



ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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Annual General Meeting Agenda and Obituaries

Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the
Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Football Union will be held:

Tuesday 4th December commencing 7pm
At the Hohepa Jacob Community Rugby Centre, 38 Parker Avenue, Levin

Agenda:

Roll call of Delegates
Apologies
Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
To receive, and adopt the Annual Report
Financial Report
The Election of Patron for 2018
Re-Election of Independent Director
Life Membership
Appointment of Auditor
General Business

Obituaries as advised by Clubs and Affiliated members

Mike Kilty (HKRRA), Robert (Robbie) Boerboom (HKRRA), Keith Munroe (HKRRA),
Morgan Williams (Wanderers), Barry Cross (HKRFU Life Member, President 2003-2006,
Patron), Jim Simpson (Rahui, HKRFU President 2001-2002, HK Representative #732).

Signed by:
Corey Kennett
Chief Executive Officer
Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Football Union

Minutes of the Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Annual General Meeting held Tuesday the 5th of December 2017, 7pm at the Levin Wanderers Rugby Football Club, Bath Street, Levin

Present: John Mowbray, Irene Eruera-Taiapa, Nina Hori Te Pa, Tony Bailey, Gerald De Castro, Kathy Grey, Craig Timms (Ernie), Jarrod Rider, Lindsay Walker, Geordie Sweetman, Cameron Mear, Rex Kerr, Richard Mansell, Errol Macdonald, John Duthie, Ged Eller, Phil Benefield, Tracey Benefield, Andre Baker, John Cribb, Yhan Franks, Corey Kennett, Linda Morgan, Ryan Shelford, Cameron Prouting, Aleni Feagaiga.

John Mowbray thanked Levin Wanderers for hosting the HKRFU Annual General Meeting and thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

Apologies received: John Williams, Rob Benefield, Chris Wilton, Slade Sturmeay, Brian Moore, Yhan Franks – for lateness, John Cribb – for lateness

J. Duthie/T. Bailey

The voting delegates roll call was confirmed.

Obituaries recorded:

Terry McCashin (Levin College Old Boys), Bruce Martin (Levin Athletic), John Reid (Foxton), Josh Larsen (Foxton), Wayne Rider (Shannon), Michael Rauhihi (Levin Wanderers, Levin Athletic, Foxton), Gordon Garwood (Rahui), Rusty Hay (Levin Athletic), Malcolm Guy (Levin College Old Boys)

Members stood for a moments silence

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 6th December 2016 were adopted as a true and correct record.

T. Bailey/G. Sweetman
Carried

Matters Arising:

NIL

To receive and adopt the 2017 Annual Report:

K. Grey/J. Duthie

Chairman's Report:

John Mowbray spoke of his report and said it was a fantastic effort from the Heartland team. The Heartland team used only 27 players during the season and John congratulated the players as well as the coaches and management for their outstanding efforts. John mentioned the other representative teams and higher recognition players and congratulated them all as well. John congratulated the CEO, Board of Directors and the Rugby Committee delegates for such a strong financial position, John said it was outstanding that Corey had achieved a 9th consecutive financial surplus. John congratulated Waikanae RFC for winning the Premier Club Rugby competition and Levin College Old Boys for winning the Senior Reserve Club Rugby competition. John talked about HK hosting Te Hutia Rangatahi for U18 Maori players and Central Zone 7's, this is a wonderful reflection of our facilities and union management. John congratulated Ged Eller and Slade Sturmeay for what they have achieved for the Primary School team. John thanked the Board of Directors, Rugby Committee, Referee's and the HK Staff led by the CEO for a fantastic year. No questions were asked

CEO Report:

Corey highlighted his report and mentioned the supporters club co-captains Tony Jensen and Bevin Sanson who have both done a brilliant job with the supporter's club. Corey mentioned Maori Rugby

which HK hosted this year for Te Hutia Rangatahi and the NZ Maori U18 side. Corey is looking forward to hosting Te Tini a Maui Maori tournament next year as apart of our 125th anniversary celebrations. Corey thanked the volunteers of the Rugby Committee, Board of Directors and the HK staff. No questions were asked

All other reports were tabled from the Presidents report to the HKRRA report of the Annual Report:
Reports Adopted and Passed G. Eller/J. Duthie
No questions were asked carried

Financial Report:

Corey spoke about the changed accounting system from MYOB to Xero and there will be a change to a tier 3 reporting system and a full Performance Report. Corey advised, these are unaudited accounts in the Annual Report and we expect to have the audited accounts to be done in a several weeks' time.

Phil B said this year was an outstanding season for the clubs and the representative teams. Phil B asked if the Union are looking to spend more on the teams and referee's? John M asked Lindsay W if the Union's grant is the only income for the Referee's Association? Lindsay replied, the HKRRA have been trying to be an incorporated society to gain more revenue. Lindsay said that the Referee's Association were very happy with the Unions support. Corey said, the Union contributes about \$12,000 per year with staff input and the assistance of the Union Referee Education Officer (REO) Matt Peters wages. Andre B asked why there is no cost this year for the NZ Heartland XV? Corey replied, there were no costs incurred as we didn't host this year. Phil B asked Corey what is the Accounts Payable on the Balance Sheet? Corey replied, this is outstanding accounts/open bills with cheques not being presented as at the 31st October. All of the accounts payable are allocated to the 2017 financial year. Corey asked if the accounts could be adopted and accepted in the financial report and ratified once the audited accounts have been done.

Financial Report table and taken as read was accepted.

L. Walker/J. Duthie
carried

Election of Patron: Barry Cross
No further nominations

J. Mowbray/J. Duthie
carried

Re-Election of Independent Director:

Errol Macdonald has been re-appointed for a two-year term, to the HKRFU Board of Directors.

K. Grey/L. Walker
carried unanimously

Appointment of Auditor:

Fluker Denton have been re-appointed to Audit the HKRFU Annual Accounts.

G. Sweetman/K. Grey
carried

General Business:

Geordie S asked, why is there a Toa delegate when there has been no Toa team for two years? Corey said, for there to be no Delegate, Toa would need to disaffiliate themselves from HKRFU and in the constitution you do not have to enter a team to be a member or have a Delegate.

Kathy congratulated Corey and the staff for their hard work this year and complimented the presentation of the Annual Report.

Corey spoke on behalf of John Williams. Corey and John spoke about the Administration Building at the Levin Domain. Corey said there is a risk which lies with council supplying the land and lease for a building, also it would not be financially viable (or possible) for the Union to purchase the land.

Meeting closed at 7.36pm



Chairman's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 125th Annual Report of the Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Football Union.

In this special year we have won the Lochore Cup and yet again created a financial surplus for the union, it's 10th in a row and we believe unprecedented in New Zealand. This continuing financial surplus allows us to build strong reserves, allowing the Board of Directors to investigate initiatives and opportunities to ensure long term benefits and developments of rugby within the union. The opening of the \$200,000 Hohepa Jacob Community Rugby Centre at Playford Park this year is one such initiative.

Our investment in the Hurricanes has proven to be most successful, with the third dividend just announced. Already we have provided clubs with defibrillators and First Aid equipment from these dividends. We hosted the Hurricanes wider squad vs Sunwolves wider squad in April in Levin.

Congratulations to Toa and College Old Boys for winning the Premier and Senior Reserve competitions respectively. It seemed the most competitive for some years.

On a national level we continue to have success with current and former HKRFU players achieving higher recognition.

