



**NEW ZEALAND
MĀORI RUGBY
BOARD ANNUAL
REPORT 2020**

KEY STATS FOR 2020

- Hosted a successful Rangatira workshop prior to lockdown
- Regional Māori rugby activities took place across the country
- The New Zealand Māori Rugby Board and NZR staff acted as kaitiaki of tikanga Māori in other aspects of the NZR eco-system
- Māori rugby camps for tamariki and rangatahi held in various rohe
- Contributed to the historic Māori All Blacks v Moana Pasifika match
- NZ Māori U18 sevens programme
- New Zealand Rugby Awards and other national and international acknowledgements for Māori across rugby

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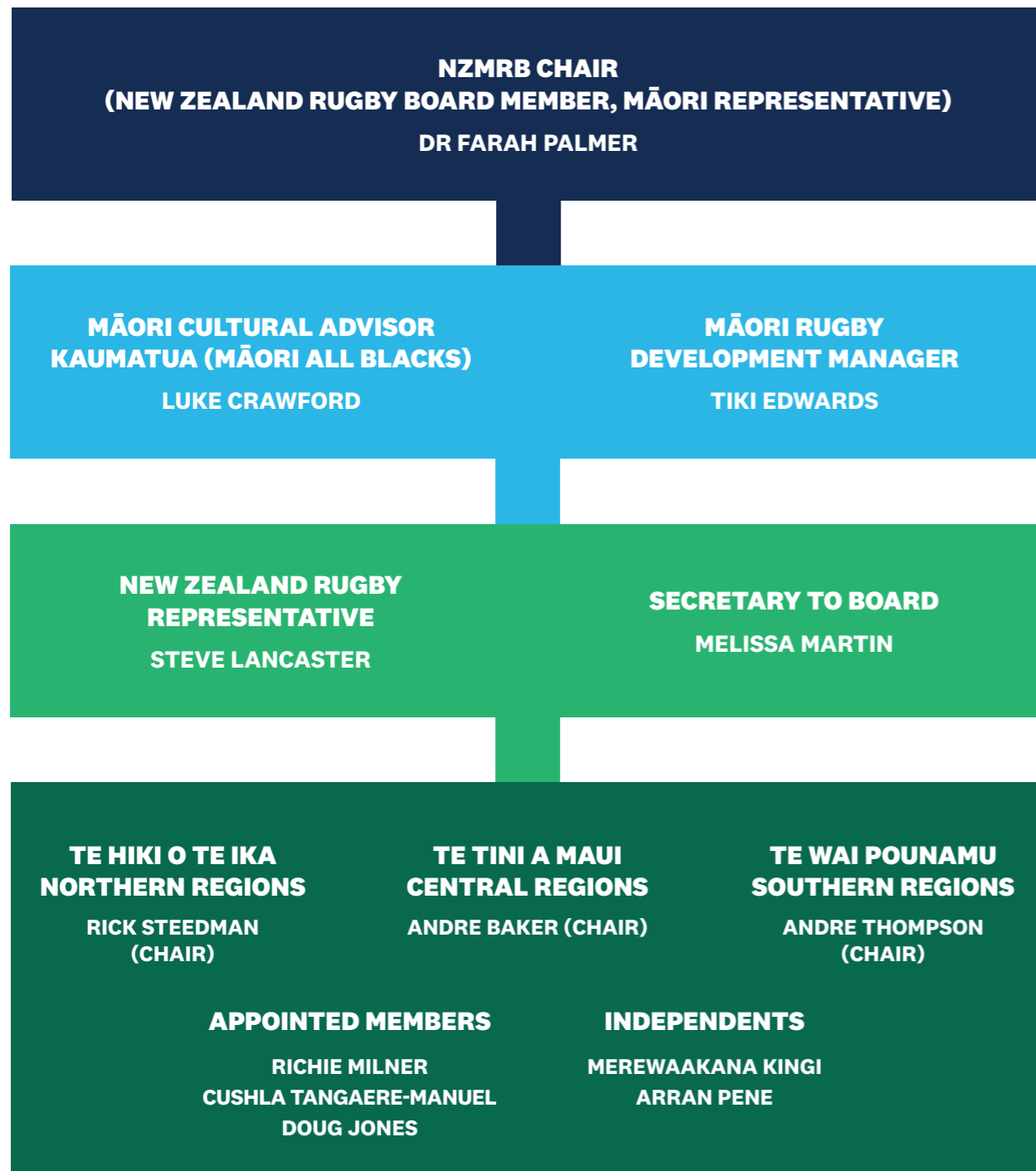
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NEW ZEALAND MĀORI RUGBY BOARD



The New Zealand Māori Rugby Board was established as an incorporated society in June 2000, under its own Constitution, though the origins of the Board extend back to the 1870s.

