



MARIST ST PATS RFC
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COVER: Jeff To'omaga-Allen, who was selected for the All Blacks northern hemisphere tour in 2017, is Marist St Pat's eighth All Black. Jeff was selected for the New Zealand under-20 team in his debut season with MSP in 2010, and was the player of the final in MSP's 2012 Jubilee Cup win.



Fa'atonu Fili and Peter Sciascia have stacked up well over 400 premier games between them. 'Tons', MSP's most capped player, reached the 200-game milestone on 13 May 2017. Pete reached the 200-game mark in April, with over 126 of those games in MSP's colours.



MSP's premier women's team – winners of the Fr Geoff Broad Memorial Trophy for Team of the Year.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The 2017 season was mixed both on and off the field. On the field we were close in many cases, but not close enough at the end of the season. But while we didn't quite get the results we wanted, it wasn't through lack of trying. We all saw the passion, commitment, energy and time that was put in by many across the club, from the beginning of off-season training to the final whistle. Thank you all for that.

A real highlight for me this year was the development of the premier women's team. At the beginning of the season they presented their plan to the board on how they proposed to grow women's rugby at MSP. Through the passion and commitment of their team management, coaches and players they made real progress, winning the first round and then making the semi-final in the top women's division.

Off the field is a continuing challenge for our club, as it is for all clubs. To succeed, we need to remain relevant to both players and supporters, not just for the 80 minutes in the red jersey but also afterwards and, at the moment, we're struggling.

For example, we all acknowledge the importance of our clubrooms and their role in the wellbeing, spirit and culture of our club. But we are also well aware of the declining attendance over many years. Society is always changing and we acknowledge that we will not return to the packed clubroom days of the 1970s and 80s. But we need to make the club a place where all our players and supporters want to come to after a match.

Surveys and regular feedback cite a range of reasons for not coming, such as location, changed drink-drive attitudes, changing attitudes to drinking, social habits of the millennials, too old, done my time, but if we want to go somewhere or do something there are always obstacles.

There's no silver bullet here. It's not about the premises but the people – so it's up to all of us to make the effort to build the momentum and go up to the clubrooms. We've listened to your feedback and made some changes in response to that, and we'll continue to make changes where we can to make the experience more compelling. We're also working to define what we want from a clubrooms in the future so we can identify what our options are. But in the end a big part of it is making the effort, even if it's only for an hour or two. We all need to step up in 2018.

We are fortunate there are a lot of passionate and energetic people in the club with a real desire to make a difference to ensure Marist St Pats remains the pre-eminent rugby club in Wellington. However, we do face significant challenges, as do all sports clubs, to maintain the funding required and especially how we attract and retain the many volunteers needed to not only run a club day-to-day but, equally important, to take us forward.

Thanks to the management board, Martin and the junior committee, Kas, our coaches, managers, support staff and all those that work off the field for all the time they commit to the club.

I also thank the Shamrock Club for their continuing support and contribution not only financially but socially, with another very successful pre-Test dinner with Gavin Hastings as guest speaker and the Embassy Theatre Test function. We welcomed new sponsors in 2017 with Toshiba and Heartland Bank coming on-board; thank you for your support of our premier men's team. Thank you to the many gaming trusts that provide significant funding for our

initiatives and all of you that support the club with donations, buying of raffle tickets and membership subscriptions.

Thanks to all of you that have been part of the club this year for your contribution.

Mike Hansen

Chairman

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been an honour to be president of Marist St Pats in 2017, a role I've enjoyed. My first year on MSP's committee was 1995 and today, the club is fortunate to have a new and committed group of leaders who are bringing new ideas and new ways of doing things.

During the year I had a sobering discussion with a 60-something stalwart of another club. He told me that only three ageing members of his club do any work and another struggling club had approached them to discuss amalgamation. MSP shares similar pressures but a younger generation of administrators and coaches are stepping up to maintain our standing at the forefront of Wellington club rugby.

Even though the club didn't quite carry off major trophies this year, on semi-finals day in Wellington our premiers, premier reserves and premier women all took the field. There were other promising signs:

- Michael and Patrick Holden do outstanding work in social media. Through video, Facebook and Twitter, they engage our young players like no other club.
- The Queen's Birthday 1970s' reunion was a tribute to a special era. The Saturday night speeches on their own were a season's highlight and people left buzzing about MSP's 50th anniversary in three years' time. There is clearly a tremendous spirit among players, coaches and administrators from that period. Congratulations to Brian Coulter and his organising committee for putting it all together.
- Our clubrooms are an ongoing issue but there were some great evenings, such as the celebration of Fa'atonu Fili's 200th game for MSP, and the packed annual prize-giving. Richard Kilkenny, when presented with the Outstanding Administrator Award, deservedly received a standing ovation, something I've never seen in many years of attending prize-givings.
- The premier women's team won our Team of the Year Award, and managers Taofia Bryce and Agnes Va'aua and co-coach Ryan Setefano were also trophy winners. During the year Michelle Smyth celebrated being the first MSP woman to play 50 games. Across the board, women's rugby made a strong and positive contribution to MSP.
- After the premiers' disappointing semi-final loss to HOBM, despondent MSP supporters trooped up to the clubrooms to find the place full of junior players having a great time. The juniors are the future of this club and their enthusiasm for MSP rugby helped put things in perspective. Many thanks to Martin Paget, who is stepping down as convenor, for your work with the junior club over the years.
- The Shamrock Club turned on several exceptional occasions, such as guest speaker Gavin Hastings at the annual dinner which is now held at St Pats College because our clubrooms can't hold all those who want to attend. Watching the Lions Test live at the Embassy was another inspired event. It's not just the considerable financial backing that

the Shamrock Club provides MSP, it's the network of community support across the city. A number of people from other rugby clubs have commented to me how fortunate we are to have the Shamrock Club and its support.

