

# Napier Old Boys Marist Rugby Football Club Incorporated



## 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 8th December 2025 at 6pm  
at the Clubrooms, Park Island, Napier

### AGENDA

1. **Welcome** by the Chairman of the meeting
2. **Apologies**
3. **Obituaries**
3. **Confirmation of the Minutes** of the 36th Annual General Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024
4. **Annual Reports** Receipt and Adoption
5. **Annual Financial Statements** Receipt and Adoption
6. **Elections:**  
(a) Patron (b) President (c) Vice Presidents  
(d) Chaplains (e) Chairman (f) Directors
7. **Confirmation of Delegates**  
Hawke's Bay Rugby Union  
Napier Old Boys Association  
St John's Old Boys Association  
NZ Marist Rugby Federation
8. **General Business**
9. **Closure**



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**Meeting opened** at 6pm by club President Mike O'Connor who welcomed the 31 members in attendance.

**Apologies:** David Bell, Jill Verschaffelt, Eddie Wilson, Phil Beck, Kerry Rich, Kurt Chambers.

**Obituaries:** The club acknowledged that 2024 was a difficult year for the club, with a number of members passing away. Those present took part in a minute silence in remembrance of:

- Michael Devine • John Chrystal • John Campbell
- Patrick Benson, QSM (life member) • Neil Thimbleby
- Colin Francis • Steven Woolhouse
- Joseph Kelly (life member) • Johnny Galo

**Minutes of the 35th AGM** held on 05.12.2023 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved – Wade Colville-Smith / Terry Gittings

#### **Annual Reports:**

Rugby – This had been circulated to members and was available to read also.

**Club Management** – This had been circulated to members and was available to read also.

**Junior Rugby** – This had been circulated to members and was available to read also.

Moved – Gary Macdonald / Robbie Morrison



**Financial Report** – Director of Finance Chris Benson presented the 2024 Financials. It was acknowledged that the books are not in as good a shape as they were in the previous financial year. This is due to high-pressure cost inflation during the year. The club was not as successful as we have been in the past at applying for and gaining grant funding. This has been addressed, as the club is now working with Sportslink. NOBM must continue looking for fresh revenue streams through sponsorship and other initiatives.

Bill Reilly asked whether the club had done an insurance valuation this year. CB replied that we had not; however, this is done every two years. Inflation is built into the existing insurance costs each year, so spending the money to have this done annually is not economical. Bill Riley questioned why the lawnmower is listed on the club asset register as it is not a club asset. This was removed from the list of club assets.

Moved – Chris Benson / Wade Colville-Smith

### **Election of Officers**

Patron	Ian MacRae
President	Mike O'Connor
Chairman	Wade Colville-Smith.
Chaplain	Fr Barry Scannell SM
Vice Presidents	Leo Bergman, John Campbell, Bill Halpin, Jim McGrail, Kevin Murphy, Gerard O'Shaughnessy, Jill Verschaffelt, Wade Colville-Smith. <i>(It was noted due to the passing of John Campbell he will be removed from the list.)</i>
Directors	<i>By rotation Matthew Robertson and Chris Benson stood down but made themselves available for re-election. Existing board members re-elected Chris Benson, Matthew Robertson, Alex Nixon, Mitch Gardiner. New Nomination for the vacant 5th directors position received and accepted for Kurt Chambers.</i>



Delegates - HBRU – Wade Colville-Smith  
Napier HSOB Association – Paul McGettigan  
St Johns College Old Boys Association  
*(Bill Halpin stepped down and was replaced by)*  
Sam Birch  
NZ Marist Rugby Federation – Terry Gittings

Honorary Doctor Jeremy Meates  
Honorary Solicitor Blair Robinson

### **General Business :**

**1. Player Development:** The Premier squad is similar to 2024, with several players returning and talent in key positions coming from outside the region. The Colts will have a full squad to pick from, with several school leavers joining the squad. The coaches for the Premiers / Thirds / Colts have been appointed. Work is still ongoing to fill the coaches and manage the Premier Reserves.