For more information about the New Zealand Māori Rugby Board, head to newzealand.rugby/about-nzr/governance/maori-rugby-board/

Our vision and strategic focus

For the last three years our vision as a Board has been to inspire and unify whānau, hapū, iwi and communities through Māori rugby. 2020 was a time for us to pull together and do this with limited resources but lots of enthusiasm. Where possible we partnered with others, including New Zealand Rugby, sponsors, government agencies including Te Puni Kōkiri and Sport New Zealand, Pasifika networks and our volunteer communities to enhance the mana and mauri of Māori rugby.

We take our kaitiaki role seriously and strived to provide effective leadership and governance at a time when our communities were suffering, and we saw rugby as a place where tikanga can and should be respected and celebrated.

Our strategic focus areas for 2020 were to achieve:

- **Rangatiratanga:** Effective leadership for Māori rugby
- **Whanaungatanga:** connection and unity as Māori and as a nation through Māori rugby
- **Poutamatanga:** Elevated mana and mauri of Māori rugby initiatives
- **Taumatatanga:** Enhanced legacy of New Zealand Māori rugby Teams

New Zealand Māori Rugby Structure

The New Zealand Māori Rugby Board has three sub-committees, and are involved in key wānanga and working groups across New Zealand Rugby.

- **Rugby sub-committee**
Richie Milner (Chair)
- **Culture sub-committee**
Doug Jones (Chair)
- **Commercial sub-committee**
Merewaakana Kingi (Chair)

There are three regional committees made up of representatives from the following rohe:

- **Te Hiku o te Ika (Northern Region)**
Te Waiariki (Bay of Plenty)
Tainui (Waikato)
Tamaki Makaurau (Auckland)
Te Tai Tokerau (Northland)
Counties Māori (Counties-Manukau)
King Country
Te Raki Paewhenua (North Harbour)
- **Te Tini a Maui (Central Region)**
Horouta (Ngāiwi Porou East Coast)
Turanganuiākiwa (Poverty Bay)
Te Matau a Maui (Hawkes Bay)
Taranaki
Wairarapa
Manawatū
Whanganui
Horowhenua-Kapiti
Te Upoko o te Ika (Wellington)
- **Te Wai Pounamu (Southern Region)**
Te Tau Ihu (Tasman)
Waitaha (Canterbury)
Aoraki (South Canterbury)
Otago (Otago)
Murihiku (Southland)

MĀORI RUGBY UPDATE

Ka mahumaratia te tau ko taha ake nei nā te pānga a KOWHEORI-19 puta noa i te ao, waihoki ki konei, ki Aotearoa. Ahakoa ko kore tātou e pāngia pēnei i ngā motu anō, ko pāngia ō tātou hapori e ngā tini āhuatanga me te kore mōhio.

I tērā tau, i waimarie tātou i te oranga pai o te whutupōro – tae rā anō ki ngā kaitākaro, ngā kaiwhakaako, ngā kaiwawao, ngā tūao, me ngā kaitautoko. I te pānga mai a KOWHEORI-19, i matea te urutau e te whānau whutupōro, e te marea hoki, ki te whakatata ā-pāpori, te mau kanohi kē, te noho ki te kāinga, te warawara ki te mahi – me tana pōuri hoki, te wete mahi, te kore noho tata ki ngā whānau i ngā wā whakanui me ngā wā pōuri, waihoki te aukatinga a ngā kura, ngā papatākaro me ngā karapu.

I muri ake i te mohoaotanga, i tere waihape tātou ki ō tātou ope whutupōro me ngā papatākaro e rangona ai te tūhononga, engari he tino wero te hononga ki te ao whutupōro ki te tini o ngā whānau Māori. I heke iho te taupori kaitākaro Māori mai i te 27% (43,090) i 2019 ki te 24.7% (33,555) i 2020. Heoti, i whāngia ō tātou whānau Māori e te whutupōro ki tērā i matea e rātou i taua wā tonu – te manaakitanga, te whanaungatanga, me te kotahitanga. I whakatinanahia te aumangea e Ngāi Māori ki te ao whutupōro, e te ao whutupōro Māori hoki, ā, i tutuki pai ai ngā taumata tiketike i 2020.