- I know how much work premier coaches Andrew Robinson and Bernie Upton, manager Rory McNicholas and the whole support team, put into developing the side during the year. The Jubilee Cup is one of Wellington's top sports trophies because it is a tough competition to win. Everyone will be better for the 2017 experience.
- Chairman Mike Hansen and other board members also put in a huge amount of work during the year, dealing with the myriad of issues that arise in an amateur club involving hundreds of people.
- It was good to see Hurricane Jeff To'omaga Allen, a great club man, selected for the All Blacks. Congratulations to all our representatives from age-grade to national level.
- My final thanks go to all the MSP donors, supporters and members who keep this club functioning. Next July, come down to the gym after practice on a cold, wet Thursday night and you'll find the half-frozen players tucking into hot food provided by Tony O'Brien for \$2 a plate. Life members Soody and Terry Manion serve it up and if there's any left over (which is not likely), you might be able to get a plate too. That's not the kind of work that hits the headlines but it's what makes MSP a great club to be part of.

All clubs today are being squeezed at both ends. At the top, talented players are siphoned off by the professional game. The pathway for young players used to be club-province-international but today it's school-academy-professional. Clubs have been side-lined. If some of the resources poured into academies and professionalism had gone into clubs through coaching and administrative support, the base of our game would be in far better shape.

At the bottom, the sad fact is that far fewer people today play rugby. In the 1970s there were 220-230 club teams across Wellington. This year there were just under 110. In a period when the population of Wellington has doubled, playing numbers have halved. No wonder clubs are struggling.

Against that backdrop we do well, so thank you all for your support during the year. Your ongoing interest in the club means a lot to the administrators, coaches and players. Enjoy your summer and we look forward to catching up in 2018.

Pat Martin
President

DIRECTOR OF RUGBY REPORT

For a club that has such high expectations of championship victories across all grades, the 2017 season could be looked upon with mixed opinions. Regardless of the relative lack of silverware in the cabinet there were still significant on-field achievements throughout the season that the club should be proud of. These include the women's team going through its first round undefeated and gaining promotion to the first division for round two where they qualified for a semi-final; the Internationals having a great victory in their first round to claim the Mike Copeland Trophy; the under-85 Reds having a great second round to gain the right to host the final where they were unfortunately pipped by the fast improving Upper Hutt team;

and the premier and premier reserve teams qualifying for their respective semi-finals in the second round where they were both ultimately unsuccessful.

We got off to a slow start at the conclusion of the 2016 season with the appointment of team coaches for 2017 being finalised later than we had hoped, so the off-season programme was a little behind schedule. Once that got into full swing through December under the tutelage of Simon Chatterton, numbers grew exponentially. By the time the new year rolled around, huge numbers were turning up to pre-season training, including many former club members returning, and there was an air of expectation about what lay ahead for the new season.

Premiers

The premiers had two first-time premier coaches in head coach Andrew Robinson and assistant Bernie Upton. They also had technical assistance throughout the year from James McHardy, Nic Fitisemanu and Arden David. Injuries took their toll early with Josh To'omaga and Ryan Saunders suffering long-term injuries early in the Swindale Shield round. It is fair to say that the new coaching structure took time to gel and, at one point, midway through the Swindale Shield after three consecutive losses, the team looked in some danger of not qualifying for the Jubilee Cup round. It is to the credit of all involved that the team got stuck in, put 50 points on Norths which not only secured their place in the Jubilee Cup, but kick started their season to some extent. The team went from strength to strength and qualified second in the Jubilee Cup and hosted a semi-final. It is great that we have Andrew and Bernie back again to run the team in 2018 with a taste of premier grade coaching under their belts.

Premier reserve

Once again, a new coaching combination with head coach Jamie Parkinson assisted by a new club member, Francois Hecquet. This combination also took time to gel and the team was significantly impacted by injuries and struggled to find their feet in the first round. However, the second round was a completely different story and despite not making the final it could be argued that the team were the form team of the second round.

Womens

One of the shining lights of the season. The women's team are very well managed by Agnes Va'aua and Taofia Bryce and coached by some of the senior men's squad. They have a clear, well thought-out strategy and played some great rugby during the season. A major achievement was going through the first round unbeaten and gaining promotion. In the first division they applied themselves well and learnt a lot that will only improve the team next year. Many of the team have been rewarded with various representative honours.

First grade

A team that struggled for numbers throughout the entire season despite the tireless efforts of Jake Hird, Poto Masina and Ken Ah Kuoi. Often described as the most important team in the club and the gauge of a club's depth, they are constantly having to make last-minute adjustments as teams above them take players on Thursday evening and, in some cases, Saturday morning. The team played some good rugby at the start of the year but as the season went on, numbers dwindled and the team unfortunately had a number of defaults. Due to the combined efforts of a number of good Marist men we managed to source players from the under-85s and, in particular, the colts and Internationals to ensure we could field a team late in the season.

