teams. NZRL made an additional 15 coaching staff appointments as the Resident coaching pool grew from 15 to 30.

12 NZRL coaches successfully joined the Sport New Zealand (Coaching For Impact) & High-Performance Sport New Zealand (Core Knowledge) Coach Development programme

NZRL was the only sporting code to have 100% attendance at all the HPSNZ registered workshops and was commended by HPSNZ for their contribution to the programme.

42 coach development resources available online

The online coach education platform has seen over 5000 engagements from coaches, managers, trainers and parents. Including over 1300 online engagements for the Kiwi League Foundation Coaching Modules.



COMMUNITY



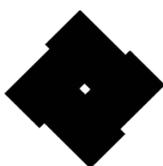
68%
of Voice of the Participant respondents are very / extremely satisfied with their rugby league experience.



Four in five (83%)
intend to rejoin their club next season



7 in 10
are likely to recommend their club



NGĀ RINGA ĀWHINA

The NRA team ran **48 workshops and engagement sessions nationwide in 2022**, with **367 coach development sessions delivered**, impacting **6,600 players**.

LeagueSmart

ACC partnership renewed

NZRL ran an injury prevention pilot programme in Wellington focused on raising awareness and learnings for injury prevention outcomes. ACC considered the trial a great success, strengthening our partnership with the government agency, which has committed to a significant investment increase for the next three years.

REFEREES

Tātāwhāinga

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

KIWI FERNS V TONGA

Touch Judges: Joseph Green, Rochelle Tamarua

KIWIS V TONGA

Touch Judges: Paki Parkinson

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP

Paki Parkinson

Rochelle Tamarua

REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

AUCKLAND INVITATIONAL V AOTEAROA WHAANUI U16 GIRLS

Referee: Liam O'Brien

Touch Judges: Jack Feavers, Joseph Green

AUCKLAND INVITATIONAL V AOTEAROA WHAANUI U16 BOYS

Referee: Liam O'Brien

Touch Judges: Jack Feavers, Will Toelau

NZ CLUBS V NZ SCHOOLS U18 GIRLS

Referee: Joseph Green

Touch Judges: Jack Feavers, Liam O'Brien

NZ CLUBS V NZ SCHOOLS U18S BOYS

Referee: Jack Feavers

Touch Judges: Liam O'Brien, Will Toelau

NATIONAL FINALS APPOINTMENTS

MEN'S NATIONAL PREMIERSHIP FINAL

Referee: Paki Parkinson

Touch Judges: Anthony Elliott, Daniel Caddy

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Referee: Graeme Hill

Touch Judges: Epiha Muru-Kete, Berta Makiha

MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Referee: Jack Feavers

Touch Judges: Joseph Green, Anthony Elliott

YOUTH U18 BOYS' FINAL

Referee: Jack Feavers

Touch Judges: Liam O'Brien, Daryl Mataiti

YOUTH U16 BOYS' FINAL

Referee: Liam O'Brien

Touch Judges: Graeme Hill, Jack Feavers



**NZRL REFEREE
OF THE YEAR 2022:
Paki Parkinson**

YOUTH U18 GIRLS' FINAL

Referee: Graeme Hill

Touch Judges: Mike Rangihika, Jack Feavers

YOUTH U16 GIRLS' FINAL

Referee: Jack Feavers

Touch Judges: Liam O'Brien, Epiha Muru-Kete

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS BOYS' FINAL

Referee: Jack Feavers

Touch Judges: Liam O'Brien, Daryl Mataiti

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS GIRLS' FINAL

Referee: Epiha Muru-Kete

Touch Judges: Liam O'Brien, Will Toelau

RUBEN WIKI CUP NATIONAL 20S FINAL

Referee: Jack Feavers

Touch Judges: Paki Parkinson, Liam O'Brien

NZRL 9S BOYS' U18 FINAL

Referee: Liam O'Brien

Touch Judges: Jack Feavers, Epiha Muru-Kete

NZRL 9S GIRLS' U18 FINAL

Referee: Keven Ah Ken

Touch Judges: Owen Harvey, Marissa Puketapu

NZRL 9S BOYS' U16 FINAL

Referee: Maxine Codinet

Touch Judges: Toby Foley, Tony Cuccurullo.

