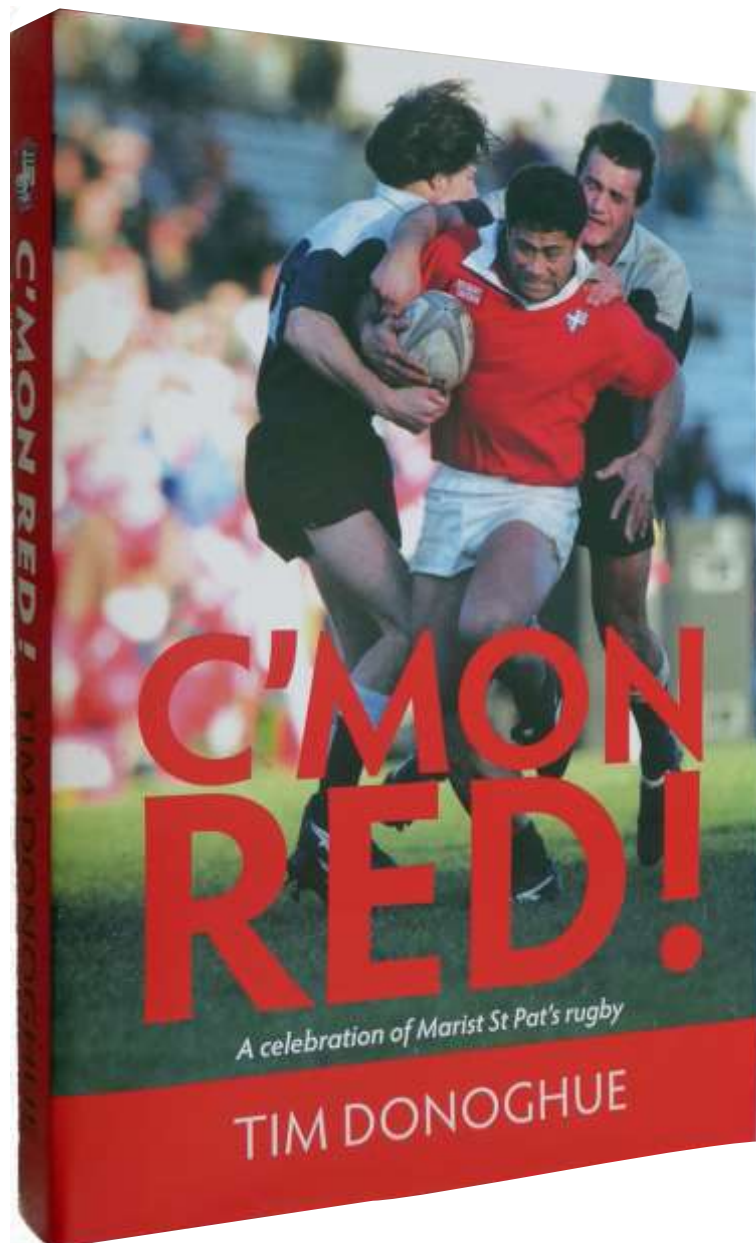




# MARIST ST PATS RFC

## 50th ANNUAL REPORT 2020



COVER PHOTO: The launch of Tim Donoghue's 50th anniversary book, *C'Mon Red*, was a great success in a year when Covid forced the postponement of many events planned to mark the club's jubilee.... see more inside.



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The 2020 season will be forever remembered as a season quite like no other. With all the usual preparations such as working bees, a bar upgrade, a premier squad trip to play Nelson Marist in their 75th year and our own 50th anniversary preparations well progressed, there was a positive feel and confidence around the club heading into the season. Then COVID19 appeared and changed the world almost overnight and sport, like most of our community and business activities, was placed in isolation.

The weeks that followed asked many questions of our volunteers and players. The vacuum created by the isolation of lockdown was a challenge no one could have predicted nor had any previous experiences to lean on. These were (and still are) extraordinary times.

But deal with it we did. New Zealand's best-in-class performance in dealing with the pandemic allowed communities to return to the playing fields and compete once again, albeit in a shortened season than usual.

The pandemic and associated lockdown had a significant impact on our rugby stocks as players became disengaged. Our inability to recover from this meant there was no colts' team nor a reserve grade team to support the premier 1 and 2 sides. However, MSP still had success amongst the six teams we did field.

The premier 1s collected the Swindale Shield for the first time since 2014 and reached the semi-finals of the Jubilee Cup. The premier 2 team lost their season opener before going unbeaten and winning the second-round Ed Chaney Cup and the U85s played a brilliant final to win the Tony O'Brien Cup. The ever-improving women's team made the top four but no playoffs occurred in that grade for them to progress further. Added to this, our first ever MSP netball team made the final and while just coming up short it was a resounding success with great potential for growth and diversity in our club.

Another highlight was the launch of Tim Donoghue's book *C'Mon Red*, the 50-year history of MSP. The launch weekend was a fabulous occasion and the book is an excellent account of the club's great history. Many thanks to Tim for his tireless work and contribution.

Fiscally the challenge is even greater. With a backdrop of ever decreasing funding the pandemic hit hard on our fantastic sponsors, and the withdrawal of WRFU funding for four months continues to put a strain on the club's finances. At the current time uncertainty remains around this commitment continuing. Whilst income was significantly down against 2019, there were strenuous efforts by many to reduce costs in line with the reduction in income.

Considering this changing environment, the Board has established a working group to review the club's operations and finances in a post COVID19 world. The task is to ensure MSP remains a successful and sustainable club into the future. This group will come together over the summer break to complete the review and form recommendations for the 2021 Board.

I must gratefully thank all those who continued their sponsorship, membership, and commitment during this extraordinary year. Your support is immeasurable in helping MSP

remain a force in Wellington rugby. The incredible work of the Board who work tirelessly in the background is something we should be very proud of. Also, to all those members and sub-committees a huge 'thank you' for keeping MSP going when I know many of you were in very difficult situations. It is all these people who have helped the club survive 2020, and we can draw on those experiences to remain confident of a strong MSP in 2021.

Have a Merry Christmas and safe (domestic only) holiday season. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2021 for our 50th anniversary celebrations.

**Robert Evans**

Chairman

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Talofa lava and kia ora to all our MSP rugby family, from members in the junior and senior clubs to families and friends and sponsors and supporters.

This was an exceptional year as we celebrated our 50th anniversary, a great and momentous occasion. Thank you to our great speakers on Old Timers' Day when Tim Donoghue's book was launched; Ron Evans our first chairman, Kevin Horan, Brian Coulter, and Brian McGuinness. Great reflections on the past 50 years.

We must remember those who have gone before us, who have helped paved the way and shaped MSP to the rugby club it is now.

To the players and management, I must place on record how extremely proud I am for our club's achievements this year. Winning the Swindale Shield is a step in the right direction for our prem team and a recognition of the hard work and vision of our coaches and management. Secondly, to our prem 2 and under-85 teams, a great effort winning your finals. Thirdly, I welcome and congratulate our newly formed women's netball team for playing in the finals in its first year. Congratulations and malo ta'alo faatausala ma faatamaalii.

A special tribute to the Shamrock Club for their continued financial support, and to Advance Electrical for supporting our prem teams and our first netball team.

Thank you to all life members who continue their great work by attending functions at the clubrooms and watching games on the sideline — a great MSP family spirit.

