

Annual Report 2023

The Annual Report of the Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc

Incorporating Annual Accounts & Audit Report
1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023



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1. Club Directory

Legal Name: Wellington College Old Boys and Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club (Inc)

Nature of Club: Rugby Football Union Club

Incorporated Societies Number: 217783

Registered Address: Waiteata Road

Kelburn

Wellington 6012

IRD Number: 16-724-533

Clubrooms: OBU Function Room, Cambridge Hotel

28 Cambridge Terrace

Wellington 6011

Postal Address: Post Box 710

Wellington 6011

Designated Home Ground: Rugby League Park

Newtown Wellington

Patron: Glen Denham (Wellington College)

President: Mike Brodie

Chair:Te Wehi WrightTreasurer:BDO Wellington Ltd

Secretary: Richard Boag
Club Captain: Phoebe Ferguson

Bankers: TSB Bank Limited

Honorary Solicitors: Ford Sumner Lawyers

Honorary Auditors: Moore Markhams Ltd

(Refer also Directory of Office Holders 2023, Section 25)

2. President's Report

WHAT a year!! Who would have thought after being down 29 Nil at half time in our opening match that the Prems would claw their way back to victory. Their courageous and tenacious attitude was to become a trademark of all our teams. It was with a great deal of pride that fellow supporters and I were able to witness this throughout the season.

It was rewarding to see so many new young club members enjoying the friendship that rugby provides, some of which will continue for a lifetime.

Our current concern is FUNDING. Traditional funders have pulled back on their allocation's and with no major sponsor our cupboard is almost empty. We need the support of our current and past members to secure the future of the club. There are several options on how this can be done from Capricorn club, varying playing and supporter memberships or one-off donations. Any contributions would be gratefully received.

The club will be running several fundraisers this year it would be gratefully appreciated that these are well patronised.

After a couple of rocky years, the Club's relations with the Cambridge has been restored and I would like to thank them for their support and generosity.

What we are needing is more hands-on deck to keep the club in good stead going forward. Feel free to put you hand up if you want to participate in any way. Remember, many hands make light work.....

Finally, I would like to thank all those who make our club great, the players, supporters and volunteers, I feel privileged to be part of such an awesome group of people.



Mike Brodie President

3. Chair's Report

Tēnā tātou katoa i ngā āhuatanga o te wā,

Nau mai rā te aranga mai o te tau hou me āu tini kaupapa.

Kia ora all and may I begin by acknowledging another exciting beginning to the new year.

I must begin by first acknowledging the passing of Tom Murray, who sadly passed during the OBU Scallywag season. Tom was a huge contributor to the Scallywag's season both on and off the field.

Second, I would also like to acknowledge Dave "Trapper" Loveridge. Last year we celebrated one of our longest serving and most beloved, loyal Goats. Trapper's role with WRFU as Game Development Officer sadly ended when all GDO positions were disbanded by WRFU due to lack of funding. Trapper has of course given so many years and hours to our club as a coach, a mentor and as a friend to all. He has been instrumental in the recruitment, retention and development of our young men and women and we hope he finally takes Jan on the holiday she well and truly deserves. We note though that he is standing again for the OBU committee in 2024, so great news there. I would also like to acknowledge the service of Alastair Forde who has stood as an absolute beacon for OBU over the years with regards to funding and gear that has allowed our teams to operate at the highest level. Alastair is stepping down from the committee in 2024 after decades of committee service. We wish both Trapper and Alastair the best in their future endeavours.

2023 was a significant year for OBU. We were fortunate to welcome Mike Brodie as our new President, replacing and furthering a lot of the work that had been started by Murray Anderson, we welcome myself (Te Wehi Wright) as Chair as well as the return of Hayden Smith to our committee, replacing Alastair Forde in his gear role and we also welcomed Aria Ngarimu as our Women's Liaison.

On the field the club performed very well, our Premier Men's team fell short in the semi-final of the Jubilee Cup, losing to Paremata-Plimerton, who were also crowned Swindale Shield Champions. Our Premier Reserve team continues to be competitive, our social teams continue to be the heart of our club, our Colts Green went all the way to the final before falling in the final and our 85kg Scallywags went undefeated in the first round (11-0) but fell to a strong Takapuna Bombers team in the national 85kg Club semi-final. The Scallywags success was acknowledged by them winning the Club Team of the Year Award at the Wellington Rugby Awards.

Off the field, financial challenges faced by the Wellington Rugby Football Union unfortunately meant the discontinuation of particular funds needed to support a lot of our community initiatives, including the GDO positions. Added to this was the redirection of a lot of other community funds to support Wellington Rugby Football Union through their financial hardships. This resulted in financial strains for the club and will continue to be a focus for us moving forward.

On a positive note, however, there was a lot of work done strengthening our relationship with Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington as well as some of our key joint initiatives such as the OBU/VUW Academy, the Rugby scholarships and the negotiations for a new shared resource to manage the scholarships and the Academy.

Added to that were some key sponsorship partnerships we had that really enabled our ability to support our teams throughout the year. This was also aided by the return of the famous OBU Black Tie Dinner fundraiser that doubled as a tribute to Dave Loveridge.

There was a big push for the revival of an OBU Women's programme led by Aria Ngarimu and that work looks to continue through to 2024 with some exciting opportunities in the pipeline.

One of the highlights for the club this year was the return of a strong club presence at the Cambridge Hotel. This was a combination of a strong push from all teams to re-establish ourselves at the Cambridge as well as the staunch support of our Club Captain, Phoebe Ferguson. Other highlights included the appointment of our Director of Rugby, Tomasi Palu as a coach for the Wellington Under 19s team as well as Premier Head Coach Anthony Rehutai coaching the Horowhenua Kapiti Heartland team.

Finally, I must congratulate all our players who graduated during the 2023 season, in particular Caleb Delany who is one of the first products of the OBU/VUW Academy Programme, as well as all our players who were selected for high honours including New Zealand Universities who we continue to support.

I would like to thank all our sponsors for their continued support and I hope we may reciprocate a lot of that support in the future.

There is still a lot of work in front of us, but I look forward to working closely with our committee, our sponsors, our coaches, our teams and our players to build for the future.

Tēnā tātou katoa,



Te Wehi Wright Chair

4. Annual Accounts

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4.1 Entity Information

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc

For the year ended 31 August 2023

Legal Name of Entity

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc

Entity Type and Legal Basis

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc is a not for profit incorporated society.

Registration Number 217783

Entity's Purpose or Mission

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc by way of Rugby Union and off-field development programmes such as our Academy aim to contribute to the health, well being and fitness in our community and assist our children, youth and young adults in a variety of backgrounds providing a positive impact across many areas of our community.

Main Sources of Entity's Cash and Resources

Subscription income from players, donations, and grants & sponsorship from charitable entities and local businesses.

Main Methods used by the Entity to Raise Funds

The primary sources of funds are raised through application of grants through the Wellington Rugby Football Union and other charitable organisations and approaching local businesses for sponsorship.

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services

The entity relies upon volunteer coaching to provide structure to the club.

Entity Structure and Governance

The Club's Governance is driven by the Executive Board Members who make decisions for both the Junior and Senior sections of the Club.

Physical Address Waiteata Road, Kelburn, Wellington

Postal Address Post Box 710, Wellington, New Zealand, 6140

4.2 Approval of Performance Report

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc For the year ended 31 August 2023

The Executive Committee presents the approved performance report of Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc for the year ended 31 August 2023.

APPROVED

President

Thursday 28 March 2024

Secretary

Thursday 28 March 2024

4.3 Statement of Service Performance

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc For the year ended 31 August 2023

'Who are we?', 'Why do we exist?'

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Postal Address

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4.3 Statement of Service Performance (contd)

Description of Entity's Outcomes

Community Involvement

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Youth Development & Education

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc is one of New Zealand's largest rugby clubs with over

400 registered players, Life Members, Vice Presidents, coaches, managers and other volunteers & supporters. The players are spread across 6 senior teams. In addition, Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc has an Academy in conjunction with Victoria University of Wellington & the Jack Jeffs Trust which takes a holistic approach to our student player's academic, well being and physical development. The Academy has been growing and has contributed significantly to the Club overall. It needs to be noted that like all sports, playing membership was severely cut due to Covid policies and issues that affected the ability of people to participate. This resulted in the loss of a Women's team, an additional Colts team and the amalgamation of two Reserve Grade teams. It's also to be noted that female athletes were still admitted to the Academy with a view to reinstate this (and other teams) in the 2024 season.

Description and Quantification of the Entity's Output

At the end of the 2023 season, Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc had a membership consisting of 257 players - detailed in the below tables.

Male	Number of Teams	Number of Players
Seniors	6	208
Youths (u21)	1	45
Total	7	253
Female	Number of Teams	Number of Players
Seniors	0	4
Total	0	4

At the end of the 2022 season, Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc had a membership consisting of 309 players - detailed in the below tables.

