

# **MARIST ST PATS RFC**

# **48th ANNUAL REPORT 2018**



# **PHOTOS**

# FRONT COVER:

MSP's winner of the Fr Geoff Broad Memorial Trophy for team of the year was the Premier Reserves, winners of the first round Harper Lock Shield and second round Ed Chaney Cup.



Billy Proctor was selected for the NZ under-20s and Wellington Lions, and has signed a five-year contract with the Hurricanes.



MSP premier women **Monica Tagoa'i** and **Marcelle Parkes** were selected for the Black Ferns' end of year tour to the United States and France.

# MARIST ST PATS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (Inc) OFFICE BEARERS

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Archbishop John Dew DD

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**B** Tietjens

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JG O'Regan LLB

# **HON AUDITOR**

J McCormick

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The 2018 year had many highlights on the field. The premier reserves went undefeated in the first round, taking out the Harper Lock Shield, and then went on to win the Ed Chaney Cup for the second round. The colts also had a great season going undefeated in the first round and winning the Paris Memorial Trophy, then narrowly losing the second round semi-final. The Internationals came agonisingly close, finishing runner-up in their final, and the 85s made it to their semi-final.

Unfortunately our premier men's and women's teams had mixed results. While they qualified for the Jubilee Cup and the Tia Passi Memorial Cup respectively, and there was no shortage of effort from players and management, they were hindered by a combination of injuries and lack of experience.

It was pleasing that we fielded eight teams, the only club in Wellington to have a team in each grade. However, as we all know it's becoming increasingly difficult for community rugby to attract and retain players and volunteers, adhere to increasing compliance obligations and to get the financial support needed to run a rugby club.

Clubs that thrive in the future will be those that best adapt to the changes occurring in our society and community without losing the key values that have underpinned past successes. Not an easy task to get right and something we need to keep working on.

For the club, good examples of how we are adapting are the continuing development and growth of the women's and colts' teams. The women's team was very well organised and clear in what they wanted to achieve. The same applied to the colts this season, where a strong team culture and ethos was built on and off the field. Increasing female participation and retaining players in the transition from college to club are key areas we need to continually focus on.

I acknowledge the WRFU's work to assist clubs and rugby to grow with initiatives like the Volunteer of the Month (with our own Michael 'Spud' Joyce a deserved winner), and the significant change in approach to how they will financially support and better assist clubs to promote rugby in our communities.

Regrettably this means we lose the Coach Development Officer position, a role filled by Kas Lealamanua since 2013. I would like to acknowledge and thank Kas for his huge contribution to the club during this time.

Clubrooms attendance continues to be a challenge. It's good to see more players coming up after games (especially the colts), but we need to build on this in 2019. It was also pleasing to see big attendances at key events like the Past Players and Supporters' Day especially with many of the 1988 Jubilee Cup side present, our Junior Club nights and the Karaoke and MSP Talent night. Thanks to all those who make these events happen.

Thanks to those people who contributed to the re-start of the 'Beat the Budgie' weekly draw and to Advanced Electrical for sponsoring the Player of the Day t-shirts. These opportunities were identified from player feedback and surveys and we reinstated them to make the Saturday night clubroom experience relevant and enjoyable.

Thank you to the Shamrock Club for their continuing support and contribution, not only financially but socially, with another very successful pre-Test dinner featuring Andrew Mehrtens. Thanks to our major sponsors in 2018: Toshiba, Heartland Bank and Home Loan

Shop, and Advanced Electrical for all they achieved for the colts' team plus their support for other teams. Also thanks to the gaming trusts who provided significant funding for our initiatives and to all of you who supported the club with donations, buying raffle tickets and membership subscriptions.

Finally, thank you to all those that played, coached, managed, supported, contributed, volunteered or were part of Marist St Pats during 2018, and a special thanks to those who will not be returning in 2019.

## Mike Hansen

Chairman

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The success of our premier side is important to Marist St Pats so this year's disappointing season cast a long shadow. The run of second-round losses came despite the best efforts of coaches and players. Andrew, Bernie, Murray and the support crew worked hard to turn the team around and I'm confident the lessons learnt will make for a successful 2019.

On the other hand, the premier reserves could hardly have had a more successful year. They played some spectacular rugby and it was great to see two loyal MSP men with a great feel for the game, coaches Edwin Meachen and Dan Kauraka, at the heart of it.

Another bright spot was the colts. Mike Tolova'a and his crew made MSP the team to beat in division one, a grade in which MSP has traditionally been strong. Other highlights on the rugby front include the women making division one; the under-85s making their semi-final; Myles Cowper and co ensuring a solid first-grade side; and the mighty Internationals all but bringing home the silverware.

In grades that aren't so often in the limelight, we're fortunate to have a committed group of player/coaches who allow MSP to field teams across all grades, the only club to do so. Poto Masina in the first grade, Cameron Bath in the Internationals, Jordan Wilson in the under-85s, and Henry Fidow in the Presidents put in a lot of work to get 15 players on the field. Henry deservedly won the Outstanding Club Member Award.

More broadly across the club, other bright spots included:

- Billy Proctor making the NZ U20s, cementing a place in the Wellington Lions, and securing a five-year contract with the Hurricanes.
- Marcelle Parkes and Monica Tagoa'i being selected for the Black Ferns.
- Denis Tocker, Dave Hansen and others organising a 30th reunion of the 1988 Jubilee Cup winning side. A film clip of the Athletic Park final provided a reminder of the quality of club rugby in that era. The reunion contributed to a great Past Players and Supporters' Day.
- That afternoon we also made a presentation to John O'Regan, MSP's honorary solicitor
  who will step down at the AGM after nearly 40 years' service to the club. Thanks John,
  for being so generous with your time and steering us through so many legal minefields.
- We have 33 coaches and managers listed at the back of this report. That represents a huge voluntary effort so thanks to everyone who took on those roles.

- The Shamrock Club came up trumps again, particularly with the pre-Test dinner where Andrew Mehrtens was an entertaining speaker. He went out of his way to chat to people and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the occasion himself.
- Chairman Mike Hansen, who is standing down after three years, deservedly won the Outstanding Administrator Award at the club's prizegiving. He and Director of Rugby John Bell put in many long hours and MSP is fortunate to have had administrators of their ability.
- Michael and Patrick Holden continue to provide an unrivalled profile for the club, with their video clips and mastery of social media attracting new players and members.
- There's nothing quite a like a clubrooms full of junior players to put things in perspective.
  Junior games and events really do fulfill MSP's aim of being a family club. There are
  many familiar names among our junior coaches and managers you could select handy
  men's and women's rugby teams from those listed in this report. Thanks to outgoing
  junior convenor Martin Paget for all his work over the years.

This has been my second and final year as President, and I wish my successor Ken Ah Kuoi, all the best in the role. It's an honour being part of a thriving community organisation where so many different people selflessly work together for common goals.

Finally, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020 will be a great opportunity to celebrate everything Marist St Pats stands for. The main events are not that far away – it's just 19 months to Queens Birthday Weekend, 2020. A committee already has venues booked, an anniversary book in the pipeline, and anniversary team selections that are well advanced. Be sure to stay in touch with MSP and take part in what promises to be a great occasion.

#### **Pat Martin**

President

## **DIRECTOR OF RUGBY REPORT**

There are many things Marist St Pats should be proud of resulting from the 2018 season. Not least is the fact we are the only club in Wellington who fields a team across every grade. We managed to successfully integrate many new coaching combinations and welcomed several new players to the club, which all resulted in a successful season across the board.

Not that a club's success or failure should be judged on trophy wins alone, but a few notable achievements include the colts going through their first round undefeated and then being pipped in the last play of the game to lose their second round semi-final; the premier reserves winning both their first and second round trophies; the 85 Reds making the second round semi-finals; and the Internationals, also losing their second round final in the game's last play.

