



**WELLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB (INC)**

— Founded 1870 —

*New Zealand's Oldest Playing Through Rugby Club*

# 2017 Season

## 148th Annual Report & Statement of Accounts

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*Wellington Under 10's in Taupo.*

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## PAST PATRONS

1970-1971	Weir, GH	1974-2005	Cragg, JL
1972-1974	Jackson, GFW	2006-2016	McCarrison, IE

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## PAST PRESIDENTS

1878-1880	Fitzherbert, Sir WM KCMG	1962-1963	Compton, E
1881-1883	Pearce, Colonel E	1964-1966	Page, Brig JR CBE DSO
1884-1893	Levin, WH	1967-1970	Cragg, JL
1894-1897	Werry, NW	1971-1973	McLennan, AA
1898-1904	Bate, AT	1974-1978	Taylor, JM
1905-1909	Smith, J Eman	1980-1982	Trapp, HH
1910-1922	Ronaldson, TS OBE	1983-1984	Dean, AA
1923-1929	Fache, GC OBE	1985-1986	Evans, JEB
1930-1933	Murray, J OBE	1987-1988	McCarrison, IE
1934	McEvedy, Dr PF	1989-1991	Blackburn, M
1935	Murray, J	1992-1993	Will, HJ
1936-1940	Thompson, John	1993-1996	Brien, WA MNZM ED JP
1941-1944	Fowler, JH	1997-1999	Stein, SE
1945-1947	Bayfield, AD	2000-2001	Muir, A
1948-1949	Jackson, FW	2002-2003	Froggatt, DR
1950-1956	Weir, GH	2004-2007	Gallagher, RG
1957-1959	Kilby, FD	2008-2010	Jones, LH
1960-1961	Hislop, FW	2011-2014	Graham, Ross J

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## VICE PRESIDENTS

Alabaster, DB	Fai, G	Mackay, WM	Parkin, RH
Andrews, BB	Froggatt, DR	McKay, PB	Raemaki, T
Attfield, Sally	Fuller, SE	McKenzie, LV	Rush, Erin
Blackburn, M	Gallagher, RG	McLennan, AA	Russell, Francis
Boyd, DG	Gard'ner, BF	McLeod, IS	Saunders, RD
Bridge, MI	Graham, RJ	Menzies, B	Sellers, PHJ QSM
Byford, RJ	Horsley, GJ	Millar, PW	Siversen, PA
Conway, J	Hughes, NW	Muir, A	Smith, K
Cowley, RJ	Jack, PA QSM	Newson, IA	Stoddart, A
Crist, WF	Jones, LH	Nichols, B	Tait, KM
Daniel, Major FW MBE JP	Jones, Mrs Sue	Nichols, R	Tolov'a, M
Domett, D	Judd, J	Nodder, BJ	Turner, MT
Duffey, SL	Knight, MO	Norgate, DF	Watene, FG
Evans, JEB	Laney, WA	Oldershaw, J	Williams, GC
Evans, RM QSM	Lines, IE	Owens, BW	Wills, HJ

## LIFE MEMBERS

Attfield, Sally	2016	Moon, BG	1970
Blackburn, M	1976	Moore, B	2013
Conway, J	1997	Muir, A	1985
Cowley, RJ	1994	Nichols, B	1993
Evans, JEB	2000	Nichols, R	2007
Froggatt, DR	1999	Oldershaw, J	1980
Gallagher, RG	2011	Pierce, MJ	1991
Graham, RJ	2015	Raemaki, T	2003
Hughes, NW	2002	Stein, SE	1999
Jack, P QSM	2013	Williams, GC	1976
Mexted, MG	1988	Wills, HJ	1994

## PAST LIFE MEMBERS

Abraham, PAT	1970-80	Hislop, HK	1948-05
Barron, CS	1945-94	Horsley ,H	1964-65
Bate, AT	1922	Horsley, RH	1976-07
Batkin, EC	1914	Hume-Miller, C	1964-92
Bayfield, D	1932-60	Ivoiry, RL	1929-83
Bell, Sir Francis	1936	Jackman, GW B OBE JP	1950-06
Bond, F	1929-58	Jackson, GFW	1929-74
Bracken, JH	1945-98	James, WP	1909
Brien, WA MNZM ED JP	1978-2010	Johnson, LM	1932-83
Burns, ER	1945-89	Kenny, HW QSM	1974-01
Burton, GH	1950-85	Kilby, FD	1933-85
Carey, R	1909-48	Knapp, CA	1927
Cathie, CH MC	1949-98	Kofoed, JW	1953-80
Chatwin, FL	1936-59	Kreeft, CW	1899-24
Chote, IC	1965-2012	Kreeft, EAO	1929
Climo, I J	1949-87	King, AN	1962-84
Cochrane, SR	1945-71	Levin, RL	1894-53
Cooper, MM CBE	1940-89	Levin, WL	1894-15
Cowie, TSM	1931	Lindsay, L	2008-10
Cragg, JL	1948-05	Lloyd, BJ	1954-77
Dalton, RA	1978-97	Lynch, RF	1939
Dean, AA	1985-08	Lindsay, L	2008-11
Fache, GC OBE	1900-48	McCarrison, IE	1980-2016
Firth, JP CMG	1931	McEvedy, Dr PF	1930-35
Francis, WC MBE	1977-81	McKellar, GF	1935-60
Galbraith, N	1900-48	McLachlan, AP	1965-68
Gallagher, B	1907-38	McLennan, AC	1960-03
Gibbes, AO	1896-16	McLean, HF	1987-97
Gifford, MF	2013-13	McLean, WGI	1950-99
Guild, H	1976	Manson, CH	1907-64
Hempton, JH	1896-14	Meredith, Sir Vincent	1903-85
Hislop, FW	1945-96	Morrah, HE	1939-43

Murray, J OBE	1910-67
Oliver, DJ	1988-90
Opie, MJD	1969-07
Page, Brig JR CBE DSO	1967-86
Palliser, CW	1935
Pollen, H	1913
Roache, JG	1932-47
Ronaldson, TS OBE	1931
Smith, AT	1949-80
Smith, HD	1965-69
Smith, JE	1916
Stevens, DA CBE	1949-80
Stock, JH	1914-32
Taylor, JM	1948-79
Tennent, CE	1935-77

Thompson, John	1924-59
Thompson, Johnson	1885
Thomson, AD	1943
Thorburn, SA	1969-98
Tossman, B	1976-01
Tossman, A	1953-07
Trapp, HH	1940-90
Treadwell, Dr WJ	1997-2012
Turner, JAG	1962-86
Webb, PP	1920
Weir, GH	1929-71
Werry, NW	1987
Wilson, JS	1907-71
Whyborn, WR	1945-82

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CAPS

The following club members have been awarded Distinguished Service Caps since the inception of the award in 1989.