Colts

Having started the season with enough numbers and fielding colts' teams in the A and B divisions, injuries and unavailabilities soon took their toll and the colts B team was forced to withdraw from the competition after round one. This was another grade that struggled for numbers as the season wore on. When the A team could field their strongest line-up, they played some fantastic running rugby and were as good as any other team in the competition. Thanks to Edwin Meachen, Ciaran O'Brien, Julius To'o, Fatinga Tolova'a and managers Dan Herbison, John Murfitt and Jordan Delaney for their efforts throughout the season under challenging circumstances.

Under-85 Reds

Congratulations to the guys on a great season. In a near miss in the championship final at Evans Bay, they went down in a close fought match to Upper Hutt. The team played some great running rugby throughout the year and appeared to have a great team spirit which drove them to their second-round success. Well coached and managed by Tim McBride and Jarred Burns, they were always well represented on Saturdays and upheld MSP values at all times. They were very well represented at the annual prize-giving and their successful season was noted with several team prizes.

Under-85 Greens

Another of the teams that struggled for numbers throughout the season due to injuries and unavailabilities. Enda Costello worked tirelessly and diligently every week ensuring the team had enough numbers to take the field. On many occasions the team had the bare minimum players with one or two reserves at best. Further enhancing the spirit that exists between different teams within the club, the U85 Reds provided playing resources to the Greens whenever their schedule allowed. The Greens season will be remembered by the great victory they had over the powerful Stokes Valley team late in the season. I'd like to thank Enda for his contribution over the years as he is stepping down from running the team next year but he has a replacement lined up to take over the reins.

Internationals

Another successful season for the Internationals with their first-round victory taking out the Mike Copeland Trophy one of the highlights. There was a great night up at the clubrooms early in the second round where the team was presented with their trophy, and also acknowledged for their outstanding contribution to the club in their 10th anniversary. The team seemed to get drawn away from home a lot but never complained and always represented the club professionally wherever they played. We look forward to many more years of Internationals rugby as the younger generation come through. I would personally like to thank Cameron Bath for his energy, passion and leadership over the years with managing the team and hope to see you all back in the fold in 2018.

Pressies

As they continually tell me, the flagship team of the club and full of premier-level players if they had the time or inclination to train. Well led by Henry Fidow, who runs a tight ship where players complete weight training four nights a week and their dietary intake is monitored regularly to maintain a high protein, low fat diet. Another team who were drawn away from home a lot but played champagne rugby on every occasion.

The club would like to pass on congratulations to all players who have been selected for representative duties. We know you will represent MSP in a positive manner throughout the post-season. There were many achievements throughout the season but one in particular

deserves special mention - Fa'atonu Fili played his 200th premier club game for MSP during the season, which we all acknowledge is a remarkable feat. Fa'atonu is rumoured to have hung up his boots to step in and assist the colts next year as a skills coach. It is great to see him pass on his knowledge to the younger generation.

I want to mention on-field discipline, which by and large was very good this year. We had very few visits to the judiciary so thank you to all managers, coaches and players for promoting and playing the game in the correct spirit. Clubroom attendance on the other hand was disappointing throughout the season and is one of several things we will be working on next year to improve.

Planning is well underway for the 2018 season with recruitment and retention of existing players high on the agenda. Along with players, the club is always on the lookout for people to help with both the rugby or the club side of things. If you know of somebody who'd like to be involved or you think may be interested, sound them out - they may just be waiting for someone to ask.

Finally, I thank John Duignan, Kas Lealamanua, Mike Hansen and Bryce Tietjens for your help at various times throughout the year. Any successful sports club requires many able hands who are prepared to get their hands dirty throughout the season.

Enjoy the summer, have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you all on the field, on the sidelines and in the clubrooms in 2018.

John Bell

Director of Rugby

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our 2017 year has been one of change within the club and our result reflects that. Whilst both our revenue and expenditure increased significantly during 2017, the club ended up incurring a loss after depreciation of \$26k (2016: \$13k loss).

Our revenue increased by \$135k compared to 2016 (a 52.5% increase); we comment on the key areas as follows:

- Sponsorship increased by \$28k. This is a result of bringing our new sponsors on board and increased revenue from jersey sponsorships.
- Grant income was \$90k higher. During the year we received a significant grant from First Sovereign to repair the clubrooms' roof, but a number of other community trusts were also very supportive of MSP this year.
- The Shamrock Club through its great efforts generated an \$18k higher surplus than 2016. As mentioned last year, the Shamrock Club really is the backbone of our club.

Given the late start to the 2017 season, the large increase in revenue is an excellent effort. Planning is already well underway for the 2018 season so we hope to see continuation of revenue growth.

Whilst our revenue significantly increased, so too have our expenses. They grew by \$147k from 2016 (a 54.2% increase); we comment on the key areas as follows:

- Costs of fundraising increased by \$15k. We incurred higher costs of generating the increased grant and sponsorship income.
- Our rugby costs increased by \$48k. They included new jerseys for the premiers, women's, and sevens' teams, and new tackle bags and hit shields for the gym.
- Our clubroom expenses increased by \$66k – this included the cost of the new roof.
- Gym and playing field costs increased by \$21k – this included increased maintenance on our fields.