The premiers had a real mixed season. After building nicely through the initial stages of the Swindale Shield and qualifying comfortably for the Jubilee Cup, some key injuries impacted their momentum. Unfortunately they went on a run of losses where they struggled to close out tight games and ultimately came up short of qualifying for the Jubilee Cup semi-finals. In some ways, a season of 'what ifs' which took its toll on the coaching group who all invested huge time, effort and energy into the campaign. Thanks to Andrew Robinson and his assistants Bernie Upton, Murray Tocker and Arden David as well as the management team for your efforts this year.

The premier reserves justifiably won the team of the year award at the annual prize giving. Led by the new coaching team of Edwin Meachen and Dan Kauraka, the team had an unbeaten first round to take out the Harper Lock Shield after winning a tense final against Norths at Jerry Collins Stadium. They then stumbled a couple of times early in the Ed Chaney round before regrouping to qualify second to host and comfortably win a semi-final. They then put supporters through a tense and at times stressful final against Ories which they eventually won in extra time. A great season all round.

Off the back of an outstanding 2017 season the women's team were promoted to the top grade this year. After some early season success, injuries eventually took hold and the team suffered some defeats towards the end of the competition. The women learnt a lot about competing at the top level which will be beneficial next season. Thanks again to all involved in the team's coaching and management.

The first grade team, after struggling for numbers in recent years, had a core group of a dozen or so players which meant they were able to field a team almost every week this season. They played some great rugby at times despite being up against significantly bigger teams week to week. I want to thank Poto Masina in particular for his dedication to chasing players up and helping to build a culture within the side. Special thanks also to Nic Fitisemanu and Myles Cowper for your efforts on the coaching front.

The colts were another success story. A significant recruitment drive in the off season resulted in a strong squad. Under the leadership of a new coaching group, including some returning club members and some newcomers, the team built a tight culture. In a very competitive colts grade they went through the first round undefeated to win the Paris Memorial Trophy. Despite getting a long way behind in their second round semi-final against HOBM, they fought back to lead with time running out only to concede a last minute penalty and lose 20-22. Some great steps forward throughout the season by the team who made an appearance at the clubrooms every Saturday dressed in team kit. Thanks to Mike Tolova'a and his management team for such a successful season.

The 85 Reds were another team under new coaches for this season - Jordan Wilson and Reuben Ouwerkerk. At times struggling for numbers Jordan and Reuben did a great job in rallying the troops on a weekly basis to ensure the team took the field. Some mixed results throughout the year culminated in a semi-final appearance in the second round.

Another successful season for the ageless Internationals. Another team that sometimes struggles for numbers, managers Cameron Bath, David Isaia and Aaron Bouzaid worked tirelessly to ensure they fielded 15 players each week. Special thanks to Poto Masina and Mike Tolova'a for helping out with players from the first grade and colts' teams respectively when able. The team were devastated to lose the second round-final against Upper Hutt in the last play of the game.

Another season of high octane, champagne rugby by the pressies. Thanks again to Henry Fidow and 'Spud' Joyce for getting this unlikely bunch together every week to entertain the 'crowd'. Look forward to more antics from the team in 2019.

Congratulations to all players who have been selected for representative teams. We know you will uphold MSP's values in your representative duties. On-field discipline was by and large very good so thank you to all players for upholding the spirit of the game. Clubroom attendance was once again a little disappointing given the number of teams we fielded.

Planning is underway for the 2019 season with recruitment and retention, coaching and management appointments and off-season training high priority agenda items.

Lastly, thanks to Kas Lealamanua for his contribution to the club over many years, both from a playing and coaching/administration perspective. As a result of the WRFU changing the structure of the CCO programme, Kas has finished up after six years in his role. He has invested a lot of time and energy into the player base at the club, a lot of work which often goes unnoticed. We hope to see Kas return in some capacity in the very near future.

Have a safe festive season and I look forward to the 2019 season.

#### John Bell

Director of Rugby

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2018 year has continued the trend of the past three years with a reported loss after depreciation of \$26k. Whilst both our revenue and expenditure decreased significantly during 2018, the overall result is identical to the 2017 year which also reported a \$26k loss.

Our revenue decreased by \$94k compared to 2017 (a 23.9% decrease); we comment on the key areas as follows:

- Sponsorship increased by \$1.5k. The securing of new sponsors this year whilst retaining most of our existing sponsors has seen our sponsorship revenue remain at a consistent level a result that is greatly appreciated by the club.
- In-season bar sales were up \$7.5k (23%) with a successful Past Players and Supporters' event and two big social functions – Karaoke and MSP's Got Talent.
- Grant income was \$59k lower. The previous year's grant income included a significant amount to repair the clubrooms' roof. A number of other community trusts were also very supportive of MSP this year.
- The Shamrock Club, through its great efforts, generated a surplus of \$49k. Whilst this
  was \$12k down on 2017's surplus of \$61k, due to the one-off benefit with the 2017 Lions
  tour, it is still an outstanding result which re-emphasises how vital the Shamrock Club is
  to MSP's financial success.
- It is also worth noting that only one \$100 Raffle was run during the 2018 year (the second fell into October 2018). This means that approximately \$9k of additional revenue will impact the 2019 year instead of the 2018 year.

Whilst our revenue significantly decreased, so too have our expenses. They dropped by \$94k from 2017 (a 22.6% decrease); we comment on the key areas as follows:

- Our rugby costs decreased by \$25k. They included new jerseys for the premiers, women's and sevens' teams, and new tackle bags and hit shields for the gym. We also did not attend the Spillane Cup this year so no costs were incurred in that regard.
- Our clubroom expenses decreased by \$58k as the prior year included the cost of the roof repairs.

As mentioned in last year's Treasurer's report, several of the 2017 increases in expenditure were one-offs. I believe the 2018 expenses are more reflective of the level of costs that we face each year as a club.

As with all amateur sporting organisations, the efforts of a number of people keep our club alive. For all their energy and effort in generating funds for MSP in 2018, grateful thanks to:

- Toshiba, Heartland Bank, One Foundation, Four Winds Foundation, New Zealand Racing Board, Lion Foundation, NZ Community Trust, Pelorus Trust, Pub Charity, Infinity Foundation, Higgins Construction, Home Loan Shop, Advanced Electrical, and the various sponsors of our premier team's jerseys, whose support of MSP is gratefully acknowledged.
- The Shamrock Club, for a great financial result achieved through promoting MSP to our corporate sponsors and their fundraising events. Thanks again to Brian McGuinness, Peter Woods, Alan Woods, Bob Metcalf, Tony O'Brien, Steve Witkowski, Luke Meredith, and Paul Stephen for your ongoing commitment to the Shamrock Club.
- Rory McNicholas for his excellent efforts during the year managing and increasing our grant revenue from the various community trusts.
- Andy Bell, MaryAnn Spillane and Melissa Moroney who managed our \$100 Raffle; these raffles continue to provide great support to the club.
- Karin Graham for organising the clubroom hires, organising clubroom staff and suppliers alike and making sure the clubrooms were kept in the best possible condition.
- Our Junior Committee, and particularly Martin Paget, along with their sponsors First Security, Resene, Price & Strawbridge Builders, and Eastern Suburbs Sports Trust.

As with most sports clubs in this country, we will always face financial challenges. We are already aware of areas in the club's expenditure which are expected to see increases in the 2019 year. Our facilities need investment to keep them up to a standard; specifically in the gym where we need to replace the green room floor and make the facility more practical with respect to our growing female player base.

Our focus will be on budgeting for these appropriately and looking to develop and implement new revenue initiatives to ensure we can continue to support our players and members.

The management board always welcomes new ideas to increase revenue. This begins with the generosity of our sponsors, volunteers, and supporters and continues through to attendance in our clubrooms.

We will continue to be extremely grateful of the commitment and support of everyone who helps make MSP the strong club that it is.