1989	Tony Anker	Malcolm Bridge	Jack Cragg	
1990	John Conway	Nigel Hughes	Ron Nichols	
1991	Bill Brien	Cyril Hurne Miller	Fred Hislop	Ian McCarrison
1992	Mick Kenny	Barry Nichols	Jack Oldershaw	
1993	Mattie Blackburn	Bernie Tossman		
1994	Bill Laney	Bill McLean		
1995	Ron Howatson	John Plunkett	Stu Thorburn	Jack Wills
1996	Hector Guild	George Metuarau		
1997	Doug Froggatt	Alan Muir		
1998	Len Lindsay	Ivor Newson	Barry Owens	
1999	Kerry Plunkett	Melody Robinson	John Tutt	Peter Wiley
2000	James Mulcahy	Erin Rush	Kevin Smith	
2001	Derek Alabaster	David Boyd	Chris O'Connor	
2002	Lloyd Jones			
2003	Bruce Moore			
2013	Murray Mexted			
2015	Jason Judd			

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2016-17

Patron	Ian McCarrison	Mattie Blackburn	
President	Keith Quinn		
Chairman	Jason Judd		
Secretary	Delegated to incoming Committee		
Treasurer	Sally Attfield		
Club Captain	Walker Manaena		
Asst Club Captain	Peter Jack		
Junior Convenor	Lucy Barry		
Committee	Paul Burgess	Charlie Fuller	Scott Fuller
	George Gallagher	Nigel Hughes	Andrew Wong
Honorary Solicitor	Nigel Hughes – Hughes Robertson		
WRFU Delegates	Scott Fuller	Jason Judd	



*Life Member and Assistant Club Captain Peter Jack receiving his Queen's Service Medal for services to sport, particularly athletics. Government House, 5 June 2017.*



*Announcing our new Patron, Mattie Blackburn (second from left) at Old Timers Day. With Brendan Gardner (left) WRFU President, Jason Judd (third from left) WFC Chairman and Keith Quinn, WFC President.*



*Sally Attfield on the day she became the clubs first female Life Member.*



## Minutes of the Wellington Football Club (Inc) **147th Annual General Meeting**

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Monday 7th November 2016 at 6.00pm

### **Present**

Jason Judd (Chairman), John Conway, Walker Manaena, Andrew Wong, Lucy Barry, Mila Poutoa (WRFU), Michael Langley (WRFU), Charlie Fuller, Doug Froggatt, Bruce Moore, Nigel Hughes, Scott Fuller, George Gallagher, Ross Graham, Brendan Gard'ner, Jack Wills, Peter Jack.

### **Apologies**

Steve Smith, Sally Atfield, Paul Burgess, Roy Cowley, Ian McCarrison, Jack Oldershaw, mattie Blackburn, Alan Muir, Rob Stewart, Jack Moir, Peter Marshall, Keith Quinn, Steve Smith.

### **Moments Silence for Past Members**

Jason Judd requested a moments silence to recognise members who had passed away since the last AGM.

### **Minutes of the 146th AGM held 10th November 2015**

Jason Judd asked that the minutes of the 146th AGM be adopted as presented in the annual report. No changes or amendments required/noted. Moved by Nigel Hughes and seconded by Scott Fuller.

### **Chairman's Address**

Jason précised the comments in both his and President Keith Quinns reports.

Particular thanks was given to all those who have contributed to the club in whatever capacity over the past year. A huge thanks to all volunteers including an incredible Committee that has supported me all year, the Coaches and Managers and the Players themselves.

Club remains in good position on and off field. Six senior teams and 12 junior teams with a long list of representative honours including one Hurricane and three players in the Wellington Lions and a potential All Black in Vaea Fifita. Improved financials showing in a sound position, facilities remain in good and ever improving condition, great culture around the club and Premiers again playing in Jubilee Cup.

Your club has set itself up to continue to do well and has strategy and governance in place to succeed. This is enhanced by the fantastic support we get from current and past members and it's been great to see them in and around the club.

There is much more detail in the reports made throughout the annual report so please read them and in particular take note of the individuals we recognise.

### **Financial Accounts**

Jason Judd presented the accounts. Your club is again in a sound position. A pre Depreciation profit of \$13,903 was achieved and a net surplus of \$4,896. The club remains debt free (except for normal accounts payable) with net assets of \$378,035. Treasurer, Sally Atfield has done a fantastic job in maintaining governance and structure to our finances.

Sally noted the ongoing strength of the bar result which was done to much tighter management and overall run better. The club is diversifying its income streams and is utilising the facilities to a greater extent. NZIS are a regular tenant and a good relationship exists. Jason Judd asked that the accounts be accepted – this was moved by Scott Fuller and seconded by Nigel Hughes.

## Election of Officers

Patron	Ian McCarrison	Mattie Blackburn	
President	Keith Quinn		
Chairman	Jason Judd		
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	George Gallagher	Nigel Hughes	Andrew Wong
Honorary Solicitor	Nigel Hughes – Hughes Robertson		
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Other honorary roles carried over.

Thanks to all those remaining on the committee and a welcome to Steve Smith with this being his first time. Jason Judd asked that the election of officers be accepted – moved by John Conway and seconded by Nigel Hughes.

## Subscriptions

Will be left to the incoming Committee. Agreed that the Honorary membership fee for 2016 is not to exceed \$50 and can be set lower if the Committee desires.