Dane Coles (Paraparaumu College) – All Black
Codie Taylor (Horowhenua College) – All Black
Selica Winiata – Black Ferns
Scott Cameron – NZ Heartland XV
Willie Paia'aua – NZ Heartland XV
Aaron Lahmert – NZ Heartland XV
Xavier Pereka – NZ Heartland U19, Hurricanes Heartland U20
Moses Pearce – NZ Heartland U19, Hurricanes Heartland U20
Connor Paki – NZ Heartland U19
Sean Pape – NZ Heartland U19, Hurricanes Heartland U20
Aleni Feagaiga – NZ Heartland U19 Coach
Lei Katoa – Hurricanes Heartland U20
Jordan Tupai-Ui – Hurricanes Heartland U20
John Lomu – Hurricanes Heartland U20
Treden Winterburn – Hurricanes Heartland U20
Poleka Itielu – Hurricanes Heartland U20

Congratulations to you all and may there be much more success to come.

To win the Lochore Cup in this special year was fantastic and congratulations to the team and management for a great result.

Our 125th anniversary celebrations were most successful including:

- Black Tie Dinner in September.
- Heartland match vs South Canterbury at Westpac Stadium.
- Opening of the Hohepa (Harry) Jacob Community Rugby Centre.

- 'Continuing in Jacob's Shadow' 125th Anniversary book by Clive Akers published in August.
- Te Tini a Maui tournament.
- Southern North Island Primary Schools Tournament hosted at Rahui.
- Hurricanes open training at Levin in January.

On behalf of us all, I thank those who contributed to the success of these events especially our staff, so ably led by Corey Kennett, who worked beyond their expected hours to ensure our events were so successful. Also to Ged Eller who has organised the Primary Schools tournament for so many years.

We continue to promote Junior Rugby with 995 Saturday morning club players, up 100 on last year. We also have 2,116 registered school players who play ripper and tackle rugby through the week competitions so ably organised by our rugby development team. It's wonderful to see the enthusiasm for rugby developing in these grades.

To all our sponsors and funding partners we gratefully acknowledge your generous support and we look forward to your continuing participation in 2019. A list of all our sponsors appears elsewhere in this report.

The Board of Directors and the Rugby Committee continue to develop their roles and focus on financial/governance and rugby issues respectively. To the directors and rugby committee delegates I thank you all and trust you have enjoyed your positive contributions this year. We are in most challenging times with sponsorship most competitive and Gaming Trust Grants being cut back severely. It will take another major effort to record a surplus but the directors are determined we shall achieve this, whilst ensuring we develop our union and the future of rugby within it.

To Stuart Taylforth, President of the HK Referees Association, and our referees, a huge thank you for the time and commitment you give to rugby in our region, week after week. We thank you for your support and the union looks forward to working closely with you in 2019.

The staff of the union have again served us well. Thank you to Corey, Aleni, Ryan, Linda, Cameron and Eli for what you have achieved. We are fortunate indeed to have such committed staff working for the success and development of our union.

To everyone, my personal thanks for your support. Again, I have enjoyed my involvement with you all this year and look forward to an even more successful 2019 for the HKRFU, both on and off the field. We have established a sound base to continue with further successes. Thank you all.

Regards

John Mowbray
Chairman



Chief Executive Officer's Report 2018

Hello All,

I am very proud to present the Chief Executive Officer's 2018 annual report for the Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Football Union.

Our great Union turned 125 years old this year and we certainly had an amazing year to celebrate it. Turning 125 years old is an achievement alone but the schedule of events that we had to celebrate this milestone was even more impressive. When I created the schedule of events, I wanted it to be nothing that had ever been done before in HK, for each event to be at a very high level, to provide events that catered for our whole rugby community, and to be within self-imposed financial parameters. I could easily talk just about all the 125th Anniversary events and it would take up most of my report but I will select just a few:-

Hohepa Jacob Community Rugby Centre Opening:- I am so very proud of this project. When you have something start as an idea in your head, then move it to the whiteboard, then go through the processes and finally see it as a completed reality, it is extremely satisfying. The CRC is a facility that we can all be proud of and I feel that this building will be around for generations to come and they will be able to enjoy this as we will. Our last capital development was in 1961 with the Levin Domain grandstand, we were long overdue to invest in our future, but we now have an exceptional facility for our rugby community.

Black Tie Dinner:- We invited 200 people to celebrate with us at an event that would be part of our signature celebratory weekend, the black tie dinner. An immense amount of work went into this event, but it all paid off and this event is probably the one that I am most proud of in my 10 years as CEO. Everything from the venue, the catering, the place settings, the guest list, the MC, the entertainment, all contributed to an amazing evening. I was exhausted after it, understandable after a 17 hour day, but I am very proud of what we achieved.

HKRFU Old Timers Day:- The second part of the "celebratory weekend" was the HKRFU Old Timers day. A large amount of people attended that were at the black tie dinner the night before but there was also a significant number that attended for the first time over the weekend. An amazing day was had with friendships re-kindled from in some cases, decades of absence, and a huge amount of positive feedback was received about the day.

1993 Team Reunion:- The third part of our celebratory weekend that run concurrently through the first and second, was the 1993 team reunion. This special group of people had an amazing weekend and a lot of them have not been to a Nua match since they left, they all loved their time and were very complimentary about the health and state of our great province.

Other 125th Anniversary events:- Other events that we held this year that were part of our schedule of events were the Hurricanes open training session, hosting the Te Tini a Maui Maori rugby tournament, retrospective first class player numbering, the first class player tie launch, hosting the Hurricanes vs Sunwolves wider squad match, hosting the Japan A vs Hurricanes Development fixture, hosting the Wellington vs Horowhenua Kapiti fixture, playing a curtain raiser to the Hurricanes vs Lions match against Wairarapa Bush at the Caketin, the launch of our 125th Anniversary book "Continuing in Jacobs Shadow", the launch of our 125th Anniversary Heartland strip, and Heartland home matches taken on "Tour" within HK at Foxton and Paraparaumu. Quite clearly this was an ambitious (and exhaustive!!) schedule of events but I am so very proud that we were able to achieve these things in our special year.

What special year would be complete without a thriller of a ride in a Final for your team to win their first National Championship in 25 years? Our team supplied the fairy-tale finish to the year and won the Lochore Cup (BJ) to place the cherry on top of our 125th Birthday Cake. The HKRFU Heartland team had an enthralling and exhilarating year in the 2018 Mitre 10 Heartland Championship. Our team in 2018, qualified to host both a Lochore Cup Semi Final & Final and along the way the team also won the PGG Wrightson Cup (the Pig) against Wairarapa Bush. Sadly, we lost the Bruce Steel Memorial Cup (Brucie) to Wanganui but ended the season with three trophies including the Centennial Cup which we contest with Buller. The men that played this year for Horowhenua Kapiti gave their absolute all, after every game they were totally spent and had nothing left in the tank, I was particularly pleased for long time servants to taste Championship success. Antony Fox, Robin Praat, Scott Cameron, Aaron Lahmert, Debbie Jackson and Chris Wilton have all given at least 5 years' service and Ryan Shelford who has given an amazing 10 years' service, your Union is indebted to you.

A big thank you to the management team of Chris, Debbie, Jason, Mark, Nathan P, Nathan T and T.J. I was lucky enough to see the hard work and commitment put in by these people up close this year, we are indeed fortunate to have people like this involved with the Heartland team.

At a recent New Zealand Rugby Union meeting for provincial Chairman and CEO's, it was unanimously agreed that the financial stability of rugby within New Zealand is the number one concern for all unions. The rationale behind this belief is that if you don't have a strong financial structure then you won't be able to survive and in turn, won't be able to achieve any other objectives you might have.