#### **Brendon Trass**

Treasurer

# **COACH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT**

The Coach Development Officer's role encompasses duties for MSP, SPC, local primary schools and the WRFU.

MSP fielded eight teams in the senior club, along with 16 teams in the junior competitions. Special mention goes to the premier reserve team for having a stellar season winning both

the first-round Harper Lock Shield and the second-round Ed Chaney Cup. Congratulations to coaches Edwin Meachen and Dan Kauraka and the whole squad on their success.

It was also pleasing to see the club maintaining high junior playing numbers again this year. This is the result of a hard-working group led by Martin Paget and Mick Joyce and their junior committee members.

SPC fielded nine teams, with two of the college's premier teams (1XV and U15A) making it to the finals of their respective competitions. The U15s were undefeated in winning both the first and second rounds to carry on the school's proud sporting tradition.

MSP's sevens' program was again in full force this season. As the 15's representative season came to an end, players headed straight into the sevens' season looking to back up a very successful 2017/18 campaign.

The early part of the 2018 season was taken up with overseeing the off-season and preseason programmes and facilitating NZRU-directed Rugby Smart, Small Black, Front Row Factory and Tackle Box compulsory coach and player safety programs.

Once the season was underway the focus turned to coach assistance, upskilling and observation. This involved assisting the coaches at their practices and giving feedback on aspects of their coaching and training preparation across all the grades.

Work in the primary schools consists of preparing teams for WRFU rippa and tackle tournaments, along with running large-ball skill sessions with a rugby flavour. The WRFU component involves preparing primary school teams for WRFU-facilitated rippa and tackle tournaments. A big focus is the WRFU week-long U16 Williment Week.

Overall it has been a busy and eventful year. The many club and college successes celebrated in 2018 are the culmination of hours of dedication by a very enthusiastic group of people whom I applaud. Once again, thank you to all the coaches and volunteers who have given up hours, days and weekends to make it possible for this proud club to function.

#### Kas Lealamanua

Coach Development Officer

# **HOUSE REPORT**

Our desire for 2018, as it was for 2017, was to have a greater attendance from all teams at the clubrooms on a Saturday evening and to foster a sense of belonging and enjoyment for our members at MSP.

However, it is disappointing that few teams support the clubrooms. As an ongoing concern the clubrooms operations are in peril if attendance by playing teams, supporters and members does not increase.

I urge all our members to use the clubrooms on a more regular basis, and for players and members to let the Management Committee know what can be improved or changed to make our clubrooms a 'go to place' on a Saturday evening.

No long-term hires of the clubrooms transpired this year and revenue was minimal from this source.

An opening night BBQ held in April was enjoyed by all attending. Our Past Players' Day in late April featured a 30th reunion of the 1988 Jubilee-Cup winning side. The premiers' match against Hutt OB Marist at Evans Bay was preceded by an enjoyable luncheon. We again had an excellent turn out for the day and congratulate The Pines and our bar staff for a great afternoon.

Several junior nights were held at the clubrooms and our thanks to Martin Paget and his team. Our juniors are an extremely important part of MSP and they should be commended for their efforts and involvement in the club. They are our future.

Our Shamrock Test Weekend was a great success. The dinner was again relocated to the St Pats College Hall where around 390 Shamrock Club members, their guests and club members enjoyed hearing Andrew Mehrtens speak. The evening was catered by The Pines. Thanks to Brian McGuinness and his Shamrock Committee team for organising a top-class function.

Thanks also to Richard Kilkenny for being our door greeter on most Saturday evenings. We appreciate your presence on the door welcoming both members and guests. Margaret again ran our 'Red Café' with tasty wholesome food and we thank her for providing this service.

Our \$100 Raffle Nights were well patronised and are a vital component of our fundraising. Thank you to Andy Bell and Peter Woods for their ongoing organisation of them.

The senior prize giving was based around a well-patronised dinner and was a true celebration of the achievements of the various award recipients.

To list all the helpers is not possible. However, a special thanks to Karin Graham, MaryAnn Spillane and Melissa Moroney for again running the majority of House matters, to John Graham and Chris Ryan for all their work in sorting the building maintenance matters that arose during the year, to Ben and Mei for running the bar and to those club members who do attend the clubrooms.

#### Steve Witkowski

House Manager

## THE SHAMROCK CLUB

The Shamrock Club has continued to grow over the last 10 years and 2018 was no exception. After the enormous success of last year's function at the Embassy for the British Lions tour, the Shamrock Club had another very successful year.

We welcomed seven new members this year, namely Custombuilds Ltd, LDC Property Management, James McHardy, Daily Waste Ltd, Jim Meates Solicitor, John Leen Plumbing and Ninness Funeral Homes. This brings total membership to 74, a great achievement.

The Shamrock Club launch was held at Westpac Stadium for the Hurricanes v Chiefs Super Rugby match in early April. This proved very popular, with the Shamrock Club having its own function area where everyone was served complimentary finger food and drinks. It was great to see over 150 people present and have a chance to catch up with previous members and welcome new members.

As in previous years, the Shamrock Club highlight is the annual 'Test Weekend' celebrations with the dinner on Friday and pre-Test function and Test match on Saturday.

This year's dinner was again held at St Patrick's College and for the third year running over 400 members and guests attended. The college venue was excellent and the set-up of the school hall was first class.

We were fortunate to get former All Black great, Andrew Mehrtens, as our guest speaker. He didn't disappoint with his renowned sense of humour to the fore. Andrew gave us an insight to the great rapport he had with Carlos Spencer – yeah right! It was an excellent speech which was well received by everyone. We thank you Andrew, and any time you wish to visit you will be warmly welcome at Marist St Pats.

Appropriately our MC for the evening was again Keith Quinn. Keith has been a special friend to MSP and the Shamrock Club, having spoken and been MC at many of the dinners over the years. Again many thanks, Keith. We look forward to seeing you again at our functions.

Next day activities shifted to the West Plaza Hotel for the traditional pre-Test function. This again was very well patronised with 180 in attendance. They enjoyed a buffet meal and refreshments before buses took everyone to the Stadium where we watched another emphatic All Blacks' display with a comprehensive victory over France. A great outcome that completed a magnificent weekend.

A big 'thank you' to the Shamrock Club committee and volunteers for all their work in putting the various events together. Without this contribution none of this would happen and MSP would be much the poorer for it in every aspect.

And to Tony O'Brien and the magnificent staff from the Pines, a huge thank you for all your efforts during the course of the year. The meal and presentation at this year's dinner was superb and added to the success of the weekend.

To Shamrock members young and old, thank you for your support in this and previous years and, just as importantly, for your continued support in the years to come.

We always welcome new members so if you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining please let us know so we can welcome them into the club.

To all MSP club members – please support our Shamrock Club companies by using their services when the opportunity arises, as you will be supporting MSP at the same time.