A number of these costs were one-off, or changes made to mitigate these into the future.

As is the case in all amateur sporting organisations, the efforts of a number of people keep our club alive. For all their energy and effort in generating funds for MSP in 2017, grateful thanks go to:

- Toshiba and Heartland Bank for joining our family of key sponsors, and the premier coaching team for their work in bringing these sponsors on board.
- First Sovereign Trust, Four Winds Foundation, New Zealand Racing Board, Lion Foundation, NZ Community Trust, Pelorus Trust, Pub Charity, New World Eastern Suburbs Trust, Higgins Construction and Lion Breweries, whose support of MSP is gratefully acknowledged.
- The Shamrock Club, for a great financial result achieved through promoting MSP to our corporate sponsors and their fundraising events. Thanks again to Brian McGuinness, Peter Woods, Alan Woods, Bob Metcalf, Tony O'Brien, Steve Witkowski, Luke Meredith, and Paul Stephen for your ongoing commitment to the Shamrock Club.
- Premier manager Rory McNicholas for his excellent efforts during the year managing and increasing our grant revenue from the various community trusts.
- Andy Bell and MaryAnn Spillane who managed our two \$100 Raffles; these continue to provide great support to the club.
- Karin Graham for organising the clubroom hires, organising clubroom staff and suppliers alike and making sure the clubrooms were kept in the best possible condition.
- Our Junior Committee, and particularly Martin Paget, along with their sponsors George Street Engineering, Quinovic Vivian Street, Resene, Price & Strawbridge Builders and T & T Landfill.

Whilst there are promising starts for 2018, we will always face financial challenges. We need to develop and implement new revenue initiatives to ensure we can continue to support our players and members. Your management board always welcomes new ideas to increase revenue.

Aaron Titter

Treasurer

COACH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

On behalf of MSP, WRFU and NZRU, I would like to thank all the people involved in coaching, managing and assisting the teams that took the field in MSP and St Pat's College colours this season. Your energetic input and giving up of your time gave all the players who took the field each weekend the opportunity to do so.

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

MSP fielded 10 teams in the senior club, along with 16 teams in the junior competitions. Special mention to the women's and reserve grade (MSP Internationals) teams on winning their first rounds. It was also pleasing to see the club maintaining high junior playing numbers again this year. This is the result of a hard working group of people led by Martin Paget and Mick Joyce and their junior committee members.

SPC fielded nine teams and six made it through to the semi-finals of their respective competitions to carry on the college's proud sporting tradition. It was very pleasing to see former premier coach Brendan Reidy back at the college helping coach the 1XV alongside former premier player Glenn Donaldson.

MSP's sevens' program was again in full force and with the fifteens' representative season coming to an end, players will head straight into sevens looking to back up a very successful 2016/17 campaign.

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

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

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

During the off-season coach/ player reviews are completed along with retention, recruitment, off-season training and the sevens programme in preparation for 2018.

Overall it has been a very busy and eventful year. The many club and college successes celebrated in 2017 are the culmination of hours of dedication to the task by a very enthusiastic group of people whom I applaud. Once again, thank you to all the coaches and volunteers who have given up hours, days and weekends to make it possible for this proud club to function.

Special thanks to Mike Hansen and the board, along with Director of Rugby, John Bell, for all their work off the field in running the club to enable players to keep playing the game they love.

All the best for the future and I look forward to catching up in 2018.

'I Bleed RED'

Kas Lealamanua

Coach Development Officer

HOUSE REPORT

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

It is disappointing that the clubrooms are supported by very few teams. As an ongoing concern, the clubrooms operations are in peril if attendance does not increase by teams, supporters and members. I urge all members to use the clubrooms on a more regular basis and for players and members to let the board know what can be improved or changed to make our clubrooms a 'go to place' on a Saturday evening.

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

An opening night BBQ held in April was enjoyed by all attending. Our Past Players and Supporters' Day was arranged around a reunion of the 1970s' championship-winning sides, with a popular luncheon at the clubrooms before the premiers vs Wellington match at Hataitai Park. We again had an excellent turn out and I congratulate The Pines and our bar staff for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Several Junior Club nights were held at the clubrooms and our thanks go to Martin Paget and his team who ably manage our juniors. Our juniors are an extremely important part of MSP and should be commended on their efforts and involvement in the club. They are our future.

Our Shamrock Test Weekend was a great success. The dinner was again relocated to the St Pats College Hall where approximately 390 Shamrock members, their guests and club members enjoyed hearing Gavin Hastings speak. The evening was catered by The Pines. Our thanks go to Brian McGuinness and his team on the Shamrock committee for organising a top-class function. It was followed on the Saturday evening with the clubrooms relocating to the Embassy Theatre for refreshments and to view the Lions vs All Blacks Test.

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

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

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

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

Steve Witkowski
House Manager

THE SHAMROCK CLUB

2017 promised to be a big year for New Zealand rugby with the British and Irish Lions tour the season highlight. The Shamrock Club was also excited about the tour and plans started last November to put together a great programme for club members.