The HKRFU has a sound financial structure and because of that I am extremely pleased to say that we have posted our tenth consecutive financial surplus this year, a total comprehensive surplus figure of \$1,585. Although this is our tenth consecutive financial surplus, this surplus was easily the most difficult to achieve. With the 125th Anniversary schedule of events and the increased spending on the expanded Heartland program, a huge amount of pressure was put on the finances. I am extremely happy that we managed to complete all we did this year but still live within our means. The subject of funding and the issue of securing it, dominates the overwhelming majority of my time. During the 12 month cycle of this past financial year, it took until the 10th month until we had secured enough funding to cover our budgeted expenditure. NZRU have informed me that HKRFU are the only Provincial Union that has managed to achieve ten consecutive financial surpluses. I would like to thank the HKRFU Board, led by Chairman John Mowbray, for their support in making this achievement possible and to all in our rugby community who understand that we must live within our means to stay financially responsible and viable.

The HKRFU supporters club had another great year this year. Co-Captains Tony Jensen and Bevin Sanson did a sterling job in conjunction with the HKRFU office, in arranging membership, providing supporters trips (Westpac Stadium) and showing unwavering support of the Heartland team. Well done Gentlemen, a brilliant effort and very much appreciated.

In 2018, HKRFU ran 16 representative sides. The Heartland team aside, another notable achievement was the HK Under 20's winning the HYC Heartland under 20's competition undefeated, a fantastic achievement. Can I please pass on a big thank you to all of the HKRFU's many representative players, I hope you enjoyed the experience. I continue to strive to supply these opportunities for our young men and women to represent our province and I get immense satisfaction seeing you all play in the Nua colours. Thank you to all of the

clubs who hosted games this year for all of our representative teams, we would not have been able to complete the representative program without you.

Congratulations also to the Nua players, past and present, who achieved higher honours this year. Well done to Dane Coles, Codie Taylor (All Blacks), Andrew Knewstubb (All Black Sevens), Selica Winiata (Black Ferns), Mark Rutene (Assistant Coach), Scott Cameron, Aaron Lahmert & Willie Paia'aua (NZ Heartland XV), Sean Pape, Aleni Feagaiga (Head Coach), Connor Paki, Moses Pearce & Xavier Pereka (NZ Heartland Under 19), Sean Pape, Xavier Pereka, Moses Pearce, Treden Winterburn, John Lomu, Jordan Tupai-Ui, Poleka Itielu and Lei Katoa (Hurricanes Heartland Under 20's), Shay Gray and Connor Paki (Hurricanes Under 18 Camp). Well done to you all, we are very proud of your achievements.

On December the 9th we hosted the Central Zone 7's at Playford Park. This was a great event that included provincial 7's teams from as far away as Poverty Bay and Taranaki. I was very proud of our staff and the product that we produced and we have secured hosting rights again for 2018, with tournament being held on December the 1st.

There was another good year of club rugby held this year within Horowhenua Kapiti. The HKRFU Club Finals day was superb, a great crowd turned out to see two pulsating Finals that enthralled both supporters and neutrals of the 4 competing teams, congratulations Toa, Rahui, Levin College Old Boys & Foxton for being involved in a brilliant day. Special congratulations to Toa for their victory in the Premier grade and to Levin College Old Boys for winning the Senior Reserve grade.

HKRFU Junior rugby had another year of providing our budding players with regular fun and enjoyment. It is always very heart-warming to attend Junior games and watch the children enjoy the purest form of the game. Our end of season initiative the "Junior Rugby Fest" was once again a big hit with hundreds of children, parents and supporters attending. Thank you to all the members of the JMB and volunteers (especially parents) who make this possible.

The HKRFU is very fortunate to have great sponsors, thank you to all of them. HKRFU is very lucky to have long standing relationships with a large amount of our sponsors and I urge all of the rugby community to support our sponsors where possible, as they have supported us with their very generous contributions.

Thank you also to our Charitable Trust funding partners. Thank you to NZCT, Lion Foundation, Pelorus Trust, Pub Charity, Eastern & Central Trust, One Foundation, NZ Racing Board and the Southern Trust. We would not be able to do the things we do without your support, thank you.

Refereeing is critical to the rugby community. I would like to thank all of the referee's that gave up their time to make sure that rugby is played in our province. Thank you to Stu Taylforth and his executive for their dedication and hard work, and Lindsay Walker for his representation of the Referees at a Governance level.

Thank you to all the volunteers of the Rugby Committee and the Board. Your Union is indebted to you for the time you have donated and for the direction you have provided.

To my staff of Aleni, Britt, Cam, Eli, Linda, and Ryan, thank you very much. Your drive and dedication to this organisation is hugely appreciated. You have provided your Union with excellent service and regularly go above and beyond the call of duty to serve your Union. You have outdone yourselves this year and the quality of your work was amazing, I am very proud of you.

At the time of writing this report, I am one week away from completing 10 years in the role of Chief Executive Officer. Time does certainly fly when you are in a job you love, a decade has flown by in the blink of an eye and I feel very privileged and honoured to have held this role for the last 10 years

Lastly, to all the volunteers from all areas, I offer you my thanks and respect. To the clubs, players, coaches, managers, physio's, referees, supporters, administrators, parents and anyone who gives up their time freely for our great game, I thank you.

Yours in Rugby,

Corey Kennett

Chief Executive Officer.





President's Report

2018 has seen one of the best senior club rugby competitions for some years. It was a very close and even contest for most of the season. Congratulations to Toa for taking out the Premier competition. There were eight teams in this year's Premier competition with the exception of Levin Wanderers, but I do wish them all the best for next season and hope they return to the Premier grade. Congratulations also to Levin College Old Boys on winning the Senior Reserve competition for the second year in a row.

A highlight for me this year was being involved in the Southern North Island Primary Schools Tournament which we hosted at Otaki Domain in Otaki. There were some very talented boys who represented their teams well and it will be interesting where some of these kids end up in 4-5 years' time.

The Representative season has been a huge success especially in our 125th Anniversary year. Our Heartland team did extremely well in holding off a strong finishing Wairarapa Bush team who were pounding our line right at full time only to lose the ball. Congratulations to Captain Ryan Shelford and his team in securing some long overdue silverware for our Union. Winning any silverware is tough enough, and with how tight the Heartland competition was this year made it special.

My many thanks to Chief Executive Officer, Corey Kennett, and his staff Aleni Feagaiga, Ryan Shelford, Linda Morgan, Cameron Prouting, Eli Kose for the work you have done this year. Corey, you and your team have done a remarkable job with the many 125th Anniversary events we have celebrated this year.

Happy Christmas and New Year all the best for 2019, can't wait.

Regards

Gerald De Castro
HKRFU President



Community Rugby Manager Report

Talofa lava, it gives me great pleasure to present the Community Rugby Manager 2018 Annual report for the Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Football Union in our 125th Anniversary Year.

Junior and Secondary School rugby has once again been fantastic. I would like to thank all the Club Junior Convenor's and Secondary School Teachers in Charge of Rugby for their continued hard work and dedication throughout the year. I have enjoyed working with you all.

The success of our Heartland team this year has really capped a great 125th Anniversary year for our Union. Congratulations to Captain Ryan Shelford and his team on winning the Lochore Cup in this year Heartland Championship Competition.

I would like to take this moment to thank all our players who were selected in Horowhenua Kapiti Representative team's this year from our Under 11's team right up to our Heartland team. I hope you continue to wear the Nua jersey with pride in the years to come. These rep teams wouldn't be possible without direction of the people that select, train, coach and manage them. Thank you for imparting your knowledge on to our players so that they can learn and develop into better players.

Congratulations to Shae Gray (Manawatu College) and Connor Paki (Foxton RFC) who were selected to the Hurricanes U18 camp. Both boys put their best foot forward and didn't look out of place against the best Under 18 talent in the Hurricanes region, they are very local lads.