Rangatiratanga

Me whakanui i te rangatiratanga i whakatinanahia e Luke Crawford (Kaihatohutohu Ahurea Māori Cultural me te Kaumātua o te Kapa o Pango Māori) rāua ko Tiki Edwards (Kaiwhakahaere Whanaketanga Whutupōro Māori).

Nā tōna tūranga Kaihatohutohu Ahurea Māori ki NZR, me te noho ki te Komiti Ahurea o NZMRB, ka pāhekoheko a Luke i te tikanga Māori ki ngā āhuatanga NZR katoa ōna. He pou whirinaki te tūranga o Luke i Mauri Ora – he hōtaka Ārahi rā roto i te Mōrearea nā NZR. Ko hāngai tēnei pou tarāwaho ki ngā kupu me ngā tikanga nō te haka a Ngāti Toa - nō Ka Mate, kia whakarite i tētahi huatau mō ngā kaiārahi i te umanga nei, e āwhina ai i ngā wā taumaha.

E whai whakaaro ana hoki a Luke ki te mana me te mauri o ngā taonga i ēnei āhuatanga o NZR, waihoki o ēra e hanga ana, e takoha ana hoki i ēnā taonga – ina koa i te whakarauoratanga o te Tohu Tū Kotahi nā Super Rugby Aotearoa i tana pakarutanga. He kōrero tō ia tohu, tō ia taonga, ā, ko whai wāhi a Luke ki te whakarite i te Tohu o Te Matau a Māui me te Waka a Māui, te Wheako Kapa O Pango, ngā tikanga o roto i te taiao Kapa O Pango Māori hei kaumātua, te whāngai hoki i te ahurea ki ngā Tīma anō ki ngā taiao O Pango, te Mere Pounamu ka takoha ki ngā kaitākaro ko eke ki te taumata o ngā kēmu 100, me te whāngai kōrero ki te Kaupapa Hine Moana e noho ana hei pou mō te kaupapa

Last year will be remembered for the COVID-19 pandemic's impact globally and here in Aotearoa New Zealand. Although we have not been affected as much as other nations, our communities have still had to deal with many uncertainties and disruptions.

Early last year we took for granted the privilege of engaging in rugby – as players, coaches, referees, volunteers, supporters and fans. When COVID-19 hit, the rugby whānau, like everyone else, had to adapt to a new normal of social distancing, wearing face coverings, staying at home, job uncertainty – and sadly in some cases, job losses, not being near loved ones during times of celebration or mourning, as well as closures to schools, grounds, and clubs.

Post-lockdown, many of us rushed back to our rugby clubs and grounds to feel a sense of connection, but for many of our Māori whānau participating in rugby became a challenge. Māori player numbers dropped from 27% (43,090) in 2019 to 24.7% (33,555) in 2020. Rugby however, did provide our whānau with what they needed at this time – manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, and kotahitanga. Māori in rugby, and Māori rugby demonstrated resilience and achieved some great outcomes in 2020.

Rangatiratanga – Leadership

The rangatiratanga demonstrated by Luke Crawford (Māori Cultural Advisor and Kaumātua for the Māori All Blacks) and Tiki Edwards (Māori Rugby Development Manager) needs to be acknowledged.

As NZR's Māori Cultural Advisor, and a member of the NZMRB Cultural Committee, Luke integrates tikanga Māori into all NZR activities he touches. Luke played a key leadership role with the Mauri Ora – Leading through Crisis programme within NZR. This framework is based on the words and meanings from the Ngāti Toa Haka - Ka Mate to fashion a mindset for leaders in the organisation to help in what were very challenging times.

Luke is also mindful to ensure taonga within NZR environments enhances the mana and mauri of these initiatives as well as those who create/gift them – as was the case with the reconciliation of the Tū Kotahi Super Rugby Aotearoa Trophy after it was damaged. Behind every taonga/trophy is a story, and Luke has been involved in establishing Te Matau a Māui North vs South Trophy, the All Blacks Experience, tikanga within the Māori All Blacks environment as their kaumātua, contributing to culture in other Teams in Black environments, the Mere Pounamu given to Investec Super Rugby Aotearoa players who have reached their 100th game milestone, and providing input into the Hine



Māori All Blacks players Matt Skipwith-Garland hongis with Rameka Poihipi during their match against Moana Pasifika in Hamilton.

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Tohu Whutupōro o te Ao 2021 (i te whakaputanga, i meinga ko tārewatia tēnei tae noa ki 2022).