## General Business

Nigel Hughes, on behalf of the Committee, President and Patron moved that a Life Membership be awarded to Sally Attfield, our current Treasurer. Sally's contribution to the club over many, many years in many, many roles was duly recognised. The nomination was unanimously agreed and we congratulate Sally on becoming WFC's newest Life Member. Sally unfortunately was unable to attend and it will be formally recognised on OTD in 2017.

Jason Judd thanked Scott Fuller for the excellent production of the Annual Report. It can be troublesome collating it but he has done a fine job. Scott mentioned that an electronic copy will be distributed to the database.

Jason also recognised the contribution of Greg Hughes who is stepping down this year due to work and travel commitments. Greg has been a great contributor and we thank him for his efforts. We will still see him on the side-line supporting Paddy...

*No further General Business was discussed.*

*Meeting closed at 6.56pm*



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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**Keith Quinn**



Hello Fellow Axemen, I crave your indulgence and apologise for not writing a full report on the Wellington Football Club's 2017 season from the President's point of view. The facts are my wife and I were absent for three months from New Zealand on a trip we had been saving a lifetime for. However while in France I thought of our club often and how it has shaped my life for the better. I made a working career following rugby and the only club I ever played for was Wellington FC. On our holiday I even went to the town of Menton and 'paid homage' at the gravesite of William Webb Ellis, the Englishman who some say started the game we all love in 1823. That is how much the game means to me.

But even the briefest of President's Reports for this year cannot help but pay tribute to the club's enormous spirit and reflection of grief we showed at the death of one of our young players, Daniel Baldwin, this year. It was a tragedy for Daniel and his family of course but they paid us a tribute when Daniel's funeral service was held in our much loved club rooms. To see so many blazers there that day and to hear the haka from Daniel's teammates and friends was something our club should be proud of and never forget. As your President for this year I know I won't. RIP Daniel.

President, WFC

**Keith Quinn**





## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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### Jason Judd

I have been involved with the Axemen since 1992 as a player and since 2002 as an administrator and 2017 has, without doubt, been the most challenging year I have experienced. The tragic loss of Daniel Baldwin following a head injury whilst playing for our Colts team was a stark reminder of how precious life is and how quickly it can be taken from us. My sympathies go out to all of Daniel's family and friends and anyone who knew this fine young man – his loss is still keenly felt by all.

What this event did show was the remarkable spirit and comradeship that exists within the Axeman community and indeed the wider rugby public. The support offered and provided along with the way in which the Axeman family looked after each other was not in the least bit surprising as the calibre of people we have involved in the club was always going to ensure that we did the right thing and looked after our own. Of particular note in this regard were our President Keith Quinn who managed the media superbly, Scott Fuller who liaised with the family and the rugby fraternity with skill and empathy, and Charlie Fuller who held together the Colts team superbly during a terribly difficult time. Thank you.

On the field, 2017 has been a challenge and did not reach the heights expected. A number of personnel losses during the off-season combined with injuries severely tested our depth which was found wanting. Despite fantastic guidance and support provided by our various coaching teams the Premiers, Premier Reserves and Colts all struggled to reach their potential throughout the year. The learnings from this have been taken and are being applied as we speak to ensure that 2018 is a more positive step in the right direction. The exception was the all-conquering Under 85kg team under the guidance of Dan Berry who went through the season undefeated, winning the first round and the competition proper. An amazing feat in a very competitive grade and was duly recognised at the WRFU Community awards where they were nominated as one of three finalists. The Pressies did what the Pressies do, and for that I am eternally grateful!

A number of well supported social events took place throughout the year and highlights included the Black and Yellow night, Lions events during "lions week" in Wellington, several strongly supported club nights along with a very successful Old Timers Day where I had the privilege of announcing Mattie Blackburn as our new Patron – we are honoured to have someone of his calibre accept the position and delighted that we have him on board, not that he ever wasn't!

While we are looking towards next year on the field as a priority, we also have an eye towards the future and in this respect there are two things that I would like to highlight – one being the planning towards our 150th celebrations in 2020 which is progressing well and the second being an increased and renewed focus on the junior club to bring closer together the Senior and Junior components of the club and ensure a pathway exists so that our younger axemen and axewomen can find their way into the senior ranks.

My final thought is to recognise once again all of the people who volunteer their time willingly and freely to ensure that we are successful on and off the field. While not everything goes our way, I am continually amazed by the coaches, managers, bar staff, kitchen staff, committee members, players and club members who give up their time for the greater good. Thank you, thank you and thank you again. Nothing happens without your effort and commitment and it is hugely appreciated.

Give em the Axe.

**Jason Judd**



## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

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### Walker Manaena

KiaOra Koutou.

2017 was a year that one of our own, Daniel Baldwin passed way after wearing our colours in a game of rugby. As much as we felt the pain, it was a hundred times more for Daniel's family. The helplessness we felt was most surely eased by being able to assist the family by opening up our clubrooms for his ceremony. We thank Mr and Mrs Baldwin for letting us perform this task for them, and for Daniel. We miss him still.

So, the year was also hard given our Premier status. Our obligation to the WRFU was to field a Colts, a Reserves *AND* a Premier side every Saturday. We all but managed this. The one slight being a Reserves default to Wainuiomata *AT HOME!* I dare say that a default at home was the worst hit of all given that players could not – and did not – front up on our own field in front of our own supporters! Luckily (and sadly) for us we were not competing for a spot in the Jubilee Cup, or similar, so the hit of losing 4 points for both Reserves *AND* Premier was not felt as keenly as it could have been!

We suffered from lack of numbers from the first game and onwards through injuries and other events. It could have been worse if that hard core of players in both the Reserves and Prems had not continued to turn up each week regardless of the results the week before. I couldn't have been more impressed with how buoyant they were with an attitude that we can come back strong the next week, every week. The only time I saw them down and out was against Johnsonville where we had them on the ropes only to lose in the dying minutes. That changing room was the worst I'd seen and it was only the positive words from Marty and Si about the fact that they were there still fighting, that they got some pride back!