Unable to secure tickets for the Lions Test in Wellington or tickets for the Hurricanes vs Lions match, the Shamrock committee had to think outside the box to put in place a programme that would continue the great tradition of previous year's functions. And we did!

Alan Woods suggested we hold our pre-Test function and watch the Test on the Embassy Theatre's gigantic screen. After a couple of meetings the Embassy was secured and we could put in place this year's programme.

As we were not going to the Stadium for the Test, the Shamrock Club launch was held at Westpac Stadium for the Hurricanes vs Waratahs super rugby match in early April. This proved very popular, with the Shamrock Club having its own function area where everyone was served complimentary finger food and drinks. It was great to see over 150 people present at the launch and to have the opportunity to welcome new members:

- Ted and Jan Wypych from Quantum Accounting Software Ltd
- Damon Gunderson from SWP Commercial
- Peter Murphy from Crombie Lockwood
- Paul Churchman from Xero
- Steve Pyke from Rothbury Insurance Brokers
- Leigh McPearson from Toshiba Computers.

Addition of these new members brought the Shamrock Club's total membership to 70.

As in previous years, the Shamrock Club's highlights are the annual 'Test Weekend' celebrations with the dinner on Friday and pre-Test function and Test match on Saturday. After the outstanding success of last year's dinner, this year's was again held at St Patricks College and, for the second year running, over 400 members and guests attended. The college venue was excellent and the set-up of the school hall was first class.

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

The evening's highlight was the address by legendary Scots and British Lions captain Gavin Hastings. Back in 1993, Gavin was the last person to captain a Lions team to beat the All Blacks in a Test - that was until the next day!

Gavin had the unenviable task of following John Eales' outstanding speech from last year. This he did with a thoroughly interesting and engaging 45-minute talk recounting his rugby days and the trials and tribulations of being a rugby player in Scotland where football was the No.1 sport. It was an excellent speech which was well received by everyone present. We thank you Gavin, and you will be warmly welcomed at Marist St Pats at any time.

The next day brought us to the Test match function which, as stated previously, was held at the Embassy Theatre commencing with complimentary finger food and drinks followed by the game on the big screen.

With 500 people attending this was a huge logistical operation for the club, but everything turned out superbly on the night. The atmosphere in the foyer in the two-hour build up to the Test and watching it on the big screen was outstanding and the event rates as one of the highlights in the Shamrock Club's 26 years. Feedback was appreciated and the answer to everyone's question is 'YES', we will do it again in the future. A truly unforgettable evening despite the result!

A record 70 Shamrock Club members combined with the outstanding success of the Test dinner and Embassy function saw the Shamrock Club post its most profitable year in its 26 years of operation. A huge 'thank you' to all Shamrock members and club members who supported the various functions during the year.

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

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

To Shamrock members young and old, we appreciate your support this year and previous years and, just as importantly, your continued support in the years to come. We always welcome new members so if you are interested in joining or know anyone who is, please let us know so we can welcome them into the club.

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

This year's committee members are:

SHAMROCK CLUB COMMITTEE

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

SHAMROCK CLUB MEMBERS

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OBITUARIES

Marist St Pats extends its condolences to club members and their families whilst remembering those who died during 2017:

Dan Kauraka (snr)
Darryl McIlvride
Barry Gray
Robert (Bob) Costa
Leo Price
Dr Leo Buchanan
Mariana Lealamanua

Carmel Cameron
Ian Clifton
Patricia Todd
Hazel Hopgood
Ted Wolyncewicz
Rosalina Taituave

Peter Wanden
Denis O'Fagan
Giuseppina Mollo
Steve Morley
Peter Ramsbottom
Noel Beckett

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS 2017

New Zealand All Blacks

Jeff To'omaga-Allen

Hurricanes

Jeff To'omaga-Allen

Sam Lousi

Loni Uhila

Hurricanes U18

Billy Proctor

Samoa U20

Ivan Fepuleai (capt)