Ko whai wāhi a Tiki ki te waka NZR mō ngā tau ko taha ake nei, me te ārahi i te waka e tae pai ai ki uta, e koke whakamua i tēnei tau wero; he tautoko nō te Puni Kōkiri, hei kaihoe tūao hoki nōna, ko oti i a ia te whakatū i ngā tini awheawhe, wānanga, noho, kēmu hoki mō tō tātou iwi, hapū, whānau, rangatira, rangatahi, tamariki hoki, ahakoa ngā pānga KOWHEORI-19. E kore tā Tiki puna aroha ki te whutupōro Māori e mimiti.

I te Oketopa 2020, i uru atu a Nigel Cass ki te tūranga hōu hei Kaiwhakahaere Whakataetae me te Whutupōro ā-Ao. E mihi ana tā Nigel tautoko i te Whutupōro Māori i ngā tau ko taha ake, hei māngai NZR, ka mutu e nakohia ana te pai mutunga ki a ia. Ko tō NZR Rangatira Whakaurunga, a Steve Lancaster, tō mātou Māngai i nāianeī, ā, ko tāna Kaiāwhina Matua, a Melissa Martin, te Hēkeretari ki te Poari i nāianeī, ka mutu, e aro ana a Shelly Manning ki tōna tūranga hei Kaiāwhina Matua ki te Tumu WHakarare NZR, ki a Mark Robinson, hei Hēkeretari ki te Poari NZR.

Ehara i te mea i whāngai te katoa o ngā kaiarataki o te Poari Whutupōro Māori ki Aotearoa i te whutupōro Māori ki te ao kāwanatanga noa iho, engari kē ia, i whai tūranga hoki rātou katoa hei kaihoe e koke whakamua ai tō mātou waka whutupōro Māori. I te Hūrae, i āwhina mai a Lennox Love, tētahi mātanga hāpai, i a mātou ki te whai whakaaro ki te āhuatanga o te whutupōro Māori hei te tau tītoki, i te whakakapinga a tō mātou mahere arotake toru-tau. Ka mutu, he mea miharo ngā hāpai o ki muri i te whakaritenga o te hohenga Kapa O Pango me Moana Pasifika i te Tihema.

I tautokotia tonutia ngā kaupapa e ā mātou poari whutupōro Māori ā-rohe, ā, i whakahohengia hoki te whutupōro Māori mā o tātou iwi, hapū, whānau hoki ahakoa ngā wero o 2020. E whakamaioha ana mātou i te whakapeto ngoi a ā mātou komiti ā-rohe, rātou ko ngā kaimahi, mō te whutupōro Māori, te iwi, te hapū me te whānau te take.

E waimarie ana mātou, i oti i a mātou te whakatū i tētahi awheawhe Rangitira Māori ā-Motu ki Rotorua i mua tonu mai i te mohoaotanga KOWHEORI-19. Nā tēnei, i oti i ngā rangatira 85, tae rā anō ki ngā wāhine 20, te ako i ngā pūkenga whakaako hōu, me te kōrerorero ki ngā kaiwhakaako anō nō ngā pito katoa o te motu.

Whanaungatanga

Mā te whutupōro Māori, e okea ana te whanaungatanga e mātou - ngā piringa, me te wairua kotahitanga, mā ngā wheako me te mahaingā tahitanga. Mā tēnā e kaha ai ngā piringa, ina koa hei ngā wā wero

He rāhuitanga, he pānga tonutanga hoki nō te KOWHEORI-19, i kore ai ngā tātāwhāinga o Te Hiku o te

Moana Kaupapa that underpins the Rugby World Cup 2021 campaign (at the time of publishing, it was announced that this RWC is postponed until 2022).

Tiki has been in the NZR waka for many years keeping the Māori Rugby waka afloat and moving, and through a challenging year, with the support of Te Puni Kōkiri and his volunteer kaihoe throughout the motu, he has been able to put on numerous workshops, wānanga, camps and games for our iwi, hapū, whānau, rangatira, rangatahi, and tamariki despite COVID-19 disruptions. Tiki's passion for Māori rugby is unwavering.

In October 2020 Nigel Cass took on a new role as Competitions Director with World Rugby. We have valued Nigel's support of Māori Rugby over the years as our NZR representative and wish him all the best. NZR's Head of Participation, Steve Lancaster is now our NZR Representative and his Executive Assistant, Melissa Martin, has the role of Board secretary, with Shelley Manning focusing on her role as Executive Assistant to NZR CEO Mark Robinson, and Secretary for the NZR Board.