I can't NOT comment about our field. The worst condition ever and not just when it rained. From day one it just did not drain and turned in to a smelly bog! *AND* two transfers at Premier level! Unheard of! Looking forward to seeing the WCC improvements for 2018!!

Way too many lads to mention but I have to acknowledge those who played for both teams week in week out. Records? Junior Purcell – 158 minutes at second-five! How about Raimona Tapiata playing 153 minutes at prop!! Cam Rosenberg fronting for 80 minutes for the Colts then on for the Prems. Legends are made on such efforts. Also unheard of in today's game – a front row staying on the field for 80 minutes and it happened more than once!

Our representative stocks continue to soar! Vaea Fifita – All Black! We are so proud and in such awe of his efforts. Trying to find a decent nickname for him at that level when one is already made – *Axeman!*

Recognition goes as well to: Ollie Sapsford, making the Hurricanes Development as well as being recipient of the trophy for the player best epitomising the efforts in the Wellington Academy. Ollie, Sam Gardner, Alex Dalzell and Paddy Hughes – making trials for the Lions Squad, Alex getting his chances for the Lions was great to see. Adam Stewart, making the Mid Canterbury team, Antz Lewis – the Buller team and Hone Haerewa once again taking the field for Ngati Porou-East Coast. Mean boys! And Antz, capping off an outstanding year by making the Heartland XV Squad! Very, very proud Axemen!

Our Colts continued to perform and it was great to see these guys in the yellow and black, some for the first time. You guys will play higher sooner than you think.

The Pressies. Such a good bunch on and off the field. A year where they suffered as much from the weather, as their games are the first to be cancelled. As if that would stop them enjoying themselves! So all you guys thinking of retiring – *don't* – come play Pressies!

I am loving seeing the Juniors doing so well. National U12's champions, beating all that Auckland could throw at them! Magic! A great bunch of parents and administrators there. And we hope we see Erin and Solly in the clubrooms through 2018!

Finally, the champion 85's! Winners of the RC Bowl for first round honours, winners of the Paul Potiki trophy for second round dominance. Undefeated! And the holders of the Centenary Cup – the Ranfurly Shield equivalent at 85's level. They steadfastly held up our colours proudly and were rewarded with nominations at the WRFU awards; they should have won a WRFU award for sure!! A good bunch of blokes and well coached.

Last words. Our committee is a good crew BUT it needs to be bigger and better supported. So don't throw stones, come join us, take on a role and help us get stronger. The lessons given and learnt from in 2017 will make 2018 a much better year for us all. One that will make the rest sit up and take notice.

Ka kite i reira

**Walker Manaena**

## 2017 RESULTS SUMMARY

Team	Competition	Place	Teams	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against
Premier	Swindale Shield	11	14	13	3	0	10	215	487
Premier	Hardham Cup	4	6	10	3	0	7	198	273
Prem Reserve	Harper Lock Shield	14	14	13	0	0	13	189	541
Prem Reserve	H D Morgan	6	6	10	0	1	9	131	488
Colts	Paris Memorial	7	9	6	2	0	4	55	208
Colts	John E Kelly	7	8	6	0	1	5	69	220
U85s MM	JC Bowl	1	8	7	7	0	0	248	23
U85s MM	Paul Potiki Shield <sup>(1)</sup>	1	8	7	7	0	0	157	50
Pressies	Season	N/A	N/A	All	Plenty	0	A Few	Lots	Some

(1) Under 85: Division 1 Paul Potiki Shield Playoff – Final Beat Avalon



*Under 85s moment of silence on Daniel Baldwin Memorial day.*

# 2017 RUGBY APPOINTMENTS

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## Club Appointments:

### Rugby Committee:

Chairman:	Walker Manaena (Club Captain)
RDO:	Charlie Fuller
Administrator:	Richard Deck



*Pressie's discussing tactics.*

## Team Appointments:

### BCD Travel Premiers

Head Coach:	Marty Berry
Assistant Coach:	Simon Culley
Manager:	Richard Deck
Manager:	Gus Smith
Trainer:	Matt Hartley
Physio:	Beanie Joyce

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### BCD Travel Premier Reserves

Head Coach:	John De Gregorio
Assistant Coach:	Numi Mika
Assistant Coach:	Craig Reid
Manager:	Kerry Toms

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### U21 Colts

Head Coach:	Charlie Fuller
Assistant Coach:	Paddy Kymbrekos
Manager:	Peter Burnet

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### Mish Mosh U85's

Head Coach:	Dan Berry
Assistant Coach:	Alex Weir
Assistant Coach:	Andrew Wong
Manager:	Scott Fuller
Manager:	Kevin Wayman

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### Jack Hackett's Presidents

Manager:	Jason Judd
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*Eremia in action for Premiers against Poneke.*

# TEAM REPORTS

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Simon Culley

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## BCD TRAVEL PREMIERS

Overall a very frustrating season, a small squad both physically and numerically was hit hard by a large player turnover during the off season. Coupled with a smaller group of regular reserves which necessitated all of the Prem bench playing up to 80 minutes for the reserves week in week out.

Fine individual performances featured regularly through the year – Ollie Sapsford, Paddy Hughes, Sam Gard’ner, Toshi, Jason Bird, Chris Toms, Alex Dalzell, Te, Antz all at one point or another delivered exceptional, dominant individual performances however we were rarely able to deliver this as a team for more than 20 minutes at a time. The Swindale was a regular case of facing a huge mismatch in the size of our pack leading to inconsistent set piece possession making it hard to cross the gain line and create attacking shape.

Coming into the Hardham there was another degree of player turnover and ultimately a far more positive atmosphere and consistency of attendance at training was achieved. Further positive performances were hit hard by multiple losses in the last 20 minutes highlighting the lack of fresh bench players. The small squad can be very proud of fulfilling the rigours of the elongated Hardham and those that came through for the club have displayed attitude and vigour we can depend on in the future.



*BCD Travel Premiers.*



John De Gregorio

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## BCD TRAVEL PREMIER RESERVES

Came into the 2017 season with high hopes. But with a large number of players not returning because of long term injuries, moving out of town, work commitments or to other clubs meant that the team’s depth was tested.