**2. Auditing:** A motion to amend the club constitution regarding annual audit requirements was presented. It is no longer a legal requirement for clubs to have their accounts audited annually and there is a shortage of auditors who can do this. NOBM will remove this wording from the constitution and change it to 'Chartered Accountants will prepare the clubs' financial statements.' *(Passed and all agreed.)*

**3. New Board Structure** Alex Nixon presented this. The restructure will formalise and streamline specific roles within the club to allow more people to help in needed areas. Examples include a sponsorship committee, someone to run the 200-club raffle, and a designated ground controller. Feedback on this restructure will occur, and the structure will be put into practice in 2025.

**4. Life Membership** Gary Macdonald addressed the meeting and explained the process of life member nominations and process taken. Robbie Morrison was given life membership. He was nominated by Gary MacDonald and presented with the life membership badge by Patron Ian MacRae.

Mike O'Connor was given life membership. Terry Gittings nominated him, and Patron Ian MacRae presented him with the badge.

There being no further business the ***Annual Meeting closed at 7.00pm.***

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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It is again my privilege to present my Presidents report for the 2025 rugby year. The club continues to be one of the strongest in Hawkes Bay, both on and off the field, which is a credit to all our members, particularly those involved in the day to day running of our club.

In 2025 we fielded four senior teams with mixed results which will be expanded on in our rugby reports, but once again our Premier team performed to an extremely high standard being first equal in the Nash Cup round and reaching the semi-finals of the Maddison trophy. Thanks to coaches Ellery Wilson and Matt Wyatt and their management team for ensuring we remain a top competitive side. Our young Colts team continued to develop with a big step up in results from previous years thanks to the work put in by coaches Sam Birch, Steve Smithers and Jason Evans. Our Senior Thirds as in past seasons continue to represent our club with a mix of experienced and new players and remain an extremely important part of our club with more wins every year. Sadly, our Senior Seconds struggled this year after many years of dominance, this largely due to the lack of coaching personnel. Huge thanks to Frank Ene, (our 2025 best club member) for his tireless efforts to keep this team going and also his involvement in our junior rugby coaching.

Congratulations to all our prize winners in 2025 especially to Kere Penitito our "KR Tremain Sportsman of the Year". And to those players who were selected for further HBRFU representative teams after the club season had finished.

Off the field, as per the Club Management Report, our facilities and social side of the club continue to result in a very pleasurable place to be on a Saturday afternoon. A lot more corporate and private functions throughout the off-season continues to result in a very solid bar turnover and profit. Also thanks also to Matt Wyatt who is progressing through some storage and changing room alterations and enhancements to ensure we can cater for all sports and their needs going forward.



Our financial report shows that we continue to be financially very sound with a solid balance sheet. Funding options continue to be a challenge with more initiatives being discussed to increase overall revenue.

Junior rugby numbers in general are down which has also reflected in our club too but thanks to the hard-working committee, led by Glenn Fulcher, Bevan Condin and Ben Guild we continue to field competitive teams in all grades. Our Kindy ripper program had large numbers this year so that is encouraging for going forward. During the 2025 season I had the privilege of touring with our U13 team to Palmerston North and Christchurch earlier this year and was very proud of the way they represented Napier Old Boys Marist. We look forward to all those young players returning to our club in the future as colts or premier players. Thanks also to all other junior coaches and committee members.

Thanks to all the volunteers who make the club what it is. We always need coaches, managers, and people to do the many little jobs during the year. A special thank you also to our bar staff and kitchen team for their efforts in 2025. And of course a very special vote of Thanks to our very essential and generous sponsors. We hope you get value from your sponsorship of Napier Old Boys Marist and we will continue to promote your brand as much as possible.