Male	Number of Teams	Number of Players
Seniors	6	272
Youths (u21)	1	37
Total	7	309

Female	Number of Teams	Number of Players
Seniors	0	0
Total	0	0

4.4 Statement of Financial Performance

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc For the year ended 31 August 2023

Revenue Subscriptions Received Grants Sponsorship Donations OBU Apparel Functions Fundraising Interest Income Other Revenue Rebates Total Revenue Expenses Academy Costs Affiliation Fees Bad and Doubtful Debts Bank Fees Capricorn Club Payments Coaching and Training Consulting and Accounting Depreciation Director of Rugby Services Gear and Training Materials Gameday expenses		23,092 84,429 87,967 7,400 150 32,329 1,930 359 313 4,948 242,917	2,440 32 1,240 2,393 257,275
Grants Sponsorship Donations OBU Apparel Functions Fundraising Interest Income Other Revenue Rebates Total Revenue Expenses Academy Costs Affiliation Fees Bad and Doubtful Debts Bank Fees Capricorn Club Payments Coaching and Training Consulting and Accounting Depreciation Director of Rugby Services Gear and Training Materials		84,429 87,967 7,400 150 32,329 1,930 359 313 4,948 242,917	110,524 93,197 550 2,348 24,296 2,446 32 1,246 2,393 257,279
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Bad and Doubtful Debts Bank Fees Capricorn Club Payments Coaching and Training Consulting and Accounting Depreciation Director of Rugby Services Gear and Training Materials		6 575	12,220
Bank Fees Capricorn Club Payments Coaching and Training Consulting and Accounting Depreciation Director of Rugby Services Gear and Training Materials		0,3/3	5,500
Capricorn Club Payments Coaching and Training Consulting and Accounting Depreciation Director of Rugby Services Gear and Training Materials		950	4,931
Coaching and Training Consulting and Accounting Depreciation Director of Rugby Services Gear and Training Materials			111
Consulting and Accounting Depreciation Director of Rugby Services Gear and Training Materials		3,750	3,450
Depreciation Director of Rugby Services Gear and Training Materials		48,250	67,746
Director of Rugby Services Gear and Training Materials		8,494	41,424
Gear and Training Materials	3	1,472	1,374
		70,000	65,833
Gameday expenses		20,037	25,238
		2,958	
General Expenses		3,569	2,202
Ground Hire and Storage		3,865	4,432
Laundry		4,153	4,669
Physiotherapy		12,700	8,200
Presentations and Functions		20,404	12,053
Sponsorship Paid		1,454	1,500
Subscriptions		3,565	3,352
Telephone and Internet		1,253	1,096
Travel and Accommodation		1,147	1,07€
Total Expenses		234,626	266,406
Net Surplus Before Extraordinary Items		8,291	(9,126)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		8,291	(9,126)



4.5 Statement of Movements in Equity

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc For the year ended 31 August 2023

	2023	2022
quity		
Retained Earnings		
Opening Balance	26,355	35,48
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	8,291	(9,126
Allocation to Silverlake Reserve	(30,000)	
Total Retained Earnings	4,646	26,355
Silverlake Reserve		
Opening Balance	-	
Allocation from Retained Earnings	30,000	
Total Silverlake Reserve	30,000	
Total Equity	34,646	26,355



4.6 Statement of Financial Position

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc For the year ended 31 August 2023

	NOTES	2023	2022
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Bank	2	39,134	20,409
Trade and Other Receivables		6,061	7,400
GST Receivable		4,228	4,325
Prepayments		283	261
Total Current Assets		49,705	32,391
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	3	9,133	8,651
Loan to OBU Foundation	4	4,388	4,388
Total Non-Current Assets		13,521	13,039
Total Assets		63,225	45,429
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables		28,436	18,818
Revenue Received in Advance		143	257
Total Current Liabilities		28,579	19,074
Total Liabilities		28,579	19,074
Net Assets		34,646	26,355
Equity			
Retained Earnings		4,646	26,355
Silverlake Reserve		30,000	
Total Equity		34,646	26,355



4.7 Statement of Cash Flows

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc For the year ended 31 August 2023

	2023	2022
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts from providing goods or services	108,424	116,040
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	359	32
Cash receipts from other operating activities	129,287	142,003
GST	2,061	4,998
Payments to suppliers and employees	(219,447)	(275,898)
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities	20,683	(12,825)
Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(1,954)	(1,507)
Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	(1,954)	(1,507)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	18,729	(14,332)
Bank Accounts and Cash		
Opening cash	20,405	34,737
Movements in cash during peroid	18,729	(14,332)
Closing cash	39,134	20,405
Net change in cash for period	18,729	(14,332)

4.8 Notes to the Performance Report

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc For the year ended 31 August 2023

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

Reporting entity

The performance report presented here is for the entity Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc, incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Nature of business

The entity is engaged in providing services as a rugby union club. The nature of the entity's business has not changed during the year under review.

Basis of Preparation

The entity has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in these financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. This performance report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Historical cost

This performance report has been prepared on a historical cost basis.

Presentation Currency

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

Changes in Accounting Policies

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

Revenue Recognition

Donations and grants with no "use or return" condition attached are recorded as revenue when cash is received.

Donations and grants with a "use or return" condition attached are recorded as a liability when cash is received, and as the conditions are met the liability is reduced and revenue is recorded.

Donated goods or services are not recorded.

Fundraising revenue is recorded when cash is received (is no "use or return" condition is attached"). Fees and subscriptions from members are recorded in the year to which it relates.

Interest income is recorded as it is earned.

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4.8 Notes to the Performance Report (contd.)

Trade Receivables

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

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has an obligation which can be reliably measured at balance date as a result of a past event and it is probable that the company will be required to settle the obligation.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at balance date. Movements in the best estimate are recorded in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Loans

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

Income Tax

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

2023	2022
<u>s</u>	
2,336	1,766
489	12,692
1,804	-
311	199
12,860	3,254
21,334	2,493
39,134	20,405
2023	2022
	2,336 489 1,804 311 12,860 21,334 39,134

3.Property,PlantandEquipment

<u>PlantandEquipment</u>		
Opening Balance	8,651	8,517
Acquisition	1,954	1,507
Depreciation	(1,472)	(1,368)
Loss on Disposal	-	(6)
Total Plant and Equipment	9,133	8,651
otal Property, Plant and Equipment	9,133	8,651

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

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4.8 Notes to the Performance Report (contd.)

Items of property, plant and equipment are subsequently measured either under the cost model (Cost or fair value for items acquired through non-exchange transactions less accumulated depreciation and impairment).

All other repairs and maintenance expenditure is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance as incurred. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line / diminishing value basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. The following estimated depreciation rates /useful lives have been used:

Plant and equipment 16% - 50% SL & DV

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

4.RelatedPa	<u>arties</u>	
Receivab	<u>lles</u>	
OBU Foundation	4,388	4,38
Total Receivables	4,388	4,38

2023

2022

Related parties in the NFP sector include: people that have significant influence over the entity, whether employed or volunteer, and close members of their families. In addition consider other entities that have significant influence of the entity.

A related party transaction must be disclosed if:

- 1. the transaction is significant (individually or in aggregate with similar transactions) or
- 2. the transaction (significant or insignificant) is on terms and conditions that are likely to be different from the terms and conditions between unrelated parties in similar circumstances

5. Commitments

There are no commitments as at 31 August 2023 (2022: nil).

6. Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at 31 August 2023 (2022: nil).

7. Acknowledgements

The Wellington College Old Boys and Victoria University of Wellington Rugby Football Club (Inc) would like to acknowledge the kind support and generous contributions made to it this reporting period by the organisations listed below:

Victoria University of Wellington, Lion Foundation, The Cambridge Hotel, One Foundation, Air Rescue, 4 Winds

8. Going Concern

The Club is reliant to a degree on external funding (including grants and sponsorship). A surplus of \$8,291 was generated in the year to 31 August 2023. If funding does not continue at required levels the Club may be unable to settle debts as they fall due and may be unable to continue in operational existence as a going concern. The Executive Committee consider the going concern basis to be appropriate as they believe the club will have adequate resources and funding to continue operations and settle debts as they fall due. For this reason the Executive Committee continue to adopt the going concern assumption in the preparation of the performance report for the 31 August 2024 year.

9. Comparative Figures

Some prior year expenditure comparatives have been re-classified from the previous year.

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4.9 Schedule of Property, Plant & Equipment

Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc For the year ended 31 August 2023

Name	Cost	Opening Value	Purchases	Disposals	Depre- ciation	Closing Value	Rate
Plant and Equipment							
Single Pack Scrum & Endurance Harness	913	308	0	0	49	259	16%
32" SONY 50Hz LCD LED	348	1	0	0	0	0	50%
Electronic Scoreboards	11,995	4,749	0	0	760	3,989	16%
Evasion/Agility Belts	174	0	174	0	29	145	40%
Honours Board	2,112	0	0	0	0	0	16%
HP PROBOOK 4540s 15.6"	1,175	2	0	0	1	1	50%
POWA 2016 Single Man Portable Sled	5,053	1,657	0	0	265	1,392	16%
Scrum and Endurance Harness	430	0	430	0	72	359	40%
Scrum machine	5,248	420	0	0	67	353	16%
Sony FDR AX53 4K Ultra HD Handycam, Bag, Memory disc, Tripod	1,507	1,507	0	0	0	1,507	
Sony Video Camera	980	8	0	0	3	5	40%
Tackle & Jackal Bag x 3	1,350	0	1,350	0	225	1,125	40%
Wall Bracket - Double arm 200x200	217	1	0	0	0	0	50%
Total Plant and Equipment	31,502	8,653	1,954	0	1,472	9,135	
Total	31,502	8,653	1,954	0	1,472	9,135	

5. Independent Assurance Practitioner's Review Report



Independent assurance practitioner's review report

To the Members of Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc

We have reviewed the accompanying performance report of Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc on pages 5 to 18, which comprises of the entity information, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 August 2023, the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2023, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The responsibility of the Executive Committee for the performance report

The Executive Committee are responsible on behalf of the entity for:

- identifying suitable outcomes and outputs and quantification methods where practicable to report in the statement of service performance
- the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) Standard issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and
- for such internal control as the Executive Committee determine is necessary to enable the
 preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to
 fraud or error.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the performance report. We conducted our review of the financial information (consisting of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report) in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) (ISRE (NZ)) 2400, "Review of Historical Financial Statements Performed by an Assurance Practitioner who is not the Auditor of the Entity", and the review of the non-financial information (consisting of the entity information and statement of service performance) in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised). Those standards require us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the performance report, taken as a whole, is not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) Standard. Those standards also require that we comply with ethical requirements.