Most weeks the coaches and manager spent from Tuesday to Saturday trying to put a team together. Having said that, there was a core of 10 players who each week turned up to training / games and committed themselves and gave their best. My thanks goes out to those players. Also thanks must go to Numi Mika, Kerry Toms and Craig Reid for their dedication.

I wish the team all the best for the 2018 season.



## UNDER 21 COLTS

Charlie Fuller



This year was a year like none other for the U21's involving its ups and downs having just as much involvement off the field as it did on it. As the RDO for the club I took on the reins as head coach excited for the experience it would bring. Throughout preseason I rounded up the troops ready to take on the challenge. We had a great group of guys to start with and expectations were looking good. A few injuries up in the seniors meant we lost some quality players early on that needed to be promoted.

It was only a few games in that we hit a serious road bump. We lost Dan Baldwin to a head knock against Para-Plim in which he would pass a few days later. This was huge for these young men but the way they rallied after was inspirational. We went out that weekend and played Avalon in what would be our best game of the season as everyone played their hearts out for Dan. We went back to our roots learning the haka for the funeral and gave him the best send off imaginable.

Through the rest of the season we had a few wins and a few losses but it was the brotherhood we created that will stick with everyone. To top off the year we had an awesome end of year BBQ at my house and looking around the room it was great to see these young men making friendships for life and having them talk about the club as a second home. Everyone in this team should feel immensely proud of the way they carried themselves and each other through what would be a massive life experience and there is no other crew I would have wanted to do it alongside than my favourite ratbags, the 2017 Axemen Colts.



*Haka at Daniel Baldwin's funeral.*



## MISH MOSH UNDER 85s

Scott Fuller



2016 was a good year for the Mish Mosh Axemen, but 2017 was a 100% year. Unbeaten in 16 games: 456 for, 107 against, three trophies and a hell of a ride.

With 22 players back from 2016 and 10 new faces, the playing depth and strength was sufficient to go all the way but still required the game plan, player commitment and then execution of a champion team. Berry and Corky provided the game plan, Wongy the training field commitment and Anaru Grant along with Belworthy and Slade the on-field leadership.

The season started with six games yielding 201 points for, 13 against, with two 50 point scores and four games holding the opposition to a duck. It wasn't until the last game and a 20-10 win over Tawa the JC Bowl once again belonged to the Axemen.

The Championship round was another matter altogether. Every team we played went up a cog and the results were much closer including two come from behind wins in injury time, as this team learned how to win and tough out the hard times. We went through undefeated, qualifying top for the playoffs. An easy win over Eastbourne in the Semi prelude a far harder 20-17 win over Avalon in the final, to lift the Paul Potiki Memorial Shield.

Anaru, Belworthy and Slade did the formal leadership but there were decision makers all over the park and especially in key areas, Devon, Matty Day and Mikey Smith. If that wasn't enough there were guys with enormous passion, Jezza, Callum, Sam Embling and Tobes out for another round, who drove each forward when the backs were to the wall.

The team would like to thank all those that have supported us this year during the easy wins and the close ones. DB, Corks and Wongy, friends, family, club stalwarts and other teams, especially those that turned out to see the final played at the same time as the Lions and of course Co-Manager Kev and the Mish Mosh team – best sponsors in Wellywood.



*Mish Mosh Under 85s celebrating another try, leading to another win!*



## JACK HACKETT'S PRESIDENTS

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Jason Judd



2017 was a tough year for the Pressies as while we seem to have gotten older, many of the teams we are playing seem to have gotten younger and are often not much above the minimum age whereas we are getting ever closer to our Gold Cards! Nevertheless, the effort expended comparatively is far in excess of our opposition and we win that competition week in and week out. The weather also played a big part of the year with a lot of cancellations and disruption due to the amount of rain – Pressies is one of the first grades cancelled when ground availability is limited and frankly, given the state of some grounds and often the overhead conditions we weren't overly disappointed to be able to spend the day at home by the fire with a whiskey! Socially the team again performed to expectations and supported both the club and our sponsor (Jack Hackett's) admirably – it's a tough challenge but we were up for it.

The less said about the on-field play the better although I will make a few observations – thank god for BMac, Lionel and James seemed soberer more often this year, Neil still cheats and mostly gets away with it, Stevie Z (plus Barnaby and Oscar) is a constant menace to the opposition, Juddy still won't pass when within 5 meters of the tryline, Matty S was a stalwart of backs and forwards, Darren and Stefan were immovable, Bazza's back needs some TLC, Dean/Rory/Adam need to spend more time in NZ than tripping around the world, Steve S was an ever present threat on the wing, Smithy is still the oldest and the fittest in the team, Mo/Fred/Sam was awesome when there, Sean/Jonty/Clint should stop getting injured and then they could play more while Yorkeys hands are no better now than they ever were! Lastly, our Kaumatua Walker got on the field for the last couple of games so good to have two players over 60 on the field along with the six who are over 50!

Finally, the team trip was held to Napier and no more will be said about that.