The challenge for us all is to ensure we continue to play our part as players, coaches, sponsors or supporters to offer help and use our expertise to further develop our club. We have no doubt that the winnings and jubilations will follow.

Lastly, I wish to thank our chairman Rob Evans and our management committee and volunteers including Brian Coulter with his financial advice, Alan Woods for clubrooms hire, Andy Bell and Peter Woods for the \$100 raffle — a great team effort. We are so lucky in our MSP rugby family that we continue to have volunteers to do specific tasks to help our club.

Stay safe for the next 50 years. Thank you and all the best for the festive season.

Soifua and good health.

**Auimatagi Ken Ah Kuoi**

President

### **CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

The 2020 Wellington club rugby season was certainly one like no other with the impact of Covid 19 creating an entirely different feel.

The pre-season began well and the players were all in good shape after several months of pretty intense fitness sessions. We were all ready and excited to get underway in late March only for lockdown to be enforced and the season to be suspended indefinitely. It was encouraging to see all teams keep the communications going and support each other during this uncertain time via whatsapp and zoom group chats. We even managed the first MSP Virtual Clubrooms experience on Anzac Day when a group of us organised a zoom meeting and enjoyed a few beers from the comfort of our living rooms.

During lockdown we were aware that the number of MSP colts' players had significantly declined from the previous season. It became a major focus to ensure that, should a season commence, we would have a colts' team. Unfortunately this wasn't to be and when the season eventually resumed on 20 June we had to inform the WRFU that MSP wouldn't be represented in the colts division. Part of this was due to the unforeseen impact of Covid but across most clubs in Wellington the colts division is struggling with numbers. It is one of our top priorities for the 2021 season to ensure we have a colts' team. It's long been a pathway to ensuring success at senior levels and we need to continue this by developing young players through the colts.

Players from all teams were pretty happy to finally get back into training and playing mode when the season got underway on 20 June. MSP welcomed several new players including Aidan Morgan from Auckland, Matt Dobbyn from Hamilton, Ryan Dafel from Nelson and Sagele Aukusitino from St Pats College. It's great to see players from across New Zealand making Marist St Pats their club of choice and donning our famous red jersey.

The premiers and premier reserves began their seasons in varying ways on June 20 against Norths at Jerry Collins Stadium in Porirua. The premiers beat the 2019 Jubilee Cup champions 28-5 in a dominant display whilst the premier reserves went down 10-43. This was their first loss in a couple of seasons and huge credit must go to the team and their coach Junior 'Tinkha' Tolova'a in ensuring it was their only loss of the entire season, culminating in beating the same Norths team 25-13 at Club Finals Day on 26 September to claim the Ed Chaney Cup.

The premiers continued on from that opening win and ended up claiming the Swindale Shield on September 12 at Evans Bay Park. This was a huge turnaround from being 2019 Hardham



Cup winners. The entire team along with coaches Zak Feunati, Edwin Meachen and Dan Kauraka deserve to be proud of their season. Whilst the Jubilee Cup semi-final resulted in a closely fought loss to eventual winners OBU, the season was overall hugely successful. The team's brand of rugby and their defensive commitment for the red jersey means we can look forward to the 2021 season with anticipation.

Congratulations to Vince Sakaria and Andrew Wells who both brought up their 100th premier games during the season, an achievement to be proud of.

The MSP women's team had a shortened season due to Covid. They played some great rugby across their eight games and achieved their goal of finishing in the top four. There is a real camaraderie within the squad and I think they too can look forward to the 2021 season with huge anticipation. Their passion for the game and support for the club is refreshing and a good example for all other teams.

The Covid-interrupted season also impacted the MSP Internationals, the U85s and our legendary Pressies. All teams represented the club with distinction in a frustrating year, with the U85s winning the Tony O'Brien Shield at Hataitai Park on September 12. This was just reward for a team that plays the game in the right spirit and has a great bunch of characters to make them a real MSP identity. The U85s were due to host a couple of social events at the clubrooms this season which sadly had to be cancelled due to Covid. But 2021 promises to be another exciting year for them and I'm sure we'll see them back playing their fast paced brand of rugby and ensuring we have a couple of events planned to rock the clubrooms!

Finally, I'd like to congratulate all our players who have been selected for representative teams. It's great to see and is testament to their hard work and sacrifices during the season. 2020 has certainly been a challenging and uncharted year for all involved. I guess it's a case of fingers crossed that Covid will be under control in 2021 to a level whereby we can enjoy rugby without limitations on crowd size and clubrooms attendance.

I want to make a special mention to certain players who weren't always selected to play on Saturday due to excess numbers of senior players and the fact that at the time we weren't in a position to field a second prem reserve team. These players who were rotated in and out of the prem reserves never complained and were always willing to put in the hard work at training for the greater good of the team and our club. I hope that come 2021 we can work to ensure we field as many teams as possible to ensure all players are playing rugby.

I'd like to thank all the coaches, managers and volunteers across all grades for their support and assistance in this challenging season. Enjoy the summer and here's to a successful 2021 season where hopefully we can finally celebrate our 50th Jubilee.

**Mike Renouf**

Club Captain

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2020 financial year has been the most difficult for all sport organisations, and Marist St Pats is no exception. The Finance Sub-Committee has been working hard to make this a sustainably financial year for us.

With 2020 revenue at \$312k and expenses of \$296k (excluding cost of sales at \$28k) compared to \$389k and \$334k respectively for the 2019 year, we can see a clear deterioration of our revenue base in 2020. Even with the financial hardships we faced as a club, we were fortunate to post a \$19k operating profit (before depreciation) which continues a trend of recent years (before exceptional items).

The following are key items for the year:

1. Trust grant revenue decreased by \$70k. While we retained our very generous sponsors from recent years, Covid had a significant impact and there was no Trust revenue for six months. The club acknowledges and thanks these Trusts for their significant positive impact on MSP's financial wellbeing. Fortunately, the Trust revenue decrease was offset by the Government Covid Wage Subsidies and the NZ Sport Grant. The club also did not purchase any major assets this financial year which is another reason for the decrease.
2. Bar sales brought in \$47k this year, the same as in 2019. This is significant considering the convoluted rugby season. The Queen's Birthday launch of Tim Donoghue's *C'Mon Red* 50th Jubilee book was an outstanding success. The involvement from club members and invited guests at the clubrooms and at Evans Bay games was excellent. We thank Tim for his outstanding contribution. The bar sales turnover can also be attributed to the success some of our teams had on the field that translated into off-field celebrating, and Alan Woods continued his great work to increase the clubroom hire outs.
3. Understandably, sponsorship and donations decreased in 2020. The club is greatly appreciative of the generosity of our sponsors and donors. We were lucky to receive \$14k of jersey and game-day sponsorship.
4. The Shamrock Club membership event season and subsequent revenue was severely impacted this year. Membership income was significantly lower than last year, although this income is usually offset by Shamrock event costs. Due to Covid, the timing of the All Blacks test match in Wellington fell in October 2020, so the costs will be reflected in our 2021 financial results. MSP greatly appreciates Shamrock Club members' continued support, considering Covid's impact on the business community. We expect this area of revenue will continue to be impacted in 2021 and will do our best to support and promote our Shamrock Club members' businesses where possible.
5. No \$100 raffle was run in 2020. A raffle is scheduled for October this year with a plan for two raffles in 2021.
6. WRFU GDO programme income decreased this year because of Covid. Due to funding restraints, WRFU contribution decreased by 50% to \$20,000. WRFU is currently reviewing this programme.