A review of the Performance Report in accordance with ISRE (NZ) 2400 and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. A review of the statement of service performance also involves performing procedures to obtain evidence and evaluating the suitability of the reported outcomes, outputs and quantification methods used. We performed procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applied analytical procedures, and evaluated the evidence obtained. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the areas identified where a material misstatement is likely to arise.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the performance report.

5 Independent Review (contd.)



Other than in our capacity as assurance practitioner we have no relationship with, or interests in, Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that this performance report does not present fairly, in all material respects, the entity information and the financial position of Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc as at 31 August 2023 and its financial performance, cash flows and service performance for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) Standard.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note 8 in the performance report, which states that the Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc generated a surplus in the year to 31 August 2023 of \$8,291. As stated in Note 8, these events, or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 8, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Wellington College Old Boys & Victoria University Rugby Football Club Inc's ability to continue as a going concern. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Moore Markhany

Moore Markhams Wellington Audit | Chartered Accountants, Wellington, New Zealand 28 March 2024

6. Club Captain's Report

Another season done and dusted for OBU and preparation is underway for the 2024 season. Overall, our teams have done considerably well this season and teams have improved on results from last season.

Our U85 team, the Scallywags were awarded the WRFU Club team of the Year award. Another year without a second Colts team and Women's team – it would be good if we could get the personnel (coach & manager) to look after these teams to start with. There is always an influx of Colts players but not so much with female players. So if you are thinking of giving rugby a go or wanting to put the boots back on or ideas on how we can restart our Women's programme please contact me.

Rugby League Park was our home ground for the season, nice not having to go too far outside the city but also nice and close to be able to stop in at the Cambridge for the post game pint of Lion Brown. We will have games split between Rugby League Park & Nairnville next season.

I had the privilege of speaking at the OBU Academy closing ceremony this year and while it was nerve racking it was a great opportunity to meet with the student athletes again to see how they have progressed over the year. I look forward to meeting the 2024 participants.

Our Club wouldn't be able to operate without the help of our volunteers; a big thank you to you

Our Club wouldn't be able to operate without the help of our volunteers; a big thank you to you all, I appreciate the time commitment you give to OBU and I hope you will return to volunteer next season.

Funding gets harder to come by and it is not cheap to run a rugby club so I thank our current financial sponsors and hope you continue support OBU.

If you are looking to volunteer or become a sponsor please contact me.



Phoebe Ferguson Club Captain



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WRFU Delegate's Report



As the OBU delegate on the Wellington Rugby Football Union Rugby Board it is my responsibility to represent not just the interests of our club, but also the best interests of Rugby in Wellington. The Wellington rugby community is considerable with an array of stakeholders including players, coaches, officials, volunteers and supporters active across junior, youth, senior and women's rugby. It can be hard at times to fathom the scale of the community, but rest assured there are an endless amount of people out there doing the mahi for the greater good of rugby. The 2023 season was the first in recent memory unimpacted by Covid-19 and this allowed both staff and volunteers to focus on different challenges and opportunities. There were several 'big ticket' items covered throughout the year including:

Discontinuation of the Game Development Officer programme

After many years, Wellington Rugby made the decision in 2023 to discontinue the GDO programme. OBU benefited greatly from this programme expertly overseen by our own Dave "Trapper" Loveridge. The committee will continue to engage Wellington Rugby and funding partners to consider alternative initiatives.

Youth Rugby Working Group

Following a presentation from Mark Fairmaid, and support from the Rugby Board, it was agreed that a working group would be formed in early 2024 to discuss youth rugby in Wellington. The purpose of this group is to identify how we can improve the participant experience for our rangatahi.

Premier Status Criteria

Following several years of leniency due to Covid-19, it was agreed by majority vote that the existing Premier Status Criteria would remain e.g., clubs must field a Premier Men, Premier 2 and U21 team. The Premier Status Criteria will be policed and enforced in 2024.

Furthermore, it would be remiss to not acknowledge Wellington Rugby's financial challenges as well as the considerable changing of the guard that has occurred amongst both staff and the executive. OBU have been busy engaging with Wellington Rugby and they have been proactive in offering their support to ensure Community Rugby continues to thrive. Specific to OBU, there continues to be challenges around our home ground for 2024 and beyond. Our attempts to work with the Wellington City Council and Wellington Rugby to confirm Rugby League Park for 2024 have proved challenging and while we will have some access, it will not be for all our home fixtures.

Finally, after two years in the role of Club Delegate I will be stepping down to embark on a new role with New Zealand Rugby. I have immensely enjoyed my time on the Executive and look forward to seeing you all on the field, sidelines and of course, at The Cambridge.

All the best,

Matt Wills WRFU Delegate



7. Hon Solicitor's Report

No issues to report from Hon Solicitor



8. Junior Convenor's Report



No OBU Junior Rugby this year.

9. Capricorn Club Captain's Report



It was another quiet season for the Capricorn Club due to financial pressures being experienced by the club as a whole & the Capricorn Club was an important contributor to mitigate the issues around loss of sponsorship and funding by the club.

The membership continued to have a full complement of 100 and the new look weekly draws with a larger 'final week bonus' draw continued to prove successful, as did the video sharing of the draws themselves.

It will be important to grow the membership of the Capricorn Club as its support to OBURFC has become a vital component & a review of the annual membership fee is now warranted.

Richard Boag (Stand in) Capricorn Club Captain

10. NZ Universities Rugby Council Delegate's Report

It was another positive year for New Zealand Universities rugby in 2023 with the traditional tour to Japan taking place for the Men's team, the first since the covid era. The New Zealand Women's team (once again coached by our own Dave Jenson and Managed by Janelle Schreiber), in their second year of existence- played two games in Wellington against a Wellington XV and the New Zealand Defence Force Women's team. Further to this there was also a world universities competition in Bordeaux , with NZU sending a Women's sevens and Men's U23 team.

The NZU Senior Men's team, represented by Te Wehi Wright, Ty Poe and Samson Koneferenisi from OBU, played two games in Tokyo. The first game was a "game of three halves" against the Kobel Steelers and NTT Docomo, respectively. Fresh off the plane and playing against seasoned professional outfit, the NZU team ended up going down to the Kobe team and narrowly beating NTT Docomo.

The second game was the tour test against the Japanese U20 team coached by OBU's own Jamie Joseph. In what was a tight and exciting game, Japan showed their polish by closing out the high scoring affair 53-46 in front of a passionate, large Japanese crowd.

The Women's team had an exciting programme with two games to be played in Wellington. The first against a combined Wellington XV and the second against the New Zealand Defence Force Women's team, in what is already considered a classic rivalry. With the NZU team having only gathered hours earlier - The Wellington XV team narrowly won the first match 17-10. The 'test' against NZDFW was another exciting encounter with NZU team 'clicking' and delivering a commanding performance to win the game 75-19. As always, the spirit and unity shown by the NZU Women's team was outstanding as they continue to define their culture and come together as a team. The squad was once again made up of many Farrah Palmer Cup players from across the constituent clubs and the attraction of the NZU jersey to these top players is very heartening.

The World Universities Rugby Invitational tournament in Bordeaux, although a fantastic experience for all players is still very much in development phase but did however give both teams experience in playing top Universities Clubs from South Africa, USA, France, and England.

2024 is set to be another busy year for NZU, with the Senior Men's and Women's programmes currently being finalised as well as a timely review on the governance of NZU as it strives to become more inclusive and representative of the rugby community. With many of OBU's top players still in their early 20's there will be a huge opportunity for them to wear NZU colours this coming season



lan Kennedy
NZURC Delegate

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Japan Tour 2023 Overview



It was great to get the team back to Japan and all involved appreciate this rare opportunity. The results weren't what we were after but with limited time and a short window of 2 games, this was a challenge. Understandably we needed to do what we could to re-establish our links in Japan. Despite the results, I thought the team did an amazing job overall but more so, off the field. They carried the NZU traditions well. It was great to see players from both teams coming into each other's changing rooms, taking photos with one another and swapping jerseys. The NZU provided a taonga (signed NZU Jersey by the touring party) to the Chairman for Kansai RFC and the Captain of the Japanese U20 side. Each was followed by our haka as a sign of our respect for the teams. We have already received very positive feedback from the Chair at Kansai Rugby who wishes to continue our long-standing relationship. The players engaged with fans signing a-z of things, talking to them, and taking photos with them, even their babies. This was great to see and hopefully showed NZU's commitment to future years. Thank you once again and I hope the team put on a good show to show the importance of our long-standing relationship with Japanese Rugby.

NZU SQUAD 2023:









Braeden Saul - Manager

11. Wellington College Liaison's Report



Wellington College 1st & 2nd XV announcement

It was congratulations to OBU Colts Green who pipped a gallant Wellington College 1st XV 25-20 in the annual Letica Cup match held at Boyd-Wilson Field. A hard fought match that should leave both teams feeling confident about the upcoming season. Deborah Wright (Calvin's niece) was on hand to present the Calvin Wright Memorial Trophy to the Player of the match: Nathaniel Barry, OBU. Tony Letica, brother of Steve, travelled from the Hawkes Bay to present the Letica Cup to the victorious OBU Captain, Nat Barry. Ted Thomas (OBU Life Member & President WCOB Association) introduced the trophies and recounted his experiences of Rugby with Calvin Wright and memories of Steve Letica as well



Tony Letica presenting the Letica Cup to OBU's winning captain, Nat Barry.



Dave Loveridge surprised at meeting Glen Denham



Debs Wright presenting Calvin Wright Memorial Cup to winner Nat Barry

Wellington College went on to have a successful Rugby season with the 1st XV performing well in the traditional matches, making the semi-finals and playing particularly well to take out Quadrangular Tournament. The U15 side made its way to the final of the National U15 tournament after an unbeaten season. They eventually went down by 1 point in a thrilling final.