#### **Peter Woods**

Shamrock Club

#### SHAMROCK CLUB COMMITTEE

Brian McGuinness Peter Woods Alan Woods Tony O'Brien Steve Witkowski Paul Stephen Luke Meredith Bob Metcalf

## **SHAMROCK CLUB MEMBERS**

Abode Homes
Advance Electrical Wholesalers
Bethune JH & Co Ltd

Bob Metcalf Lawyer Brandons Barristers & Solicitors Capital Construction Ltd Capital Immigration Services Carters Building Supplies Ltd

Chris Ryan Ltd Circuit Systems Ltd Corlet Hager Ltd Crombie Lockwood

CustomBuilds Ltd Sean Cockburn

Daily Waste Ltd Duignan Holdings Ltd

**ECL** 

EJT Flynn Ltd

E-Xpert Developments Ltd

Gazely – Murray Tocker Genesis Wellington Ltd George St Engineering Ltd

Graham Plumbing & Drainage Ltd

Groundworks

Higgins Concrete Ltd Hudson Taylor Ltd

Hutt Gas and Plumbing Ltd

Intellect Solutions
James McHardy
Jennian Homes Ltd
Jim Meates Lawyer

John Leen Plumbing Ltd John Walsh Ltd

Ken Ah Kuoi Lawyer

Kellys Glass

Kitchen Studio LDC Property Management Liz Potter Tommy's Real Estate

LT McGuinness Ltd

Mahony Burrowes Horner, Lawyers

Metro Glasstech

Mike Robbers Lowe & Co MQ's Panel & Paint

Multi Civil

Munro Benge Ltd, Chartered Accountants

Natoli Communications Ltd
Paul Hastings & Company Ltd
Paul Jacobsen Carriers Ltd
Paul Quinn & Associates

Peter Woods
Prime Interiors Ltd
Quickhire Trailers Ltd

Quinovic Property Management, Vivian St

Ramsbottom EN Ltd Richard Renouf

Rothbury's Insurance Brokers

SAS Sports

SDL

Service Resources Ltd

Silvester Clark - Consulting Engineers

Simply Security

Stones Electrical Contractors Ltd

SWP Commercial T W Cosgrove Trust

The Pines

Toshiba Computers
TV Cook Insurances Ltd
Wedgelock Equipment Ltd

Wellington Granite

Wellington Hospitality Group Wellington Trawling Ltd Willis Bond & Co Ltd Woods Waste Disposal Ltd Xero Paul Churchman

#### **OBITUARIES**

Marist St Pats extends its condolences to club members and their families whilst remembering those who died during 2018:

Paula Afuie John Archer **Terry Christie** Kathleen Comerford Ann Darroch Patrick Glegg Maurice Gunn Jan Horan Barry Jackson Colin Meo Robert Metcalf (snr) Bill Maher Robert (Doc) Murdoch Bill Nathan Norine O'Callaghan Tia Passi Stan Witkowski Peg Tait-Jamieson

## **REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS 2018**

## **New Zealand Under 20**

Billy Proctor

# **New Zealand Black Ferns**

Marcelle Parkes Monica Tagoa'i

## **Hurricanes**

Jeff Toomaga-Allen Sam Lousi

# **Wellington Lions**

Jeff Toomaga-Allen Sam Lousi Billy Proctor

# **Wellington Development**

Isaia Petelo Andrew Wells James Proctor James Tuiatua Naitoa Ah Kuoi Matt Peni

# **Wellington Centurions Development**

Andrew Wells James Proctor

# **Wellington Maori**

Jay Cameron Joe Walding-Karaitiana

# **Wellington Samoan**

Fa'atonu Fili Matt Peni James Tuiatua Ken Kapeli Isaia Petelo

# **Wellington Under 19**

Naitoa Ah Kuoi Ricky Manulaiatea Xavier English

# **Wellington Pride**

Marcelle Parkes Monica Tagoa'i Sinead Ryder Ana Afuie

# **Wellington Tongan Women**

Shayna Va

# **Wellington Samoan Women**

Selestina Va'aua-Hamlin Taimane Siaosi Jane-Edna Bryce Paige Va'auli

# **New Zealand Marist Colts**

Ethan Meredith

# **REPRESENTATIVE COACHES AND MANAGERS 2018**

# **Wellington Pride**

Ross Bond and Brendan Reidy: coaches

# **Wellington Centurions Under 18**

Andrew Robinson: manager

# **TEAM AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION 2018**

Premier Isaia Petelo

Premier Reserve Jay Cameron

Senior 2 Evan Frost

Premier Women Sinead Ryder-Toala

Under-85 Red Calum Bron

Colts A Ethan Meredith

Reserve Internationals Mike Bridges

Presidents Max Curtis

Sevens Men Kerrod Foaese

Sevens Women Marcelle Parkes

## **TROPHIES AND AWARDS 2018**

Sportsman of the Year (Paul Donoghue Trophy)

Andrew Wells

Outstanding Club Member Henry Fidow

(W M O'Connor Memorial Cup)

Mick Horan Memorial Trophy

Joe Walding-Karaitiana

Most Meritorious Senior 1 Player Jay Hawkins

(John L Gordon Memorial Trophy)

Team of the Year Premier Reserves

(Fr Geoff Broad Memorial Trophy)

Outstanding Administrator (Brother Fabian Cup) Mike Hansen

Outstanding Contribution by Non-Office Melissa Moroney

Bearing Club Member (John Rennie Memorial Cup)

Pacific Trophy (Ah Kuoi Family Cup) Mike Tolova'a

Special Merit Award Jordan Wilson

Team Scoring Most Championship Points Premier Reserves

(William Te Oka Shield)

Most Outstanding Snr 2/3 Club Player Zach Lentz

(Alan McLean Memorial Cup)

Most Meritorious Under-21 Player Naitoa Ah Kuoi

(O'Callaghan Family Cup)

Most Outstanding Under-85 Player Jackson Martin

(Budgie Jacobsen Cup)

Player Scoring Most Tries Paddy James

(Monsignor Heavey Cup)

Player Kicking Most Points Fa'atonu Fili

(St Pats College Old Boys Cup)

Most Consistent Tackler (AC O'Connor Cup) Willie Sauea

Most Consistent Trainer (Jack McLellan Cup)

Daisuke Matsura

Most Meritorious Women's Club Member Uma Pule



# **MARIST ST PATS PREMIERS 2018**

PLAYED 19, WON 9, LOST 10. POINTS FOR 569, POINTS AGAINST 521

WINNERS: FATHER CLEARY SHIELD, BILL ELVY MEMORIAL TROPHY, HORAN-MILLAR TROPHY, RONA-MORRISSEY CUP

BACK ROW: JACOB DUNN, IAN LEOTA, MEINRAD FITISEMANU, KERROD FOAESE, KEN KAPELI, PATRICK JAMES, WILLIE SCHUTZ, STEVE MOLI, RYAN SETEFANO

SECOND ROW: BERNIE UPTON (Coach), JAY CAMERON, OLLIE KERR-HISLOP, TOM HORAN, FARESA TASELE, NAITOA AH KUOI, MATT PENI, TOVIO APOLO, JASON HOFFMAN, MAX SYMES (Trainer), MICHEAL SOOD (Manager)

FIRST ROW: ANDREW ROBINSON (Head Coach) AASA SANERIVI, JAY HAWKINS, ISAIA PETELO, JOE WALDING-KARAITIANA (Captain), VINCENT SAKARIA, ANDREW WELLS, JAMES TUIA, MURRAY TOCKER (Coach)

ABSENT: FA'ATONU FILI, NICK HARRISON, BILLY PROCTOR, JAMES PROCTOR, RYAN SAUNDERS, JAMES ZINO, REGAN SWORD, ELIJAH WILLIAMS-STEWART, JOSH TO'OMAGA, JAYDEN McCarthy, Grayson Whitman, Jake Goodger, James Holbrook, Paulo Lokeni, Anthony Pettitt, IVan Fepuleai, Iakopo Tana, Arden David (Coach), Bryce Teitjens (Manager), QUINTAN HALBERT (Manager), STEPHEN JENSEN (Manager), EMMA MARK (Physio), JOHN BELL (Director of Rugby)

#### PREMIER TEAM

The premier team had an inconsistent season in terms of results but the experience gained by a young side will stand the club in good stead for the future.

The team started the season missing 10 players that started the 2017 Jubilee Cup home semifinal (plus other senior players which totalled over 1000 premier caps combined) due to retirements and players heading overseas and to other provinces. Despite this we had a strong squad of 50 players training together that had put in a lot of work over the off-season and some exciting new young players joining the club.

We did not take part in Spillane for the first time in many years as it was played in Auckland the weekend before the Swindale Shield kicked-off. We decided against sending a team that would have played two games a week before our season began.