7. MSP club membership subscriptions and donations increased. Even with a shortened season, restricted clubroom access and Covid related financial hardships for our members, they continued to fully support MSP and subscription revenue increased by 40% from 2019. This year, we used a variety of methods to communicate with our members and will endeavour to continue this next year. We cannot thank our members enough for their contributions and we are heartened by their support.

Marist St Pats wishes to acknowledge the following organisations and individuals who have contributed significantly to the club's finances during the past year:

1. Gaming Trusts: Four Winds Foundation, Air Rescue, Lion Foundation, NZCT and Pelorus Trust. Without their continued support, the club would struggle to provide resources and equipment to our players.
2. Various individual jersey and match day sponsors, who are vital in contributing to the club's overall operating expenses, in particular, our teams:
  - a. Jersey sponsors: Wedgelock Equipment, E-Xpert Development, EJT Flynn, LT McGuinness, CJ Ryan, EN Ramsbottom, John Duignan Holdings, Prime Interiors, Ken Ah Kuoi Law, Optic Security, Woods Waste, Hutt Gas & Plumbing, MPB Builders.
  - b. Match day sponsors: Bryce Tietjens and Kelly Glass.
3. Mike Hansen: his role entails organising sponsorship for the club and managing the ongoing relationships with these sponsors. We are grateful for his hard work in this area.
4. The Shamrock Club: we thank you for your continued support in a challenging business environment.
5. Alan Woods took over the management of clubroom hires. We are thrilled to see a positive increase in revenue from hireage this year and look forward to being able to build on this in 2021.
6. Dave Woods, Alan Woods, Peter Woods, MaryAnn Spillane, John Spillane, Reuben Ouwerkerk, Mick Sood, Porky Jensen, Spud Joyce, Kate Clapperton, John Poutawera, Chris Ryan, Ciaran O'Brien, Dan McNicholas and Brian McGuinness: these club members spent a considerable amount of their own time revamping the clubrooms including a major overhaul of the bar and associated equipment along with an upgrade to the lounge space (formerly known as the Kids' Room).
7. Junior Club sponsors.
  - a. Bryce Tietjens and Family sponsored the player of the day ribbons. Giving these ribbons helps teach our young rugby players the importance of sportsmanship and fair play.
  - b. In-Depth Builders sponsored our team photos. This allowed our young players to have a memorable token of their 2020 MSP season.

Again, on behalf of the club, I would like to say thank you to all club and Shamrock members, Gaming Trusts and sponsors for their contributions, especially during these challenging and uncertain times. Without your contributions, Marist St Pats would not be able to operate and we value your support.

Lastly, I would like to thank Finance Sub-Committee members Brian Coulter, MaryAnn Spillane and Melissa Moroney, and Mike Hansen for their hard work throughout the year. It is your contribution that has allowed the club to operate this season. Your ability to make this a sustainable financial year for Marist St Pats is a tribute to your time and effort.

We bleed red, but let's keep the books in the black.

**Rory McNicholas**

On behalf of the Finance Sub-Committee

### **DIRECTOR OF RUGBY REPORT**

2020 will be a year that we will never forget with all the Covid disruptions and the season format changing. Like all other clubs we were prepared for the changes and they didn't stop us getting on with our planning and putting in place our structures on and off the field for the season.

This year we were only able to field two senior teams along with the women's, u85kg, internationals and presidents. Unfortunately, for various reasons we weren't able to field colts' or first grade teams. This is a priority for the 2021 season and recruiting is well underway to make sure we get these teams on the field.

Pre-season once again was a success. The players' conditioning was at a high level and the disruption of lockdown didn't stop them coming back in good condition.

We welcomed players into the club in all teams and all have embraced the MSP way straight from pre-season. With it being our Jubilee year, the players wanted to make sure we brought success to the club and we did.

A massive congratulations to the u85kg team for winning their grade. This core of players brings a lot of energy to the club and to see the togetherness of this team is great for the club.

Again the prem reserves juggernaut keeps rolling on, winning the grade for the third year in a row which is an outstanding achievement. The culture and vibe this group brings every week is awesome to see. The club's future looks bright with the majority of this team being young and talented.

The premier squad this year was well balanced with youth and experience right across the side. There was a change in captaincy with Tom Martin taking over the reins and becoming MSP's youngest premier captain.

Congratulations to the premiers for winning the Swindale Shield for the first time since 2014. It was a great achievement taking into account all the disruptions. But with the depth of both premier squads we were able to field over 40 players in premier rugby.

After narrowly losing in the Jubilee Cup semi-final this team is very determined to come back stronger. Given the club's depth there's no doubt they can go one better next season.

Special mention to the women's team for reaching the semi-finals in a very competitive grade. The women's team is very important to the club and we will keep working with them to make sure we have a pathway to grow this team and a successful environment they can enjoy.

Over 90% of subs were paid by the players which is a huge positive for the club. Credit to all players for playing their part to make this happen.

We are very fortunate to have excellent training facilities which our players can use to better themselves. As we look to keep improving we know here at MSP there is always going to be challenges we face as a rugby club, but we have that 'we, not me' mentality which has always been the MSP way.

It's been a successful season for MSP and with the recruitment of players and coaches well underway, there's already excitement building for the 2021 season. A massive thank you to all the coaches and management staff for their hard work and time in making these teams successful and creating an environment where the players can enjoy their rugby.

### **Zak Feaunati**

MSP Director of Rugby

## **50TH ANNIVERSARY REPORT**

*(Thanks to the Wellington Archdiocese newspaper, **WelCom**, for this article, '**Marist St Pats RFC Marks First 50 Years With Glittering Book Launch**'. It was published after Tim Donoghue's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book was launched at Old Timers' Day on 25 July 2020).*

Several hundred supporters of the Marist St Pats RFC helped the club celebrate the launch of its 50th Jubilee publication, *C'Mon Red*. The launch was part of the club's 50th celebrations and replaced its birthday gala dinner originally set down for Queens Birthday Weekend. Because of Covid, the dinner has been postponed to 2021 when events will include the gala dinner, Mass, club games, social events and the naming of a 50th anniversary team.

Singer Ca'ii Gordon very kindly sang the New Zealand National Anthem and 'Heroes', and was followed by guest speakers, Ron Evans, Brian Coulter, Brian McGuinness and Tim Donoghue. Also in attendance were Mike Savalii (Rector of St Patricks College), Brad Hudson (President St Patricks College Old Boys Association), Irish Ambassador Peter Ryan, High Commissioner for Samoa Leasi Tommy Scanlan and Mrs Scanlan, Rongotai MP Paul Eagle and officials from the NZ Rugby Football Union and Wellington Rugby Football Union. Family members of the late John Gordon (whose thunderous voice could be heard on the sidelines booming 'C'Mon Red') also enjoyed the festivities.

Ms Gordon, of Ngāti Porou and Rongowhakaata descent from the North Island's East Coast is used to singing national anthems to packed Australian stadiums. She was the Australian Rugby Union anthem singer of choice for Bledisloe Cup matches from 2000-2010.

*C'Mon Red* is a grassroots rugby story of volunteer attitude, spirit and passion exhibited by players, coaches, supporters and financial backers alike.