Tuesday 8 August was the 108th anniversary of the Chunuk Bair campaign at Gallipoli. Wellington College hosted a function in their Archives to commemorate a prominent Old Boy, Hami Grace (who also played for WCOB) and died on Chunuk Bair. The function was also the launch of a booklet published by Richard Boag documenting the making of the WWI Commemoration Displays – featured in the Cambridge Hotel and Wellington College Archives.

Headmaster Glen Denham welcomed a number of special guests including former Governor General Sir Anand Satyanand, accompanied by Lady Susan, Hon Grant Robertson Minister of Finance and MP for Wellington Central, Captain Brendan Oakley representing NZ Defence Force and former Wellington College Headmaster & OBU Life Member Roger Moses. Robert

Anderson gave a stirring account of Hami's life and legacy.



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13 OBU / VUW Academy & Director of Rugby







OBU/VUW Academy 2024

Malo e lelei

The 2023 OBU Academy was held over a 13•week programme between April – August. As with previous years, the objective is to nurture the next generation of leaders by developing their physical skills in the gym and on the rugby field, as well as nurturing the off-field aspect this encompasses their mental and holistic wellbeing to help with the challenges that come with balancing being a young student and an athlete.

We had a total of 18 OBU Academy members, with 4 females and 14 males who comprised of 17 student athletes and 1 building apprenticeship athlete who participated in the Academy this year.

Strength and Conditioning



The Strength and Conditioning programme were split into four blocks. The first block focused on general preparation, developing the individual's general muscle size and strength. The second training block split them into two categories, Hypertrophy/Strength, and Strength/Power development. Following fitness testing and the general prep block, athletes were assigned to either group based upon their testing results, training age, movement competency, and body composition.

The last two blocks focused on strength and power. Engagement during sessions was high. Everyone participated in what was prescribed and there were no complaints. There were significant improvements in movement competency throughout the program, suggesting correct coaching for exercises was given. There were some significant increases in weight lifted for some of the key lifts which suggest both correct prescription and regular engagement from athletes were high. A variety of exercises throughout the program helped keep athletes engaged.

Areas to Develop:

Engagement in the program during times that were not monitored (holiday periods), appeared to be low (this was suggested after the final testing session due to some athletes either making no increases or dropping in their testing result). Full gym session was not completed (usually due to athletes mucking around or possibly too many exercises prescribed for the time allocated). Athletes often wanted to test other areas of performance (e.g. Speed) but due to limited equipment/resources, max strength and horizontal power were the only areas able to be accessed.

How to improve:

Utilising programming software such as team builder to prescribe sessions will allow us to monitor completion of sessions during holiday periods. Investing in sport science technology such as speed gates, force decks, or accelerometers will allow for a more diverse range of testing and monitoring of athletes throughout the program. Ensuring athletes maintain focus throughout the sessions by maintaining a high-performance environment

Technical Training

The Technical training component of the Academy continued to be well-received by participants in 2023. Another challenge is the inability to cater to the diverse needs of position• specific skills, with just the one specialist coach leading the sessions. We will need more help from club coaches or even reaching out to Academy alumni to continue developing this. That said, the technical sessions are crucial to develop and educate their specific on-field rugby skills. Being able to practice repetition of micro skills (catch & pass skills, tackle technique and kicking skills, game understanding, skills that they are not able to fit in at Rugby trainings is an opportunity to up skill and develop the technical intricacies, as well as understanding specific role clarity on the individual's rugby positions ie splitting training into forwards and backs. Forwards would focus on set piece (Lineout and Scrummage skills) and Backs would focus on Game management, (game plan and strategy).

Women's Development

In regard to our female athletes, the OBU Club was not able to field a team for this season due to low numbers. The women had the opportunity to play the season at a different club, however they decided to stick with the OBU Academy to further their development.

One positive from last year, was that we had increased our female numbers from one athlete to four. All four female athletes contributed greatly to this year's cohort and will continue to do so. We are aiming to do a big recruitment drive for more female athletes, not only for the Academy but also for the club.

Personal Development

Our OBU Academy student athletes were extremely fortunate with the personal development sessions and special guest speakers in 2023. This year's cohort has been extremely blessed with the wide range of speakers who came to discuss their experiences and knowledge to our athletes. The personal development sessions are a requirement for our OBU Academy because they help our student athletes to be inspired and gives them insight on the many opportunities to develop further off the field. All these personal development sessions help them on their journey balancing all the different facets of their lives, including their personal, student and Rugby lives.

OBU ACADEMY - REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

2023 NZ Universities Colts tour to France
Connor Chatfield and Jackson Wright
Wellington U19 Representatives (won the Central Regional Shield)
Blake Love, Nathaniel Barry and Nathanael Ellis-Kirifi.
Wellington Centurions U18
Thoma Takeuchi

2023 Academy Athletes









NZ European





NZ Māori



Iteni Helu

Bachelor of Architecture

Tongan

Jackson Wright

NZ European

Tamati
DurieMcGrath

Bachelor of Laws & Commerce

NZ Mãori

Tasmin White

NZ Māori



Japanese

NZ Māori







Tomasi Connor Bachelor of Science Samoan, Irish, Lebanese





OBU ACADEMY

Academy athletes played for the OBU Premier team 5

Academy athletes played for the OBU Premier reserves

student athletes played for the OBU Colts

Female Academy athletes

OBU ACADEMY - AWARDS Best Academic & High Performing Student Athlete

Jackson Wright

Best High-Performance Rugby Athlete Nathaniel Barry

Most Improved Athlete Vili Pale

Athlete that epitomizes OBU Academy Values Tamati Durie-McGrath

Blues Awards Nominees Jackson Wright Connor Chatfield

As Director of Rugby I would also like to thank all of our OBU community, whether you were a player, coach, manager, sponsor, volunteer, parent, fan or board member who had any affiliation in supporting OBU club this year, I THANK YOU! I would also like to acknowledge our partnership and key stake holders of the club in 2023 - WRFU, VUW, Cambridge Hotel, Jack Jeffs Charitable Trust and Tiny Deane for the huge contribution to the club this year.

Thank you to the OBU Board of Executive members for your ongoing support and creating a more inclusive and sustainable environment for the future of OBU RFC.

2023 has been a year filled with growth and milestones for OBU. With 2022 being a rebuilding and challenging year for the club, this year we reflect and celebrate the achievements of all our OBU playing grades and teams.

Starting with the U85 Scallywags winning the WRFU Club Team of the Year. They were also winners of the Paul Potiki Shield competition and missed out on the last dance for the National Under 85 competition in the closest of margins by 3 points. The Club is very grateful and thankful to Gary Fowler, Matt Fowler (Unit), Wirangi Parata and stalwart Mitch Butler for their

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massive contribution to the Scallywags team and culture, to take it to the highest level on and off the field over the years. The Scallywags success also came with individual successes with Matt Fowler, Reece Plumtree and Kees Jansen making the 2023 NZ Barbarians U85kg selection team.



Our Premier team had a great start to the season with winning a lot of silverware that had been lost in 2022. Huge credit to Anthony Rehutai and his Management team for the efforts from preseason right up to our one point defeat in the Jubilee Cup semifinal. Also special mention to Dave Calvert (Rug) who has been a great addition to the Premier Management team and club.



Standout performances that come to memory from a large number of highlights, was the first Swindale Shield match against Tawa in the first round. It was one of the best come backs in the Club's history or however long I have been with the club. Another standout effort was at David Loveridge's testimonial fixture, where the game came down to a nail biting last play try from our Premier captain Kyle Preston, where he scored in the far corner, which caused Rugby League Park supporters to explode when the final whistle was blown. It gave the Goat Godfather, Trapper a memorable day and evening where the Club and wider community were able to celebrate and appreciate the time and wisdom Trapper had given to those that have come to our club over the 19 years he has been with us. Thank you to the Goat Trapper and also Jan and the Loveridge whānau for their support for our beloved club.



The Premiers have had great individual success which I think are worthy of mentioning, to show how much the Club make an effort to help our rugby players achieve short and long term goals to help them be better rugby players, and more importantly better people.







Taine Plumtree

Colts Green, OBU Academy, WRFU Academy, Premiers, Lions, Blues

Moved to Wales and is currently playing for the Scarletts. He also played his first cap for Wales #1190.

Caleb Delaney

Colts Green, WRFU Academy, OBU Academy, Premiers, Lions, Hurricanes, Maori All Black

Caleb graduated in 2023 in Bachelor of Architecture, being the first Maori All Black and Hurricane to graduate with a degree in Architecture.

Kyle Preston

(Premiers, Lions).

Currently in preseason with the 2024 Hurricanes squad.

NZ Universities 2023 was a busy year with the Men's team travelling to Japan and the Colts team travelling to France. There was a great representation from the club for both tours.





2023 NZ Universities

Ty Poe (OBU Academy Alumni), Premiers, Samson Koneferenisi (OBU Academy Alumni), Premiers and our Chair, Te Wehi Wright touring Japan and representing OBU.

2023 NZ Universities Colts Tour to France

Chair Te Wehi Wright, Samson Koneferenisi (OBU Academy Alumni, Premiers), Conor Chatfield (OBU Academy, Premiers) and Jackson Wright (OBU Academy, Premiers) represented OBU during the France Tour

I'd also like to acknowledge the contributions of Cody Quin, Ty Poe, Kyle Preston and Reece Plumtree with playing 50 games for the premiers and being fine goats for the club.

Onto our Premier Reserves, on behalf of the Club I would like to thank Greg Mullany and Paul Swift with one of the most challenging coaching roles in the club. They spent countless hours with the Prem Reserves and showed huge commitment and care for this team and players over the years, which demonstrates the true essence of what our Club values are for our people and community. We will miss you both, but you both are due for a well-deserved break and some much needed family time. We still look forward to seeing you on the sideline supporting the Goats!