Lock Nick Harrison began the season as captain but a broken thumb in the second game saw hooker Joe Walding-Karaitiana step up to lead the side well (with Matt Peni also captaining the team in a couple of games).

The average age of the match day squad during the Swindale Shield games was just over 23. They put in some good performances including those against HOBM and Poneke to qualify for the Jubilee Cup.

Unfortunately the Jubilee Cup round saw several close losses and good starts not capitalised on, so it was a round of 'what ifs'. However, it was great to see a number of young players step up to premier level.

Fullback Andrew Wells deservedly won the sportsman of the year after another strong season where he was the only player to start all 19 premier games. Team MVP Isaia Petelo was a handful on attack constantly making breaks, while first five James Proctor was in great form until injury struck late in the Swindale Shield rounds. Flanker James Tuia was the team's top try scorer with 11 which included some powerful finishes.

We had a huge amount of talent in the side, confirmed by the big group included in the Wellington Lions training squad for additional trainings during the year.

To the 50 players who played premier rugby for MSP this year, thank you for your effort and congratulations to the 16 who also made their MSP premier debuts. Well done also to those premier players that made many various Wellington rep teams this year.

From me personally, a massive thanks to Bernie who put in an unbelievable amount of time and effort into coaching the team, and to Arden and Murray for their huge coaching contributions. I would like to acknowledge the management team of Soody, Quintan, Bryce and Porky for your efforts at trainings and games helping to support the team, and Rory for continuing to help away from the limelight.

Credit to our physio Emma, fitness trainer Max, and trainer Des for your work in important roles. Also thanks to Kas, Nic, JB and Mike for your support during the season.

Finally, I would like to give my appreciation to our major sponsors Toshiba, Heartland Bank, and The Home Loan Shop for allowing us to do things to a professional standard which otherwise would not have been possible.

#### **Andrew Robinson**

Head Coach

#### PREMIER RESERVE

It was an honour to coach the MSP premier reserves in 2018. They are a passionate and talented group with a real desire to win, and great believers in 'team' above all else on and off the field. When the going got tough, it was the team culture and the buy-in to the coaching guidelines that produced a very successful season. Winning both the first-round Harper Lock Shield and the second-round Ed Chaney Cup was very special, and so was the 18-2 season record which speaks volumes for the consistency throughout.

The team success was rewarded with player recognition at MSP's annual prize giving. Daisuke Matsura had a cracker season and the Jack McLellan Cup for Most Consistent Trainer was a great reward for his efforts on and off the pitch. Paddy James topped a sensational try-scoring season and collected the Mons. Heavy Cup for Most Tries. Fa'atonu Fili provided so much stability, experience and guidance all season and once again etched his name on the St Pats Old Boys Cup for Kicking Most Points. A huge second-round contributor was Naitoa Ah Kuoi with his youth, drive and athleticism to claim the O'Callaghan Cup for Most Meritorious Age-Grade Player.

The premier reserve team awards for the night went to the 'Jays'. MVP went to Jay Cameron, a formidable midfielder who was the rock of the backline on attack and defence. His mana and unassuming leadership gave younger players around him the confidence to express themselves within the team objectives. The prestigious John L. Gordon Memorial Cup for Most Outstanding Senior 1st Player went to our courageous captain Jay Hawkins. A fast, skilful and powerful open-side flanker, Jay has a tenacious attitude towards the game. He showed a hunger to play at a consistently high standard and that desire to win rubbed off on his peers! He may not have envisioned being captain in 2018 but we saw a high character that grew into a leader putting team first from day one. Jay led from the front and it was great to see him earn a handful of games for the premiers too.

The team also collected the William Te Oka Shield for Most Championship Points in a season. But the icing on the cake was the Fr Geoff Broad Memorial Trophy for Marist St Pats Team of the Year. Recognition further afield came as a nominee for the WRFU 2018 Team of Year.

The first round had a high standard of consistency and flair. Expectations and routines were set early. Each game and opposition was never taken for granted. The coaches knew we had something special to build upon and we let the team know too, which they thrived on. We played with high energy, at pace and executed opportunities well all over the park. A Fa'atonu cross kick connecting with wingers Rez, Mishi, John and Laurence on the fly was a regular and enjoyable sight each week. We ended the first round undefeated after 13 games, averaging 55+ points per game and just 13 against. 94-5 vs Avalon, 81-3 vs Johnsonville and 79-0 vs Wainuiomata were games of note.

The second round brought more challenges and I was proud of the resolve and adaptability from players and management. Personnel changes week in week out, mostly due to injuries and helping teams juggle players from premier to first grade and colts, were difficult to say the least. Credit to all coaches for keeping up communication during this period. But mostly the mental fatigue within the team, with expectations carried over from the first round success, weighed heavily. A wake-up call loss in the first game of round 2 to would-be finalists Ories quickly put things back in perspective. However, the team never panicked and we moved on quickly. As the season crept closer to the playoffs and the noise around completing the 'double' grew louder, the team took another loss on the chin before really stepping up their

focus when numbers dwindled and player injuries became prevalent. In the first round, if it was our backs who showed our expansive capability to throw the ball around and execute at pace, then it was most definitely our forwards who turned up the heat in the second round. They showed true grit and determination to grind out victories when required on the way to the championship decider.

The Ed Chaney Cup final was played against Oriental Rongotai who had pipped us in our first loss of the season. In some ways, the game was memorable for all the wrong reasons. However, when the final whistle blew after 100+ mins of rugby including overtime, the ultimate memory is that MSP that stood victorious. I'd like to thank Ories for such an epic drama-filled final, showcasing two competitive teams and proud eastern suburb clubs that would not give one inch all game. What a final! Marist St Pats is in very good stead with this young group of men coming through; each has the heart and skill to challenge the status quo. They can all cement themselves as premier rugby players at MSP for many seasons to come. The Jubilee Cup is not far away from coming home, so let's get right behind and support these players, within all teams!

Big thanks to coach Daniel Kauraka. I cannot speak highly enough of my partner in crime, or I should say brother in success. It was a privilege to work with you this season. And to the managers, John Poutawera and David Pierce, who both did an excellent job looking after the boys, the kit, the gear... you name it, they had it under control, and they were usually one step ahead when Dan and I asked anything of them. You made a coach's job so much easier, allowing us to focus on the players and coaching. I'd also like to thank the senior coaching group of Kas, Bernie, Robbo, Murray and Arden for all their help and guidance, as well Myles for his support with the always challenging first grade side.

Big congratulations and thanks to the colts' coaches and management for their first round success and getting so close in the second round. To Venus, Tinka, Malaga and Scott, well done this season. We are all very proud to see the colts thriving again at Marist St Pats.

Finally, thanks to the club family that makes it all come together each season, in particular those we worked with regularly - John Bell, Mike Hansen, Quentin Halbert, Vika and Malachi Mitchell, Bryce Tietjens, John Holden, Henry Fidow, the Holden brothers and all involved on the Board and sub committees. Thanks also to the regulars who parked up most weeks, showing as much passion from the sidelines as did the team, especially at our home games, and the players' families too, as well as the Kennard and Focas groups... Budgie too. I look forward to seeing the foundations and successes of 2018 thrive and excel in 2019.

#### **Edwin Meachen**

Coach

# **FIRST GRADE**

The 2018 season was another challenging year for the first grade. With help from the colts we started with 17 players and hoped to recruit more. In a competitive first round we competed the best we could and came close in some games.

We aimed for a positive attitude to win in the second round. Late notice calls made things harder for last-minute team arrangements on Saturdays. Despite the struggle in numbers, we managed to field a team to play most Saturdays.

To the international players, you guys drove the team – you made the first grade a friendly, family team. Thanks to all the players - it was a great effort and support.

"We fought hard and pulled it through to the end"

Thank you to everyone who took part in the team, especially:

- Coaches Myles Cowper, Nic Fitisemanu and Kas Lealamanu'a
- Back engine room Ken Ah Kuoi and Ali Tapuai
- Partners and friends.