## AXEMEN INTER-CLUB TROPHYS

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Club	Trophy	2015	2016	2017
	Grade :	Swindale Shield	Swindale Shield	Swindale Shield
Johnsonville	Mick Kenny Memorial Cup	Date: 26 March Played: Away Result: <b>Won 17-12</b>	Date: 9 April Played : Home Result: <b>Won 90-12</b>	Date: 18 March Played: Away Result: <b>Won 37-27</b>
OBU	Dean Gifford Memorial Cup	Date: 25 April Played: Home Result: <b>Won 17-16</b>	Date: 23 April Played : Away Result: <b>Lost 32-6</b>	Date: 25 April Played: Home Result: <b>Lost 10-47</b>
Oriental-Rongotai	Alby Jack Memorial Trophy	Date: 9 May Played: Home Result: <b>Won 22-8</b>	Date: 7 May Played : Away Result: <b>Lost 15-52</b>	Date: 15 April Played: Home Result: <b>Lost 3-24</b>
Poneke	Spud Lindsay Shield	Date: 30 May Played: Home Result: <b>Won 22-15</b>	Date: 14 May Played : Away Result: <b>Won 35-13</b>	Date: 22 April Played: Home Result: <b>Lost 26-59</b>
Tawa	Alan and Murray Mexted Cup	Date: 4 April Played: Home Result: <b>Lost 10-14</b>	Date: 25 March Played : Away Result: <b>Won 32-19</b>	Date: 8 April Played: Away Result: <b>Lost 7-45</b>
Wainuiomata	Bill Jones Cup	Date: 16 May Played: Home Result: <b>Lost 11-28</b>	Date: 4 June Played : Away Result: <b>Won 33-26</b>	Date: 27 May Played: Home Result: <b>Lost 11-34</b>
Petone	Air New Zealand Trophy <i>(Played for by all Teams)</i>	Date: 20 June Played: Home <i>(Jubilee)</i> Result: <b>Won 27-17</b>	Premier: <b>Won 16-9</b> Reserves: <b>Lost 31-40</b> Colts: <b>Lost 15-35</b>	Premier: <b>Lost 6-22</b> Reserves: <b>Lost 19-26</b> Colts: No Game
Poneke <sup>(1)</sup>	Misiluni Moananu Memorial Shield <i>(Colts Grade)</i>	No Game	Date: 21 May Played: Away Result: <b>Lost 26-47</b>	Date: 22 July Played: Away Result: <b>Lost 7-55</b>
Oriental-Rongotai	Rob Goulden Axe <i>(Presidents Grade)</i>	Date: 30 May Result: <b>Won</b>	Date: 9 July Result: <b>Lost</b>	Date: April Result: <b>Won</b>
Poneke	Soma Leota Memorial Cup <i>(Reserves Grade)</i>	No Game	No Game	No Game

NB:

- Misiluni Moananu Memorial Shield first played for in 2016
- Clubs with no trophies – Marist St Pats; Wests; Norths; Paramata-Plimmerton; HOBM; Avalon; Stokes Valley; Upper Hutt; Eastbourne

# REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

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Vaea Fifita.



Alex Dalzell.

## All Blacks

Vaea Fifita

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## Super Rugby

Vaea Fifita (Hurricanes)

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## Wellington 7s

Paddy Hughes

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## Wellington Lions

Vaea Fifita  
Alex Dalzell

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## Heartland Provincial Teams

Anthony Ellis (Buller)  
Adam Stewart (Mid Canterbury)  
Hone Haerewa (East Coast)

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## NZ Divisional XV

Anthony Ellis (Buller)

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## Hurricanes Development

Ollie Sapsford

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## Wellington Development

Alex Dalzell  
Sam Gard'ner  
Paddy Hughes

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## Wellington Maori

Joe Reid  
Tony Smith  
Hilton Mexted

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## Centurions Selections

Alex Dalzell  
Ollie Sapsford  
Paddy Hughes

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## Wellington Academy

Ollie Sapsford

## Age Grades:

### U13 Regional Squad

Henri Bann

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### U13 Interprovincial

Kyahn Stoney  
Tek Frank  
Xavier Tavai

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### U12 Interprovincial

Charlie Barton  
Seb Skelton  
Stanly Solomon (captain)  
Ned Bacon  
Luka Kirk

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### SNIPS (Southern North Island Primary schools)

Luka Kirk  
Harry Barton  
Seb Skelton  
Josh Timmer  
Stanley Solomon (Vice Captain)  
Kyahn Stoney  
Sam Mckee  
Marco Muollo  
Alex Marshall  
Henry Walker  
Ned Bacon  
Tom Everett

## Coaches:

### Wellington U12

Nigel Solomon  
Mowena Antonio  
Charlie Fuller

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### Wellington Womens 7s

Simon Culley

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### Wellington Centurions U18

Damian Rapira-Davies

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### Wellington U18

Damian Rapira-Davies

# CLUB & TEAM AWARDS

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*Ollie on the run.*



*Premiers ready for kick off.*

## Club awards:

Administrator of the Year:	Lucy Barry
Axeman of the Year:	Numi Mika
Coach of the Year:	Dan Berry
Team of the Year:	Mish Mosh Axemen Under 85s
Moneybox Player of the Year:	Sam Gard'ner

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## Team awards:

### BCD Travel Premiers

Most Improved:	Te Aranga Hakiwai
Best Back:	Paddy Hughes / Ollie Sapsford
Best Forward:	Sam Gard'ner
Best Team Player:	Tom Robinson

### BCD Travel Premier Reserves

Most Improved:	Dave Saunders
Best Back:	Marty Ryan
Best Forward:	Tyrone Parsons
Best Team Player:	Raimona Tapiata

### U21 Colts

Most Improved:	Tim Silomaga
Best Back:	Louis Fox
Best Forward:	Cam Roseingrave
Best Team Player:	Ben Barnett

### Mish Mosh Under 85s

Most Improved:	David Pasquet
Best Back:	Matt Day
Best Forward:	Mikey Smith
Best Team Player:	Anaru Grant

### Jack Hackett's Presidents

Most Improved:	Darren Press
Best Back:	Brian MacCleman
Best Forward:	Steve Zeier
Best Team Player:	Matt Stephenson



Scott Fuller

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## WELLINGTON RUGBY BOARD & BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

2017 was a great year for Wellington Rugby with success on the field, financial boosts and off field initiatives to improve the game for all involved.

### On the field

- A very successful year for the Wellington Lions regaining Premiership status for 2018. The Lions looked like a Premier side all season under new coaches Chris Gibbes and Andre Bell
- The third year of the new competition structure was completed and 2018 will see:
  - The Premier application process continues
  - Swindale Shield will again a full round of each team playing all others
  - Jubilee and Hardham Cups will be split into seven teams each with each team playing the others in their competition
- Ten of seventeen clubs won at least one competition grade
- Senior player numbers overall were down 1.3% on 2016 numbers with 37 less registered players.
- The women's competition stayed at ten teams participating.
- Ground usage decreased significantly across all councils with almost 220 less hours of play.
- Te Whaea artificial catered for almost 13,000 minutes of rugby, more than four times greater than the highest grass field.
- There were several cancellations during the 2017 season – April and July were the 9th wettest on record.