Kerrod Foasese

Grayson Whitman

Nese Solia

Wellington Lions

Vince Sakaria

Hamea Ahio

James Tuiatua

Billy Proctor

Andrew Wells

Sam Lousi

Jeff To'omaga-Allen

Wellington Development

Valentine Meachen

Matt Peni

Ken Kapeli

Regan Sword

Michael Buckley

Wellington Pride

Tina Va'aua-Hamlin

Sinead Toala-Ryder

Cheyne Copeland

Jane Bryce

Monica Tagoai

Wellington U19

Meinrad Fitisemanu

Regan Sword

Grayson Whitman

Billy Proctor

Wellington Maori

Joe Walding-Karaitiana

Wellington Samoans

Valentine Meachen

Aasa Saneviri

Matt Peni

Ken Kapeli

Fa'atonu Fili

Isaia Petelo

Dudley Parsons

Wellington Samoans Women

Emelemoa Makisi

Paige Va'auli

Petrina Foaese

Siobhan Solofuti

Taimane Siaosi

Tia Matini

Ana Telefoni-Manu

New Zealand Marist

Regan Sword

New Zealand Marist Colts

Elijah Fonoti

REPRESENTATIVE COACHES AND MANAGERS 2017

Wellington Under 19

Bernie Upton - coach

Wellington Schools Centurions

Andrew Robinson - coach

Wellington Schools Samoans

Jamie Parkinson - coach

TROPHIES AND AWARDS 2017

Sportsman of the Year (Paul Donoghue Trophy)	Vince Sakaria
Outstanding Club Member (W M O'Connor Memorial Cup)	Rory McNicholas
Mick Horan Memorial Trophy	Michael Buckley
Most Meritorious Senior 1 Player (John L Gordon Memorial Trophy)	Joe Walding-Karaitiana
Team of the Year (Fr Geoff Broad Memorial Trophy)	Premier Women
Outstanding Administrator (Brother Fabian Cup)	Richard Kilkenny
Outstanding Contribution by Non-Office Bearing Club Member (John Rennie Memorial Cup)	Ryan Setefano
Pacific Trophy (Ah Kuoi Family Cup)	Taofia Bryce/Agnes Va'aua
Special Merit Award	Mick Joyce
Team Scoring Most Championship Points (William Te Oka Shield)	Premiers
Most Meritorious Snr 2/3 Club Member (Pat Aylett Memorial Cup)	Paul Norton
Most Outstanding Snr 2/3 Club Player (Alan McLean Memorial Cup)	Reuben Crook
Most Outstanding Age-Grade Player (Reg Parkin Memorial Cup)	Billy Proctor
Most Meritorious Under-21 Player (O'Callaghan Family Cup)	Elijah Fonoti
Most Outstanding Under-85 Player (P.D. Jacobsen Cup)	Theo Betteridge
Player Scoring Most Tries (Monsignor Heavey Cup)	Michael Buckley
Player Kicking Most Points (St Pats College Old Boys Cup)	Andrew Wells
Most Consistent Tackler (AC O'Connor Cup)	Abis Hurihanganui

Most Consistent Trainer (Jack McLellan Cup)	Isaac Lindsay
Most Outstanding Womens Player	Monica Tagoa'i
Most Meritorious Womens Player	Lyla To'omaga

TEAM AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION 2017

Premier	Isaac O'Connor
Premier Reserve	Jackson Martin
First Grade	Reuben Crook
Premier Women	Georgina Broughton
Under-85 Red	Malcolm Mushingadze
Under-85 Green	Max Schofield
Colts A	Rua Harrington
Reserves	Liam McGarvey
Presidents	Ioelu Fili
Sevens Men	Ryan Saunders
Sevens Women	Jane Bryce

MARIST ST PATS PREMIERS 2017

TEAM SCORING THE MOST CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS (William Te Oka Shield), SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR (Paul Donoghue Trophy) - VINCENT SAKARIA, OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER (W.M.O'Connor Memorial Cup) - RORY McNICHOLAS, MICK HORAN MEMORIAL TROPHY - MICHAEL BUCKLEY, OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY NON-OFFICE BEARING CLUB MEMBER (John Rennie Memorial Cup) - RYAN SETEFANO, PLAYER SCORING THE MOST TRIES (Mons. Heavey Cup) - MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MOST OUTSTANDING AGE GRADE PLAYER (Reg Parkin Memorial Cup) - BILLY PROCTOR, PLAYER KICKING THE MOST POINTS (St Pats College Old Boys Cup) - ANDREW WELLS
 PLAYED 21, WON 13, DREW 1, LOST 7 BONUS POINTS 17, POINTS FOR 698, POINTS AGAINST 461



BACK ROW: TOVIO APOLO, RYAN SAUNDERS, JAMES TUJA, MEINRAD FITISEMANU, AASA SANERIVI, JACKSON MARTIN, JAY CAMERON, MICHAEL BUCKLEY, DUDLEY PARSONS
 THIRD ROW: JAMES McHARDY (Assistant Coach), JAKE GOODGER, SEAN BRIDGE, BEN NANSETT, MATT PENI, BILLY PROCTOR, JAMES PROCTOR, VINCE SAKARIA, NIC FITISEMANU (Assistant Coach)
 SECOND ROW: PAT MARTIN (President), JOHN BELL (Director of Rugby), STEVE MOLI, COREY LAWRENCE, HA'AMEA AHIO, JOE WALDING- KARAITIANA, LUCKY TUJA, WILLY SCHULTZ, KEN KAPELI, MICHEAL SOOD (Assistant Manager), RORY McNICHOLAS (Manager)
 FIRST ROW: BERNIE UPTON (Coach), NICK HARRISON, ANDREW WELLS, PETE SCIASCIA, VALENTINE MEACHEN (Captain), FA'ATONU FILI, RYAN SETEFANO, ANDREW ROBINSON (Coach)
 ABSENT: ISAAC O'CONNOR (Player of the Year), JACK TAULAPAPA, JAMES ZINO, REGAN SWORD, ISAIA PETELO, ELIJAH WILLIAMS-STEWART, YUKI TAKAHIRA, KERROD FOAASE, JOSH TO'OMAGA, LUKE DONALDSON, JORDAN WALSH, REZ TASELE, HENRY BURNS, ARDEN DAVID (Assistant Coach), STEVEN JENSEN (Assistant Manager),
 EMMA MARK (Physio)
 David Hamilton Photography

PREMIER TEAM REPORT

2017 will be known as a year of change and of 'almost' and 'so close'. MSP's long-standing, well respected, club staple Andrew Robinson was appointed head coach with club legend Bernie Upton as assistant coach. Specialised coaching consultants were also thrown in the mix, namely James McHardy, Arden David, Nic Fitisemanu and Kas Lealamanua. Toshiba and Heartland Bank came on board as prime sponsors for the next few years and Valentine Meachen stepped up to captain the boys through a challenging season.