Thanks also go out to our hard-working Board of Directors led by Chairman Wade and supported by board members Chris Benson, Matt Robertson, Alex Nixon, Mitch Gardner and Kurt Chambers.

Our thoughts also go out to the families and friends of Life Member Phil Beck and Vice President Gerard O'Shaughnessey and any other past members or associates of our club who passed away this year. Both Phil and Gerard had previously made huge contributions to the club to help make it what it is today. R.I.P.



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**FUJIFILM**

And next to the future – This is our mission statement. “To provide a sporting and recreational club for both men and women which encourages both individuals and teams to reach their maximum potential in their chosen sporting club endeavours. In doing this it would always be our aim to maintain a fun club spirit, which treats every person equally and which ensures that the club runs on a profitable basis”

We need to continually improve our club to be the No.1 choice for players and families. Our neighbouring rugby clubs in Napier are always watching us, so we need to keep one step ahead. We need to enhance the experience of our facilities, our people, our sponsors and our brand to maintain a fun club spirit.

My vision is to have our brand as the most recalled rugby club brand in Hawkes Bay. Imagine Saturday mornings with all our junior rugby on Tremain Field right outside our doors, with tables and chairs and branded umbrellas and flags with families enjoying a coffee and sausage sizzle together creating the family fun culture. Imagine if we could paint the middle section of the grandstand with our club colours, with branded flags, perhaps even under a roof one day too. So we CAN all congregate in the middle section leaving the outsides for the opposition supporters to be split. Imagine us all wearing club colours every Saturday and even during the week where we can. Imagine having passionate people every year putting their hands up to help fill the positions in our club structure. We have new initiatives to promote our brand and clothing range coming up. Last year we assigned one of our board positions to “Marketing and Communications” to ensure we drive our brand and those of our sponsors too, especially in this electronic world of communication. “Watch this Space”

Have a great Christmas and I looking forward to seeing you all in 2026. Regards

*Mike O'Connor*

# FINANCE REPORT

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The 2025 financial statements show a net loss after depreciation of \$17,553. This is an improvement on last year's \$66,725 loss.

The major changes in income and expenses are as follows:

### Positive

Increase in bar trading activities \$17,000

Increase in Grant income \$30,000

### Negative

Increase in Rugby Hospitality \$11,000

Increase in Insurance and Electricity \$4,000

Increase in Spillane tournament expenses \$9,000

### Bar Profit

Bar sales were up \$8,000 compared with last year. Both Cost of Sales and Bar Expenses were reduced, which resulted in Bar Trading profit doubling to \$34,000. The bar is well supported during the season and bookings outside of the rugby calendar continue to grow. Thanks to management and staff for all their hard work

### Grant Funding

Grant funding was up significantly this year. Working closely with Sportslink we were able to receive funds from Pub Charity, Grassroots and Lion Foundation. This remains a difficult income stream to predict going forward so we are continuing to look for additional revenue options.

### Rugby Hospitality

More playoff teams, larger Gold Card/Sponsors day and vouchers were contributing factors to hospitality cost increases.





## Insurance and Electricity

Increases in insurance and electricity costs continue to reflect the inflationary pressures the club is facing. A building valuation was undertaken this year to ensure our coverage is adequate. We have recently installed solar panels which will reduce our energy costs for the coming year.

## Spillane Tournament

Expenses for Spillane tournament in Hamilton this year were over \$9,000 when accounting for 2 nights of accommodation, travel and some meals. We attempted multiple funding applications to cover these costs, but none were successful. These costs will be much lower with the tournament in Hastings for 2026.

## Financial Position

The club has Net Assets of \$464,000 and no borrowings.

Cash and Bank is up \$22,000 from last year, most of which is team funds held by the junior club.

The only capital asset purchased during the year was a marquee.

*Chris Benson*

### **WHY YOU SHOULD PLAY FOR NAPIER OLD BOYS MARIST**

We have a simple philosophy at Napier Old Boys Marist -that we are a well organised rugby club both on and off the field, we are fit, disciplined, well coached and our players are very loyal. Our teams are always well presented.