NZRL 9S GIRLS' U16 FINAL

Referee: Epiha Muru-Kete

Touch Judges: Lau Pauviale, Owen Harvey



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NEW ZEALAND
RUGBY LEAGUE



Aotearoa New Zealand Māori Rugby League

In a momentous constitutional meeting following New Zealand Rugby League's (NZRL) AGM last June, overdue constitutional changes were passed that elevated Aotearoa NZ Māori Rugby League (ANZMRL) to full voting member status. Furthermore, giving the Chair of ANZMRL a permanent and dedicated seat on NZRL's Board.

These historic constitutional changes resulted from ongoing efforts to deepen and better honour the partnership between NZRL and ANZMRL.

Previously, ANZMRL was an Associate Member of NZRL. As such, did not have a vote or any other governance status within NZRL other than attending the AGM.

This in no way honoured ANZMRL's long-standing history and influence on the game or embraced the partnership that should have existed between the two entities for some time now.

ANZMRL has a long and proud history dating back to the start of rugby league in New Zealand. The first national Māori team was assembled in 1908, and in October 1934, the original New Zealand Māori Rugby League Control Board formed in Huntly.

ANZMRL has continued to grow and flourish over the past 19 years, developing into a leading Māori community sport entity in Aotearoa. The kaupapa of celebrating being Māori, as Māori, for Māori, by Māori using Māori Rugby League as the vehicle is widely acknowledged.

"Better honouring bi-cultural governance, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the role and influence of ANZMRL was long overdue," said NZRL CEO Greg Peters.

"Personally, I found the process one of the most rewarding outcomes of my sports administration career. Working with JD and his team to fully understand the significant contribution ANZMRL make to our game both historically and in recent years has been invaluable."

"Kī te kotahi te kakaho ka whati, kī te kapuia e kore e whati – Alone we can be broken, standing together we are invincible," says Chairman of ANZMRL John Devonshire.

"A tremendous initiative that some may say was well overdue," he adds.

"We as a Māori rugby league whanau are grateful and acknowledge the current NZRL officials that were brave enough and sincere about recognising the part Māori play in the game.

"It is in times like this you reflect on those tupuna (ancestors) who set the kaupapa on its haerenga (journey) many years ago, all those whānau that have contributed to our Māori rugby league kaupapa, over the past 114 years.

"It is right that our tamariki mokopuna have an environment to aspire to and that they feel appreciated and valued for the next 114 years. For this historic occasion, we simply say thank you."



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AKARANA

COUNTIES MANUKAU

MID CENTRAL

NORTHLAND

SOUTHERN ZONE

UPPER CENTRAL

WELLINGTON

Akarana



Congratulations to the Akarana Men on winning the 2022 NZRL Men's Premiership, beating the Canterbury Bulls 50-16. Making it six consecutive Premiership wins.

Congratulations to the Akarana 18s Girls on winning the NZRL National Youth Tournament.

Akarana 16s Boys were runners-up in the 2022 NZRL National Youth Tournament.

Congratulations to the following Akarana representatives:

16s Girls

Tiara-Anne Leauga – National Youth Tournament Team

Milahn Ieremia – National Youth Tournament Team

16s Boys

Taipari Wikitera – National Youth Tournament Team

Kaawyn Patterson – National Youth Tournament Team & MVP

Joey Upoko – National Youth Tournament Team

Kanaan Tali Magele – National Youth Tournament Team

Tyrone Hurt-Pickering – National Youth Tournament Team

Te Paeroa Wi-Neera – National Youth Tournament Team

18s Girls

Summer Van Gelder – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Paris Pickering – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Savannah Tato – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Monica Samita – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Tatiana Finau – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Claudia Finau – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Ronise Matini – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

18s Boys

Kyan Alo – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Raphael Sio – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Khalan Clyde – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team & MVP

20s

Ariki Honetana – 2023 National 20s Competition Team

Khalan Clyde – 2023 National 20s Competition Team

Daniel Smith – 2023 National 20s Competition Team



Counties Manukau



The Stingrays fielded eight representative teams over the last 12 months, a credit to the coaches and players.

Congratulations to the 16s Girls, 16s Boys and 18s Boys on winning their 2022 NZRL National Youth Tournament divisions. An extremely successful Youth Tournament showing for the Stingrays with Counties Manukau 18s Girls runners-up.