This is the third book that author, Tim Donoghue, has written and published on rugby. Tim also won Malaysia's premier non-fiction Book of the Year Award for *Karpal Singh – Tiger of Jelutong* (2014), his biography of the crusading human rights lawyer and politician. Tim's print journalism career has spanned five decades, including a stint as the NZ Press Association Hong Kong-based Asia correspondent in the 1990s.

Marist St Pats has built a formidable reputation in Wellington sport since its first senior team played on Athletic Park on Saturday 3 April 1971. The new club had been created late the previous year when members of the Marist Old Boys and St Pats Old Boys clubs voted to amalgamate.

The Marist club had been launched in Wellington in 1918, and St Pats Old Boys in 1926. By the end of the 1960s it was clear that, with both clubs competing for the same pool of players, the case for amalgamation was overwhelming. St Pat's College old boys Tom Blewman and Ron Evans became MSP's first president and chairman respectively.

The new club had its teething problems, notably over its colours. The first playing jerseys combined the emerald green and white of Marist with the white and light blue of St Pats Old Boys. It was a lacklustre compromise and in 1974, in a bid for a new identity and with memories of the all-conquering 1971 British Lions still strong, the club adopted its current scarlet jerseys and blue and green socks.

MSP today continues the tradition of the priests and brothers whose love of rugby was indelibly stamped on boys who passed through Marist primary schools and colleges. Many became prominent administrators and helped build superb amenities including the clubrooms at Hataitai and the gym and training facilities next to St Pat's College at Evans Bay.

The club has broadened its appeal in rugby's professional era and now fields a women's rugby team, a women's netball team and teams in the under-85kg grade to cater for players of a smaller build. Marist St Pats has a thriving junior section, and many boys and girls first experience rugby when pulling on an MSP jersey on Saturday morning.

Cardinal John Dew, the club's patron, contributed a foreword to the book and was delighted to receive a hard copy of *C'Mon Red* from the author. Cardinal John congratulated Marist St Pats on a wonderful milestone and thanked the Board for their expression of kindness.

## **HOUSE REPORT**

It's a pleasure being the chair for two years now, for this hard working committee. We are all volunteers for this great family rugby club. I must place on record a big thank you to you all for your time and efforts. Managing our 'house' is hard work and if one does not enjoy doing it, then it would be a big challenge.

Special acknowledgement to our host Richard Kilkenny in facilitating the meet-and-greet during the season. Our colourful MC Mike Renouf, up and coming Kate Clapperton for arranging staff and managing the bar, Melissa for her general help overall, Alan Woods for running the clubrooms hire, Peter Woods for his help with bar orders, and Dave Woods for his general 'Mr Fixit' maintenance work.

Lastly, a big thank you to the parents that volunteered to serve food for our prem and visiting teams during home games; namely Rosalie Meachen, Maria Masina and Frances Ah Mu — hopefully you will continue to assist next year.

The challenge for us all is to provide more social events and entertainment, to encourage club members and supporters to come up to the clubrooms during the season and maintain the clubrooms' high standards. If someone wants to volunteer next year and to be a member of this committee, please let me know.

Enjoy the festive season.

Ken Ah Kuoi

**House chair**

### **THE SHAMROCK CLUB REPORT**

Along with many other aspects of the club this year, the Shamrock Club too was a casualty of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Invitations for the 2020 Shamrock launch were at the printers when the shutdown was introduced. We had put in place a program which was going to see the season's launch again at the Stadium for the Hurricanes v Chiefs Super Rugby match on 1 May.

The Test weekend had been planned for the All Blacks v Wales match on Saturday 14 June with Warren Gatland lined up as guest speaker at the annual Test Dinner on the Friday night. Obviously these plans had to be put on hold until such time as All Black rugby was to resume.

Finally, after it appeared there would be no international rugby in 2020 it was announced that the All Blacks would play two Tests against Australia in October. Fortunately Wellington was allocated one of only two Test matches played in New Zealand in 2020.

Despite the very short timeframe the Shamrock Club managed to secure tickets for the match and we were able to have our traditional pre-Test luncheon, this year held at the clubrooms.

This was very well patronised with 160 in attendance. A typically superb buffet meal from the master Tony O'Brien and the great team from the Pines and refreshments were enjoyed before buses took everyone to the Stadium. We watched a titanic Bledisloe Cup battle which ended in an exciting 16-all draw after 89 minutes!

With the Test played on a Sunday and the short timeframe involved, unfortunately we were not in a position to hold our annual Test Dinner. Hopefully this tradition will continue next year.

Marist St Pats is extremely appreciative of the Shamrock Club members who paid their membership subscription at a time when there was no immediate prospect of being able to fulfil this year's programme.

As mentioned earlier in the Annual Report, the club's finances have been stretched during this difficult season and your generosity and commitment to Marist St Pats and the Shamrock Club has played a large part in allowing the club to survive.

We now look forward to 2021 which will be the Shamrock Club's 30th year. A great achievement which we intend to celebrate in style!

### **Shamrock Club Committee**

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

### **SHAMROCK CLUB MEMBERS**

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## **OBITUARIES**

Marist St Pats extends its condolences to club members and their families whilst remembering those who died during 2020:

Talaopatina Ah Kuoi  
Marie Feaunati  
John Murfitt  
Pauline Stephen

Joseph Arthurs  
George Gallagher  
Joyce O'Keeffe  
Bernie Weakley

Lorraine Arthurs  
Terence Leamy  
Peter O'Neale

## **REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS 2020**

*(Representative programmes were severely cut back this year because of Covid)*

### **New Zealand Women's Barbarians**

Lyric Faleafaga, Marcelle Parkes, Monica Tagoa'i

### **Hurricanes**

Gareth Evans, Billy Proctor, Fletcher Smith, Jonathan Taumateine

### **Chiefs**

Naitoa Ah Kuoi

### **Wellington Lions**

Naitoa Ah Kuoi, Aidan Morgan, Billy Proctor, Tyrone Thompson

### **Wellington Pride**

Ana-Maria Afuie, Lyric Faleafaga, Marcelle Parkes, Monica Tagoa'i

### **Samoa Women**

Ana-Maria Afuie

## **REPRESENTATIVE COACHES AND MANAGERS 2020**

### **Wellington Pride**

Coaches: Ross Bond and Brendan Reidy

## TROPHIES AND AWARDS 2020

Sportsman of the Year (Paul Donoghue Trophy)	<b>Isaia Petelo</b>
Outstanding Club Member (W M O'Connor Memorial Cup)	<b>Rob Evans</b>
Mick Horan Memorial Trophy	<b>Tui Tuiatua</b>
Most Meritorious Women's Club Member	<b>Melissa Tofete</b>
Most Meritorious Senior 1 Player (John L Gordon Memorial Trophy)	<b>Jay Hawkins</b>
Team of the Year (Fr Geoff Broad Memorial Trophy)	<b>Premiers</b>
Outstanding Administrator (Brother Fabian Cup)	<b>Mike Renouf</b>
Outstanding Contribution by Non-Office Bearing Club Member (John Rennie Memorial Cup)	<b>Kate Clapperton</b>
Pacific Trophy (Ah Kuoi Family Cup)	<b>James Tuiatua</b>
Special Merit Award	<b>Mike Tolovaa</b>
Team Scoring Most Championship Points (William Te Oka Shield)	<b>Premier Reserves</b>
Most Outstanding Snr 2/3 Club Player (Alan McLean Memorial Cup)	<b>Alex Baylis</b>
Most Outstanding Age Grade Player (Reg Parkin Memorial Cup)	<b>Aidan Morgan</b>
Most Outstanding Under-85 Player (Budgie Jacobsen Cup)	<b>Malcolm Mashingaidze</b>
Player Scoring Most Tries (Monsignor Heavey Cup)	<b>Ofa Siale</b>
Player Kicking Most Points (St Pats College Old Boys Cup)	<b>James Proctor</b>
Most Consistent Tackler (AC O'Connor Cup)	<b>Monica Tagoai</b>