At Napier Old Boys Marist we promote a strong work ethic, we play with a special passion and honesty which is fun to be part of, but we

also expect our players to carry that honesty through to their work and personal lives.

In summary we as a club will create a positive environment so that players can expect to progress in their rugby careers.

To excel players must also take responsibility for their rugby and life in general.

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## RUGBY REPORT

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It is our pleasure to present the Rugby Director's Report for the 2025 season. As highlighted in the President's Report, the club continues to stand strong both on and off the field, and this year's rugby programme reflected that same level of commitment, resilience and pride across all grades.

We fielded five senior teams this season, each experiencing their own challenges and successes, but all contributing strongly to our club culture and identity. Our Premier side once again performed at a high standard, finishing second in the Nash Cup with only one loss, and placing fourth in the Maddison Trophy before falling to Taradale in the semi-finals. Injuries throughout the Maddison round tested our depth significantly, but the team showed admirable character in continuing to compete strongly each week. Our thanks go to Premier coaches Ellery Wilson and Matt Wyatt, and managers Mitch Gardiner, Anthony Easson and Peter "Bam Bam" Bainbridge.

Our Colts again proved competitive, finishing third in both rounds before bowing out in the semi-final to Taradale. A season full of promise, the team will return with strong numbers in 2026, bolstered by our excellent recruitment pathway from St John's College and a large returning playing group. Thank you to coaches Sam Birch and Steve Smithers, and manager Jason Evans for their ongoing investment in our young talent.

The Senior Seconds experienced a mixed season, placing third in the first round before finishing last in the second despite identical win/loss records. This grade faced challenges with player numbers later in the season, something we must address for 2026. A number of Colts will step up next year, and a commitment to strengthening this grade is essential. Thank you to coaches Frank Ene and Sami Lauano who worked tirelessly under difficult circumstances.



Our Senior Thirds showed the biggest improvement of all grades. After finishing last in the first round, the side rallied superbly to finish fourth in the second round with three wins. The return of several older club men helped strengthen the group, and the team's contribution off the field was outstanding, cleaning the changing rooms every Sunday and coordinating work parties throughout the season. Thank you to coaches Tom Grant and Mike Boyd, with assistance from Adam de Lautour.

The U85s unfortunately struggled with numbers and were unable to complete the season. This grade remains a challenge not only for NOBM but for clubs locally, particularly with clashes during the representative calendar. Early commitment from players will be crucial if this grade is to return in 2026.

Across our coaching and management group, I am pleased to report stability heading into 2026, with all senior coaches returning and several new managers joining our structure. A number of our coaches and players also contributed to Hawke's Bay representative teams, reflecting well on both their capability and the club's standing.

### **Representative Players:**

This season we were extremely proud to have a strong showing across a number of representative programmes. These achievements reflect both the individual effort of the players and the strength of our rugby environment.

*Magpies:* Kere Penetio, Kade Manuel. Ellery Wilson (Coach)

*Hawke's Bay Development:* Dylan Homan, Patrick Teddy, Oto Katoa, Sunia Ragede. Mitch Gardiner (Manager)

*Hawke's Bay U19:* Patrick Mauga, Kane Ngawhare, Brock McGrath, Connor Hawkins, Zach Taulapa. Matt Wyatt (Coach), Anthony Easson (Manager)

*King Country:* Patrick Hedley

*NZ Marist Development/Colts tour:* Connor Cashman



These players represented our club with pride, and we congratulate them all on their success.

Player numbers overall were solid with 83 registered senior players, although like many clubs nationally, retention and recruitment will remain ongoing challenges. We expect strong Premier retention again next season, have promising conversations underway with several out-of-region players, and continue to deepen our relationship with St John's College. Strengthening our connection with Napier Boys' High School will be a key focus moving forward.