Congratulations to the Stingray 20s Men on winning their first NZRL National 20s Ruben Wiki Cup.

Congratulations to the following Counties Manukau representatives:

16s Girls

Seriah Palepale – NZ Schools selection, National Youth Tournament Team, National Youth Tournament MVP
Braxton Sorensen-McGee – NZ Schools selection & National Youth Tournament Team
Giovanna Suani – NZ Schools selection & National Youth Tournament Team
Josinah Filisi Tauilili – National Youth Tournament Team

16s Boys

Austyn Ah Toon-Hotene – National Youth Tournament Team
Augustino Filipo – National Youth Tournament Team
Noah Hetutu-Davis – National Youth Tournament Team
Joshua Totara Kopua – National Youth Tournament Team
Sosaia Anthony Fatani Latu – National Youth Tournament Team
Haami Loza – National Youth Tournament Team
Ernie Mahu-Delamere – National Youth Tournament Team
Vitaliano Roache – National Youth Tournament Team

18s Girls

Tafao Fa'aeaina Asaua – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team
Henilietta Lokotui – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team
Taleenza Nelson – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team
Tiana Thomson – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team
Alianna Tonu'u – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team
Tamisha Tulua – NZ Clubs selection, National Youth Tournament Team & MVP

18s Boys

Alvin Chong Nee – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team
Jarome Falemoe – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team
Kayliss-Jess Fatialofa – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team, Secondary Schools Final MVP
Phranklyn Mano-Le-Mamea – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team
Ben Peni – NZ Clubs selection, National Youth Tournament Team & MVP
Francis Tuimauga – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

20s

Robin Herbert – 2023 National 20s Competition Team
Niu-Alinghi Peni – 2023 National 20s Competition Team
Taoiti Ramsay – 2023 National 20s Competition Team
Felise Tau – 2023 National 20s Competition Team

Women's

Abigail Roache – Kiwi Ferns Rugby League World Cup debut

Mid Central



Another year of growth saw eight teams compete in the 2022 Manawatu Men's competition. Taranaki Rugby League also played a five-team premiere competition, and Rugby League Hawkes Bay had a successful men's competition with six reserve and four first-grade teams.

The Whakatipu Youth tournament saw teams from as far as Auckland to Wellington participate. Congratulations to Titahi Bay, Wainuiomata and Manawatu for winning their respective divisions.

Manawatu, Wellington and Hawkes Bay were invited to participate in the 2023 NZRL National 9s. Congratulations to Manawatu Boys for winning the National 9s 16s boys' grade.

Congratulations to the following Mid Central representatives:

16s Girls

Manaia Blake - Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Danica Talitonu - Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Prayer Thompson - Aotearoa Whaanui selection

16s Boys

Ryder Crosswell - Aotearoa Whaanui selection, 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

18s Boys

Samuela Vakadula - NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Jaziah Symons - 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

Northland



Northland introduced women's and Girls' 16s and 18s squads in 2022, resulting in a 150% increase in registered female players.

Northland had teams participate in the Shaun Johnson and Dean Bell competitions for the U16 and U18 boys.

The Northern Swords had a team compete in the Women's National Championship.

Congratulations to the following Northland representatives:

16s Girls

Arlia Maccarthy – Aotearoa Whaanui selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Miria Faulkner-Luke – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Bailey Rae-Edwards – Aotearoa Whaanui selection & 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

Kahlanie Hebden-Salase – 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

16s Boys

Shane Wassell – 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

18s Girls

Arlia Maccarthy – 2023 National 9s Tournament Team



Southern



Junior and youth playing numbers increased by 30% compared to 2021.

Southern zone increased female playing numbers by 63% over the past year.

Southern zone delivered five Development Days to its districts. Fantastic weekends that delivered courses to over 56 coaches, managers and trainers and engaged with over 420 players.

Congratulations to Archie Jacobs on receiving NZRL Coach of the Year, Sabrina Manu on winning NZRL Manager of the Year and Lee Mou on receiving Trainer of the Year.

Fifteen Scorpion players featured in the SG Ball Cup, NSW Cup, Jersey Flegg or the Harrold Matthews Cup.

Jack Feavers and Liam O'Brein received national refereeing awards at NZRL's National Secondary Schools and National Youth Tournaments.