## TEAM AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION 2020

Premier	<b>James Proctor</b>
Premier Reserve	<b>Shane Thompstone</b>
Premier Women	<b>Jaydah Timu</b>
Under-85 Red	<b>Jared Corsten</b>
Reserve Internationals	<b>Nathan Simpson</b>
Presidents	<b>Arnold Politini</b>
Sevens Men	<b>Faresa Tasele</b>
Sevens Women	<b>Unaisi Vanavana</b>
Netball	<b>Aliyah De La Mare</b>



# Marist St Pats Premier Team 2020

Winners: Swindale Shield, Maurice Standish Cup, Rona-Morrisey Cup, Jack Lamason Cup,  
Joe Aspell Cup, Horan-Millar Trophy



Back Row: Robert Evans, A Morgan, T Tuia, J Naa, P Haini, C Gubb, T Thompson, S Aukusitino, O Siale, W Schutz, B Stephens, J Cameron, E Meachen (Coach),

M Renouf (Club Captain)

2nd Row: S Jensen (Asst Manager), O Rawlinson (Physio), D Kauraka (Coach), M Sood (Manager), M Fitisemanu, K Whitman, T Horan, J Tuiatua, F Tasele, R Dafel,

M Dobbyn, K Kapeli, J Dunn, I Feaunati (Head Coach), M Tolova'a (Manager), K Ah Kuoi (President)

Front Row: J Tuia, J Procter, R Setefano, A Wells (V Captain), T Martin (Captain), V Meachen, I Petelo, I O'Connor, V Sakaria

Absent: B Procter, J Zino, J Taumateine, J To'omaga, I Aukusitino, Fa'atonu Fili, E Ciabburn (Physio)

David Hamilton Photography

## PREMIER REPORT

Head coach                Zak Feaunati  
Assistant coaches        Edwin Meachen, Fa'atonu Fili and Dan Kauraka  
Manager                    Mike Tolovaa  
Assistant managers      Mike Sood and Porky Jensen

The 2020 season started with an excellent pre-season programme with some intense and physical training sessions. This set up a good base for success in the upcoming season.

The team was then hit with the Covid lockdown which was frustrating for everyone. We had to wait before any plans were put in place for the season to resume. During lockdown the players were determined not to let all the hard training go to waste so they kept up their conditioning training which was crucial.

The season structure was changed so that all clubs played each other in the first round with the top four going straight into Jubilee Cup semi-finals. The 2020 premier squad make-up was good with excellent depth in most positions and with recruitment in some key positions, competition for places was going to make the team stronger.

The season started with a very good 28-5 away win against a strong Norths team in wet conditions. Then it was away again to Upper Hutt. Their pack physically imposed themselves and we went into the half just ahead but in the second the Red Machine got into its work and we finally ran away with it 61-11. Wainuiomata was next at home and we ground out a 27-10 win.

Then came Petone away, and as we know both clubs have had some fierce games over the years. Petone began with intent and put us under enormous pressure to lead 17-8 at halftime. In the second half MSP started to keep the ball for longer periods which resulted in points but we came up short, losing 19-20. This first loss taught the boys some lessons on dealing with pressure in moments where we needed to be more patient and also to start with the intensity that most home teams bring when you play away.

We went on to win the next three games against Ories, OBU and Avalon. Against local rivals Ories our forwards got on top and produced quality ball for the backs to attack. Ories came out strong in the second half with wave after wave of attack but the MSP defence held and we went on to win 42-6.

OBU were next on Old Timers Day. In our jubilee year it was a big day for the club and we knew we had to play well against a very strong OBU team. This was another great clash. Both teams were even in the early stages and as the game wore on we had a good bench to carry on that intensity. With some regular starters coming on MSP put OBU under strong pressure in the final quarter to win 22-18.

Avalon was played on a Friday night and with changes to the starting line-up this game was a great example of the squad's depth. It was a try feast at Fraser Park with MSP winning 92-14.



With confidence high and some good rugby played over the last three weeks we went to the Hutt Rec knowing we had to match HOBM's physicality. We started the game well but just couldn't convert the pressure into points and HOBM started to get some decent ball to unleash their dangerous backline. We were making silly errors and the game went right to the final play. HOBM held on after an excellent MSP comeback but we went down 22-24.

This was a hard loss to take as we had prepared well. But the lessons were that we needed to do the simple things well and build pressure against quality opposition.

We made a couple of changes both on attack and defence and went on to win the next five games against Tawa, Poneke, Paremata-Plimmerton, Johnsonville and Wellington.

The Poneke performance was one we played with high intensity and physicality, winning 50-18. Not very often we get to put 50 points on our neighbours across the road and it made up for last year's loss. Bringing back the Horan-Millar Trophy meant a lot to the players.

After winning the first round we were awarded the Swindale Shield, for the first time since 2014. It was an outstanding performance by all players involved and it showed the club's depth and the quality in both premier teams.

Next was a home semi-final against OBU. We knew this would be a tight game for the whole 80 minutes, with the winner going on to the Jubilee Cup final. Both teams came out with intent with both packs physically going at each other. OBU got on top in the first 20 minutes with MSP ill-discipline costing us and one player sinbinned.

We lost our 10/12 combination of Aidan Morgan and James Proctor before halftime which really tested our direction and attack mindset. With some key decisions going against us we needed to dig deep to find a way back as OBU were slowing getting on top. As the second half wore on MSP finally started to build phases and pressure. The bench again made an impact but with key players off injured the connection between forwards and backs wasn't what it should have been. The effort was there but execution let us down. Even though we scored at the end, time ran out and OBU held on to win 24-22.

It was a game we knew we could win but the loss of key players throughout the game cost us. We almost did enough but fell just short which was disappointing. These players worked so hard over the year to bring the Jubilee Cup home.

We know we will come back stronger next year and are determined to win the Jubilee Cup but overall the premier season was a huge success. After last year, winning the Swindale was awesome.

The club's depth showed and the younger players didn't disappoint every time they took the field in the red jersey. The senior players led by example and a special mention to our captain Tom Martin for leading the team well this year both on and off the field.

Thank you to all the coaches and management for giving up their time and supporting all the players. Without you this team wouldn't have the success it had this year.

We are looking forward to 2021. The majority of the squad will be back to build on all the hard work by players and management.

**Zak Feaunati**

Head coach

**PREMIER RESERVE**

Taking on the premier reserves was a big challenge for me this year as I had my head set on coaching the colts' team for another year. The premier reserves have an outstanding record with only three losses throughout the past three-four years.

The skill level from previous coaches Edwin and Dan to get these boys at premier level set a big challenge for me as a coach along with Sonny and Mathew. We set our challenge to win this Cup no matter what.

We spoke to our captain, James Zino, a well-respected senior player with strong leadership skills to guide our boys this season on what we were trying to achieve. A big part of that is brotherhood, respect, family and of course MSP.