### Wellington Rugby

- Our own Brendan 'Compost' Gard'ner was elected President of Wellington Rugby for the season, and is doing a damn fine job
- Wellington Rugby tracking towards a \$100,000+ surplus
- Wellington Rugby and the Hurricanes will relocate to Upper Hutt from Rugby League Park from 2020
- RDO Program – to be continued with support of NZTC who have advised they will give 12 months notice if it is not to be continued.

### New and Ongoing Initiatives

**Blue Card** – The compulsory stand down for concussion program, the issuing of a Blue Card, was picked up by other provinces after a successful trial in Wellington

**The Thomas Integrity Task Force** was initiated to look into the development and application of the WRFU Code of Conduct following the release of the Beazley Report

**Volunteer recruitment and appreciation** are high on the agenda for all clubs as well as the Union. A number of initiatives are being looked at to take pressure off the small number of hard working volunteers in each club.

2017 has seen significant improvement on 2016 and all indications that it will improve again next year. Challenges will still need to be faced, internal development and retention of quality players, sustainable revenue streams and growing and maintaining our reputation and position in the community.



Peter Jack

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## WELLINGTON BARBELL CLUB REPORT

The Wellington Barbell Club still have five active members using this facilities as fully paid up members of the Wellington Football Club. Moana Tulia, still a long time user of the gym, and by keeping fit has played some later games for our Pressie team. Peter Jack in his athletics continues from his fitness from the gym to get results at 70 for his Kiwi A C. Paddy Hughes, Premier player, Mitre10 Cup wider squad member and a regular user, has visited the gym but not as many times as last year, no doubt his injury preventing this.

Two newer bikes and four step-up steppers obtained from a closing down gym have helped keep the gym useful. Replacement of worn out dumbbells and two benches would be greatly appreciated by all users, including members of the NZ Institute of Sport.



## JUNIOR CLUB REPORT

### Lucy Barry

#### Rugby

2017 saw registration numbers drop to 120 registered players. We fielded 11 teams in total, two U6 teams, one each in U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, and U12, and a combined U13 side with MSP. We participated in all the local 7's tournaments, fielding at least one side in each. Two teams travelled to Taupo for the NZ Junior Rugby Festival. The U12 Axemen winning their grade and the U10 squad coming 7th. We also hosted and attended a few friendlies with teams outside of our playing zone. Increasing the visibility of our club and playing against more challenging teams. We also hosted the Inaugural Wellington Invitational Cup, open only to U10's this year but with a vision to grow this tournament.

We had a strong coaching commitment again in 2017 with some new faces taking on U6, Taniwha & U13 teams. Our U10 Coach Rob attended and gained certification in the U11-13 coaching course. We have had commitment from all of our coaches to continue their roles next season and we would like to see these coaches getting some support and advice from the more experienced senior coaches and more time from the RDO. We have identified that we need to purchase junior size tackle equipment for the coming seasons due the risk of injury to our junior players when using tackle equipment designed for adults. This is especially important for our U8 grade who are new to tackle and this is an age group where rugby loses players due to parent concern of contact.



U12's win Taupo.

We hosted the U11 Ulster team as part of the British & Irish Lions Tour which was a huge success. The Southern North Island Primary School (Wellington Zone) team utilized our club and ground throughout September to prepare for the Berryman Cup which runs the first week of the school holidays and 5 rep teams participated from Wellington City, Horowhenua-Kapiti, Hutt Valley.

As a junior committee we have also identified we need to do some major recruitment over the off season to be able to field strong sides across the grades in the coming years. We have identified a lack of rugby holiday and development programs in the region and feel this is a good opportunity to develop a program with the support of our senior club. This would make our club more visible in the rugby arena in Wellington.



U7's win Wests 7's pre-season.



U7's hit Westpac Stadium at half time.

## Financial

Subscriptions were up on previous season. We are still awaiting payment from 2016 for non-payment of subscriptions from the Taniwha team and will continue to chase this debt. We made a net profit of \$700. We had a very successful quiz night and auction raising \$8k. The balance would look higher however we have aligned our financial year with that of the senior club this year.

We have a fundraising plan in place for 2018. We had some great sponsorship from numerous businesses within the Junior Club and need to build on this moving forward. I believe we need to work on sponsorship from a whole club perspective and look for some multi year/multi team approach as well as some smaller sponsorships for smaller projects.

## Management

We continue to have great enthusiasm from our parent coaches again this season. Our committee remain stable and will continue into the 2018 season as per 2017.

WFC Junior's continue to represent city zone on numerous JRAB committees including Weight Grading and IP Rep teams.

## Facilities

The Junior's utilize the club 3 nights a week, training Tue-Thur 4.30-6pm. The U6's and U7's use the indoor spaces including the power training room. We do struggle some nights when the ground are closed to accommodate all teams but have managed this when necessary. We are keen to be involved in any projects for facility improvements.

Over the off season we will arrange for the damaged wall in the gym to be fixed and we have had some boys in doing some cleaning in the changing rooms.



*Supporting the Prens, post game feed.*



*The end of an era, Solly & Erin move on to College with Stanley.*



*U12's win Wests 7's.*



*Nursery grade off to flying start.*



*Inaugural Wellington Invitation Cup U10's.*

## Lucy Barry

Junior Convenor

## OBITUARIES 2016/2017

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**Daniel Baldwin** Current member of Colts side. Passed away as result of rugby accident, 17th May 2017, age 20, Wellington.

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**Murray Ball** Former Senior A player, Wellington Rep, well known cartoonist. Passed away 12th March 2017, age 78, Feilding.

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**Paul Burrows** Longtime member of the Surfies team. Passed away 30th May 2016. Wellington.

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**Colin Calcott** Senior A player, longtime Salvation Army team coach. Passed away 12th December 2016, age 76, Palmerston North.

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**Don W Churchill** Senior B and Third Grade Salvation Army player in 1960s-70s, longtime supporter. Passed away 25th May 2017, age 79, Wellington.

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**Hector (Hec) Guild** Life Member, Vice President, Club Captain, Wellington Rep, and longtime Senior A player. Passed away 2nd March 2016, age 97, Rotorua.