Preseason planning is well advanced with Premiers beginning in early January and all remaining grades mid-to-late January with Dwayne Smith overseeing fitness and conditioning across the club. We will also field both Premier and Colts teams in the Spillane Tournament, which will be hosted in Hastings this year.

Junior rugby numbers were down this season, with 113 registered players across 10 teams. This reflects a nationwide trend, not just a club issue. The junior committee, together with the Board, is exploring new ways to grow numbers and reconnect young families with rugby. Our Kindy Ripper programme remained a highlight, thanks to the enthusiasm and leadership of Ricardo Fox, and retaining these players into the junior grades will be an important focus next year.

Across the club, player numbers and coaching depth remain ongoing challenges, exacerbated by declining national participation and earlier retirements among players. Encouraging ex-players to return as coaches, managers or volunteers will be essential to maintaining strong rugby structures.

Finally, I would like to thank all players, coaches, managers, physios, volunteers and supporters for their efforts this season. To those who assisted with field setup, ground control, or cleaning changing rooms—your contributions, though often unseen, are greatly appreciated. As we move into 2026, we will be seeking additional volunteers to help lighten this load.



Despite the challenges facing our sport, 2025 was a year that demonstrated resilience, pride and continued progress for NOBM rugby. With a stable coaching team, exciting young talent, strong recruitment pathways and committed volunteers, we are well positioned for another successful season ahead.

*Matthew Robertson and Alex Nixon*



Outside back Sunia Ragede puts in a determined tackle.

## CLUB MANAGEMENT REPORT

Another successful year across the club,, with all teams making the finals, and while we have suffered more heartache on the pitch, the new players coming through, building solid relationships with existing players across the senior teams, and our loyal supporters, it has led to a good friendly culture throughout the season and across the wider year. More results to be proud of and worthy of formal congratulations to all our teams, the performance both on and off the field to be commended.

The on field performances were again backed up by the team managing our club and facilities, and in the clubrooms by our members, while we have some plans to look to build on our current success, and work to maintain our position as a leading club, with excellent facilities for the entire Hawkes Bay Community, throughout the year we have further developed an environment and culture that is envied by other sporting clubs. For this we thank all members (playing and non-playing) who use our clubrooms every week, ultimately resulting in bar take numbers that a fully commercial operation would be happy to have, while they could be perceived as less than ideal when compared to other years, taking into consideration recent market and external forces, beyond our control, these are still key to the ongoing success of the club.

The ongoing support by our winter sports affiliates, Marist Football and Ex High Marist Netball, continue to add atmosphere and contribute to create this fantastic club environment throughout the winter months. This patronage continues with our summer affiliates Napier Old Boys Marist Cricket and Napier Old Boys Marist Rugby Cricket who use the club's facilities during the summer.

We have also developed some ongoing, mutually beneficial support from solar and energy providers, to look at innovative ways to move towards more efficient and clean energies, which is evidenced by the new solar panels on our roof.



We have seen another successful year for events and clubroom bookings, again hosting numerous events from the NOBM Invitational Sevens Tournament, numerous meetings, educational events, community fundraising events and. We have again had our facilities utilised by other sporting, community and Business groups: Intercity Junior Rugby, the hosting of the vast majority of Hawkes Bay Rugby age grade, and feeder teams, home games and visitors, Hawkes Bay Magpies, Hawkes Bat Sevens, Poverty Bay RFU, Central Football, NZ Police, NZ Corrections Services, Napier City Council, Hawkes Bay Regional Council, EIT, Pan Pac, TW Civil and Fulton Hogan events.

We continue to host a regular cycle of birthdays, farewells, engagements, weddings, funeral services and reunions throughout the year for both members and non-members. All these events have helped us to expose ourselves to the wider community and potential players and members of the future as well as providing other valuable income streams.