Colts has had its own challenges with new Head Coach Alex Taimalietane (Boom) and his Management navigating this new generation of players, and by having their fixtures moved to Friday nights and not having after matches because of the late end to the matches, caused the team being a bit disconnected from the club. We look to remedy that for the 2024 season to

make sure the Colts and their Management are still connected with the wider OBU Club. The Club continues the tradition with our annual fixture with Wellington College that carries a rich history between both college and university connection for many years.

The Club is pleased to see the growth and the hard work of the team reaching the U21 Colts Final to just miss out to a stacked Ories Colts/Premiers team after missing out last year in the semifinals. We look forward to what the next season brings for the returning Colts players and the young Goats who are coming to join the herd in 2024 and building on the rich legacy of OBU colts rugby, and hopefully taking it one step further for a top podium finish.



The Reserve Grade and Women's Grade has been a mixed bag due to different challenges from the Union, trying everything under the sun with competition changes that didn't suit our Reserve teams. Also with the decline of playing numbers we weren't able to field some teams for some Saturdays. The Women's team is still a work in progress where we are trying to drive having a Women's team for the 2024 season.

I would like to thank all of our OBU community, the sponsors and stakeholders of our Club. I'm looking forward to another promising and exciting year for the Goats in 2024! #ONEHERD

Malo,



Tomasi Palu – OBU Director of Rugby / OBU/VUW Academy

Team Reports

Premier



Sixty-Niners



Premier Reserve



Righteous Pink Ginners



Teddy Bears



Under 21 Green



85 kg Scallywags



14. Premier





Beginning my second term as head coach we started the year with several new faces. Firstly, we were fortunate to have the services of Tomasi Palu (OBU Director of Rugby), Glynn Champion, Anton Jacques, and Brad Houlahan. We welcomed the new addition of Dave Calvert (Premier Manager), Desiree Grout (Physio) and Oskar Lynch who held the role of lineout coach. We continued with our one herd approach which I believe contributed to the success of both premier teams. We could see the potential of success due to the number of players turning up to Preseason. The numbers doubled from 2022. This reflected the hard work put in from the previous year i.e. Community Touch, Whanau Days (BBQ), team gym sessions (Saints Gym) and an effective premier management crew and board.

We had a positive preseason program which included a trip up to Massey University. We managed to get through nearly 50 players which enabled us to name a squad and prepare for our first game. Tawa first up we didn't have the best start and were down by 29 points by half time. However, the guys showed character and determination and came back well in the second half to take the win 31-29. We managed for only the second time in history win all our inter club trophies with wins over Northern United, Wellington Axeman, Marist St Pats, Petone, Poneke, Wainuiomata, and Hutt Old Boys Marist. An achievement we can all we very proud of. Finishing in the top 3. it set up our Jubilee Cup game against Tawa at Nairnville Park. Personally, I felt it would have been our best performance and set up a semifinal match up against Paremata Plimmerton. Unfortunately, we went down 37-36 but we were so proud of our goats as we never gave up and fought to the end.

We had several success stories in the season. Callum Harkin, Kyle Preston, Ty Poe, and Cody Quin achieving 50 premier games. The highlighted selection is Taine Plumtree being named in the Wales international rugby team leading into the Rugby World Cup, Caleb Delany Hurricane and Wellington Lions representative, Kyle Preston Wellington Lions and Hurricane wider training group, Callum Harkin, Louie Calvert, Nico Aandewiel, Samson Koneferenisi, Dougal Perrier's, and Ty Poe making Wellington Centurions, Laurence-Jarel Lim Wellington Samoans, Jack Riley and Gordie Bean's selection in the Horowhenua Kapiti Heartland team and lastly Blake Love, Nathaniel Barry, and Tana Maene-Lokeni's selection in the Wellington U19s.

Anthony Rehutai **Head Coach**



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OBU Premier Trophies 2023

Interclub Trophies Won:



Dunford Cup vs Wainuiomata



Algar Rosebowl vs Poneke



Gifford Cup vs Wellington



Wood Cup vs HOBM



Verhoeven Trophy vs Petone



Lamason Cup vs Marist St Pats



Ken Douglas Cup vs Northern United

15. Premier Reserve





The 2023 rugby season started out with a promising pre-season that required doing the hard yards and guys getting use to their roles and the game plan. This is despite all the declining player numbers, coaches and volunteers in the grade.

The first three games of the season proved difficult with us taking a different approach to the game plan attack pattern that had previously worked for us. These first three losses set up a string of victories that was to set up a promising run of games. The first three opponents were some of the best teams in the grade with Tawa, HOBM and Petone being the first trio up which made for great lessons first up. This led to the premier two team finding their feet against Avalon at our makeshift home-ground in Newtown just around the corner from Rugby League Park. It was a torrid affair with the rain coming in sideways and suiting a big Avalon pack. After being down at halftime we finally found our feet in the second half and started to score a few good long range breakaway tries. This lead to us being down in the last play of the match in which Tamatea Marsh kicked a penalty goal that won us the match.

Throughout this period, we strung together four wins on the trot against opponents such as Avalon, MSP, Johnsonville and Wainui with us reverting back to a 1-3-3-1 attack pattern. This period of the season saw us score some great tries and have a regularly high attendance at trainings which was especially pleasing for all the coaching staff.

This dream run had to come to an end and it did the following week against Norths at their home. With points on the board early and heavy run of possession in the first half we failed to execute opportunities and paid a heavy price for it. In the second forty Norths found their confidence and with it their tales went up. They eventually kept us locked in our own half with no possession and we went down narrowly 12-10. Unfortunately, our season unravelled at a catastrophic rate from here with injuries, illness and unavailability from both trainings and games. This left team morale at an all-time low with heavy defeats to Poneke and Stokes Valley in the 50 point zone. Although some close games towards the end of the season had us in good stead to make a quarter final of the HD Morgan of which we unfortunately went down to Para Plim at home.

A huge thanks needs to go to all the players that wore the jersey for us, the management, Paul Swift, Hayden Smith, Stephen Isaac and Chris Whitley who sacrificed their own time with families and girlfriends to volunteer their hard efforts for the goats. We wish the team and the incoming management all the best with the 2024 season.

A big thanks also to the Premier, Colts and Social teams who provided us with the players we needed to fill a team and bench each Saturday. Although grassroots Rugby is facing monumental challenges, there is still great community volunteers and supporters who make the game what it is.

Greg Mullany Coach

16. Under 21 Green





Winners Letica Cup

The start of the season 2023 saw a new look coaching and management team. Alex Taimalietane returned to the club from Paremata Plimmerton having had two seasons with the Para Plim Colts. With Alex, came assistant coach/backs coach Riki Carter and manager Wayne Small. Also joining the team was Jamaine Tapara who also pitched in to help out with the forwards.

The numbers at the start of the season were good, however they were just short of the numbers needed to sustain two colts' teams which was unfortunate. This seen some players moving on to 85's and social teams within the club.

With a core group, pre-season came and went with fairly even win loss ratio. New players joining the BILLY GOATS brought with them plenty of skills and that coupled with a smattering of previous players we were able to put together a formidable side, wearing the green and white hoops.

The season was not without its challenges and despite the good numbers, the inevitable university holidays took a large number from our ranks. Thanks goes to those players who stepped in from other teams within the club to help us through those lean times.

The team worked hard throughout the season battling with almost every team in the competition. Travelling away was met with the usual transport issues as not all of the poor students own a car. Regardless, we made it work. Following the round robin, we finished in eighth position which was just enough. With numbers starting to return we once again hit some form and were able to work our way through the playoffs, ending up in the final against Ories. This was not without controversy with Tawa removed due to an indiscretion. As was expected, Ories brought all of their tools including some from the BIG toolbox and on the smaller of their home grounds, were able to get over us 39-26.

On behalf of the OBU Green Colts I would like to thank the coaches and most importantly the players for their dedication and perseverance over the 2023 season. To the club, thanks for your support.

Runners up Wellington Rugby Union John E Kelly Cup Played 16
Won 7
Points for 413
Points against 354
Most Tries Kyran Russell – 8
Most Points Tamasi Connor – 72
Best player first year out of school – Nathaniel Barry
OBU Spirit – Shae Bretton
Players player – Toby Jensen.

Wayne Small Manager

17. 85kg Scallywags





Winners: JC Bowl 85kg Div 1 First Round, Paul Potiki Shield 85kg Div 1 Second Round







'J' John Booth



'C' Chris Tchernegovski



Potiki Shield



Paul Potiki

The U85kg Scallywags built on their impressive 2022, with an outstanding season in 2023. Playing in Wellington's top lightweight grade, the "Wags" got off to a flier in the Round 1 JC Bowl – claiming a 40-5 win over new side, the Tawa Ducks, to start proceedings and finishing with a suspected club record 139-0 victory over the Wellington Axemen (which was the score when the game was called off 10 minutes early). That record victory etched the OBU name onto the JC Bowl for the first time in years; a trophy which had been dominated by the likes of Johnsonville and Upper Hutt in recent times.

The grade hit "reset" and so did those plucky Ducks from Tawa, as they inflicted the Scallywags' first defeat of the year – 29-17 at the Duck Pond in Tawa. The Scallywags were then completely shaken to their core, as their hard-hitting, ball-stealing, happy-go-lucky openside flanker Thomas Murray, passed away suddenly after the Tawa defeat. The boys came together in true Scallywag spirit, attending Muzza's funeral and supporting each other (and the Murray family) through what was the hardest few weeks in Wags' history. With a deeper appreciation of the love, passion and meaning that the green and white hoops gave them, the Scallys got to work just as Muzza would have wanted: all effort and energy, without losing sight of what Rugby's about – giving it everything alongside your best mates.