Our first game was against a very strong Norths side which we lost 43-10. We needed to come back strong in the next round and of course to win, so back to the drawing board to look at what we need to work on as well as making adjustments within the team.

There was an overwhelming number of players this year due to no colts' team, and this became an even more challenging task just to get everyone to have a game each week.

Thanks to the senior coaching group of Zak, Fa'atonu, Edwin, Dan, Mikey T and Brendan for all their help and guidance which helped me as a coach to progress and learn. Brendan spent a lot of time with the boys in scrums and set plays in the forward pack which was a big help. This took a lot of pressure off me and also provided a big learning curve from the legend. The help from Mike Tolovaa with training gear for us made a big difference. You knew you're part of a very strong club.

Even though we were going through a pandemic, having no supporters due to COVID-19 regulations, plus the stress the boys may have been going through during this hard time, after the Norths loss we won every game by convincing margins. We continued this great form into the finals averaging 40-50 points a game.

We won! Yes, we won the final and it was against the team that beat us at the start. We are the 2020 Ed Chaney Cup holders! It was an honour to be involved in all that followed — James Zino accepting the trophy for team scoring the most championship points; Jay Hawkins winning the most meritorious senior 1 player; Alex Baylis winning the most outstanding senior 2/3 club player; and Ofa Siale winning the award for player scoring the most tries.

A huge thank you to assistant coaches Sonny Whitman and Fa'atonu Fili for your commitment to the team and undeniably skilful coaching skills. It was a privilege to work alongside you

during this season and hopefully look forward to possible opportunities together in the future. Also to Zak for giving me the chance to coach a very skilful team, it was truly an honour.

To Mike T and Mathew, thanks for helping me through the season and giving me advice where it was needed. Edwin and Dan, thanks heaps for helping me out and also to the boys, it felt like one big team.

Big thanks to Mike Renouf for all your support. To John and Poto, your assistance with sorting out the team's gear before and after every game is very much appreciated and valued by myself and the boys. The fact you had a major knee operation midway this year, John, yet you still showed your support and passion for the boys and the club.

Finally, to the boys! You have some big hearts and some really big balls lol. It was an honour to coach you this year. I have learnt a lot from each and every one of you guys and I will definitely see you next year! It will be our year again, lesssgoooooooooooo!

Tasi le fatu, tasi le agaga, MALISI!!!

Fa'afetai tele lava

**Tinka Tolova'a**

Coach

## **PREMIER WOMEN**

Head coach: Ryan Setefano

Forwards coaches: Mui Liumahetau and Lucky Tuia

Manager: Valerie Moon Setefano

This year the coaches and girls worked hard prepping themselves mentally for a great year ahead. We brainstormed and set goals as a team to solidify the camaraderie, the sisterhood and the union of one vision — to make the top four of the first tier and represent the MSP brand and club with pride.

Each player, coach and manager all wrote and voiced their own personal goals for the team and signed for accountability; the mood was fresh and hopeful for wishes to be fulfilled.

COVID hit and took a toll on our season. Online communication became the number one platform to keep in touch and maintain high spirits, checking in with each other to ensure the mental body was not affected too much by this sudden and unprecedented time.

Once levels were back to allow the team to train and play within regulations, we garnered new players from up north and around Wellington. Throughout the short season, we have grown as a team from last year's efforts and not just in numbers — there's more synchronicity, confidence and belief amongst the new members and team as a whole. You can notice the maturity and discipline with a desire for more growth and development for the team but also themselves.

We played well and kept to our vision of making our team respectable and impressive amongst our peers and club. This season, as expected but not what we were hoping, some players were subject to injuries, some minor and others worse such as concussions and fractures.

On a winning note — we made top four! Goal achieved and greatly deserved! We also beat OBU for the inaugural Jensen Family Trophy.

Our first game of the season against Ories was a game of two halves. Conditions were below par but we made the most of what we had by leading in the first half. This was testament to the team's physical and mental growth with coaches and the individuals on the field sticking to the one-team vision of playing for each other and club.

Our final game against Norths was a nail biter. We were leading in the first half after a great display of rugby. Losing was a slightly bitter pill to swallow, knowing we had them all the way to halftime. In the end it showed areas that we had missed and failed to implement. We will be back and more than ready for 2021.

Four players were named in the Wellington wider squad, with two again selected in the Black Ferns.

This year the team was given an upgrade on uniform kit, which was welcomed with gratitude. We would like to thank the club for the ongoing support our team receives and the inclusion of the women's team in all that involves the club and rugby. We are all vital parts promoting the growth of a sport we love regardless of gender, playing and helping expand the MSP brand and club through our strong ties and connections to each other as a community, people and players.

The club is a family culture like no other. We are privileged to be representing the hard work of past generations who were the architects of what it stands for today. As individuals and a team we are proud MSP women who want to showcase our skills, our passion and loyalty to the club, team, coaches and all who have been instrumental in making women's rugby possible.

**Valerie Moon Setefano**

Manager

### **UNDER 85 REDS**

2020 produced an unforgettable season for the under 85 Reds. We had a false start (thanks COVID!) and the challenge of keeping 30 players underweight while they were stuck inside for almost two months. Despite this, when we were finally able to get training and games underway, we had a very successful season overall.

Thirty-four players have represented Marist St Pats in the under 85kg grade this season, some with over 100 appearances for the club and some who've made their debuts for the Reds. Our

team has always prided itself on being a brotherhood focused not just on the game, but the relationships developed off the field as well. In this new world of social distancing and zoom meetings we were still able to get in a few decent team social events and can't wait to see through the 80s' night up at the clubrooms in 2021.

Massive shout out to Malcolm Mashingaidze (better known to us as Mumba) for being the constant driving force behind our team culture, helping to plan and execute social events and keeping the comms going even in lockdown. These incredible efforts on and off the field is why he was this year's recipient of the 'Budgie' Jacobsen Cup for Most Outstanding Under 85s player.

The roller coaster that has been this season saw us go through some highs and lows. Following two consecutive wins against Poneke in our pre-season and opening games, we faced strong opposition from Upper Hutt and OBU leading to two subsequent losses.

Next up were reigning champions Avalon. In one of our season's best games, we outplayed them and gained a deserved 29-12 victory which boosted morale and confidence within the squad. Unfortunately, our winning form against Avalon was not repeated in the next two matches which saw us lose away at Eastbourne and narrowly to Wellington on Kilbirnie.

With two good wins against Wests and HOBM we clinched a home semi-final against our neighbours, Poneke, that turned into one of our most nail-biting wins of the season. All this work culminated in our highlight of the year, a solid performance on Hataitai Park resulting in a 20-12 win, the Tony O'Brien Shield in hand, and the honour of being the 2020 Div 2 champions for under 85 rugby in Wellington.

A huge thank you to our support team; coach Gregor Quinn for his guidance and perseverance over the past two years which got the boys to the champion standard they finished the season at; our co-captains Calum Bron and Jackson Martin for their constant on-field efforts to keep the team composed and working together seamlessly; and manager Reuben Ouwerkerk for his years of behind-the-scenes work.

We look forward to another year of rugby in 2021. Up the Reds!

**Kate Clapperton**

Manager

### **RESERVE INTERNATIONALS**

The INTERNATIONALS 2020 on field season was roller coaster ride... just not one you'd pay for, as we only won one game. Actually, it was a tram ride in a city with only one hill.