Griffin Neame and Jordan Riki products of the Scorpion pathway, were selected in the wider squads of the Kiwis' June Test against Tonga

Congratulations to the following Southern representatives:

16s Girls

Kayshana Rapana-Phillips – Aotearoa Whaanui selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Lialanie Muamua – Aotearoa Whaanui

Olive Connolly – Aotearoa Whaanui

16s Boys

Sosaia Alatini – Aotearoa Whaanui selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Ezekiel Faga-leti – Aotearoa Whaanui selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Meihana Pauling – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Xavier Lynch – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Chelden Hayward – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Jackson Stewart – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Genesis Sherlock – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Eli Bijl-Kakoi – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Ezekiel Paulo – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Kyan Rosie – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Toby Gibson – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

18s Girls

Kyla Lynch Brown – NZ Clubs selection

18s Boys

Makaia Tafua – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Te Kaio Cranwell – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Tanner Stowers Smith – NZ Clubs selection & National Youth Tournament Team

Ngaheke Nepata – NZ Schools selection

Oliver Lawry – NZ Schools selection

Jason Salalilo – NZ Schools selection

20s

Deijdre Siaki – 2023 National 20s Competition Team

Caleb Murphy – 2023 National 20s Competition Team

Te Kaio Cranwell – 2023 National 20s Competition Team & MVP

Sakiusa Lomanikaya – 2023 National 20s Competition Team

Upper Central



Former Upper Central representatives Mya Hill Moana and Autumn-Rain Stephens-Daly made their Rugby League World Cup debut for the Kiwi Ferns.

Upper Central Zone won the inaugural Cultural Salute Awards at the Boys' Youth Nationals in Rotorua.

The first Coaching collaboration between NRL, NZRL, ANZMRL and UCZ took place at Rotorua Boys High with 30 coaches in attendance and guest presenters from the NRL and Indigenous All Stars and Māori coaching staff.

Congratulations to the following Upper Central representatives:

16s Girls

Molly Byford – Aotearoa Whaanui selection & National Youth Tournament Team

16s Boys

Mangaroa Mark – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Jake Rabarts – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Marley Igasan – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Reihana Timms – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Adam Lawrence – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Ryder Crosswell – Aotearoa Whaanui selection

18s Girls

Kimoana Niupalau – National Youth Tournament Team

Kokako Raki – NZ Clubs selection



Wellington



Orcas Women were promoted to the Sky Sport Women's Premiership.

Orcas 16s Girls were runners-up in the 2022 National Youth Tournament after a narrow loss to Counties Manukau.

Congratulations to the Orcas 16s Girls on winning the 2023 NZRL National 9s.

Congratulations to Alexis Tauaneai on a stellar season representing Wellington. Alexis was crowned MVP of the 18s Girls Schools v Clubs match and made the National Youth Tournament Team. Wellington also congratulates her on a successful NSWRL Premiership debut and her recent NRLW contract signing with the St George Illawarra Dragons after winning the NSWRL Tarsha Gale Player of the Year for the Canterbury Bulldogs.

Congratulations to the following Wellington representatives:

16s Girls

Trinity Tauaneai - National Youth Tournament Team, Aotearoa Whaanui selection, 2023 National 9s Tournament Team, 2023 National 9s MVP

Billie Va'a - National Youth Tournament Team, 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

Jayda Maniapoto - National Youth Tournament Team

Riana Le'afa-Paki - National Youth Tournament Team, Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Te Ngaroahiahi Rimoni - National Youth Tournament Team, Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Luca-Bella Ngatuere-Ongley - National Youth Tournament Team, Aotearoa Whaanui selection

Te Raukura Leafe - Aotearoa Whaanui selection, 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

Indiana Russell-Lia - National Youth Tournament Team, Aotearoa Whaanui selection

16s Boys

Maui Winitana-Patelesio - Aotearoa Whaanui selection, NZ Warriors 17s selection

Rewiti Ngarimu - 2023 National 9s MVP, 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

Hoani Richards - 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

18s Girls

Indiana Russell-Lia - 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

Michelle Taikato - 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

18s Boys

Jordan Chapman - National Youth Tournament Team, NZ Clubs selection, signed to Canberra Raiders SG Ball squad