True to form, the Scallywags charged into the final, which was to be held at the scene of their last loss and Muzza's last game in the Wags jersey: The Duck Pond in Tawa. A massive crowd turned out to watch some lightweight code, and the boys were touched as 2022 Scallywags (now in Tawa colours) donated the Tawa #7 jersey as part of the moment's silence before the match. The Ducks took flight early, racing out to a 21-0 lead, and consolidating 24-14 heading into halftime. The fastest U85 player on the planet, Kees Jansen, grabbed an intercept try (and all the momentum) just after halftime – and Scallywags roared into life. Jack Green completed a double, while Nic Mannix perfection off the tee meant the Wags were up 31-27. Tawa assaulted the Scallywags line for the last 10 minutes straight, wave after wave, pick-and-go after pick-and-go, looking to breach the Scallywag defence. The ship held strong and Scott "Scotty Doo" Alexander held up, the final Tawa wave over the line in the 83rd minute. Ecstasy! The Waaaaaaaaaags are having a party, the Wags are having a party, the Wags are having a PAAAAARRRTTTYYYYY!

Winning that epic final meant the Scallywags were the Wellington U85kg champions, taking home the Paul Potiki Shield to sit nicely alongside their Round 1 JC Bowl silverware. The season wasn't over either as, with a few Premier reinforcements, the Scallywags marched past Tawa (for a third time in one season) to be the Wellington representatives in the National U85kg Barbarians Cup – the NZ Championship of U85kg rugby. The national quarter-final was a seesawing affair against the Auckland qualifiers, the Pakuranga Panthers, but the Wags tackled themselves to a standstill and won 17-13. The Wags hosted the national semi-final against the Takapuna Bombers, but ran out of puff after a long season, going down 33-30 in another outstanding encounter.

The boys were incredibly proud to put U85kg rugby on the map and were humbled to accept Wellington Club Rugby Team of the Year – beating out every other club rugby team in Wellington to that title. An amazing season; testament to the culture the boys have built and underlines what is possible when a bunch of great mates pull on the Scallywags jersey.

We love you, Muzza. Our #7 forever.



Awards

Wellington Rugby Club Team of the Year

JC Bowl Champions (Wellington U85kg Division 1, Round 1)

Paul Potiki Shield Champions (Wellington U85kg Division 1, Round 2)

Third in NZ Barbarians National U85kg Competition

OBU Coach of the Year: Gary Fowler

OBU Top Try Scorer of the Year: Kees Jansen OBU Top Points Scorer of the Year: Nic Mannix

MVP: Scott Alexander

Back of the Year: Kees Jansen

Forward of the Year: Thomas Mallender Scallywag of the Year: Wirangi Parata

Selections

NZ Barbarians National U85kg Team: Matt Fowler, Kees Jansen, Reece Plumtree



Matt Fowler Captain

18. Righteous Pink Ginners



Winners: OBU Peter Scott Cup Most Successful On-Field Reserve Grade Team
Most Tries: Mike Lorrigan Shield OBU Reserve Grades: James Elder (5 Tries)
Most Points: Graham Haggett Cup OBU Reserve Grade: Patrick Jones-Mackay (28 Points)
Jackie Ruru Blazer: Ian Montgomery
Holders: Jackie Ruru Shield

Where to start. What lies to tell that haven't already been told. 10 - 6 the frustrating losing score against Petone in the Semi Final. Maybe that is the story of our season, good season that juuuust fell short of greatness. Close, but frustratingly far.

Through multiple head injuries I vaguely remember the start of the season. So many players we had to tell – guys, take the week off. Not sure if that happened a second time. Game one, should've been a Ruru Challenge but WRFU says no. You play Wests. It wouldn't be the last time WRFU would pull pranks this season. Those guys are real jokers. Did Bob sht in their bed or fk their daughter some time?!? Why do they hate us, and reserve grade in general, with such a passion? What an auspicious first half to the season! 30 points up we were running angles, scoring with impunity, defending strongly. And what a typical reserve grade story that at half time up rolls up a car that last had a WOF when it was stolen and out pop a half dozen league players, skin tight shorts from their prems game still clasping their arses like a baby koala, and the tide turns. THEY were the ones running angles (straight is an angle) and scoring tries. The boys hang tough, those whose bodies weren't broken by the surprise assault, and the RPG notch up their first win for the season. By a lot closer than 30 points. Those beers in the sheds (and, I'm guessing A&E) were pretty damn sweet. The Boys are back in town.

The second season of the Righteous Pink Ginners... RPG if you will (and can't spell Righteous). Two flavours that go together like bacon and everything. A delightful mix of newlywed Righteous Bros still rocking their white shorts, Pink Ginners and team freshers, desperately trying to navigate the weird tension like a second cck at a swingers party.

Well, we've recounted the first game, only 36 to go. Buckle your seatbelts dear reader. Nah, fortunately for your reading pleasure, 'Young' Toms predilection for injuring himself juuust enough to never play rugby but never leave meant he haunted the sidelines of every bloody game of OBU rugby this season like he skulks on every woman who ever was polite to him. (She is a waitress mate- its her job). This policy of lurking and annoying team management

paid off and we'd dutifully get Chat GPT to write some bollucks for the auspicious publication he works for. National Geographic I think. Just be glad most rugby pitches are 200M away from schools. Anyway, after the impressive start, lasting all of 40 minutes, the season devolved into some memorable games against teams at about the same level (and the same tiny number of substitutes) and some truly forgettable games against teams who were recently in a higher grade and should probably just piss off back there. Some were blowouts, others were a lot tighter than the 16 guys playing in unfamiliar positions had any right to expect. Massive credit to Bobby who held our sht together during an extended period of games against top ranked teams, huge numbers of injuries to our players and generally shite Wellington weather which made the guys teetering on the bench fade into the background with piss weak excuses while the same group of top blokes took the field, rain hail or shine, injury or worse injury, week aften week after week. You lads are why I still love this game. The sense of camaraderie turning up out at Tawa, with 15 blokes two of whom were stretchered off the previous week and held together with strapping tape and putting it to em really makes the pain all worth it. There were a lot of 'character building' moments like this for a season where we welcomed, with dubious enthusiasm, teams from the seniors to the grade, played every bloody one of them, usually on their turf (When did bloody Nairnville become 'our' home ground - against F'ing J'ville!?!?!). Mostly we just hung on waiting for our belated shot at the Jackie Ruru and the finals when we were promised (though fool me once WRFU...) that it would be a plate and cup situation where we could actually compete.

Come finals time, two weird limbo games first, all this character building started to pay off – the guys who's bodies hadn't fully broken were battle hardened, props were now used to playing 9 (and STILL being outweighed by the opposition 9), there were no fat boys who we hadn't already tackled and we occasionally played a decent brand of rugby. We fronted. Like we had fronted all year round. And we won, like we had done slightly less often. WRFU did manage to fck up the draw but it didn't matter. Every game was on the road. But since our home games were in aforementioned buttfcknowhere it didn't matter. Surprisingly we hadn't attracted a massive fan base.

Para Plim were a lot bigger challenge at home with 10 senior players filling out the ranks but they hadn't met Monty who hadn't met a colossus he didn't want to headbutt. The boys played moments of great rugby but the ref did his best to make sure neither team won. Fortunately after counting all his fingers and toes it turned out we had actually won (there was a long moment he had it wrong!) and the Brothers were through to the semis against Petone. Last time we had faced them they had 50 players while we started with 15... finished with 12 and won... but only if you count last try wins and not the other dozen or so tries. I would tell you all about the game, however my battery is going to die and Chat GPT is getting pissy at having to pretend to be a past it, never was very good rugby player or writer. Massive respect to the men of the Righteous Pink Ginners, the lovely blokes of the 69ers and Teddy Bears battlers of the reserve grade. OBU, for all its foibles is our club and I do love it dearly. Big Love GOATS.

Ed Griffiths - Major (minor if you're a niner) **Captain**



19. Sixty-Niners



Winners: OBU Brown Copeland Cup Most Successful Off-Field Reserve Grade Team Frank Scott Trophy: Reserve Grade Player Who Best Served the Club: Isaac Stevens

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20. Teddy Bears



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21. Team Statistics 2023

Unfortunately the WRFU scoring system is still unable to extract team or individual statistics in a meaningful format.

22. Prize Winners 2023

Senior Prize Giving





James Eder (Righteous Pink Ginners - 5 tries)

Mike Lorigan Memorial Shield - Most tries in social rug



Graham Haggett Cup – Most points in social rugby



Patrick Jones-Mackay (Righteous Pink Ginners – 28 points)







Brown Copeland Cup - Most successful off field social tear





Peter Scott Cup - Most successful on-field social team



Righteous Pink Ginners





Jackie Ruru Shield - Holder



Righteous Pink Ginners





Jackie Ruru Blazer - The Player who epitomizes the values of the Ruru Shield



Ian Montgomery (Righteous Pink Ginners)





Frank Scott Memorial Trophy – The Social Player that best served the Club



Isaac Stevens (69ers)







Braddock/Forde Cup - 85kg Player of the year



Scott Alexander



Prime Corporation Cup – Best Under 21 grade player: Colts Green



Toby Jensen





Dai Hayward Trophy - Top age grade points scorer



Tomasi Connor (72 points)





Nick Jones Memorial Cup - Player who has contributed most to Colts Green side (selected by the players)



Toby Jensen





Sir Richard Wild Cup – Premier Reserve player of the year



Tom Hall



Most tries scored - Training Grades



Kees Jansen - 85kg Scallywags (18 tries)



Most points scored - All Grades



Nick Mannix - 85kg Scallywags (213 points)





Noel Ryder Cup - Outstanding Player First Year out of School



Tana Maeni-Lokeni (Premier)