#### **Poto Masina**

Manager

#### PREMIER WOMEN

Coaches: Ryan Setefano and Lucky Tuiatua

Managers: Agnes Va'aua and Taofia Bryce

The 2018 pre-season saw a huge number of new players sign up. This highlighted the work to becoming a preferred women's team in the Wellington region. We had a number of injuries before the season even started but that didn't stop fresh new players coming through to keep the team on the field.

Unfortunately, due to core players moving out of the region, there were several changes but you can't keep a good team down. Injuries continued to hamper the team in the first round but they did enough (fifth out of nine teams) to progress to the first division for the second half of the season and compete for the Tia Passi Memorial Cup. However, we did not get the results we desired but did manage to field a team right to the end of the season.

We had 39 registered players in total. Of those, three were injured before the season started. A few were unable to commit to playing due to studies and family commitments, and over the course of the season we lost a large number to injuries.

Michelle Smyth represented the women's team on the MSP Board this year and she also took up the management of the St Patricks College First XV.

Highlights of the year include the naming of Sinead Ryder-Toala as our MVP and Marcelle Parkes as our sevens MVP, and Uma Pule as the Most Meritorious Women's Player.

Congratulations to Marcelle and to Monica Tagoa'i on being named in the Black Ferns squad to tour the US and France, and to Jane-Edna Bryce for making the NZ Universities rugby league team which toured Canada and the US West Coast.

Marcelle, Monica, Sinead Ryder and Ana Afuie made the Wellington Pride representative team, Shayna Va the Wellington Tongan Women's Team and Selestina Va'aua-Hamlin, Taimane Siaosi, Jane-Edna Bryce and Paige Va'auli the Wellington Samoan Women's Team.

Sadly, Luke Donaldson who has been team medic for the last couple of seasons, had to leave the region to pursue his medical career.

On reflection, the team has a lot to work on for the next season - to learn from 2018, to reset goals and to pursue them in earnest.

The management team would like to acknowledge the support of the Board and the club this year, and thank outgoing Board chair Mike Hansen who has been a positive light for the women's team, and also John Bell for his assistance and ongoing support to ensure the women take the field each week.

We would also like to acknowledge the colts coaching and management team for the team kit (sweatshirts and sports bags) received at the start of the season.

We appreciate all the support from the MSP rugby community and especially the families working hard in the background to get their daughters to the field.

All the best for the rest of the year and looking forward to the 2019 season.

# **Taofia Bryce and Agnes Va'aua** Managers

# **UNDER 85 REDS**

"It was the best of rugby, it was the worst of rugby" – this Dickensian description of our season is perhaps overly dramatic but it is none-the-less accurate.

The season began with our fellow MSP Cougar Greens sadly unable to field a team. As a player who has had a friendly rivalry with them for all their history, that was sad. But as a coach I was more than happy to welcome the extra depth the remaining Greens provided. They have my thanks for being willing to play for a different team, as do the Reds for welcoming them into the squad without question.

So, with a full squad of players and a good win and a hard fought loss in the pre-season, there was promise in the air. Unfortunately a 41-19 loss to Johnsonville in the first competition game, coupled with the even greater loss of our forward hard man Liam Martin ruled out for the rest of the season with injury, meant we were on the back foot immediately. The rest of the first round proved how unforgiving rugby can be with only two wins from ten.

If the first game of the first round showed what a loss of a player can have on a team, then the first game of the second round proved no exception with in-form centre Tom Olorenshaw ruled out for the remainder of the season. The team still made the semi-finals (losing to eventual winners Wellington), but the loss of momentum was noticeable.

Lack of forwards proved to be a constant thorn in our side, although this situation would have been much worse if not for the consistent fronting up of a core group of forwards in Calum Bron, Ryan Cullen, Paul Argue and captain Malcom 'Mamba' Mushingadze, and inside back Nick Sinnamon and winger Aaron Telfer selflessly playing in the forwards on several occasions.

It takes a lot to run a team, and my thanks to Reuben Ouwerkerk who juggled management, playing and a new family, and for the players themselves for their patience during my first year as coach.

I'll end as I began - with a misquote - and it will be for all the selfless work that goes on behind the scenes making MSP the great club that it is by people known and unknown, who have truly "asked not what their club can do for them, but what they can do for their club". I thank you all, and I hope that the MSP Reds can live out the same on and off the field in 2019.

# **Jordan Wilson**

Coach

# **UNDER 21 COLTS**

The 2018 season was a fresh start for the colts with new coaches Mike Tolova'a (head coach), JT 'Tinka' Tolova'a (assistant coach), Fa'atonu Fili (skills coach), Malaga Leota (forwards coach) and team managers Scot Lindsay, Kele Failava and Debrah Froggatt (massage therapist) all joining the club.

With a squad of 35 players and only six returning from the 2017 season it was a whole new team, so we kick started our season with a weekend camp at the Airport Hotel in Kilbirnie. We focused on team bonding, team culture, team standards and goals, and also our expectations as players and coaches/managers.

Our pre-season games against Ories, Poneke, OBU and Rongotai College gave us three wins and a draw and a solid start for the season ahead. Ethan Meredith, a colts' veteran, was our inspirational leader and team captain for the year, assisted by vice-captain Willie Sauea.

Our first competition game in the first division was against Norths at the Jerry Collins Stadium. With our new look front row of Josh Antoni, Gabe Meredith and Bronson Aiono, second rowers Sam Baylis and Hano Setafano, schoolboy super stars Xavier English and Kevin Fepuleai at open side and no 8, and Rongotai College hardman laka Johnson, we knew we had a solid platform, and went on to win 42-27. The following week we played OBU who have dominated the colts' first division for the past five years and were once again the hot favourites to win the grade.

With our hard-working pack and talented backline of Ethan Meredith at 9 and Isaako (Ice) at 10, midfield combination of Chance Sullivan and South African Jazz, Elijah Fonoti and Ricci Manulaiatea on the wings and Willie Sauea at fullback, we proved too strong and went on to win 14-5 and cause the upset of the round. This win only alerted all the other teams that MSP were serious contenders for the title.

Our colts went on to win the Paris Memorial Cup for the first round undefeated. This was a fantastic effort and great reward for the boys' efforts and dedication since the training camp weekend back in February.

The second round started off the same and continued strongly, with the only loss to Norths in the last minute 28-26. The team delivered solid performances and showed the depth in the squad when hit with many injuries. Players who stepped up were the promising youngster Uriah Savao (prop), George Tamati (prop), Peni Taiti, Isaac Lindsay, Isaac T, Fatu and Ezra. The boys marched into the semi-finals against HOB Marist at the Hutt Rec but were hit hard

by a determined HOB team that went out to a 19-0 lead after 15 mins. After losing our inspirational leader and captain Ethan Meredith early in the first half, it was a hard battle getting back into the game. The half time score was 19-3 to HOB. The second half was evenly played out with both teams playing good hard running rugby. With 20 mins left MSP opted to take a penalty kick at goal and made it 19-6. We scored straight away from the re-start and with two mins left we scored again to make it 20-19. But it wasn't our day. HOBM were awarded a penalty out in front of the posts in overtime which they converted to win 22-20.

We would like to thank all our supporters and family who came out to support us all season and would also like to thank all our overseas players Iwan (Wales), Shaun, Ben, Harrison and Kieran (England).

#### **RESERVE INTERNATIONALS**

The Internationals started the season with a good number of players in the squad. After two hours of pre-season training the WRFU held a reserve grade tournament where each side would play 3 x 20 minute games. Whilst the MSPI Brains Trust thought it would be a good idea, the end result was that we lost five players to injury in the first game.

Grading games commenced and these eventuated in one-sided affairs with Paremata-Plimmerton and Johnsonville convincing winners. After some kerfuffle it was decided to promote the four best sides to Reserve Grade Division 1 and the rest would make up the elite Reserve Grade Division 2.