Afaese Fa'avae - National Youth Tournament Team, NZ Clubs selection

Harrison Irving - 2023 National 9s Tournament Team

AWARDS

Ngā tohu

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

RLWC2021 WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT TEAM

Apii Nicholls
Mele Hufanga
Raecene Mcgregor
Amber Hall
Annetta Nu'uausala

RLWC2021 MEN'S TOURNAMENT TEAM

Joseph Manu
James Fisher-Harris

RLWC2021 DREAM TEAM

Amber Hall
Mele Hufanga
Raecene Mcgregor
Joseph Manu

GOLDEN BOOTS

Raecene Mcgregor
Joseph Manu

2022 NZRL HIGH-PERFORMANCE AWARD WINNERS

KIWIS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Joseph Manu

KIWI FERNS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Raecene McGregor

KIWIS PHYSICAL DISABILITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Roko Nailolo

KIWIS ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Dylan Brown

KIWI FERNS ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Brianna Clark

KIWIS YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ronaldo Mulitalo





2022 NZRL DOMESTIC WINNERS

GRASSROOTS CLUB OF THE YEAR

Porirua Vikings (Wellington)

MEN'S DOMESTIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tevin Arona (Auckland Vulcans)

WOMEN'S DOMESTIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Abigail Roache (Counties Manukau)

18S BOYS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Rodney Tuipolotu-Vea (Counties Manukau)

18S GIRLS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Alexis Tauaneai (Upper Central / Wellington)

16S BOYS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Augustino Filipo (Counties Manukau)

16S GIRLS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Braxton Sorensen-McGee (Counties Manukau)

COACH OF THE YEAR

Archie Jacobs (South Island)

TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Lee Mou (South Island)

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Sabrina Manu (South Island)

MATCH OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Paki Parkinson (Upper Central)

PIRTEK VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Gina Allan (Northland)





OUR PEOPLE

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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 Wellmore **1977** Keith Blow, Jack Williams **1978** Ron McGregor OBE **1980** Ken English **1981** Des Barchard **1982** Dr Brian Watson **1983** Les Huston **1984** Bill O'Callaghan JP, Tom Newton, **1985** Allen Gore*, 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, Tom McKeown* **2000** Crispin Easterbrook **2003** Ray Cranch MZNM **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* **2012** David Robinson **2013** Ray Haffenden*, Trevor Maxwell* **2014** Mrs Cathy Friend QSM **2015** Jack Fagan, Sel Pearson*, Brian Reidy **2016** Sir Peter Leitch * KNZM & QSM **2017** Cherie Steele-Shanks*, **2018** John Coffey*, Howie Tamati* **2019** Cameron McGregor*, Kevin Tamati*, **2020** Frank Endacott*, **2022** Reon Edwards*

*current life member

In Memoriam

Allan Amer #405

Toa (Gus) Fepuleai #545

Roger Tait #440

Tony Smith #416

Richie Macintosh (Trainer)

Frank Mulcare #330

John Whittaker #485

Gerard Stokes #568

Paul Matete #521

CURRENT LIFE MEMBERS

(alphabetical order)

John Bray, John Coffey, Reon Edwards, Frank Endacott, Allen Gore, Ray Haffenden, Peter Kerridge, Sir Peter Leitch, Trevor Maxwell, Cameron McGregor, Sel Pearson, Cherie Steele-Shanks, Howie Tamati, Kevin Tamati.

OUR ASSOCIATES

Physical Disability
Rugby League

New Zealand Universities
and Tertiary Students
Rugby League Council

Masters of Rugby League

Defence Forces Rugby League

New Zealand Rugby League
Kiwis Association





NZRL Staff

Left to right: Craig Archer, Kevin Bailey, Daniel Keepa, Lisa Mansell, Ray Hubbard, David Brewis, Cliff Thompson, Luisa Avaiki, Rory McKenzie, Ali Lauitiiti, Shontayne Hape, Shawn Stewart, Edward Vaeau, Alan Caddy, Lucy Tuave, Craig Priest, Shanice Wiki, Dave Hurdle, Sophie Wills, Greg Peters, Motu Tony, Ani Cherrington, Nadene Conlon.

Absent: Henry Whitfield, Maria Ayshford, Toyah Brooking, David McMeeken.