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**John Garriock** Passed away in Paraparaumu, June 2017.

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**Aporo Joyce, JP QSM** Outstanding Police Team Coach 1960s-70s Junior 11, winner of two grade championships and Griffiths Memorial Trophy. Passed away as result of road crossing accident, age 79, Tawa.

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**Alan (WA) Lord** Vice President, pre WW2 player, member 8/9th Battalion, 3rd Brigade. Passed away 15th October 2016, age 94, Wairoa.

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**Brent Marshall** Brother of Peter Marshall, a longtime member, coach, committee member. Passed away 12th June 2016, age 70, Wellington.

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**Ian McCarrison** Patron, Life Member, President, Vice President, Chairman, Club Captain, coach and senior player. Passed away 17th December 2016, age 79.

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**Warren Tilly** Vice President, Schoolboy Convenor and longtime supporter. Passed away 10th April 2016, age 76.

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**Ratu Osea Vuki (Oscar)** Passed away in Lautoka, November 2016.

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*Our deepest sympathy to all concerned  
May they Rest in Peace*

## MEMBERSHIPS & DONATIONS

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### Honorary Members::

David Pierce  
Fran Harper  
Ian Carmichael  
Ian Teike  
Jack Moir  
Jack Wills  
Jim Wakelin  
John Conway  
John Devlin  
Keith Harper  
Peter Jack  
Peter Marshall

Richard Davidson  
Ron Stewart  
Tiger Tarash  
E Gimpel  
G Cederwall  
Gray McKenzie  
K Albrecht  
P Braddock  
P Brooks  
P W Millar  
Paul Burgess  
Toby Halverson

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### Donations::

Brian Moon  
David Pierce  
Ian Teike  
John Conway  
P Brooks  
Paul Burgess  
Peter Jack  
Ross Graham

Eastern Suburbs Junior Cricket Club  
Gray McKenzie  
Jack Wills  
Jim Wakelin  
John Devlin  
Tiger Tarash  
Wellington City Plumbing



*Pressie's playing Wests.*



*Premier players Simon and Tom.*



# SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

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## Team Sponsors:



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## Sevens Sponsors:



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## Other Supporters:




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## Community Trusts:



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# FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS WELLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB INC

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2017.

## 1. Statement of Accounting Policies

### Reporting Entity

The Wellington Football Club Inc. is an incorporated body established under the Incorporated Society Act 1908. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepting accounting practice as required by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants.

### Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position on a historical cost basis are followed by the Club.

### Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of financial performance and position have been applied. These financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis.

Accounts receivable are included at their net realisable value. All know doubtful or bad debts have been excluded. Stock on hand, consisting of bar stocks, has been valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Allowance has been made for slow moving or obsolete stock.

Fixed assets are recorded at costs less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation has been charged using the straight line method based on the economic life of the assets except for the buildings, which are not depreciated.

The following economic lives have been used:

Leasehold alterations	5-10 Years
Plant, Equipment & Fittings	5-10 Years

## 2. Fixed Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	2017 Book Value	2016 Book Value
Buildings	349,377	0	349,377	349,377
Leasehold Alterations	128,006	112,070	17,736	19,953
Plant, Equipment & Fittings	206,068	170,070	35,998	42,788
Totals	683,451	280,340	403,111	412,118

## 3. Grants Received

Organisation	Opening Balance	Funds Received	Funds Spent	Funds Returned	Closing Balance
Infinity		4,000	4,000		0
Lion		20,000	16,612		3,388
NZCT	3,200	19,200	18,882	186	3,332
Air Rescue		5,000	5,000		0
Totals	3,200	48,200	44,494	186	6,720



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

	Notes	2017	2016
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Westpac 00 a/c		57,248	43,377
Westpac 02 a/c		1,866	1,748
Bar Float		500	500
Accounts receivable		72	5,181
GST receivable		-	595
Stock on hand		1,433	2,149
		<u>61,120</u>	<u>53,550</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	2	403,111	412,118
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>464,231</b>	<b>465,668</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable		22,559	19,433
Grants receivable not applied	3	6,720	3,200
GST Payable		450	
Income received in advance		1,667	1,500
Grant income received in advance for capital expenditure		47,850	52,500
		<u>79,245</u>	<u>76,633</u>
Loans from Members		11,000	11,000
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>373,985</u>	<u>378,035</u>
Accumulated Funds			
Balance 1 September		377,610	372,714
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		-4,050	4,896
Honours Board		425	425
		<u>373,985</u>	<u>378,035</u>



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	2017	2016
<b>Income</b>			
Subscriptions - active		3,826	4,201
Subscriptions & Donations - honorary (incl Axemens Club & Naming Rights)		3,470	3,048
Donation – WFC Foundation Trust		-	1,200
Premises Rental		26,924	23,001
Fundraising and events		3,046	5,221
Sponsorship		7,400	13,540
Grants	3	49,144	72,787
Isherwood Lounge		11,378	15,856
Merchandise (profit)		578	303
WRFU – CCO Funding		19,833	19,500
Interest		89	349
Sundry		5,036	902
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>130,726</b>	<b>159,909</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Cleaning		4,355	5,608
Compliance costs		1,368	1,920
Water, Rates & Electricity		10,290	9,918
Insurance		8,220	6,611
Repairs & Maintenance		11,249	9,693
Telephone & Tolls		1,159	977
		<b>36,641</b>	<b>34,727</b>
<b>Activities</b>			
Affiliation Fees		2,647	2,957
CCO costs		48,290	26,189
Club Functions		7,516	9,023
Outside Coaching		4,000	14,852
Players expenses & gear		19,973	51,931
Training Ground Expenses		3,567	4,027
		<b>85,993</b>	<b>108,978</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
Bank & credit card fees		882	1,000
Professional Fees		800	-
Sundry Expenses		1,454	1,300
		<b>3,136</b>	<b>2,300</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>125,770</b>	<b>146,006</b>
Operating Profit/(Loss)		4,956	13,903
Depreciation		9,007	9,007
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>		<b>-4,050</b>	<b>4,896</b>



**WELLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB (INC)**

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# Give 'em the Axe!