Age and injuries reduced playing numbers which affected team morale. Weekly games saw the Internationals field 14 players on consecutive weeks and the team had to default the last game of the round. Whilst games were close, the last 20 minutes of each game often saw the opposition pull away to win.

The call went out far and wide for new players, and so they came. From Dumbledore in Ireland, Narnia in Switzerland and Waimate on the South Island's east coast, the second-round squad was assembled. Numbers at training increased and the team even had a reserve front row. Victories flowed and the MSPI brotherhood resumed.

Two losses in the second round saw the Internationals finish second. A home semi-final against the Paremata-Plimmerton Punters was hard fought with the verbal exchanges from the away supporters on the sideline more intense than the onfield action. The Internationals won a tight exchange and had to travel to Upper Hutt to face their historic rivals. An intense final battle saw the Internationals lead for 89 minutes only to see victory snatched. A bitter pill to take, but that's rugby.

A huge thank you to the MSP Senior Management Committee for providing guidance and support. Thanks to the Brains Trust for providing stability, leadership, accountability and financial management to the MSPI 2018 squad, and to all the players who helped contribute to a successful year. Congratulations to MVP for the Year Mike (Stickman) Bridges.

# INTERNATIONALS!!!!!!!!!

**Cameron Bath** 

Coach

#### PRESIDENTS MBH LAW CLASSICS

Another season completed for the MBH Law Classics, one that didn't produce the winning season we were hoping for. However it was better than last year with 10 wins from 14 games leaving us tied in second place at the season's end. The highlight was winning all the local derbies: against Poneke, Wellington and two against Ories.

One of this year's big success stories was the introduction of our rest and rotation policy, which was used to great effect mostly during games when we had reserves. With an eye to the future, this also gave us the chance to blood a lot of new (but old looking) players to the pressies' brand of rugby.

The team really started showing some promise after a mid-season stumble. If we can get more players to our away games there is no reason why we can't win the grade in 2019. A few notable mentions.

- Firstly, to our MVP, Max Curtis. He had an outstanding season with his Richie McCaw style of play creating havoc in opposition defences and creating a few tries for himself and teammates.
- Jamie Parkinson in his first season of presidents' rugby scored his first try in his playing career and followed it up the next game with another.
- Mick 'Spud' Joyce sorted the gear each week (even though we lost two medical bags and one set of water bottles) and was a great captain on and off the field.
- The Sullivan family contributed players and supporters for our games each week.

A big thanks to the guys that turned up every week, you know who you are and without your dedication we wouldn't have a team. The lads would like to thank the club for their support during the season, the team's own loyal band of supporters and the long-suffering wives, girlfriends, pets and kids who had to put up with all the excuses, aches and pains that a rugby season delivers.

Lastly the team would like to thank our sponsors Mahony Burrowes Horner Lawyers <a href="https://www.mbhlaw.co.nz/">https://www.mbhlaw.co.nz/</a>. With their support we are able to get the over 30-year olds participating in the game.

Cheers and we will see you all for the 2019 season.

# **Henry Fidow**

Presidents' player/coach and legend

# **JUNIOR RUGBY**

Our junior rugby programme continues to provide a solid foundation for the future of MSP rugby. The 2018 season kicked off with our junior rugby carnival. This gave returning and prospective junior players and families a fun-filled session of bouncy castles, rugby skills sessions, tug-of-war, egg-and-spoon races and touch rugby with some of our MSP premier players.

This year 223 players were registered at MSP Junior Rugby Club, with a nursery grade and 16 teams in the U6 to U13 grades. This was made up of  $4 \times U6$ ,  $4 \times U7$ ,  $2 \times U8$ ,  $1 \times U9$ ,  $2 \times U10$ ,  $1 \times U11$ ,  $1 \times U12$  and  $1 \times U13$ .



Our nursery grade provides a fun-based first rugby experience for many 3-4 year olds. The grade is run every Saturday morning supported by many parents and past players. A big thank you to Victoria Armstrong for kicking it off this year; to Chapman Vili for taking over; and to Finn Meredith for volunteering to assist in the later part of the season – all providing a fun and friendly introduction to rugby for our future players.

At the other end of the spectrum our U13 team this year combined with Oriental-Rongotai to form a single 'Eastern Barbarians' team. This reflected terrific cooperation between the clubs to ensure our players have the opportunity to play. While made up of a majority of MSP players, the team was coached by Mau Lolo from Ories with support from MSP's Norm Broughton and Hoke Vaka, and was superbly managed by Anastasia Aukuso-Lau.

This year was another successful year for MSP Junior Rugby with the selection of nine junior players in the Wellington City Zone representative programme (U12 - U13 grades). Two went on to be selected in the Wellington U13 provincial team. Congratulations to all players selected for these representative teams - the club is very proud of your efforts.

Our junior nights, quiz night and prize giving events continue to be popular with great turnouts and fun times had by all. The clubrooms are buzzing on these nights and it's great to see our community come together to celebrate MSP junior rugby.

This year our U11 and U12 teams again attended the Taupo Junior Rugby tournament, an amazing experience for players and families. It provided a great opportunity for our juniors to play against clubs from around the country and this year included Auckland Marist and Wanganui Marist which were played in great Marist spirit. This tournament provides a



foundation of sportsmanship, enjoyment and friendship while creating lifelong memories with team mates on tour. It provides something for our younger players to look forward to when they get to our 'older' junior grades and the planning, fundraising activity and the event itself further extend the family culture of the MSP Junior Rugby Club.

To all coaches and managers of our junior teams this year, thank you for all your great work throughout the season. Our club has great people who provide their support to ensure our junior players have an enjoyable rugby experience – it is greatly appreciated and the club and players thank you.

This year we say farewell to Junior Committee members Katrina Bailey and Mick Joyce - thank you both for your contribution in recent years. Mick was the WRFU's inaugural volunteer of the month when the initiative was introduced in May this year – well done to him as it fairly recognised the effort and passion he has put into MSP Junior Rugby over the last eight years. We also welcome three new committee members – Bevan Brocklehurst, Nick Caddick and Dave Phipps, all parents of young players who will bring a fresh view to the committee.

And finally, it's farewell from me as I also step down as Junior Convenor as my youngest boy now moves onto college at St Pats. I've thoroughly enjoyed my 13 years with MSP Juniors whether coaching or in a committee capacity. I've had the absolute pleasure of working with some terrific volunteer coaches, managers, committee members and others helping at various events. I thank them all whole-heartedly for their support and their service to MSP. The most rewarding aspect of this time is seeing the many players that have come through the juniors enjoy their rugby and develop as both players and youngsters.

I welcome Bevan Brocklehurst as the Junior Club's Convenor for 2019 and know the club is in good hands. It's a terrific family oriented club and I look forward to following its successes in the future.

Enjoy your summer and time with your whanau and I sincerely hope MSP Junior Rugby Club will see you back in 2019.

Signing out...