The New Zealand Māori Rugby Board directors all contributed to Māori rugby not only at the level of governance, but also being more hands on as kaihoe when needed to ensure our Māori rugby waka continued to move forward. In July, consultant Lennox Love helped us to re-imagine what Māori rugby may look like in the future as our three-year strategic plan comes to an end. Finally, the work behind the scenes to contribute to a historic Māori All Blacks versus Moana Pasifika event in December was outstanding.

Our regional Māori rugby boards continued to support local initiatives and got Māori rugby up and running for our iwi, hapū and whānau despite the challenges of 2020. We appreciate that our regional committees and kaimahi dedicate many hours to Māori rugby for our communities.

Fortunately, we got to host a National Māori Rangatira Workshop in Rotorua prior to COVID-19 lockdown. This enabled 85 rangatira, including 20 wāhine, to learn new coaching skills and to network with coaches from across the country.

Whanaungatanga – Unify and connect

Through Māori rugby we aim to forge whanaungatanga - relationships and a sense of belonging through shared experiences and working together. This serves to strengthen reciprocal relationships, particularly in challenging times.

COVID-19 restrictions and ongoing impacts meant that both Te Hiku O te Ika, and Te Tini a Maui tournaments did not go ahead in 2020. Nonetheless, games and activities still took place between some local rohe.



Māori Rugby Development Manager Tiki Edwards leads a development camp in Putaruru.

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Ika me Te Tini a Māui i tū i 2020. Ahakoa tēnā, i tū tonu ngā kēmu me ngā ngohe ki waenga i ētahi rohe paetata.

I Te Tini a Māui, i whakaritea ētahi kēmu i waenga i a Manawatū Māori me Wairarapa Māori hei kēmu whakangahau i mua i te kēmu Lochore Meads Memorial Scroll. I tū hoki tētahi tātāwhāinga mō Taranaki Māori, Manawatū Māori me Manawatū Hāmoa ki Te Papaioea. Ā, i te Hepetema, i tākaro a Taranaki Māori ki a Whanganui Māori, me te aha hoki, i puta tō rātou ihu, ā, riro i a rātou te Tohu Tuera he 124 tau te tawhito.

I tū ngā hokinga a ngā rāhuitanga KOWHEORI-19, i oti i a mātou te whakarato nōhanga ki ngā tamariki me ngā rangatahi hei wāhanga o tā mātou Hōtaka Aumangea, nā Te Puni Kōkiri i whāngai ā-pūtea.

I tū ngā noho Rangatahi ki te Rangatira i te Hepetema me te Oketopa 2020, me tētahi rangi ā-whānau ki Murihiku mō ngā tāngata 80, me tētahi rangi ope kōhine U18 Māreikura ki Putāruru, me tētahi rangi tamatāne Whatukura ki Te Kuiti, ki te Hiku o te Ika. He noho e toru rā te roa mō ngā tama me ngā kōtiro 20 nō te rohe o Te Kaha.

Poutamatanga

E nako ana mātou ki te whakarato whaiwāhitanga ki ngā tāne me ngā wāhine Māori kia poi-poi i ō rātou pūmanawa whutupōro, me te whakanui i ngā tikanga Māori. Nā te whakarite tīma Wāhine Māori Māui Waikato U21 kia tākaro ki te tīma Pasifika Maui Tāmaki Makaurau U21 hei kēmu whakangahau i mua i te kēmu Kapa O Pango Māori ki a Moana Pasifika ki Waikato, i tutuki pai ai tēnei i a mātou.

I kitea rawatia tēnei aronga ki te hononga ahurea ki tēnei hohenga, i te whakawhitinga taonga i meinga i waenga i ngā tīma Māui i tākaro tahi i te kēmu whakangahau. He taonga pounamu ēnei o Hiru me Ngā Taniwha i tohu ai i te raranga me te hononga, he taonga ava/kava hoki i tohu i te tuaritanga o te toioranga, me te whakaute.

I poho kūkupa hoki mātou i ngā tīma e rua i whakakanohi i te whutupōro Māori ki te tātāwhāinga ā-tono o te Whutupōro Tokowhitu ā-Kura o te Ao i tū ai i te Tihema 2020. Kāore te ihu o te tīma tokowhitu kōhine o Mareikura i puta ki te whiringa whāiti, heoti i puta te ihu o te tīma tamatāne o Whatukura ki te whiringa whāiti. Hei tā mātou, he ū nā ngā kaitākaro rātou ko ō rātou whānau ki tēnei kaupapa, ahakoa ngā pānga KOWHEORI-19, ko whakaihūwaka rātou katoa.