NZRL Board

Left to right: Grant Stapleton, Justin Leydesdorff, Greg Peters (CEO), Tawera Nikau, John Devonshire, Howie Tamati (President NZRL), Natasha Tere, Hugh Martyn (Chair), Jeni Pearce, Honey Hireme-Smiller.

FINANCIALS

Tauaki Pūtea



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC. DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 deficit for the year was \$2,281,000 (2022: \$1,204,000 surplus) and the consolidated excess of assets over liabilities was \$3,548,000 (2022: \$5,829,000).

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)
Paula Kearns (Resigned 22 June 2022)
Justin Leydesdorff
Tawera Nikau
Jeni Pearce
Grant Stapleton
Natasha Tere
Honey Hireme-Smiler (Appointed 22 June 2022)
John Devonshire (Appointed 22 June 2022)

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 16 to the financial statements.

Auditors

BDO Auckland were appointed auditors for the year ended 31 March 2023. 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: 12 June 2023



Director

Date: 12 June 2023

**NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

		Group	
	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
<i>Revenue from exchange transactions:</i>			
Coaching and development		177	48
<i>Revenue from non-exchange transactions:</i>			
Match revenue		1,388	43
Charitable trust grants		1,293	982
Other grants		513	250
Sponsorship and funding		5,964	5,742
New Zealand Racing Board		1,632	1,455
Other income		202	146
		<u>11,169</u>	<u>8,666</u>
<i>Expenses:</i>			
Employee benefits expenses	5	(6,514)	(4,335)
Depreciation expense	9	(106)	(95)
General expenses	6	(6,846)	(3,033)
		<u>(13,466)</u>	<u>(7,463)</u>
(Loss) / Surplus before net financing costs		<u>(2,297)</u>	<u>1,203</u>
Finance income		16	1
Finance costs		-	-
Net finance cost		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(Loss) / Surplus for the year		<u>(2,281)</u>	<u>1,204</u>
Other comprehensive revenue and expense			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>			
Gain on revaluation of land and buildings	9	-	-
Other comprehensive revenue and expense for the year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year attributable to owners of the controlling entity		<u>(2,281)</u>	<u>1,204</u>

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



**NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Group	Accumulated comprehensive revenue and expenses	Revaluation Reserve	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 1 April 2022	3,250	2,579	5,829
Total comprehensive revenue and expenses for the year	(2,281)	-	(2,281)
Balance as at 31 March 2023	969	2,579	3,548
Balance as at 1 April 2021	2,046	2,579	4,625
Total comprehensive revenue and expenses for the year	1,204	-	1,204
Balance as at 31 March 2022	3,250	2,579	5,829

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

**NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

		Group	
	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	926	4,026
Receivables (non-exchange transactions)	8	1,019	309
Prepayments		147	105
Goods and service taxation		-	-
		2,092	4,440
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	4,123	3,908
		4,123	3,908
TOTAL ASSETS		6,215	8,348
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables (from exchange transactions) and accruals	10	921	646
BNZ Loan	12	821	-
Deferred revenue	11	557	1,691
Employee benefit liability		351	157
Goods and service taxation		17	25
		2,667	2,519
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,667	2,519
EQUITY			
Accumulated comprehensive revenue and expenses		969	3,250
Revaluation Reserve		2,579	2,579
TOTAL EQUITY		3,548	5,829
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		6,215	8,348

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



**NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

		Group	
	Note	2023	2022
		\$'000	\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from:			
Coaching and development fees		379	194
Grants, sponsorship, match revenue, and the New Zealand Racing Board		8,946	9,578
Interest received		16	1
Payments to suppliers		(6,471)	(3,162)
Payments to employees		(6,462)	(4,290)
Net GST received / (paid)		(8)	33
Interest paid		-	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		(3,600)	2,354
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for purchase of property, plant and equipment		(321)	(45)
Net cash (outflow) from investing activities		(321)	(45)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Drawdown of loans		1,000	-
Repayment of loans		(179)	-
Net cash outflow from financing activities		821	-
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(3,100)	2,309
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		4,026	1,717
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	7	926	4,026

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

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Description of Entity's Outcomes

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

	Group	
	2023	2022
Goal 1: Rugby league is enjoyed by more people		
Total player numbers	24,934	22,066
Total Rangatahi (youth) numbers	6,037	5,231
Goal 2: Women's game thriving and enhanced opportunities for Females in the game		
Number of Females as register players	5,306	3,670
NZRL Board Diversity (Female Directors / Total Directors)	3 / 8	3 / 7

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.