Al Keown Memorial Cup – Best Under 21 Player



Samson Koneferenisi



Dr Elliot Memorial Cup - Club Team of the Year



Premiers



Old-Boys University Cup – Most Loyal Club Player/Member



Greg Mullany



Stu Wilson Trophy- The Player who best epitomized the spirit of OBU Ru



Harley Richards



MJB (Jock) Hobbs Trophy Coach of the Year



Matt & Gary Fowler 85kg Scallywags



Lt Gen Bernard Freyberg Trophy - Volunteer of the Year



Theo Tocker





Brown Copeland Presidents Cup - Person who has best served the Club

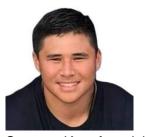


David Calvert





Supporters Cup – Most Improved Premier Team Player



Samson Koneferenisi





lan Archibald Trophy – Premier Team Player of the Year



Kyle Preston

23. Other Awards

WRFU Awards





85kg Scallywags Club Team of the Year

Victoria University of Wellington Sporting Blues & Other Awards



Samson Koneferenisi Sports Blue



Connor Chatfield Sports Blue



Jackson Wright Sports Blue

OBU Milestones:



Cody Quin 50 matches OBU Premier



Ty Poe 50 matches OBU Premier



Kyle Preston 50 matches OBU Premier

24. Representative Players 2023

The following players, coaches and management were selected for 2023 representative teams, while being current, registered OBU members:

NZ Universities (Men)



Samson Koneferenisi



Ty Poe



Te Wehi Wright

NZ Universities (U20 Men)



Samson Koneferenisi



Connor Chatfield



Jackson Wright

Hurricanes



Caleb Delany

Hurricanes Under 20



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Wellington Lions







Kyle Preston

Wellington Under 20



Elijah Maene-Lokeni



Jackson Wright

Wellington Under 19



Tomasi Palu (Assistant Coach)



Nathaniel Barry



Nathanael Ellis-Kirifi



Blake Love



Tana Maene-Lokeni

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NZ Barbarians U85kg Team



Matt Fowler



Kees Jansen



Reece Plumtree

Wellington Centurions



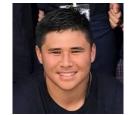
Callum Harkin



Nico Aandewiel



Louis Calvert



Samson Koneferenisi



Josh Morgan Ranui



Ty Poe

Wellington Centurions Under 18



Thoma Takeuchi

Wellington Samoans



Laurence-Jarel Lim
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Wales



Taine Plumtree

Blues



Taine Plumtree

Horowhenua Kapiti



Samson Koneferenisi



Geordie Bean



Jack Riley

Thanks to Brad Houlahan for the Representative Players' Lists

25. Directory of Office Holders 2023

Executive & Elected Officials

Mike Brodie President
Te Wehi Wright Chair
Richard Boag Secretary
BDO NZ Ltd Treasurer
Phoebe Ferguson Club Captain
Alastair Forde Junior Convenor

Ian KennedyNZ Universities DelegateDavid LoveridgeGame Development OfficerPhillip Simpson/Tony HuntReserve Grade Convenor

Matt Wills WRFU Delegate
Aria Ngarimu Women's Liaison

Richard Boag Wellington College Liaison

Vacant Funding

Tomasi Palu Director of Rugby
R Boag (temp) Capricorn Club Captain
Matt Kyd OBU Party Starters
Moore Markhams Ltd Hon Audit Reviewer

Ford Sumner Hon Solicitor

Patron

Glen Denham (Wellington College)

Life Members

M G Anderson (OBU 7), A G Archer (OBU 4), R M J Barlow (VUW 18), R L Boag (OBU 14), S G Bremner (VUW 19), M J Brodie (OBU 15), G R Brooking (OBU 5), D H Catley (WCOB 29), M C Copeland (OBU 6), R J Curtis (OBU 8)*, D R Davis (WCOB 33), A J Forde (OBU 2), P B Gapes (OBU 11), R S Grocott (WCOB 37), G R Jensen (VUW 13), A D McBeth (OBU 16), G A McLean (WCOB 25), R J Moses (OBU 13), P C Osborne (VUW 17), A J Seerup (OBU 12), B L Thomas (OBU 3), H G Vance (OBU 9), R H Vance (OBU 10), R A Waddel (WCOB 28)

Vice Presidents

VICE I IESIGEIILS			
B N Anderson	D J Archer	M R Barnes	P S Barrett
M S Conway	R F Coyle	I R Cuff	R B D Drummond
G J Fountain	P A Garty	P A Gough	D R Gregg
W G Guilford	B J W Houlahan	J D Howman	M R Larsen
D S Loveridge	F M Mexted	G N K Mourie	N S Phillips
S D Robertson	P R Scott	C G Smith	H J Smith
P S Stannard	J R Sumner	W G Thurston	A D Timms
Prof D G Trow	B A Waddle	J H R Walker	P J Walsh
J Williams	S S Wilson	T N Wolfe	

Past Presidents

M G Anderson (OBU (9) 2020-2022) P S Barrett (VUW (16) 1990-1991), S G Bremner (VUW (14) 1980-1981) D H Catley (WCOB (23) 1988 -1989, OBU (3) 1997-2007), M C Copeland (OBU (8) 2019)

D R Davis (WCOB (22) 1986-1987), R S Grocott (WCOB (24) 1990-1991, OBU (5) 2012-2013)

B N Gundersen (OBU (6) 2014-2015), P C Osborne (VUW (15)1983-88, OBU (4) 2008-2011)

Honorary Vice President - Nil

^{*} Deceased 9 Sept 2023

26. Club Sponsors

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27. Registered Players & Club Members 2023

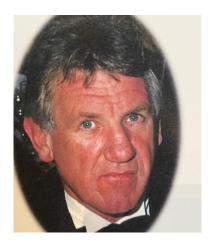
Team	Registered	VUW Current	VUW Alumni	WCOB
Premier	43	9	12	7
Premier Reserve	32	4	4	0
Colts Green	45	39	1	5
85 kg Scallywags	39	15	8	7
Reserve 69ers	20	3	7	4
Reserve Righteous Pink Ginners	33	4	13	5
Reserve Teddy Bears	33	2	10	3
Antiques	3	0	0	0
Unallocated / Not Playing	8	3	1	1
Senior Total	257	82	58	33

Club Members Patron	Registered	VUW Current	VUW Alumni 0	WCOB 0
Life Members	21	1	11	11
Vice Presidents	32	0	17	9
Hon Vice Presidents	0	0	0	0
Financial Members (full)	8	0	5	1
Financial Members (email only)	11	0	4	3
Sponsors	9	0	0	1
Affiliates	7	0	0	0
Administration/Volunteers/Coaches	26	1	7	6
Total	115	2	44	31

28. Obituaries

Richard (Rick) John Curtis

12 July 1948 - 9 September 2023



Life Member OBURFC #8

Rick Curtis was born in Wellington in 1947 and spent all but a couple of years living and working in the Capital. He was schooled at Wadestown School and Scots College and after leaving college, worked for a couple of import / export companies gaining lots of experience before branching out on his own and setting up his own companies.

He was an extremely hard worker who applied all his ideas into practise and whilst having a couple of difficult years as one does, history showed the many successes he had in business, so much so that for a period of about 3 years in the mid-eighties, he was the main benefactor financially to the Wellington College Old Boys Rugby Club.

Rick joined WCOBRFC in 1965 / 1966 playing in the junior grades and finished his career playing a few years in the senior club side. He was a tearaway loose forward always putting his heart and soul into every match he played. Just one gutsy footballer!!

After retiring he became a very loyal supporter with only ill health keeping him away from games from time to time. He was one of a team of supporters who used to attend club games standing in the in goal area at the end that WCOB were playing to and then at halftime swapping ends. It was great fun and he and his friends always gave the senior side 100% support. Rick was elected as a Vice President of the club in 2011 and made a Life Member in 2012.

Rick had suffered ill health for about 8 years and sadly passed away in September. He was given a wonderful farewell with about 300 to 400 friends attending his service at Old St. Paul's.

He will be greatly missed by all his friends.

Acknowledgement: Richard Grocott

Stephen Atkin

9 April 1958 - 14 April 2023



Stephen was the 2nd child of four and lived most of his life in the Hutt Valley Wellington region. He studied Accountancy at Victoria University and became a chartered accountant. He held a variety of jobs in this field and spent a few years living in London pursuing this career.

Stephen had a bone disease that prevented him from playing sport, and maybe this was the driving force for his involvement behind the scenes. His love for both cricket and Rugby was more of an obsession than a passion. His father, Graham Atkin, was chairman of the WRFU for 20 years, Life Member of both VUWRFC and WRFU and was on the NZ Rugby Council for 7 years, which probably fostered Stephen's special love for Rugby. Stephen was a loyal and ardent supporter of VUW and OBU and was also Secretary of VUWRFC 1990 and 1991. He would spend many winter Saturday mornings with his father on the sidelines of a Rugby field or at Athletic park.

His other love was fishing which he did every Christmas holidays at the family beach house at Kapiti. While he never married, he had a special relationship with the two sons of a very dear friend who sadly passed away and Stephen 'adopted' the boys and had a fatherly influence in their lives.

He would have enjoyed watching the Rugby World Cup this year but maybe not the result!

RIP

Acknowledgement: Kent Harris and the Atkin family.