We had a very successful year with our Under 20s programme, Congratulations to Nathan Beuck, Ethan Pollock and Dean Thomas on a successful campaign, after going unbeaten and winning the Hurricanes Youth Council Under 20 Heartland Development Competition they managed to get 8 players selected into the Hurricanes Heartland Under 20s team. Poleka Itielu, John Lomu, Lei Katoa, Jordan Tupai-Ui, Moses Pearce, Xavier Pereka, Treden Winterburn and Sean Pape who managed to pick up the player of the Tournament.

I was lucky enough this year to get the opportunity to Coach the New Zealand Heartland Under 19 team at the National Jock Hobbs Under 19 Tournament in Taupo. Horowhenua Kapiti managed to get four players selected into this year's National squad. Connor Paki, Moses Pearce, Xavier Pereka, and Vice-Captain Sean Pape all played well away at Tournament and represented themselves, their families and our Union with pride.

To conclude my report, I would like to thank all of our hardworking volunteers who willingly sacrifice their time and energy to ensure that rugby stays alive in all areas of our community rugby. A massive thank you for being a part of a wonderful 2018 and look forward to doing it all over again in 2019.

Yours in rugby

Aleni Feaga'iga

Community Rugby Manager

Rugby Development Officer Report

Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby continues to inspire and develop me as an individual. As someone who gets to experience rugby in this province, from refereeing, coaching, playing and educating all ages in all aspects of rugby.

Being our 125th Anniversary year, this has added to the already busy rugby schedule, but what a year it has been! Here is a list of a few events throughout the 2018 year; Hurricanes training at the Levin Domain, followed by the Hurricanes Development playing against Japan A, we hosted Te Tini a Maui Maori Rugby Tournament for the first time in a number of years (over a decade), HK Heartland pre-season game at Westpac Stadium against Wairarapa Bush, HK Heartland pre-season against a Wellington XV, HKRFU Junior Festival, Hurricanes Youth Council Under 15 7's tournament, HKRFU Club Finals, HKRFU Black Tie dinner, HKRFU Old Timers Day, HKRFU Primary Schools tournament and the HKRFU Prizegiving. I think I have captured most of the events HKRFU have hosted in 2018, forgive me if I have left something off. As you can see it has been a particularly busy year, I could write a page on each of these topics.

It's been a great year for rugby in the Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Union, firstly congratulations to Levin College Old Boys RFC and Toa RFC for winning their respective grades in the HKRFU Club Rugby Competition. The HKRFU Under 20's for winning their grade in the Hurricanes Youth Council Under 20 Competition and congratulations must go to Nathan Beuck (Head Coach), Ethan Pollock (Assistant Coach) and the players.

Congratulations to the HKRFU Heartland team for gaining their second National Title and becoming the Lochore Cup Champions for 2018. I would like to acknowledge the Management, Chris Wilton (Head Coach), Mark Rutene (Assistant Coach), Nathan Picchi (Manager), Nathan Taylor (Assistant Manager), Thomas Barnsley (Physio), Debbie Jackson (Strapper) and Jason White (Video Analyst). Last but not least, to acknowledge the players of 2018, working hard against a North Otago team deep in the South Island and gaining a victory we needed to get our season on track. Taking two hard loses before going into a Lochore Cup Semi Final against a team that had beaten us in the 1st game of round robin, to emerge with not only with the win but another Heartland home final, thank you lads. It might sound funny, but it has been a dream of mine since first putting on the HK Heartland Jersey in 2009 to win a Championship for the Nua, but to do it on home soil was more than I could have hoped for.

Thank you to the HKRFU Staff, Corey Kennett (CEO), Aleni Feagaiga (CRM), Cameron Prouting (CRA), Linda Morgan (CDO) and Eli Kose (RRO) for the work behind the scenes. Hosting four Heartland Finals is no easy feat and yet every Finals day has been perfect. Thank you for all your work team.

I'd like to congratulate a number of players for achieving higher honours, Hurricanes Under 18 Camp – Shae Gray and Connor Paki. Hurricanes Under 20's, Moses Pearce, Lei Katoa, Sean Pape, Xavier Pereka, Jordan Tupai-Ui, John Lomu, Poleka Itielu and Treden Winterburn. New Zealand Heartland Under 19, Xavier Pereka, Moses Pearce, Connor Paki, Sean Pape and congratulations to Aleni Feagaiga on his appointment of Head Coach. New Zealand Heartland XV, Scott Cameron, Aaron Lahmert, Willie Paia'aua and congratulations to Mark Rutene on his appointment of Assistant Coach.

As always it is a pleasure to work, play, coach, referee rugby in our province.

Regards

Ryan Shelford

Rugby Development Officer



Club Development Officer Report

This year has certainly gone by fast and I am very privileged to have been a part of the HKRFU 125th Anniversary Celebrations this year.

In early March, I attended the Club Development Officer Workshop held by NZRU in Wellington. Our main focus was around Child Protection as well as Respect and Responsibilities in the club environment.

The staff attended the Child Protection Training at NZRU on Friday the 27th of April. I was a little bit worried of what was expected of us, as staff and for you all as volunteers. It wasn't as bad as I thought and it's basically knowing what to do if you are ever in a situation where you may feel/see something is wrong.

We hosted the Hurricanes Development team and the Sunwolves Development team (Japan A) on the 26th of April. Congratulations to Ryan Shelford, Willie Paia'aua, Scott Cameron and Aaron Lahmert for being selected to play for the Hurricanes side. It was a fantastic evening of rugby.

Congratulations to Toa for winning the Premier Grade against Rahui and Levin College Old Boys for winning the Senior Reserve Grade against Foxton. Well done to all four teams that made it to the finals. A special thanks to club's this year, your support during the season has been fantastic.

The opening of the Hohepa Jacob Community Rugby Centre, The Black Tie Dinner, Old Timer's Day and winning the Lochore Cup against Wairarapa Bush were definitely the highlights of the year and I am very proud to have been a part of these events.

Thank you to the Referees who find the time to be available every weekend for Club Rugby and Representative Rugby. We welcomed two new Premier Referee's this season, Ray McMillan and Sam Thompson. Thank you to Stu and the Referee's Association this year and I look forward to working with you all next year.

Congratulations to all of the nominees and prize winners at our HKRFU Annual Prizegiving, another fantastic night had by all.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved this year, HKRFU Staff, Board of Directors, Rugby Committee, Referee's Association, Interview/Review Panel, Coaches, Managers and our volunteers who stand by us. Without your continuous help we would not be able to make things possible.

I look forward to seeing you all next year, have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regards

Linda Morgan

Accounts Officer/Club Development Officer



Community Rugby Assistant Report

We have come to the end of a very busy, yet exciting year in our 125th Anniversary year.

The Rippa Rugby programme in schools continued to be a hugely popular initiative to grow rugby throughout our schools and region. The teachers who attended this year's tournaments were very pleased with the organisation as well as the competitiveness and fair play that was shown.

Secondary School Rugby continued to grow in 2018. The HK Secondary School Sevens tournament proved to be a huge success, with the Open Boys, Open Girls, U15 Boys and U15 Girls grades all playing at Playford Park in Levin on the same day. This was the first time we had four grades playing in this tournament and the inclusion of the U15 Girls grade meant there was an opportunity for all players to be involved. Manawatu College 1st XV had a fantastic season, winning both the Horowhenua Kapiti Secondary Schools 7's and Super Six and playing in Premier 1 in the Manawatu competition for this first time. To have three competitive teams at a secondary school with only 250 students is fantastic considering the amount of sporting code options young people have available to them. Our Secondary Schools Girls programme proved to be a huge success in 2018 with the introduction of an U18 Girls competition to be run alongside the U15 Girls competition that was introduced in 2017. All of the staff have been working extremely hard to get these two competitions running including coaching teams, refereeing games and being van drivers to get girls to the games.