Taumatatanga

Ko te Kapa O Pango Māori te puhikāioreore o te taumatatanga ki ērā e hiahia ana kia kite i ngā Māori e whakanui ana i ō rātou tuakiri, me te whakapapa tawhito hoki o te poraka pango.

In Te Tini a Māui, games were arranged between Manawatū Māori and Wairarapa Māori as a curtain raiser game to the Lochore Meads Memorial Scroll match. Taranaki Māori, Manawatū Māori and Manawatū Samoan teams played a series of games in Palmerston North. And in September, Taranaki Māori played Whanganui Māori and won back the 124-year-old Tuera Shield.

Once COVID-19 restrictions lifted, we were able to offer camps to tamariki and rangatahi as part of our Te Puni Kōkiri-funded Resilience Programme.

Rangatahi to Rangatira camps were held during September and October 2020 with a Murihiku whānau day in Invercargill for 80 participants and a Mareikura U18 girls' day in Putāruru and a Whatukura boys' day held in Te Kuiti, in Te Hiku o te Ika. There was also a three-day camp for 20 boys and girls from the Te Kaha region.

Poutamatanga – Achievement

We aim to offer opportunities for Māori tāne and wāhine to reach their potential in rugby in a way that embraces tikanga Māori. We achieved this by putting together an U21 Wāhine Māori Maui Waikato team to play an U21 Pasifika Maui Tāmaki Makaurau team as the curtain-raiser for the Māori All Blacks v Moana Pasifika game in the heart of Waikato Tainui.

The focus on connection through culture that surrounded this event was evident in the gift exchange that occurred between the Maui teams playing the curtain-raiser game. These taonga were two pounamu of Hiru and Ngā Taniwha to signify the weaving and binding together, and an ava/kava bowl to signify the sharing of sustenance and expression of good will and respect.

We were also very proud of the two teams representing Māori rugby at the World School Sevens invitation tournament held in Auckland in December 2020. The Mareikura sevens girls' team just missed the semi-finals and the Whatukura boys' team made the semi-finals. In our eyes, the fact that the players and their whānau were able to commit to this kaupapa despite the impact of COVID-19, makes them all champions.

Taumatatanga – Excellence

The Māori All Blacks are considered the pinnacle of taumatatanga for those who want to see Māori embracing their identity and whakapapa in the black jersey that has a long and proud history.

2020 was a challenging year for a lot of our national teams in Aotearoa so it was a huge honour to represent



Manawatū Māori and Wairarapa Māori come together for a group photo after their match.

He tau wero a 2020 ki te tokomaha o ā mātou tīma ā-motu ki Aotearoa, nō reira he honore nui kia whakakanohi i te kairangi i te whutupōro ki te pito o Waikato, Tainui, me te Kingitanga. He whaiwāhitanga te tākaro ki a Moana Pasifika kia whakanui i te hononga tahitanga o ēnei tīma e rua mā te ahurea me te whakapapa. I kaha rangona tēnei i tētahi pōhiri ki ngā tīma e rua ki Tūrangawaewae Marae i raro i te mana o Kingi Tūheitia Potatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawhiti rāua ko tāna hoa wahine a Te Makauriki Te Atawhai. He tino wheako ki ngā tīma e rua te noho ki te mātotorutanga o te manaakitanga ki te whare hui o Mahinaarangi kia kai tahi, kia noho tahi hoki ki ō ēnei rangatira Māori taha.

Nō muri mai i tētahi tau taumaha rawa, i tino whai hua tēnei kaupapa ki ngā wāhi katoa nā te taumatatanga me te whanaungatanga i whakatauiratia. He hiahia tōku, hei Tiamana, kia whakamiha i ngā kaimahi, ngā kaitautoko, me ngā hoamahi NZR, waihoki ngā hapori Māori, Pasifika hoki i ā rātou meinga tēnei hei whakanuinga ahurea whutupōro e kore rawa nei e wareware.

Ngā Aumihī

E whakamihangia tonutia ana ā mātou kaitautoko, a Adidas, a AIG, a Downer, a Te Māngai Pāho hoki i noho hei hoa mō te Kapa O Pango Māori, i noho hoki hei hoa i te kēmu ki a Moana Pasifika i Kirikiriroa. I hangaia e Te Māngai Pāho ētahi ihirangi paruhi rawa e miramira ana i ngā tuhangata whutupōro Māori, me ngā maumaratanga o 2020. He hoa hoki a Kāhui Legal i te kēmu Kapa O Pango Māori me Moana Pasifika, ā, nā rātou anō i takoha atu i ngā tikiti ki ngā Kura Kaupapa i mate kia nau ki te kēmu.