It must be said that this would be difficult to achieve without the support of the other members of the Board for helping to run a successful and enjoyable Club. Wade, Matt, Chris, Alex and Club President Mike, who do a wonderful job behind the scenes to keep this club running, and I thank you. I look forward to continuing to build on the current success and develop robust, safe and secure facilities for us all to be proud of. It would also be remiss of me to not offer a sincerest thanks to our loyal bar staff, who again have done a great job. Anna, Tina, Peyton, Emma, and Danielle do a wonderful job week in week out and the comments I get from different people regarding their hard work is really pleasing.

Thanks also to our caterer Dee, who in her first year taking over the reins in our kitchen, provided wonderful food with her Saturday's and Thursday night roasts, can't wait to see what she has cooking up for next year.

John Taitoko from Green Club, Peter Bainbridge and Matt Wyatt have also again made huge contributions throughout the past year around the clubrooms to keep our grounds & facilities repaired and tidy, but also looking to develop our



existing player lounge and team facilities to another level, and we look forward to the coming support to assist with the required upgrading of our waste water pumps and system..

Don't forget we are open Saturdays during the summer from 4.30 pm and also Thursday Nights from 6.00pm with Summer Football, so feel free to call down for a drink and catch up.

Finally, I would like to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

*Mitch Gardiner*



First-five Patrick Hedley in control.



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# JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT

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*(Presented by: Glenn Fulcher (Chair & Secretary) With: Bevan Condin (Treasurer), Ben Guild (Junior Club Convenor) Committee: Amanda Lemalu, Annaliese Wyatt, Emma Chambers, Georgie Wiggins & Therese Rodger)*

## **Season Overview**

2025 has been one of “those” seasons. The good kind. The sort where you collapse into bed in July thinking you’re too old for this caper—but then you turn up the nex Saturday anyway because you can’t help but love the chaos, the laughs, the kids, and the sea of green rolling out each week. This year the day-to-day running of the junior club was largely wrangled (some might “herded like caffeinated cats”) by myself, Bevan, and Ben. Backed by our bigger committee of Amanda, Annaliese, Emma, Georgie, and Therese - we’ve had a soli crew working behind the scenes to keep the ship upright. A group of absolute gems who never say no, even when they probably should. While rugby numbers across the region — and across the country — continue their mysterious disappearing act, we’ve done everything short of bribing kids with free puppies to keep the green machine rolling.

## **Administration**

We moved our banking from SBS to ANZ to align with the Senior Club. Everything is running smoothly, the app works like it should, and Bevan hasn’t thrown his phone at the wall once — so we’re calling that a win Kooga came through again this year, with U13s getting some additional kit and all players receiving everything they needed for the season. Smooth ordering, smooth delivery — a rare pleasure in junior sport. Our sponsors have been amazing and a HUGE thank you to ‘The Team’ Finance, ‘Devine Plumbing’, ‘Caro Meo’ Real estate, ‘Eric Wiig LTD’ and our always supportive community relationship with Andrew at Pak n Save Tamatea.



### **U13 Christchurch Tour**

A massive highlight: the U13s' big southern adventure. The trip was one for the history books — Palmerston North for a hit-out, Wellington for the flight, then Christchurch for two games and enough team activities to need a holiday afterwards. Huge thanks goes to Maaka Papuni and his band of miracle-workers who planned, coordinated, and executed a trip full of laughs, quality footy, and lifelong memories. The sort of trip the kids will be telling their own kids about one day.

### **Rugby League Entries**

A couple of our junior teams jumped into the end-of-season Rugby League competition. Something different, something fun, and something that proved our kids will happily tackle anything that moves regardless of code.

### **U12 Fundraising & Their 2026 Christchurch Tour**

The U12 fundraiser crew — led by Bevan — powered through the year with the sausage caravan. Although we didn't get many home games, and despite a bit of friction with that other club who tried to steal our oxygen on club day, the team still raised strongly and are well on track for their April Christchurch tour. Outstanding mahi from everyone involved.