Once again, this year I continued the collation of all Senior Club and Representative Results from teams throughout our Union. Credit must go to the coaches, managers and club personnel who send through their results straight after games. I understand how busy many of you are on match days, so a big thank you to you all. Also, a big congratulations to Toa Premiers and Levin College Old Boys Senior Reserves for winning their respective grades. Toa had a fantastic season on their return to the competition, winning the Shannon 7's, Nash Cup, Ramsbottom Cup and Foxton 10's.

The representative season saw many highlights in 2018. As I'm sure you're all aware, our Heartland team winning the Lochore Cup final was a memorable occasion that will stay with them and our Horowhenua Kapiti rugby community for a long time! The HK U20 team won the HYC Heartland U20 competition and had a number of players selected to represent the Hurricanes Heartland U20 team and NZ Heartland U19 team. Congratulations to the U20 team on a fantastic season.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers in clubs, schools and the rugby community for all of your hard work throughout the 2018 season. Bring on 2019!

Regards

Cameron Prouting
Community Rugby Assistant

Rippa Rugby Officer Report

Firstly, I would like to say happy birthday to our union. The big 125 years old. What a busy and successful year it has been.

Being my first year I have learnt so much from all of my colleagues. Coming from a background of teaching kids I knew this job was going to be good for me, not only teaching students but also teaching the game I love.

Our Rippa Rugby programme is an amazing programme to grow and teach our younger generation in our schools and the region. I have really enjoyed teaching/coaching my schools in Levin. Also, helping with Cameron and Ryan's schools when need to. I have hosted several Rippa and Tackle tournaments this year. This year for the Levin schools was the first time we had a separate boys and girls Rippa Tournament. Feedback from teachers and parents was good, as sometimes girls are a bit shy to show their talent in front of the lads. The talent we have here in the Horowhenua is just simply amazing. I am looking forward to running more tournaments/competitions next year.

On the 26th April we hosted the Hurricanes Development team here at the Levin Domain. Well done to Willie Paia'aua, Ryan Shelford Aaron Lahmert and Scott Cameron on your selection to play in the Hurricanes side.

The talent in Secondary Schools here in the Horowhenua is just 'WOW'. The Horowhenua Kapiti Secondary School Sevens played at Playford Park was a huge success with many teams involved. Congratulations to Manawatu College who took out the 1st XV, U15, U18 girls' grades.

I would like to thank coaches/managers/volunteers for an awesome club rugby season. Without you we could not play the game we love. Big congratulations to Toa on winning the Premier grade and College Old Boys on winning the Senior Reserve grade. Well done to all teams involved in finals day.

What a huge success our Black Tie Dinner was. With many attending, it was a wonderful evening to enjoy company of past and present Heartland players. It was great to have Selica Winiata and Dane Coles there as well. Listening to when/where/how they started playing as kids growing up was inspiring. Thank you to Ruth Pretty caterers the food was mouth-watering.

What a year for our Heartland team. Finishing in the top 8 qualifying them to play for the Lochore Cup, our Heartland team won their semi-final against Mid Canterbury making a pathway for them to take on Wairarapa Bush in the Lochore Cup final. The Heartland team beat Wairarapa Bush to win the Lochore Cup final. What a day it was not only for the team but for all supporters that were at the Domain. Congratulations to our Lochore Cup Champions, Horowhenua Kapiti Heartland team.

Faafetai,

Elī Kose

Rippa Rugby Officer



Heartland Report 2018

Mai i te Raki, mai i te Tonga, e ngā mata tapuae Tēnā Koutou Katoa

2018 was always set up to be a year like no other for many reasons. There was of course the celebrations of our 125th year, an occasion that comes round but once and there was a historic element to this team and the expectation after winning our last national cup in our 100th year with the mighty 1993 team. Hosting a Meads Cup Final in 2017 also added a certain expectation and pressure to the Heartland Team this year.

Loan Players

We were particularly fortunate to retain our 2 loan players from Tawa, Kalim Kelemete and James So'oialo. They are well vested in our culture and are proud Nua boys. Unusually, we acquired a loan player from another Heartland Union (Whanganui) Timoci Seruwalu. Timoci was also a fantastic addition to our team, a strong runner and defender who fit into our environment effortlessly and was well loved and respected in our team. All 3 'loanies' were top point / try scorers with James becoming the top point scorer in the 2018 Heartland Competition. Appropriately, Kalim had a fantastic game in the semi-final and James had a blinder in the final.

Round Robin

The round robin phase of the campaign always promised to be challenging especially when you look at the 3 teams we did not play all finished in the bottom 4. In reflection North Otago was, once again, a turning and significant game in the context of our season. We had played poorly against South Canterbury the week before and we were facing a realisation that another loss would have had us in the bottom 4. A gutsy performance by the team ensured we stayed in the running for a Meads Cup semi but perhaps more importantly, raised our belief in what we could achieve and began a run of three straight wins in the following games. The last 3 games we played all were Meads Cup finalists. Finishing a season like this was particularly challenging and was a great test on not only our form on the paddock but our environment and culture within the team. The Paraparaumu Rugby Football Club were great hosts of the King Country game. After a season of having the majority of slow starts, we started this game well and were up 17-3 at half time. Thames Valley was literally a heartbreaker! They scored in the 84th minute to beat us by 2 points. This was identical to our match the year before, same place on the field, same situation (them hot on attack) to win the game, however this time they were able to score. It was a poignant moment in the season as one could say it was this victory that enabled them to move forward in the competition the way they did and win their first ever Meads Cup. Thames Valley was a tough match that could have gone either way. It definitely hurt losing "Brucey" vs Whanganui. The last 20 minutes of this game we were able to score 4 tries and hold over 70% of possession. However, a slow start to this game would be understatement and we took far too long to start playing to our potential.

Summary

Having a strong culture and team unity was crucial to the round robin phase of the competition. Amongst the highs, the lows (South Canterbury and Whanganui) were demoralising losses. The team showed a lot of determination to bounce back time and time again and deserve a lot of credit for their attitude and application of the game plan. The game plan that we have put in place continues to be successful when we are able to execute it for long periods of time. Although finishing as top qualifiers for the Lochore Cup there was still a

strong realisation for the team that we had not put together an 80-minute performance which was definitely one of our goals as we headed towards finals footy.

Semi Final vs Mid Canterbury

A slow start again had us 17-0 down after 18 minutes. Mid Canterbury must have been confident at this point and it took a start like this to wake us up and get into the game. The 24-34 score-line to us at the end of the game was a fair reflection. In the second half we completely dominated for long periods and were far the better team. Once again, we were able to come back from adversity and when we played the game plan, we looked impressive and had built a fair bit of momentum to take forward into the Lochore Cup Final.

Lochore Cup Final - Levin Domain

A huge occasion for our Union and our community. The 2nd time Sky TV was reporting live from Levin in as many years and a proud moment for ourselves and all our stakeholders! We had learnt many things from our previous final and were keen to apply these learnings into this game to ensure we were victorious at the end of it. Staying together the night before was one of these learnings. The team stayed at the Playford Park motor camp and utilised our new hub, the CRC, which has been a big hit for the team and has provided a fantastic resource for things like video analysis, team meetings, jersey presentations and physio treatments. The game itself was very tense in true HK 2018 fashion. As a representative coach for Horowhenua Kapiti for 18 years I do not think I had felt more tense than in the last 2 minutes. Feeling the weight of our first Heartland trophy, 125 years, last year's final amongst other things, the biggest feeling at the end of the game was relief rather than jubilation. A fantastic effort from the team, Aaron Lahmert was an absolute standout in this game as was James So'oialo who became the competitions top point scorer kicking 6 out of 6 goals. The power of our scrum once again was dominant and impressive. Ultimately the winning try came from a 5m scrum with a Wairarapa feed that ended up with our penalty. It was from this that we were eventually able to score, what would be, the winning try (Davey Mac). Our scrum was perhaps one of our most consistent facets of our season. This was developed and worked on at training every week and after so much emphasis on this set piece aspect it was totally rewarding to see it play it's part in the victory. The development of our defence and defensive policies was also particularly pleasing to see. This came to the fore in our semi-final and then as the saying goes "defence wins finals" was another crucial part of us holding up the cup in the end.