Ina koa, e hiahia ana mātou kia whakamiha i te tautoko a Te Puni Kōkiri, i tā rātou āwhina i a mātou kia whāngai i te Hōtaka Aumangea i oti ai i a Tiki te whakarato tonu i ngā wānanga hauora me te whanaketanga Rangatahi, te whakawhanake hoki i tā mātou kitenga ā-tuihono, me ā mātou ihirangi matihiko hoki i te 2020.

Ka mutu, he tokomaha ngā kaimahi NZR e tautoko ana i te Whutupōro Māori, heoti e mate ana mātou kia whakamiha i a Mike Hester (Kaiwhakahaere Whanaketanga Whakaurunga) rāua ko Mike Moeahu (Kaiwhakahaere Hokonga ā-Pakihi) i ā rāua hiahia ki te tautoko i te Whutupōro Māori i ngā taumata ā-hapori, ā-pakihi hoki. Tēnā rawa atu hoki ki ngā mema Poari NZR, ngā karapu Super Rugby, ngā uniano ā-rohe, ngā karapu, ngā kura, ngā iwi, ngā hapū me ngā whānau e tautoko ana i te whutupōro Māori – he waka eke noa.

Nā reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā rā tātou katoa

Tākuta Farah Palmer

Tiamana o te Poari Whutupōro Māori ki Aotearoa

Māori excellence in rugby in the heart of Waikato Tainui and the Kingitanga. Playing the Moana Pasifika team was a chance to celebrate a shared connection for these two teams through culture and whakapapa. This was most poignantly expressed with a welcome for both teams on to Tūrangawaewae Marae in the presence of Kingi Tūheitia Potatau Te Wherowhero te Tuawhiti and his wife Te Makauriki Te Atawhai. The hospitality and hosting of both teams into Mahinaarangi Meeting house for formal afternoon tea and an audience with Māori Royalty gave players and coaches a once in a lifetime experience.

The taumatatanga and whanaungatanga expressed on and off the field made this kaupapa well worth the effort at the end of what was a full-on year. As Chair I want to thank the NZR staff, sponsors, partners, and Māori and Pasifika communities for making this an unforgettable celebration of culture in and through rugby.

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Nā reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā rā tātou katoa



Dr Farah Palmer

New Zealand Māori Rugby Board Chair



The Māori All Blacks and Moana Pasifika come together for a group photo with the Māori King Tūheitia Pahi after the match in Hamilton.

RESULTS AND RECOGNITION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BEREAVEMENTS

*E ngā rangatira koutou katoa hoki ko ngā hunga kua mate
Moe mai ra, okioki ai. Haere atu ra, e moe e!*

*Oh illustrious Statesman and all you who have passed. Sleep
peacefully in your endless slumber. Farewell and rest well.*

2020 ASB RUGBY AWARDS

Charles Monro Rugby Volunteer of the Year

Winner: Jane Chamberlain (Horowhenua Kapiti)

Steinlager Salver

Winner: Sir Bryan Williams

ASB New Zealand Coach of the Year

Winners: Allan Bunting and Cory Sweeney
(Black Ferns Sevens)

Tom French Memorial Māori Player of the Year

Winner: Ash Dixon (Ngāti Tahinga, Hawke's Bay)
Nominees: Aaron Smith (Ngāti Kahungunu, Manawatu)
Stacey Fluhler (Tuhoe/Te Arawa, Waikato)

Black Ferns Sevens Player of the Year

Winner: Stacey Fluhler (Waikato)

OTHER RECOGNITION

2020 World Rugby Awards

Women's Sevens Player of the Decade in association with HSBC: Portia Woodman (Black Ferns Sevens)

Women's 15s Try of the Decade in association with International Rugby Players: Portia Woodman (Black Ferns)

Women's 15s Team of the Decade in association with Mastercard: Eloise Blackwell (Black Ferns) and Portia Woodman (Black Ferns)

2020 57th Halberg Awards

Hall of Fame inductee: Sid Going
(All Blacks Number 655 and Māori All Blacks 1965-1977)

Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic cancelling or postponing many sporting events throughout 2020, some awards ceremonies were cancelled or took the opportunity to reflect over the past decade.