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



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 2023 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 \$2m and \$30m).

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the New Zealand Rugby League Board on 12 June 2023.

(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 deficit for the year of \$2,281,000 (2022: \$1,204,000 surplus before other comprehensive income) and report negative working capital of \$575,000 (2022: positive working capital of \$1,921,000).

The forecasts for the Society report a surplus. The forecast revenue is also susceptible and sensitive to the risks that not all sponsorship and grant income can be reliably confirmed and that gate takings and prize money are reliant on attendance at events.

Accordingly there is a possibility that actual results do not turn out as forecast.

Consideration has been given in the approved forecasts, to the on-going funding of the Society and its Zones, the business model under which the NZRL presently operates and the possible outcome of negotiations for additional grants and sponsorships. Based on the forecasts prepared and available funding, the Directors have adopted the going concern assumption in the preparation of these financial statements.

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:

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

(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

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 New Zealand Racing Board

Match revenue and New Zealand Racing Board 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 retranslated 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.



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE INC.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 2021 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 2023.

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

	Group	
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Short-Term employee benefits	4,439	3,802
Defined employee contribution plan - Kiwisaver	108	90
Match fees, allowances and other employee related costs	1,967	443
Total employee benefit expenses	6,514	4,335

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

	Group	
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
General expenses includes:		
Administration and communication expenses	868	486
Doubtful debts	-	(5)
Coaching and development expenses	124	118
Directors fees	117	113
Event management expenses	1,465	369
Legal fees	181	60
Other professional service fees	324	367
Team expenses	1,387	530
Travel expenses	2,380	995

Note 7 - Cash and cash equivalents

	Group	
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Current assets:		
Current Account	282	795
Call Account	215	1,588
Donations Account	325	1,211
League 4 Life (held on behalf of)	94	92
Foreign Currency Accounts	10	340
	926	4,026

The Society holds an account with the Bank of New Zealand in trust for the League-4-Life Foundation, which it manages under direction from the Trustees of the Foundation, and hence a liability is recognised to the League-4-Life Foundation (refer Note 10).



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Note 8 - Receivables (non-exchange transactions)

	Group	
	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Receivables (non-exchange transactions)	1,019	309
Total receivables from non-exchange transactions	1,019	309

Note 9 - 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 2022	960	2,910	9	388	104	-	4,371
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	107	-	154	261
Transfers	-	-	3	(21)	6	-	(12)
Balance as at 31 Mar 2023	960	2,910	12	474	110	154	4,620
<u>Accumulated depreciation and impairment</u>							
Balance as at 31 Mar 2022	-	59	9	316	79	-	463
Depreciation	-	56	1	43	6	-	106
Depreciation on Disposal	-	(22)	-	(50)	-	-	(72)
Balance as at 31 Mar 2023	-	93	10	309	85	-	497
<u>Net book value</u>							
As at 31 Mar 2021	960	2,908	0	66	24	0	3,958
As at 31 Mar 2022	960	2,851	0	72	25	0	3,908
As at 31 Mar 2023	960	2,817	2	165	25	154	4,123

* Freehold land and buildings are measured on a revaluation basis.

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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 2.0%
- Motor vehicles and Trailers 20% - 30.0%
- Plant and equipment 10.0% - 50.0%
- Furniture and fittings 8.0% - 16.0%

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 10 - Payables (from exchange transactions) and accruals

	Group	
	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Trade payables from exchange transactions	573	337
League 4 Life Payable (refer note 7)	94	92
Other accruals	254	217
	<u>921</u>	<u>646</u>

Note 11 - Deferred revenue

	Group	
	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Charitable trust donations received in advance	304	461
Other revenue received in advance	253	1,230
	<u>557</u>	<u>1,691</u>

Note 12 - Loans

Security held

In 2019 the Society 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). At balance date the Society had \$821,040 drawn on this facility (2022: \$Nil), out of a total of \$1,417,120 available to draw down. A floating per annum interest rate applies which at reporting date was 9.69%.