## **Martin Paget**

MSP Junior Convenor

MSP Juniors 2018 Coaches and Managers					
U13 Eastern Barbarians					
Coach	Mau Lolo	Assistant Coach	Faoa Taupau		
Assistant Coach	Norm Broughton	Manager	Anastasia Aukuso-Lolo		
Assistant Coach	Hoke Vaka				
U12 Huntsmen					
Coach	Glenn Reynolds	Assistant Coach	Paul Gibson		
Assistant Coach	Mick Joyce	Manager	Cilla Bennett		
U11 Lions					
Coach	Nic Fitisemanu	Assistant Coach	Peter Bennett		
Assistant Coach	Tim Rosenbrook	Manager	Cilla Bennett		

U10 Cougars					
Coach	Dave McGuinness	Manager	James Diamantis		
Assistant Coach	Aaron Titter				
U10 Tigers					
Coach	Matt Smith	Manager	Melissa Kooiman-Vili		
Coach	Lafaelle Savali				
U9 Lions					
Assistant Coach	Greg Morton	Manager	Raewyn Gee		
Assistant Coach	Chris Mischieski				
U8 Tigers					
Coach	David Isaiah	Assistant Coach	Karl Emson		
U8 Lions					
Coach	Nic Focas	Manager	Sian Macfadjen		
U7 Tigers					
Coach	Chapman Vili				
	U7 L	eopards			
Co-coach	Nick Tuohy	Co-coach	Shaun Connelly		
U7 Lions					
Coach	Tom Dunn	Assistant Coach	Tony Natoli		
U7 Cougars					
Coach	Stephen Wood				
U6 Leopards					
Coach	JP Tocker	Assistant Coach	Richmond Johnston		
U6 Lions					
Coach	David Phipps	Assistant Coach	Dan Hooper		
U6 Tigers					
Coach	Bevan Brocklehurst				
U6 Cougars					
Coach	Tuni San	Manager	Eileen Fisher		
Nursery "Little Rippas"					
Coordinator	Belinda Walshe	Coach	Chapman Vili		
Coach	Victoria Armstrong				









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**Bryce Tietjens** 

Gold

Kevin Allan Enda Costello Frank Feeney Brendan Milne Cliff Lally Tony Meachen M M Vanderdonk

Raphael Mollo Dale & Mary-Stuart Renouf

**Barrie Smith** Walton Walker

Silver

Paul Collins **Brian Coulter** John de Gregorio Tim & Gabrielle Donoghue Mike Fitzgerald **David Gray** 

Steve Hinds Kevin Horan Sir Patrick Mahony Pat Martin John McCormick **Brian & Margaret Perry** 

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Dominic Zame John & Mary Wootton

**Bronze** 

Tim Kennard Matthew Buck Peter Montague

Keith Shirley PV Natoli

**Miscellaneous** 

Ian Hopgood Peter Reidy Ray L Smith

**Brian Tohill** Phillip Wanden

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Tunumafono Ken Ah Kuoi Cameron Bath Taofia Bryce Kele Failava Myles Cowper Arden David Henry Fidow Fa'atonu Fili Nic Fitisemanu Dan Kauraka Quintan Halbert Stephen Jensen Kas Lealamanua Scot Lindsay Malaga Leota

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Kenneth Ah Kuoi Amosa Ito Xavier English Naitoa Ah Kuoi Frank Fa'atau Ben Jackson Utu Ah Kuoi Tapu Fa'atau Patrick James Bronson Aiono Laurent Faivre Alister Jefferiss Galu Fatialofa Sean Johnson Dyrell Akavi Teppei Akiyama Kevin Fauatea laka Johnson Sam Alderman Pati Feleti Michael Joyce John Anzini Ivan Fepule'ai Ken Kapeli

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Tovio Apolo Sione Fifita Daniel Kauraka Anthony Apolo loelu Fili Ollie Kerr-Hislop Leituva'a Fili Mateaki Koaneti Paul Argue Iosefo Aukusitino Fa'atonu Fili Simona Lafaele Filipo Aukusotino Peni Finau Aiga Lafai Lilo Shawn Barabash Michael Findlay Matthew Lawrence Cameron Bath Nic Fitisemanu Kas Lealamanua Samuel Baylis Meinrad Fitisemanu Paala Lefao Kerrod Foaese Adam Bolt Zachary Lentz David Bourke Jeremy Focas-Turk Viane Leo Patrick Bourke Elijah Fonoti Vaea Leota Aaron Bouzaid Pena Fretton Ian Leota

Zach Bowers

Benjamin Frisk

Hugues Lhomet

Benjamin Frisk

Hugues Lhomet

Isaac Lindsay

Calum Bron

Peter Fuldseth

Paulo Lokeni

Peni Bulamaibau

Adrian Garnons-Williams

Lua Lokotui

Arne Burgess Samuel Gladwin Lawrence Lotovale

Ezra Burgess Jake Goodger Sam Lousi

Aaron Burton Thomas Mahony Logan Gowler Rob Calder Regan Gubb Taniela Makaafi Jay Cameron Michael Hansen Roman Mallon Jay Clark Nick Harrison Ricky Manulaiatea Andre Hart Jahzeel Marais Ben Clayton Harrison Clough Kieran Hatter Zemuel Marais **Enda Costello** Jackson Martin Jay Hawkins Reuben Crook Manu Heketa Poto Masina Johnny Helu Reuben Crook Daigo Matsumoto Ryan Cullen **Daniel Higginson** Daisuke Matsuura Jason Hoffmann Max Curtis Jayden McCarthy **Kyran Dalley** James Holbrook Liam Mcgarvey Tom Horan Dominic McGlinchey Patrick Dempsey Luke Donaldson Iwan Humphreys Meihana Mcleod

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Pat Dunn Ryuta Iiyama Luke Meredith
Jacob Dunn Yu Inoue Rhueben Meredith
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Karl Emson Diako Ishmael Gabriel Meredith

Numi Mika Arron Miller

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Ryan Saunders

L.A. Moemai

Stephen Moli

Mahesh More

Michael morrison

Jade No

William Sauea

Ryan Saunders

Uriah Sauvao

Fitu Savai'inaea

George Scandlyn

Bernard Schutz

Willie Schutz

Sarangan Sakthivel

Aasa Sanerivi

**Ernest Stokes** 

Isaac O'Connor Bryan Serrato Aragon Joshua Oloapu-Atoni Ryan Setefano

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Josh Orika Nick Sinnamon Reuben Ouwerkerk Joe Sione

Nathan Owen Taua Sione
Michael Paulsen Te Kaha Solomon-Murch

Vaelei Perez Jeremy Sullivan
Peti Pesefoti Grant Sullivan
Isaia Petelo Glenn Sullivan
Anthony Pettett Chance Sullivan

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James Proctor Regan Sword
Billy Proctor Michael Taala Faamau

Teina Puati Peniamina Taiti

Brendan Reidy Jacob Taituave
Dale Robinson Junior Taituave

Luca Ruddlesden George Tamati
Phillip Rudolph Iakopo Tana
Vincent Sarakari Ronnie Tanuvasa

Faresa Tasele Samuel Taulapapa Jack Taulapapa Todrick Taylor Aaron Telfer

Aaron Telfer
John Tenari
Murray Tocker
Isaac Tolova'a
Joshua Toomaga

Jeffery Toomaga Allen Sione Tovo

Lucky Tuia
James Tuiatua
Will Tyrrell
Foliga Vaalepu
Fatu Vaimaa
Bosco Vaimoli
Michael Vincent

Joe Walding-karaitiana Theodor Waterhouse

Andrew Wells
Daniel White
Grayson Whitman
Asher Wilkins
Shade Williams

Elijah Williams-Stewart

Isaiah Wilson Jordan Wilson James Zino

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Georgia Broughton Jane-Edna Bryce Cheyne Copeland

Anna Darling Gretta Dette Marine-bay Fa'atuono-tuioti Mariner

Taua Fagalilo Alaynah Failava Kjersti Faraimo
Jane Feite Ana Fiu Petrina Foaese
Lavinia (nia) Foliaki Gwendoline Foliga Selestina Hamlin
Tara Kerr Liza Luapo Emele-Moa Makisi

Luseane Meafoou Leva Mulikiha'amea Melelatai Mulikiha'amea

Marcelle Parkes Uma Pule Sinead Ryder
Michael Setefano Taimane Siaosi Michelle Smyth
Siobhan Solofuti Monica Tagoa'i Luisa Tapusoa
Jordan Te'o Rangimarie Teautama Ana Telefoni-Manu

Jaydah Timu Sose Toalei Chayna Va Shiovaun Va April Va'auli Paigey Va'auli



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