REGIONAL MĀORI RUGBY

Te Waipounamu Māori rugby Ahurei festival tournament

Senior men's winners – Waitaha Canterbury Māori

Senior women's winners – Waitaha Canterbury Māori

U21 men's winners – Ōtākou Māori Rugby

U17 Boys' winners – Waitaha Canterbury Māori

U17 Girls' winners – Ōtākou Māori Rugby

Unfortunately COVID-19 restrictions resulted in both the Te Hiku O Te Ika, and Te Tini a Maui tournaments being cancelled. Some matches were organised between some local Rohe in the absence of these tournaments.



Tom French Memorial Māori Player of the Year winner Ash Dixon receives his trophy on set.

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MĀORI ALL BLACKS



**Māori All Blacks
v Moana Pasifika**

Māori All Blacks
28-21 Moana Pasifika
5 December, Hamilton

- Kaleb Trask**
Chiefs, Bay of Plenty
Ngāpuhi
- Shaun Stevenson**
Chiefs, North Harbour
Ngāpuhi
- Billy Proctor**
Hurricanes, Wellington
Ngāi Te Rangī/Ngāpuhi
- Quinn Tupaea**
Chiefs, Waikato
Waikato, Tainui
- Sean Wainui**
Chiefs, Taranaki
Ngāi Tuhoe, Te Āitanga a Māhaki,
Ngā Arikaiapuatahi, Ngāti Porou
- Otere Black**
Blues, Bay of Plenty
Ngāi Tuhoe, Te Whānau ā Apanui,
Ngāti Tūwharetoa
- Bryn Hall**
Crusaders, North Harbour
Ngāti Ranginui
- Liam Messam**
Waikato
Ngāi Tuhoe
- Billy Harmon**
Crusaders, Canterbury
Ngāi Tahu
- Whetukamokamo Douglas**
Crusaders, Canterbury
Ngāti Porou/ Ngāti Whakaue
- Manaaki Selby-Rickit**
Highlanders, Southland
Ngāti Raukawa
- Isaia Walker-Leawere**
Hurricanes, Hawke's Bay
Ngāti Porou
- Jonah Lowe**
Hurricanes, Hawke's Bay
Ngāti Pīkiao
- Josh Hohneck**
Otago
Ngāti Manuhiri, Ngāti Whātua
- Ash Dixon**
Highlanders, Hawke's Bay
Ngāti Tahinga

- Pouri Rakete-Stones**
Hurricanes, Hawke's Bay
Ngāpuhi
- Kurt Eklund**
Blues, Bay of Plenty
Ngāpuhi
- Ross Wright**
Northland, Blues
Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Porou
- Tamaiti Williams**
Canterbury
Ngāpuhi
- Reed Prinsep**
Hurricanes, Canterbury
Te Rārawa
- Ethan Roots**
Crusaders, North Harbour
Ngāti Kahungunu
- Mitchell Karpik**
Chiefs, Bay of Plenty
Rongomaiahine, Ngāti Kahungunu
- Te Toiroa Tahuriorangi**
Chiefs, Bay of Plenty
Ngāti Pīkiao
- Rameka Poihipi**
Canterbury
Ngāti Whakaue
- Mathew Skipwith-Garland**
Bay of Plenty
Tūhourangi, Ngāti Wāhiao, Ngāpuhi
- Marcel Renata**
Blues, Auckland
Ngāti Whānaunga, Ngāi Takoto

HEAD COACH AND SELECTOR
Clayton McMillan

ASSISTANT COACHES

- Tony Brown
- Roger Randle

MANAGER

- Tony Ward

KAUMĀTUA

- Luke Crawford



Otere Black of the Māori All Blacks makes a kick during the historical match against Moana Pasifika.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

| for the year ended 31 December 2020 | 2020 ACTUAL | 2020 BUDGET | 2019 ACTUAL |
|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Statement of income | | | |
| Grants from NZRU | \$10,694 | \$162,000 | \$124,410 |
| Other Grants | \$12,750 | – | \$10,000 |
| Total income | \$23,444 | \$162,000 | \$134,410 |
| Statement of expenditure | | | |
| Regional Operating Grants | \$20,000 | \$90,000 | \$80,000 |
| Professional Services | – | – | \$10,000 |
| Operational Overheads (Travel & Accommodation) | \$3,444 | \$55,000 | \$24,652 |
| General Expenses | – | \$17,000 | \$18,576 |
| Match Tickets | – | – | \$1,183 |
| Total expenditure | \$23,444 | \$162,000 | \$134,410 |
| Statement of net income | | | |
| Net income | – | – | – |



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