It was an unforgettable moment to bring a National Cup back to OUR union. We have received fantastic support from the union and our supporters. There is a lot of sacrifice that is made in any Heartland Campaign and to win the Lochore Cup for all of us from HK seems to make it all worthwhile.

Mauri Ora!!!!

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Wilton

Heartland Head Coach



Sevens Team Report

The 2017/18 Campaign started slowly with very limited numbers largely due to the success of the Heartland Team. We had very little numbers to training initially with the first real serious influx of players coming the week before our Tournament in Napier.

We had a few good young guys put their hands up with Arana Murphy getting introduced to the game at this level and Ethan Reti backing up for the second year.

We struggled to get the senior players to commit on the back of a rather long 15 aside season for the Representative guys and a few carrying injuries.

Garry Phelps and Dave Thompson made themselves available though both were carrying injuries. Garry had to pull out in the end due to injury.

Aaron Lahmert was not available for the Regional Tournament and Willie Paia'aua returned from NZ Heartland duties with an injury.

Whilst we were competitive at the Regional Tournament, we were undone by a tough pool and having to play off against Wairarapa for the final spot at Nationals. This was a hard-fought close game, but the Bush Boys got over us on this occasion to go through to the National Tournament.

The underlying factor to the limited success of the 7's programme is player availability and depth. Along with limited opportunity to play sevens prior to the Regional Tournament.

Regards

Mark Tooman
Team Manager



Under 20's Report

With a new Coaching team of Nathan Beuck and Ethan Pollock this year, preparation again was short with only two weeks to assemble our team from the completion of club rugby to the start of the Hurricanes Under 20 Heartland competition. The first game was against Wairarapa Bush in Levin followed by a double header the following weekend against Wanganui and Poverty Bay at the Massey Rugby and Sports Institute in Palmerston North.

Round 1, August 4th: We hosted Wairarapa Bush on Levin Domain. HK dominated the first half scoring 4 tries to one and a lead of 20-7. In the second half the Bush fought back to score a nice try to close the gap to 6 points, but the HK boys showed their intestinal fortitude to hold the Bush out 27-19. Stand out players were Xavier Pereka with two tries and Sione Lomu with a very fine long distance try.

Round 2, August 11th: We were at the Rugby and Sports Institute up against defending Champions Wanganui. We were fired up and ready for battle, and HK were on the offensive right from the kick off dominating all aspects of the game and Wanganui had no answer. It wasn't until HK had 2 players in the bin that the predicted Wanganui fight back came where they scored 3 tries but once the players were back from the bin, HK took charge again to win 37-21. Top players were Xavier Pereka with 3 tries and Sean Pape who kicked 3 conversions and 2 penalties.

Round 3, August 12th: Back at the SRI up against Poverty Bay needing a win to become champions and Poverty Bay with nothing to lose a titanic match was on the cards. And that's how it panned out but, as the game went on HK's dominance and fitness started to show as the boys ran out a comfortable 51-7 win to claim HK's first title since 2009.

We were also elated to learn that Moses Pearce, Sean Pape, Sione Lomu, Jordan Tupai-Ui, Poleka Itielu, Treden Winterburn, Lei Katoa and Xavier Pereka were selected for the Hurricanes Heartland Under 20's as well as Sean Pape winning Player of the tournament.

Horowhenua Kapiti Under 20 Player of the year was awarded to Xavier Pereka who with his all-round play scored 6 tries in 3 games.

Regards

Dean Thomas
Manager



Under 18's Report

The 2018 Campaign started very well with good numbers to our muster/testing day. This was driven by good successful programs at both Manawatu College and Kapiti College, along with some gold nuggets spread among the other schools and clubs.

A good number of the boys played for the successful U20's Team that won their competition. A couple of players (Connor Paki & Moses Pearce) went on to represent in the NZ Heartland Under 19 Team so unfortunately their services were not available for the U18 program.

We had a very good first hit out in a pre-tournament game against Wanganui at Spriggens Park. We had the better of the score board but unfortunately copped a couple of critical injuries which meant the loss of two key front rowers in Vaughan McCardle & Oakli Wilson-Tiotio. We also lost a couple of key backs for a few weeks with Toroa Rapana, Elian Mohi & Tremaine Thompson all sustaining injuries.

The college Winter Tournament Week was a major disruption with all but 7 boys away with their schools for Winter Tournaments, Rugby League, Hockey and Rugby. After the Tournaments we lost more players through injuries and guys pulling out for various reasons including being over Rugby for the year, wanting a rest.

Zane Ainslie received a scholarship to the UK to attend Plymouth College. Kale Eriksson picked up a Red Card against Thames Valley, so he was gone for the remaining games. What started with a squad of 30 quickly whittled down to 18 and we started to desperately call players in, this was less than ideal as the team didn't progress but rather stood still while the new players learnt the systems.

The trip to Napier was a fantastic opportunity to get some good culture flowing through the team especially with several new players in the team.

Whilst we didn't win any games in the competition, we played some great rugby and showed some good glimpses of what we could do especially with a fully fit team. Having both Wellington Teams and Poverty Bay in our pool made for a tough challenge. Wellington Centurions ended up winning the competition. Shae Gray was jointly awarded player of the Tournament and that was with missing a game

All in all, we had some great talent coming through. If we could get them all on the field at the same time, they would be an incredible team. If this is a glimpse of the future Heartland team then more titles should be coming our way.

Regards

Mark Tooman

Coach



U16's Report

HK Under 16 team proudly sponsored by Delta Contractors:

1. Ted Northcott, Kapiti College 2. Christos Petratos (C), Kapiti College 3. Josh Greener, Kapiti College 4. Lleyton Hammond, Paraparaumu College 5. Michael O'Donnell, Horowhenua College 6. Liam Anderson, Waiopahu College 7. Joel Paxton, Horowhenua College 8. Dean McIntosh, Paraparaumu College 9. Neihana Hapurona, Waiopahu College 10. Cameron Bond (VC), Kapiti College 11. James Betty, Horowhenua College 12. Kagyn Taunoa, Manawatu College 13. Darren Falaniko, Paraparaumu College 14. Trevor Chambers, Manawatu College 15. Knox Tuinasau, Paraparaumu College 16. Hamish Cowie, Paraparaumu College 17. Francis Abete, Waiopahu College 18. William Coutts, Paraparaumu College 19. Max Heald, Waiopahu College 20. Kalli Francis-Chambers, Manawatu College 21. Shontae Ropoama, Horowhenua College 22. Anitoni Metui, Waiopahu College 23. Oskar Tuvalu, Paraparaumu College 24. Ilisoni Rauhihi, Manawatu College

Game 1 v Wanganui

Lost 24 – 17: HK lead at halftime and for most of the game until an intercept by Wanganui with a few minutes to go gave them the result.

Game 2 v Johnsonville selection

Draw 39 - 39: Again, we lead at halftime and for most of the game and yet again an intercept allowed Johnsonville to gain a draw.

Game 3 v Wellington Development (Game 1 of Tournament, pre-tournament)

Lost 14 – 64: This was a bit of an eye opener for the team as Wellington had some bigger boys. Although our boys tried, they struggled to contain Wellington defensively.

Game 4 v Wairarapa Bush (Game 2 of tournament)

Won 45 – 38: The team hit the ground running with a brisk tailwind and had a decisive lead at half time although with the wind at their backs Wairarapa Bush through everything they had at our boys in the 2nd half but couldn't quite manage to overcome us.