### **Our Challenge: Player Numbers**

Right, the elephant in the room. Player numbers across Hawke's Bay have been dropping over the past four years, and we've felt it hard. We had 147 registered junior players this year (plus 30ish Kindy Rippas) inside the new Xplorer system, which is... let's call it "a user experience". But here's the bright spot: Kindy Rippa – A Huge Win For the last few years, our Kindy numbers have been tiny — like "could fit everyone in a minivan" tiny. So this year we went all in: • Free registration • Paid social ads • U12 leadership team running sessions • Active recruitment • High-energy Friday chaos

Result: 64 registered kindy players. ,And on average around 25 turned up weekly (with the usual sickness, birthdays, sleep-ins, and tantrums factored in). This is massive, and we're confident this will boost our U6 intake for 2026.



## **Teams in 2025**

We fielded 10 teams plus Kindy, across: • Kindy Rippa, U6, U7, U8 x2, U9 x2, U10, U11, U12 and U13 That's a lot of boots to tie, jerseys to wash, and oranges to slice – and we're proud of every team that wore our colours.

## **Club Culture & Highlights**

Overall, it was another hugely positive year. Our kids represented NOBM with pride, good humour, and strong sportsmanship. We had very few issues throughout the season – a minor miracle in itself.

We tried a preseason all in training and received good numbers and feedback. This enabled players to start drifting in, parents to mingle and coaches freed up to talk with families. Our Club Day was a train wreck due to Hawke's Bay Rugby Unions ability to forget scheduled requests – however we made the final day of rugby a big shin dig with the usual activities, food and the seniors rocking out the BBQ. The committee has genuinely loved being part of the journey and watching our teams develop. The kids keep us coming back. (Well... the kids and the post-game beverages.)

## **Direction for 2026**

Our main priorities heading into 2026:

### **1. Committee Growth & Succession**

We have some outgoing committee members and need fresh hands to help keep the junior arm strong. We'll work on mentoring new volunteers into key roles

### **2. Player Growth**

Particularly:

- Kindy Rippa – we will continue to develop this pathway
- U11 to U12 transition – current numbers are too thin for a full 15-a-side season Recruitment, visibility in schools, and more early-age engagement will be key.

## **Relationship With Senior Club**

We want to sincerely thank the Napier Old Boys Marist Rugby Board, management team, workforce, and senior players. The junior committee felt exceptionally well supported this year. Wade has kept sound communication lines and open to any of our requests – Thank you Wade. Communication was strong, we were included in club decisions,



and there was real alignment about where NOBM is heading. It genuinely feels like one club, not two clubs sharing a car park. We really appreciate the mahi and the backing.

### **Junior Club Trophies (2025)**

• ***Brent Clements Best Club Spirited Player:*** Junior Lauano

Junior bleeds green, He has been sideline, in the senior clubrooms, and in the changing rooms since he was a baby! He loves the club, idolises his dad, a club legend, and he'll be holding up a leaner long after we're all gone. No more deserving player. Napier East Wakely Shield representative.

• ***O'Connor Family Junior Sports Person of the Year:*** Joel Burkett Murillo  
Joel has realised his potential over the past two years. Though physically smaller, he is fearless in defence. He is also very coachable, has versatility and will do whatever is asked of him, including a few runs at loose forward. Napier Ross Shield representative.

• ***NOBM Most Promising Junior Player:*** Kieran Todd

Kieran is an incredibly deserving Junior Sportsperson recipient. From very humble, quiet and uncertain beginnings, over the past eight years, Kieran is a player that has grown year on year to become a physically dominant, mentally strong and highly capable rugby player. Loyal to the club and team. Napier Ross Shield representative.

### **Summary**

In short, it's been a challenging year numbers wise — but a fantastic year culturewise. We've steadied the ship, grown our foundation grades, delivered excellent experiences, supported tours, and strengthened our identity as a proud community club.