The results don't reflect the quality of the players we had. That quality is extremely varied, so I'll not comment. I've been in a lot of rugby teams; some have been extremely successful and some haven't. This team is no different. If I had a dollar for every game we won, I'd have three

dollars. The fact two dollars came without having to take the field doesn't lessen my hypothetical buying power.

We played with our socks up, or down depending on the individual. Occasionally, I'd see some rogue soul with one sock up and one sock down. If that happened I'd be humming 'The Grand Old Duke of York' for the rest of the game.

All seriousness aside, I'm confident that if we have the same bunch of guys next year and we all get fit, we'll field a team and then see what happens.

The 2020 INTERNATIONALS had a tough season. But it showed a depth of character in every one of us. We never gave up, with excellent numbers at trainings, games, and Saturday night match reviews. We remained a positive unit, encouraging and lifting each other. We never blamed team members — as a team we saved that for inept officials and cheating opposition.

Off the field was brilliant, a great bunch of guys (and great rugby players too). Existing friendships were reinforced, new ones made and in some cases, animosity and jealousy still fester waiting to bubble up... 2020, you know the deal. Looking forward to the New Year, it's always a good night out. Special mentions:

Nathan 'Evergreen' Simpson — deserved MVP, tackled everything put in front of him and didn't stop.

Mike 'Cowboy' Bridges — took on the captaincy when BSDBD (Pena Fretton) took a season-ending injury in the first game. Success didn't come Cowboy's way, but it will as he has the hallmark qualities of leadership. Valiant, handsome, positive and tall.

Adam 'Panther' Bolt — six years in the team, he gave everything, every game for between 40 and 50 minutes (sometimes less). Panther is a straight-up genuine GC who has added immeasurable good things on and off the field. He's the kind of guy who keeps teams working by turning up, not taking it too seriously but not too lightly either. He was present at every event and could always be counted on. His presence will be sorely missed, but a place will always be open to him on the field or at the pub if he's visiting Welly!

2021 goals — recruit someone to write the team report.

**Cameron 'Halftime Hippo' Bath**

### **PRESIDENTS MH LAW CLASSICS**

Well, another season completed for the MH Law Classics. It didn't produce the winning year we were hoping for with six wins from 10 games to finish around third or fourth on the table. The highlight was just getting on the field with Covid drastically affecting our season, especially the final round on Presidents Day.



One of the big success stories was our recruiting with eight new players added. Most of them came from the sports entertainment industry of wrestling. The team really started showing some promise and things look good for the upcoming 50th celebrations in 2021.

A few notable mentions. Firstly, to Arnold Politini for winning MVP. He had an outstanding season with his straight-line running creating havoc in opposition defences and scoring tries from all areas of the field, including a hat trick against Upper Hutt. Perelini Suafa at the age of 67 still scoring tries and putting in the hard work each week. George Scandlyn playing in his 10th season of Presidents rugby and his defensive tackling. Max Curtis with his devastating tackling and being everywhere, menacing the opposition.

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. Grant Sullivan for volunteering to referee and keep us honest. It's a hard job with the constant abuse from our own players. Finally, Fred and Mick for leading the team this year with great mana.

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 each year.

Lastly the team would like to thank our sponsors Mahony Horner Lawyers (<https://www.mahonyhorner.co.nz/>) who every week keep our throats from getting too dry. With their support we are able to get the over-30-year-olds participating in the game. Also come see me [hfidow@sharp.net.nz](mailto:hfidow@sharp.net.nz) for any copier, visual signage and screen solutions — all sales will help towards team funds.

Cheers and will see you all next season.

### **Henry Fidow**

Manager, coach and all-round legend

## **MSP NETBALL**

Regina Setefano-Petelo and Pise Peni developed the idea of an MSP netball team early in 2019. We sought guidance from Wellington Netball on the process for entering a new club team and followed that with a proposal to the MSP committee to create a netball team using the MSP name.

Pleased with the committee's approval, Gina and Pise planned actions to ensure that the birth of MSP netball was a success. This included a lot of fundraising, submissions to the Wellington Netball Centre, organising and designing a uniform and of course, sourcing players.

The team fundraised a total of \$4000 before and throughout the season. The funds went towards uniforms, netball subs and court hire fees for training.

One of the main reasons for starting the team was to get women who wanted to be more involved in the MSP community. The majority of the girls in the team have a connection to MSP in some way including as rugby partners, family members and a committee member.

The season started on Saturday 27 June with a win against SN WAGs (OBU Partners) 37–21. Following that the MSP netball girls had a successful season winning all 10 games leading up to the final. To the team's despair, they lost the final 28–31 in a very tough battle against Tipu Netball who were also a new team and undefeated in the Senior 1 grade.

The team are astounded by the support of the MSP community with many well-wishers and support throughout the year. Mike Tolova'a was keen to support the girls and did so by sponsoring new number one shirts and MSP game hoodies.

Overall it was a very successful year for the first MSP netball team. There are currently discussions about additional teams and what this could look like. The MSP netball team will be entering the competition again next year with a goal of making the premier four grade by the following season.

**Regina Setefano-Petelo**

### **MSP JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT**

2020 was a challenging year for rugby at all levels and junior rugby was no exception. The level 3 lockdown hit just as junior rugby registrations were getting into full swing. It resulted in a number of regular events for the year being cancelled including the junior rugby club carnival, WRFU regional weigh-in and the Hutt Old Boys Marist inter-club event.

Once the junior rugby season was given the go ahead to resume post-lockdown, it was quite an intense lead in to get teams formed and prepared. On a positive note, the way the coaches, volunteers, parents and players responded was amazing. There was a clear appreciation of the opportunity to play rugby again and a strong sense of community spirit was more evident amongst all rugby supporters.

We were fortunate to have a 10-week season of junior rugby. Teams were given the opportunity to play throughout the mid-year school holidays and encouraged to adopt game-on principles to do so. We held two junior nights at the clubrooms, which were very well attended, and hosted Poneke in a successful inter-club event.

From a numbers' perspective, there was a drop in the number of registered junior players in 2020. We had 175 registered junior players with an additional 32 children registered for our Little Rippas nursery grade. The junior teams were made up of two x U6, two x U7, three x U8, two x U9, one x U10, two x U11 and one x U12 team. Unfortunately we were again unable to form an U13 team and U13 registered players were referred to other clubs such as Western Suburbs who adopted four of our own.

Whilst Covid-19 and the lockdown undoubtedly had an impact on our junior registration numbers, of most concern is the drop in U6 and U7 registrations over the past two seasons. In 2018 we had four teams in each of those grades whereas in 2020 there were only two in each, so we face the daunting prospect of having half the number of kids coming through the grades in future years.

The return to level 3 just before the end of the season was also unfortunate and provided further disruption and disappointment. It resulted in the cancellation of one round of junior rugby whilst the WRFU adapted to the Covid-19 restrictions. In the final two rounds some games were played under lights on grass pitches on a Friday night for the first time which proved a popular option in many quarters. We managed to proceed with team photos and held a well-attended junior prize-giving; however there was much sympathy for the U11 and U12 teams who had busted their gut to fundraise for their annual attendance of the Taupo Junior Rugby tournament only for the event to be cancelled.