Game 5 v Wanganui @ Rathkeale College (Game 3 of Tournament, friendly)

Lost 36 – 17: The boys lost a bit of composure and structure but tried hard till the end and never gave up. Slightly bigger team than the one they faced in Waikanae earlier in the season.

Game 6 v Wanganui (Game 4 of tournament, playoff for 3rd & 4th)

Lost 33 – 22: A different HK team turned up with a bit more belief. It took 25 mins before there was any score in this game. Our composure and structure were back. In the end I believe the difference was size. Yet again the heads never went down, and we kept on giving till the end.

Congratulations to Ilisoni Rauhihi for his selection in the HYC Under 16 Tournament team, gaining selection into the tournament team is very difficult but was duly deserved for his outstanding play during the tournament.

Yours sincerely

Murray Bond

Manager

Under 14's Report

Coaches: Ramon Diamond, Robbie Paia'aua

Manager: April Nordstrom

Events and games attended this year:

U14 Hurricanes Development Camp in Taupo

U14 Games (Wairarapa Bush, Whanganui, Wellington U13, Manawatu)

Firstly, the management staff would like to thank the HKRFU for their ongoing support and development in this level of rugby. The equipment that we received to use for the season was plentiful and lasted the trainings and games. It was easy to pick up a swipe card for Playford Park and use that for the lights, so logistics of the season were easy to control. Travel to and from venues were more than easy to organise with the Union, parents and players. All travel was hassle free, and bus drivers were more than accommodating.

Taupo Development Camp:

The camp itself was awesome. The boys really enjoyed the experience and playing in the union colours for the first time. It was a challenging couple of days, many skills were built upon and the range of different coaches was a highlight for the boys. More communication to coaches around the type of activity they would be taking on the camp was suggested as they did not have long to prepare what they needed.

Food options (breakfast and dinner) were really good, boys not eating in the morning was hard, it was obvious that they were energy lacking around 10 am. Thanks to April for cooking, and teaching Robbie how to cook pasta.

The combination of Ramon and Robbie was of credit this year, the performance and skill level of the boys grew throughout the time of the season. Few general points to state: there was a low representation of players from the more south schools, it was felt like the talent of the area is not being fully recognised, there is a lack of game knowledge that boys are coming into the rep season with.

Overall, the U14 team had a great season. We hope that many of the boys stay in HKRFU and move up to play for the HK U16 next year.

Nga mihi,

U14 Coaching & Management staff



Secondary School's Report

In 2018 the local colleges in the HKRFU fielded 22 teams, playing in either the Manawatu or Wellington Secondary Schools' Competitions. This is the third year in a row we have seen an increase in the number of students at our secondary schools playing rugby - In 2017 there were 19 teams and 2017 there were 16 teams.

Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Union Tournaments:

Both the Super 6 and 7s Tournaments continue to be well supported by all colleges. By holding them in Term 1 it provides a good pre-season opportunity for players to test their skills against others but also for coaches to see the talent they have to work with for the upcoming year. The HKRFU staff involved in both the organising and running of these need to be commended for their commitment to ensuring all colleges have the opportunity to participate.

2018 Horowhenua Kapiti Super 6 Winners:

- **1st XV:** Manawatu College
- **Under 15:** Manawatu College

2018 Horowhenua Kapiti 7s Winners:

- **Open Boys:** Manawatu College
- **Open Girls:** Manawatu College
- **U15 Boys:** Manawatu College

Girls Rugby:

2018 continued to show an increase in the number of Secondary School Girls choosing to play rugby. This is due to the initiatives driven by the Union Staff. This year we not only continued with a local Under 15 Girls Competition but also for the first time had an Under 18 Girls Competition. There were 4 teams in each grade, with representation from all of our secondary schools across these two grades.

2018 Horowhenua Kapiti Girls Winners:

- **Under 18:** Te Waiwhenua (Combined Horowhenua & Waiopahu College team)
- **Under 15:** Kapiti College

Individual Player Achievements:

- Shae Gray – Manawatu College (Hurricanes U18 Camp)
- Ilisoni Rauhihi – Manawatu College (Hurricanes U17 camp & HYC U16 Tournament Team)
- Christos Petratos – Kapiti College (Hurricanes U17 camp)
- Cameron Bond – Kapiti College (Hurricanes U17 camp)
- Knox Tuinasau – Paraparaumu College (Hurricanes U17 camp)

I would like acknowledge CEO Corey Kennett as well as Aleni, Ryan, Cameron, Eli and Linda for their continued support in ensuring resources are put in to the development of our secondary schools' players. The Union and individual players are certainly profiting long term

through the Union's commitment to rugby in our local colleges as can be seen with the following successes of former Horowhenua Kapiti Secondary School players:

- Dane Coles and Codie Taylor playing for the 2018 All Blacks
- 18 players in the 2018 Lochore Cup winning Heartland Team all came from local Secondary Schools including Captain Ryan Shelford and the 3 players who made the 2018 New Zealand Heartland Squad; Willie Paia'aua, Aaron Lahmert and Scott Cameron

Finally, I would like to thank all the referees, parents, teachers and volunteers who have given up their time to coach, manage or support our Secondary Schools' Teams in 2018.

Regards

Kathy Grey
Chairperson HKSS



Junior Rugby Report

This year was a better year in terms of the “smooth running” of Junior Rugby within HKRFU. Consistency with Junior delegates has been the key and as such we seem to be able to prevent or deal with issues immediately and most importantly, arrange games for all of our Junior players to participate in. Thanks to you all for the tireless work you put in, however I do know that some may not return in 2019, so there is a bit of re-building to occur.

Junior Club Rugby:

Numbers playing the game seem to be constant, however the relationship between the North and South is very healthy and as a result, there were a lot more “exchanges” between the North and South Clubs, usually arranged at a Coach to Coach level. Well done to all that were involved!

Coaching courses:

Again, each year seems to get better and better and the turnout was very impressive. I must stress these are crucial to the Juniors and their parents as to how they believe or perceive how the game is to be played. If our whanau, parents and supporters understand how the game operates at a Junior level, then issues don't seem to arise, so we all must push the message that any person can attend these courses to improve their own knowledge of what the game is about.

Referees:

Same message every year, well done to all the volunteers that assist in this area. A lot of the time it does fall on coaches, but if we can each identify a helpful parent among our teams early, then these people can be encouraged to attend the “Small Blacks” coaching course at the beginning of each year, so we can ease the pressure from our coaches.

Sideline Behaviour:

Dealing with behaviour is something that happens every year, and it doesn't get easier, as a lot of our whanau, parents, coaches and supporters are very passionate about our fantastic game. We must all remember this game is for our kids and really it is not about the score but more about getting involved.

Representative Rugby:

This year HKRFU participated in the Intra Provincial Representative Tournament which is the Wellington 'weighted' 12s and 13s tournament during the July holidays.

The end of year representative season for the U11s, U12s and U13s went very well again, and all teams "punched well above their weight" obtaining some good results. Well done to the teams and a special thanks goes to Coaches and Managers as I know the time and commitment required to meet these representative schedules.

Finally, I would like to thank the HKRFU support of Aleni Feagaiga, Cameron Prouting, Ryan Shelford, Eli Kose, Linda Morgan and Corey Kennett, without their support this wouldn't happen. I look forward to 2019.

Regards

Slade Sturmey
JMB Chair

Primary Schools Report

The Horowhenua Kapiti Primary Schools Representative Rugby Team competed in the 2018 Southern North Island Primary Schools Rugby Tournament which was successfully hosted by the Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Union at the Otaki Domain, with the support of the Rahui Rugby Club.