Note 13 - Financial Instruments

	Note	Carrying Value (\$)		Total \$'000
		Financial Assets Loans and Receivables \$'000	Financial Liabilities Amortised Cost \$'000	
<i>Subsequently not measured at fair value</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents (assets)	7	926	-	926
Gross receivables from non-exchange transactions	8	1,019	-	1,019
Payables (from exchange transactions) and accruals	10	-	(667)	(667)
Balance as at 31 March 2023		<u>1,945</u>	<u>(667)</u>	<u>1,278</u>

	Note	Carrying Value (\$)		Total \$'000
		Financial Assets Loans and Receivables \$'000	Financial Liabilities Amortised Cost \$'000	
<i>Subsequently not measured at fair value</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents (assets)	7	4,026	-	4,026
Gross receivables from non-exchange transactions	8	309	-	309
Payables (from exchange transactions) and accruals	10	-	(429)	(429)
Balance as at 31 March 2022		<u>4,335</u>	<u>(429)</u>	<u>3,906</u>

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i. Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market.

Loans and receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

Loans and receivables comprise of cash and cash equivalents, 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. Amortised cost financial liabilities

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 14 - Group entities

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

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



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All controlled entities have a balance date of 31 March.

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 15 - 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:

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Not later than one year	80	162
Later than one year and not later than five years	30	79
Total non-cancellable operating lease payments	110	241

The Group has entered into a number of operating leases for the lease of motor vehicles. 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.

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Note 16 - 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:

	2023		2022	
	Funding Support \$'000	Current Amount Receivable \$'000	Funding Support \$'000	Current Amount Receivable \$'000
Related Party				
Rugby League Northland Zone	60	4	60	2
Akarana Zone	60	1	60	-
Counties-Manukau Zone	80	3	105	1
Upper Central Zone	20	-	20	-
Mid Central Zone	110	-	98	(1)
Wellington Zone	92	2	80	-
Southern Zone	122	1	135	-
Total	544	11	558	2

(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 \$4,000 to \$33,000 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:

	2023		2022	
	Remuneration \$'000	Number of individuals	Remuneration \$'000	Number of individuals
Members of the governing body	117	8 people	113	7 people
Senior executive officers	331	1 FTE's	299	1 FTE's
	448		412	



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(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).

(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 is a director of this company.

(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 Paula Kearns are the directors of this company.

Note 17 - Commitments and contingencies

(i) Commitments

The Group had no commitments of a capital nature as at 31 March 2023 (2022: \$Nil).

(ii) Contingent liabilities

The Group had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2023 (2022: \$Nil)

(iii) Contingent assets

The Group had no contingent assets as at 31 March 2023 (2022: \$Nil).

Note 18 - Subsequent Events

There were no subsequent events arising after the balance date.

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

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of New Zealand Rugby League Incorporated (“the Society”) and its controlled entities (together, “the Group”), which comprise the consolidated financial statements on pages 2 to 17, and the consolidated service performance information on page 6. The complete set of consolidated financial statements comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023, 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 and forming the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion the accompanying consolidated financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects:

- the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 March 2023, and (of) its consolidated financial performance, and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the consolidated service performance for the year ended 31 March 2023, in accordance with the Group’s service performance criteria,

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 service performance information in accordance with the ISAs and New Zealand Auditing Standard (NZ AS) 1 *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 Consolidated Financial Statements* 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.

In addition to audit services, our network firm provided tax advisory services during the year to the Group. We have no other relationship with, or interests in, the Group or its controlled entities.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor’s report is information contained in the annual report, but does not include the consolidated service performance information and the consolidated financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated service performance information and consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.



In connection with our audit of the consolidated service performance information and consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated service performance information and the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Directors' Responsibilities for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Those charged with governance are responsible on behalf of the Group for:

(a) the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements and consolidated service performance information accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards RDR issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board;

(b) service performance criteria that are suitable in order to prepare service performance information in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards RDR; and

(c) such internal control as those charged with governance determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and consolidated service performance information that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, 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 Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and the consolidated service performance information 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 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 these consolidated financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements is located at the XRB's website at <https://www.xrb.govt.nz/standards/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-13/>

This description forms part of our auditor's report.



Who we Report to

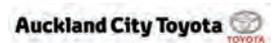
This report is made solely to the Group's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility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

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