29. Directory of Financial Members 2023

Last name	First name	Position	Team
Aandewiel	Nico	Senior Player	Premier
Allan	Brett	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Anderson	Brent	Member	Vice President
Anderson	Frank	Senior Player	Premier
Anderson	Murray	Member	Life Member
Anker	Mathew	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Archer	Andy	Member	Life Member
Archer	David	Member	Vice President
Archer	Graham	Member	Member
Ashkettle	Andrew	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Atkin	James	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Atkin	Oliver	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Atkin	Stephen	Member	Member
Bailey	James	Member	Capricorn Club
Barlow	Rhys	Member	Life Member
Barnes	Michael	Member	Vice President
Barone	Vinny	Senior Player	69ers
Barrett	Calum	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Barrett	Paul	Member	Past President
Bartleman	Michael	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Bartlett	Graeme	Senior Player	Premier Reserve
Baty	Stanley	Senior Player	Colts Green
Beard	Brian	Member	email Member
Bell	Manawaiti	Member	Member
Beveridge	Joseph	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Blackmore	George	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Boag	Richard	Member	Life Member
Bourhill	Jeremy	Senior Player	Colts Green
Boyd	Oliver	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Bremner	Mick	Member	Life Member
Brodie	Mike	Member	President
Brooking	Graeme	Member	Life Member
Burgess	George	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Burke	Luke	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Burke	Luke	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Burton	Joaiah	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Calvert	David	Coach	Premier
Calvert	Louis	Senior Player	Premier
Carr	Colin	Member	Member
Carroll-Baldwin	Liam	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Carter	Riki	Coach	Colts Green
Cartwright	Benjamin	Senior Player	69ers
Catley	Douglas	Member	Life Member
Champion	Glynn	Coach	Premier
Chaston	Jeremy	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Clabburn	James	Coach	Womens
Clarke	Ethan	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Clarke	Simon	Senior Player	Teddy Bears

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Last name	First name	Position	Team
Cole	Dave	Member	email Member
Collins	Daniel	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Coltart	Paul	Member	email Member
Connor	Tomasi	Senior Player	Colts Green
Conway	Martin	Member	Vice President
Copeland	Mike	Member	Life Member
Coyle	Bob	Coach	Righteous Pink Ginners
Coyle	Robert	Member	Vice President
Craig	Paul	Member	Member
Cromie	Richard	Member	email Member
Crotty	Ross	Member	email Member
Cuff	lan	Member	Vice President
Curtis	Richard	Member	Life Member
Curtis	Tom	Senior Player	69ers
Daly	Madison	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Davidson	John	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Davis	Deane	Member	Life Member
Denham	Glen	Member	Patron
Deuchrass	Henri	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Devos	Zac	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Doesburg	Rhys	Member	Sponsor
Donaldson	Benjamin	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Doyle	Tom	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Drummond	Roger	Member	Vice President
Durie-McGrath	Tamati	Senior Player	Colts Green
Eder	James	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Ellis-Kirifi	Nathanael	Senior Player	Colts Green
Fairbairn	Raymond	Member	Member
Falter	Fabio	Senior Player	Premier
	Norm	Member	Member
Ferguson Ferguson	Phoebe	Executive	
	Oscar		Club Captain 69ers
Fitzgerald		Senior Player	
Flynn Foo	Harry	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags 69ers
Ford	Desmond	Senior Player	
	Rodney Alastair	Member	Sponsor Life Member
Forde		Member Senior Player	
Foster	Ethan		85kg Scallywags
Fountain	Gregor	Member	Vice President
Fowler	Gary	Coach	85kg Scallywags
Fowler	Matthew	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Gapes	Peter	Member	Life Member
Garty	Peter	Member	Vice President
Gasson	Luke	Senior Player	69ers
Gibson	Louis	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Gilbert	Luke	Senior Player	Premier
Gilsenan	Kieran	Senior Player	69ers
Gordon	Richard	Member	Member
Gough	Patrick	Member	Vice President
Grattan	Dave	Member	Capricorn Club
Gregg	Dave	Member	Vice President
Gregory	Bob	Member	Capricorn Club

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Last name	First name	Position	Team
Griffiths	Edward	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Grigg	Timothy	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Grigor	Euan	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Groarke	James	Senior Player	Premier Reserve
Grocott	Richard	Member	Life Member
Guild	Willis	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Guilford	Grant	Member	Vice President
Gundersen	Bryan	Member	Past President
Gunn-Bold	Tipene	Senior Player	Premier Reserve
Halmshaw	Stephen	Senior Player	Premier Reserve
Hampton	Leighton	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Hannah	Timothy	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Hargreaves	Dane	Senior Player	Colts Green
Harkin	Callum	Senior Player	Premier
Harkin	Frank	Member	Capricorn Club
Harris	Martin	Member	Member
Heather	David	Member	email Member
Hefford-Thomsen	Dylan	Senior Player	69ers
Henderson	Tom	Senior Player	Premier
Henry	Luke	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Hill	Matt	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Holbrook	James	Senior Player	Premier Premier
Holter	Edward	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Hope	Matthew	Senior Player	Premier Reserve
Houlahan	Brad	Member	Vice President
Howman	David	Member	Vice President
Hunt	David	Member	Capricorn Club
Hunt			69ers
Hunt	Tony	Senior Player	
	Tony	Member	email Member
Ireland	Garth	Member	Capricorn Club
Isaac	Stephen	Senior Player	Premier Reserve
Itinteang	Andrew	Senior Player	69ers
Jack	Kaleb	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Jansen	Kees	Senior Player	Premier Reserve
Jensen	David	Coach	Womens
Jensen	Graham	Member	Life Member
Jensen	Toby	Senior Player	Colts Green
Johnson	Luke	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Johnson	Mike	Member	Capricorn Club
Jones-Mackay	Patrick	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Kablezade	Faz	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Kane	Stephanie	Member	Affliliate
Keat	David	Member	Affliliate
Kember	Simon	Member	email Member
Kennedy	lan	Executive	NZURC Delegate
Kershaw	Graeme	Member	Member
King	Nathan	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Koneferenisi	Samson	Senior Player	Premier
Kyd	Matthew	Senior Player	69ers
Lammers	Jan	Senior Player	Premier
Landrigan	Nicholas	Senior Player	69ers

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Last name	First name	Position	Team
Palu	Tomasi	Senior Player	Premier
Parker	Daniel	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Pentecost	Blake	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Perry	William	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Phillips	Noel	Member	Vice President
Plumtree	Reece	Senior Player	Premier
Poe	Ту	Senior Player	Premier
Poi	Tim	Member	Member
Ponting	David	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Porteous	Ethan	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Poy	Jim	Member	Member
Preston	Jon	Member	Sponsor
Preston	Kyle	Senior Player	Premier
Quin	Cody	Senior Player	Premier
Rahui-Laulau	Dallas	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Rawles	Lincoln	Member	Affliliate
Read	Kahu	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Rehutai	Anthony	Coach	Premier Premier
Richards	Harley	Senior Player	Premier
Riley	Jack	Senior Player	Premier
Robertson	Stephen	Member	Vice President
Robertson	Vince	Member	Sponsor
Robinson	Fergus	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Rose	Floyd	Senior Player	Colts Green
Rowat	Claire	Member	Sponsor
Rutherford	David	Member	Member
	Brodie	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Ryan Ryan	Jackson	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Sadler	William	Member	Sponsor
Saez	Felipe	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Sarten	Roland	Member	Member
Satyanand	Anand	Member	Member
Scammell	Christine	Member	Sponsor
Scott	Peter	Member	Vice President
	Alan	Member	Life Member
Seerup Seton	John	Member	Capricorn Club
Sharland		Senior Player	Premier
	Joe John	•	Member
Shewan		Member Senior Player	69ers
Simpson	Phillip	•	
Small	Wayne	Manager	Colts Green Vice President
Smith	Conrad	Member	
Smith	Grant	Member	Capricorn Club
Smith	Hayden	Member	Vice President
Solari	James	Member	Sponsor Dightagua Bink Cinnara
Soole	Cain	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Spencer	Stephen	Member	Member
Sprott	Jeremy	Member	Member
Stannard	Peter	Member	Vice President
Steele	Brian	Member	Sponsor
Steinmetz	Paul	Member	Sponsor
Stevens	Isaac	Senior Player	69ers

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Strong	Tuveni	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Sturgeon	Andrew	Member	Affliliate
Sumner	Jaesen	Member	Vice President
Sutherland	John	Member	Member
Swain	Nik	Coach	Teddy Bears
Swain	Nikolas	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Swift	Paul	Senior Player	Premier Reserve
Taimalietane	Alex	Coach	Colts Green
Tangaroa	Aaron	Senior Player	69ers
Taylor	Tom	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Te Hau	Te Rino	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Telfer	Lewis	Senior Player	85kg Scallywags
Tew	Steve	Member	Member
Thomas	Ted	Member	Life Member
Thomson	Bruce	Member	Member
Thurston	Bill	Member	Vice President
Tiatia	Suhayl	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Timms	Tony	Member	Vice President
Tocker	Theo	Executive	Treasurer
Trow	Don	Member	Vice President
Uluiburotu	Luke	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Vaikvee	Toivo	Member	email Member
Valentine-Robertson	Pedro	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Van Berkel	Ben	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Vance	Hamish	Member	Life Member
Vance	Robert	Member	Life Member
Waddel	Richard	Member	Life Member
Waddle	Bryan	Member	Vice President
Walker	Blair	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Walker	James	Senior Player	Righteous Pink Ginners
Walker	John	Member	Vice President
Walker	Peter	Member	Sponsor
Walsh	Pat	Member	Vice President
Whalen	Karl	Member	Affliliate
Whitley	Chris	Senior Player	Premier
	Ken	Member	Member
Wiggins Williams	+	Member	
Williams	Jamie Jamie	Member	Sponsor Vice President
		Member	Member
Willis	David		
Wills	Matthew	Senior Player	Teddy Bears
Wills	Matthew	Executive Sonior Playor	WRFU Delegate
Wilson	Isaac	Senior Player	Premier
Wilson	Jacob	Senior Player	69ers
Wilson	Rob	Senior Player	69ers
Wilson	Stu	Member	Vice President
Wolfe	Neil	Member Conior Player	Vice President
Wong	Isaac	Senior Player	Colts Green
Wootton	Brent	Member	Member
Wright	Alistair	Member	Member
Wright	Campbell	Member	email Member
Wright	Keegan	Senior Player	Premier



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Wright	Martyn	Member	email Member
Wright	Robyn	Member	Capricorn Club
Yanko	Jayden	Senior Player	Teddy Bears



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