The following players were selected in this year's squad

Jacob **Chappell** (Kena Kena School, Paraparaumu), Te Manawa **Grace** (Kapanui School, Waikanae), Rongotai **Chapman-Downing** (Waitohu School, Otaki), Tana **Faumuina** (St Joseph's School, Levin), Seth **Smith** (Levin Intermediate School), Blake **Manning**, (Otaki College), William **Ralph** (Raumati Beach School), Keegan **Green** (Kapanui School, Waikanae), Iraia **Papara** (c) (Kapanui School, Waikanae), Noah **Cundy** (Kapanui School, Waikanae School), John **Strange** (St Mary's School, Foxton), Kayden **Jarvis** (Waikanae School), Sione **Metui** (Taitoko School), Eruera **Matehaere** (Levin Intermediate School), Dylan **Kennedy** (Kapanui School, Waikanae), Daniel **Greener** (Paraparaumu Beach School), Shantayne **Rangiua-Herbert** (Levin Intermediate School), Joaquin **Llera** (Waikanae School), Rico **Albert** (Paraparaumu Beach School), Wiari **Faulkner** (Waikanae College), Hari **Murphy** (Levin Intermediate School), Onyx **Hirini** (Fairfield School, Levin)

This year's team was coached again by Slade Sturmeay, assisted by Dan Ralph and managed by Tracey Manning.

The selected squad played positive, attacking rugby with close wins over Rangitikei and Wellington in their first two games before losing their third game to the well performing Hutt Valley team (eventual winners of the Tournament) and a close loss to Mana in the final game. However, the team earned sufficient tournament points to finish second overall behind Hutt Valley. As representatives of the Union, the squad conducted themselves well, both on and off the field

Horowhenua Kapiti Results

Game 1 – 2 nd October	Horowhenua Kapiti v Rangitikei	31 - 29
Game 2 – 3 rd October	Horowhenua Kapiti v Wellington	25 - 22
Game 3 – 4 th October	Horowhenua Kapiti v Hutt Valley	0 - 63
Game 4 – 5 th October	Horowhenua Kapiti v Mana	22 - 29

Congratulations are extended to Dylan Kennedy, Seth Smith, Noah Cundy and Joaquin Llera who were selected the Southern North Island Primary Schools Tournament Team named at the conclusion of the competition.

The Levin Cosmopolitan Cup for the 'Most Outstanding Horowhenua Kapiti Player' of the 2018 Tournament was awarded to Dylan Kennedy, with Joaquin Llera being recognised as the Best Back and Seth Smith the Best Forward. Rongotai Chapman-Downing was recognised as the Most Improved Player.

This report acknowledges both Slade Sturmeay, (Coach, Horowhenua Kapiti), and Tony King, (Coach, Hutt Valley), who were jointly awarded the Paul Wehipeihana Memorial Cup, at the conclusion of the Tournament; recognising them as the Best and Fairest Coaches at the tournament.

Tournament Team – Post Tournament Fixture

Following earlier discussions with Hugh Ede, an official involved with the Hawkes Bay Ross Shield Tournament, a game was arranged for this year's Tournament Team against the Ross Shield Tournament Team. This game was played at Rugby Park in Dannevirke a week later (13th Oct 2018) and while the game was won convincingly by the Ross Shield Tournament Team, the Southern North Island Primary Schools Tournament Team welcomed the opportunity to play in this post-tournament fixture. The team was coached by Slade Sturmeay and Tony King and was managed by Tracey Manning, (Horowhenua Kapiti), and Kirsty McTamney, (Hutt Valley).

The 2019 Tournament will be hosted by Rangitikei.

Acknowledgements:

Special thanks to this year's coaching and management staff for the time and effort they put in to training the team and managing them at the tournament. As in previous years, feedback from parents, guardians and players has been positive.

Special thanks to Andrea Sturmeay, Megan Qaranivalu, Ngahua Hemara-Wahanui and Josh Pearce from Rahui for their contribution and assistance during the running of the Tournament. Thanks also to Andre Baker for his assistance and input with the tournament welcome and opening

Grateful thanks to all the Union staff - Corey, Linda, Aleni, Ryan, Cameron and Eli for all their administrative and practical support prior to and during the tournament to help make it such a successful event.

Special thanks also to Rex Kerr, John Duthie, and Gerald De Castro for contributing their time as Selectors for the selection and naming of the Tournament Team.

Finally, as always, grateful thanks to all the parents and supporters who also gave up their time to support the team and provide assistance where required

Ged Eller
Convenor

Rugby Referees Association Report

The HKRRA would like to thank the union for their continued support. Thank you to Corey and his team, especially to Linda for her assistance with appointments.

We have bid farewell to our Referee Education Advisor, Matt Peters who has moved on to bigger and better things and we welcome our new Referee Education Advisor, Brittany Andrew.

The management team for 2018 has been Chairman Stu Taylforth, Secretary Greg McCardle, Treasurer Alastair Paton, and Convenor of Coaching and Grading (Stu Taylforth). Stu is supported with the coaching and grading by Brian Moore and Brian Bell. Lindsay Walker continued to represent referees on the Rugby Committee and as a director on the Board of Directors.

We would like to celebrate some of our successes for 2018:

- We welcome two experienced referees to our association, Ray McMillan ex Wellington and Sam Thompson ex Manawatu.
- Ian Carson continued to oversee our HKRRA Facebook page. Thanks to Ian Carson as our primary administrator and a special thanks to Gareth Davies from 'redbeaniephotography' for many of his photo's that have been posted.
- We would like to congratulate referees who have received awards in 2018: Premier Referee Cup – Ray McMillan, Chairman's Cup – Ian Carson, Intermediate Referee - Greg McCardle, and Junior Referee – Sam Taylor.
- Brian Moore was presented his 50 year certificate.
- We had 22 active referees and assistant referees in 2018, including 1 new referee.
- We had a successful interchange program with Wairarapa Bush, Manawatu, Whanganui and Wellington. Feedback from players, officials and referees is that this is a positive initiative and we should continue to support it.
- The Appointment and Selection policy has been embedded with all referees graded into panels. Almost all games had appointed referees, unlike 2017.
- We have reviewed our constitution to ensure it is in line with the rules to become incorporated and are almost in a position to become registered as an incorporated society.
- We have committed our reserve funds to purchase new uniforms for 2019.
- We split our education meetings between Levin and Paraparaumu and we continue to look for ways to support and develop our referees. We would like to thank Breaden McCardle Lawyers, Paraparaumu for the use of their boardroom.

Our challenges going into 2019:

- Secure a sponsor and be successful in applying for grants.
- Develop our ability to coach and mentor referees.

A special thanks to volunteers, partners and families who continue to support our referees. The HKRRA wish you all a safe festive season.

Regards

Stu Taylforth
HKRRA Chairman

HKRFU Prizegiving Award Winners List

CLUB AWARDS

Kevin De Castro/KB Swain Trophy - Levin College Old Boys Senior Reserve

Robinson Rosebowl – Levin College Old Boys Premiers

Club Referee of the Year – Ray McMillan

Supporter of the Year – Rebekah Hori Te Pa & Hayley Shaw

Club Volunteer of the Year – Irene Eruera-Taiapa

Saturday Morning Volunteer of the Year – Megan Qaranivalu

Club Coach of the Year – Ritchie Wineera

REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS

U20 Player of the Year – Xavier Pereka

Maori Colt Player of the Year – Connor Paki

Maori Player of the Year – Joel Winterburn

Sevens Player of the Year – Ethan Reti

Development Player of the Year – Hone Taiapa

Heartland Most Promising Player – Himiona Henare

Heartland Most Improved Player of the Year – Dean Ropata

Heartland Player of the Year – Aaron Lahmert

Representative Coach of the Year - Chris Wilton

Representative Team of the Year - Heartland



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