In future, the year will be looked back on as a year of lessons learned and laying the foundation for upcoming years. This is with the board, committees and coaches all striving towards the same goals around club community, team spirit and player achievement, with plans in action to make this happen.

The year got off to a great start with the opening game a 2016 Jubilee Cup final rematch against a strong Tawa side. Our premiers came out on top with a comprehensive 31-13 win on Wellington Rugby Club Day.

The Swindale Shield round became one of the tightest in recent years. MSP came sixth on the ladder with eight wins. Five losses in the round were no reflection of how well the team performed. We had the second best for and against difference (+221) in the competition, a testament to how close those losses were. Our largest losing margin was eight points to eventual winners OBU (scores were tied at the 77th minute).

Spurred on by their successful moulding of the new coaching team, established players and up-and-coming talent, the club looked forward to the challenge of the Jubilee Cup round. That saw the premiers win six games with one draw and one loss. This loss was to modern day rivals, Tawa, with one point getting them the lead in the 76th minute. The game against Wainuiomata will go down as a 'what could have been' match. Stand-in captain Isaac O'Connor was wrongfully sent off in the 35th minute (he was later cleared with no further punishment by the WRFU judicial committee), and the team went on to draw. With a win we would have regained the Bill Brien Challenge Cup and won the Andy Leslie Cup. At the end of the heart-stopping round, MSP qualified second by one competition point.

The premiers' run came to an end in the semi-final against Hutt Old Boys Marist with unforced errors and small mistakes costing the win at Evans Bay. This game was the fourth against our fellow Marist team this year with MSP up one game going into it. Unfortunately Hutt evened this up and made their way into the Jubilee Cup final, leaving our boys proud of their effort but disappointed in this final result.

The premier team won the William Te Oka Shield for amassing the most championship points during the year. They also totalled the most scoring points during the regular season for many years with 681, an average of 34 per game. We managed to beat every team that qualified for the Jubilee Cup in either the first or second round.

The season may not have had the planned outcome but there were plenty of individual successes and all players improved their skill sets during the season. MSP had the most players selected for the Lions wider training squad, with James Tuia, Billy Proctor and Vince Sakaria included in the final Lions squad to join MSP Hurricanes Sam Lousi and Jeff To'omaga-Allen. Andrew Wells and Ha'mea Ahio also played for the Lions.

Andrew Wells scored 178 points and won the SPOB Cup while Michael Buckley with 14 tries won the Mons. Heavey Cup. Vince Sakaria was MSP's Sportsman of the Year and through consistent performance, Isaac O'Connor won team MVP.

Age-grade representative honours went to Ivan Fepuleai captaining the Samoa under-20 World Cup team. Kerrod Foese and Grayson Whitman were also selected for the tournament (Nese Solia was selected but was injured in the build-up). Billy Proctor, winner of the Reg Parkin Memorial Cup, was appointed co-captain of the Wellington under-19s and Regan Sword, Grayson Whitman and Meinrad Fitisemanu joined him in the team.

Taking over from Pat Dunn's longstanding record, Fa'atonu Fili earned high club honours playing his 200th premier game for MSP. Pete Sciascia played 200 games in the premier grade, Valentine Meachen and Isaac O'Connor both reached 100 premier games for MSP and Michael Buckley made 50. We look forward to Isaia Petelo reaching the 100 mark next year.

Personally, there are many people I would like to thank for their time, effort and commitment this year. Firstly, Soody and Porky for their help and 'wisdom' given to the team, management and myself throughout the season. Game day would not have gone as smoothly without them showing me the ropes on how everything works, as well as organising player and team trophies. Not to mention the thankless task they took on of organising Thursday night dinners (will the boys get KFC at some point next year?).

Thanks to Quintan Halbert for taking on a new role within the coaching unit as the team's stats man. The numbers helped the coaches understand areas of strengths and concerns. Mark Cook was on call to help out with anything and did a lot on game day as well as arranging sponsorship for the senior players through the Home Loan Shop. Cheers to the Holden Brothers again for their work on game day filming and other club related media activities, especially the work for Fa'atonu's 200th MSP game. A lot of hours went into making this a success and your work is really appreciated by the premiers and wider club.

Mike Hansen, John Bell, Bryce Tietjens and the other board members are appreciated for their contributions in enabling all teams at MSP to concentrate on their on-field performances. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed by team managers and coaches.

An outstanding effort was made by Emma this year working with the boys and their injuries, of which there were a number throughout the season, keeping them fit and chasing them up on their physio appointments. Congratulations to you and your husband on your baby girl Maya; the boys gave you enough practice in the Mum role to hopefully give you a head start.

Thanks to James, Nic, Kas and Arden for working with players individually on rugby skill sets and personal development skills. Your dedication to the development of each player has been appreciated by all, not just on the rugby field. The skills, game plans and advice means the players will all go on to further successes.