I want to say a huge thank you to all the coaches, committee members, volunteers and parents for their contributions during 2020. Whilst the year presented many challenges, the way in which we banded together and responded to them is what I remain most proud of. It is that spirit which we hope to build on in 2021 to continue to provide a supportive environment for our kids to enjoy playing rugby.

**Bevan Brocklehurst**

MSP Junior Convenor

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### **MSP JUNIOR COACHES AND MANAGERS 2020**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>COACH</b>	<b>ASSISTANT COACH</b>	<b>MANAGER</b>
U12	Red Machine	Tim Rosenbrook	David Isaia	
U11	Lions	Nick Focas	Chris Mischeski	
U11	Warriors	Lafaele Savali	Chapman Vili	Aaron Titter
U10	Tigers	David Isaia		Katrina Bailey
U10/11	Maxmen	Stephen Wood		
U9	Cougars	Stephen Wood	Nathan Simpson	
U9	Lions	Tom Dunn	Tony Natoli	
U8	Leopards	JP Tocker	Rich Johnston	
U8	Tigers	Bevan Brocklehurst		
U8	Titans	Chapman Vili		
U7	Polar Bears	Michael Vaisigano		
U7	Tigers	Johnny Wright		
U6	Lions	Nevil Pierse		
U6	Tigers	Hamish Blackburn		
Nursery		Saina Mikao		

## MSP NON-PLAYING FINANCIAL MEMBERS 2020

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Kerry Maher  
Linda Williams  
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Paul Reid  
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#### **COACHES AND MANAGERS 2020**

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## MSP PLAYERS 2020 – MEN

Penitito Afuie	Paulo Agafili	Naitoa Ah Kuoi
Sarasopa Ah Kuoi	Bronson Aiono	Samson Alaimoana
Samuel Aldridge	Tovio Apolo	Iosefo Aukusitino
Sagele Aukusitino	Christian Avega	Liam Bargh
Jared Bath	Cameron Bath	Alexander Baylis
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Aaron Bouzaid	Dustin Bouzaid	Joel Bouzaid
Ronan Brennan	Myles Brennan	Michael Bridges
Calum Bron	Jeff Bullock	Hamuera Burn
Jarred Burns	Henry Burns	Jay Cameron
Jay Clark	Jared Corston	Samuel Cottam
Ryan Cullen	Max Curtis	Ryan Dafel
Dominic Demafelis	Asher Derbyshire	Matthew Dobbyn
Blake Drybrugh	Jacob Dunn	Adam Dyhrberg
Alex Earl	Karl Emson	Lauina Faatau
Mika Faletolu	Odin Faure	Josh Fawcett
Ben Fehoko	Pati Feleti	Henry Fidow
Benjamin Fidow	Leituva'a Fili	Fa'atonu Fili
Scott Finlay	Peniamina Fiti	Nic Fitisemanu
Meinrad Fitisemanu	Elijah Fonoti	Johan Fourie
Ross Fowler	Pena Fretton	Sione Fua
Peter Fuldseth	Ian Futchter	Adrian Garnons-Williams
Johnny Gbenda-Charles	John Gosselin	Charles Gubb
Pagopagohokma Haini	Michael Hansen	Nick Harrison
Andre Hart	Jazz Hart	Jay Hawkins
Manu Heketa	Joe Heredia	Jayden Hinaki
Thomas Horan	Nick Hughes	Cataldo Iaccarino
Isaac Isaako	David Isaia	Fergus Jensen
Michael Joyce	Ro Peni Kamakorewa	Kentino Kapeli
Janakan Karunaharan	Wael Khan	Simona Lafaele
Matthew Lawrence	Fred Lefaoseu	Tane Leong
Vaea Leota	Sione Likio	Sioape Likio
Daniel Lond	Lawrence Lotovale	Josefa Lutumailagi
Ah Tun Ma Sun	Mark Maclean	Tom Mahony
Tali Male	Jahzeel Marais	Jackson Martin
Thomas Martin	Jo Marukane	Malcolm Mashingaidze
Hone Mateo	Daisuke Matsuura	Xaviar Mauriohooho
Steve Mayes	Dominic McGlinchey	Niwa Mcilroy
Edwin Meachen	Valentine Meachen	Cam Meads

Kasimilo Mekaio	Ethan Meredith	Gabriel Meredith
Henry Merritt	Numi Mika	Saina Mikaio
Christopher Mischeski	Isaiah Mischeski	Steve Moli
Mahesh More	Aidan Morgan	Bruce Morrell
Ash Mupariwa	Josh Naa	Tony Natoli
Francious Nel	Michael OConnell	Isaac O'Connor
Josh Oloapu-Atoni	Samuel Olorenshaw	Tom Olorenshaw
Reuben Ouwerkerk	Dominic Palepua	Ngamoana Parata
William Paulden	Michael Paulsen	Ben Pearn
Philip Peni	Peti Pesefoti	Isaia Petelo
Arnold Politini	Liam Powell	Jade Priest
James Proctor	Billy Proctor	Teina Puati
Tyrone Quinn	Michael Raymond	Brendon Reidy
Mike Renouf	Glen Rhodes	Nicholas Roberts-Gray
Dale Robinson	Seamus Rowberry	Visesio Sakaria
Sarangan Sakthivel	Maufau Sanerivi	Paul Sayers
George Scandlyn	Bernard Schutz	Willie Schutz
Ryan Setefano	Fatu Sialatu	Meimeite Siale
Ofa Siale	David Simao	Nathan Simpson
Joe Sione	Fletcher Smith	Terry Soli
Corey Solomona	Brigham Sovala	John Spillane
Ben Stephens	Ethan Strampel	Jeremy Sullivan
Grant Sullivan	Jacob Taituave	Jesoni Taoi
Faresa Tasele	Tony Taulapapa	Jack Taulapapa
Jonathan Taumateine	Tavita Tautua	Todrick Taylor
Aaron Telfer	Hayden Thiele	Tyrone Thompson
Shane Thompstone	Brendan Timu	Joshua To'omaga
Tuiatua Tuia	James Tuiatua	Jeremiah Tuiatua
Paul Tuiatua	Tietie Tuimauga	Samson Vandermade
Tom Warner	Theodor Waterhouse	Andrew Watson
Andrew Wells	Daniel White	Shane Whitehead
Keelan Whitman	Grayson Whitman	Jordan Wilson
Craig Wood	Brandon Young	James Zino

### **MSP PLAYERS 2020 - WOMEN**

Ana-Maria Afuie	Riee Arashad	Georgia Broughton
Jane Bryce	Cheyne Copeland	Anna Darling
Pina Eni	Amanda Faauga	Lyric Faleafaga
Kjersti Faraimo	Maddie Feaunati	Petrina Foese
Natarsha Ganley	Tina Hamlin	Tia Ito

Lisei Le'aupepe  
Octavia Nanai-lafeta  
Marcelle Parkes  
Taimane Siaosi  
Monica Tagoai  
Luisa Tapusoa  
Paige Va'auli

Emele-Moa Makisi  
Tia Nepia-Su'a  
Kaitlyn Peachey  
Siobhan Solofuti  
Teuila Taito  
Jaydah Timu  
Unaisi Vanavana

Te Ao Marama Murray  
Saraya O'Dea  
Catherine Samuela  
Kelsey Stevens  
Caitlyn Taniela  
Melissa Tofete



PREMIER RESERVE CAPTAIN James Zino holds the Ed Chaney Cup as the team celebrates another champion season.



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