### **Massive thank you to:**

• Our coaches and managers • Our committee • Our families  
• and of course, the hundreds of kids who give everything on the field and smile while doing it

We'll keep working hard, keep growing the green machine, and keep making NOBM Junior Rugby a place kids want to be.

Here's to a bigger, stronger, louder 2026.

*Glenn Fulcher and Josh Wynands*

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## REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

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### HAWKES BAY MAGPIES:

Kere Penetito, Kade Manuel, Dylan Homan.  
Ellery Wilson (Assistant Coach)

### HAWKE'S BAY DEVELOPMENT:

Dylan Homan, Patrick Teddy, Oto Katoa, Sunia Ragede.  
Mitch Gardiner (Manager)

### HAWKE'S BAY U19:

Patrick Mauga, Kane Ngawhare, Brock McGrath, Connor Hawkins,  
Zach Taulapa. Matt Wyatt (Coach), Anthony Easson (Manager)

### KING COUNTRY:

Patrick Hedley, Jonty Stewart.

### NEW ZEALAND MARIST COLTS/DEVELOPMENT TOUR:

Connor Cashman

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## SPONSORS 2025

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## 2025 CLUB HONOURS

**Ellery Wilson - 7s Cup: Michael Beech**

**Ian McRae Cup Club - Spirited Player: Lee Moleli**

**Blair Furlong Cup Best - Club Member: Frank Ene**

**Peter Harris Cup Supporter of the Year: Brent Cements**

**KR Tremain Cup Sportsman of the Year: Kere Penitito**

## TEAM AWARDS

### PREMIERS

**Most Improved: Conor Cashman      Team Man: Patrick Teddy**

**Best Forward: Will Tremain      Best Back: Sunia Ragede**

### RESERVES

**Most Improved: Manasa Kubuabola**

**Best Team Man: Migao Lauano**

**Best Forward: Siaosi Faumuina      Best Back: George Moleli**

### COLTS

**Most Promising: Brock McGrath**

**Best Team Man: Perry Gross-Motu**

**Best Forward: Tebs Moutu      Best Back: Connor Hawkins**

### THIRDS

**Most Improved: Martin Barnard**

**Best Team Man: Adam de Lautour**

**Best Forward(s): Jordan James & James Little**

**Best Back: Samuel Wattie**

### SHED 2 3-2-1'S PLAYERS OF THE DAY

**PREMIER 11 – Will Tremain**

**PREMIER RESERVE 8 - Migao Lauano**

**THIRDS 11 - Martin Barnard**

**COLTS 10 - Brock McGrath**



Reilly Hannan charges at Hastings Rugby & Sports opponents.



Sunia Ragede in full cry against Taradale.

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## **2025 CLUB DIRECTORY**

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Patron: Ian MacRae  
President: Mike O'Connor  
Chairman: Wade Colville-Smith

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### **DIRECTORS**

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Club Finance: Chris Benson  
Rugby Development: Matthew Robertson  
Rugby: Alex Nixon  
Club Management: Mitch Gardiner

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### **VICE-PRESIDENTS**

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Leo Bergman, John Campbell, Bill Halpin, Jim McGrail, Kevin Murphy,  
Gerard O'Shaughnessy (RIP), Wade Colville-Smith, Jill Verschaffelt

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### **LIFE MEMBERS**

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P.Bainbridge, P.H.Beck (RIP), AJ Gardiner, T Gittings,  
G.Macdonald, M.McGill, I.R.MacRae, R. Morrison,  
M. O'Connor, W.J.Reilly, E.H.Wilson

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### **CHAPLAIN**

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Fr Barry Scannell SM

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### **CLUB DELEGATES**

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HBRU General Committee: Terry Gittings  
Napier HSOB Assoc: Paul McGettigan  
St John's College Old Boys Assoc: Bill Halpin  
NZ Marist Rugby Federation: Terry Gittings  
HONORARY DOCTOR: Jeremy Meates.  
HONORARY SOLICITOR: Blair Robinson.