Lastly, but most importantly, Robbo and Bernie - this was a tough year at times with highs and lows for both of you. But seeing players develop under your watch and having them go on to higher honours is a testament to your coaching ability and the game plan structures you are installing at MSP. It has been a pleasure to see you cement your place in the club as the great coaches we all knew you were and we look forward to seeing you lead the team to Jubilee Cup success next year.

Rory McNicholas
Manager

PREMIER RESERVE

The premier reserves 2017, aka the 'Mighty Camels', have had an awesome season especially with the amount of injuries throughout the two top teams which made players step up and take ownership of their positions. This exposed good character in times when unexpected pressure would catch us off guard (Saturday morning sick calls or the premier team needing a late call up). Our guys were always up to the task and even if it meant playing out of position, players would step out of their comfort zone and adjust without hesitation to keep the Mighty Camels on track.

Our first round started off real well but got a bit challenging halfway through. We went down to a few teams that we let in only through our own discipline, teams that we would eventually meet in the second round and beat convincingly or come close to. With the talented players we've had this year it was almost certain we could take out the grade, as getting to the semifinals proved. These Mighty Camels had it in them to achieve great success and it was only a few calls not going our way on the day of the semis that brought our season to an end. With our first round being so up and down I thought making it to semifinals would be a task in itself, but getting there was worth all the effort.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to coach alongside good mates and learn a lot from the new systems introduced this year. The introduction of assistant coach Francois Hecquet aka Frenchy brought a wealth of rugby knowledge and great passion for the game you could sense from our sidelines week in, week out. Dan Kauraka, a good club man, gave us a big injection of backs' knowledge and when needed he stepped up to help out. A big thanks to our management and physio team - Dave Woods, John Poutawera and Sam who got us up and running each week and without hesitation got the boys whatever they needed, from setting up the changing rooms on Saturday to sorting the team gear on Tuesday and the logistical planning on Thursday. Without complaint our management and coaching team worked well together to create a great team atmosphere out of all the hard work and time sacrificed by these great club men. Thank you all very much.

Although our season didn't end up the way we wanted it to, I can honestly say it's been an honour and a privilege once again to be amongst talented players, awesome management and a great coaching team that has made this year very special and well worth all the effort and, in my books, still the greatest rugby club in Wellington by far.

Parky
Coach

FIRST GRADE AVELE

In what was a turbulent, challenging season both on and off the field, the first-grade team can look back on a strong finish to the season as a great platform to build off for next year. With a delayed start to the pre-season due to injuries and unavailability, it was encouraging to get a win in our first hit out against Poneke which left us optimistic for the first-round Thompson Memorial Cup.

Unfortunately, we weren't able to capitalise on this momentum and came across some strong organised opposition who proved far too strong for the 15 we were able to get out on the

weekend. With a number of season-ending injuries to some core players the matches became more about pride than the result, with the team battling through to the final whistle each and every week. Despite finishing bottom of the table in the first round, we stayed in the same division for the second round. This was heavily disrupted by weather with a number of early games cancelled in the Johnsonville Centennium Cup.

These disruptions left us fighting to keep the team together and resulted in a couple of defaults. With the end of the colts' season and the help of Edwin Meachen, John Bell and Kas, we were able to put a team together for the final three games to finish with a win and two close losses.

Many thanks to all the players who turned out and helped us finish the season - it was particularly encouraging to see the younger colts make the step up to senior rugby and handle it with aplomb. We look forward to watching Sefo Aukustino, Elijah Fonoti, Willie Sauea, Matt Lawrence, Kiko Afuie and Fitu Savaiinaea as they continue to progress through the club.

A big thank you to Paul Norton, Ronnie Tuvale, Reuben Crook, Chris Ormond, Laurent Faivre and Fatu Pa'ipa'i and my manager Poto Masina for their commitment and dedication all season long. I would like to acknowledge the other MSP coaches for their continued support and efforts in including the first grade in the senior set-up.

Jake Hird and Poto Masina

Coach and manager

PREMIER WOMEN

Managers: Agnes Va'aua and Taofia Bryce

Coaching team: Ryan Setefano, Lucky Tuiatua, Fa'atonu Fili and Kas Lealamanua.



This year the women's team started off with a hiss and a roar, backed up by a Strategic Plan that helped drive their goals for today and beyond. The plan was tabled at the March 2017 board meeting where the first strategic goal was realised – to have a voice for the women at

the board table to ensure the women's needs were being heard and an opportunity provided for women's rugby to grow within the MSP rugby club.

Prior to the pre-season, the women were competing in various sevens' competitions. One that stood out was the MSP sevens in January which our women won, with six named in the NZ Marist team – Selestina Va'aua-Hamlin, Jane-Edna Bryce, Monica Tagoa'i, Cheyne Copeland, Ainsleyana Puleiata and Taimane Siasoi.

This was a great lead into 2017, which has been a great year for MSP women's rugby and an excellent flow on from cementing our place in the competition in 2016. With a strong core team, the women took up the challenge and threw everything into the first round to win the second division with an unbeaten record. The union offered the team an opportunity to apply for promotion to the first division to play for the Victoria Tavern Trophy. We were successful and our first game in division 1 was against Northern United – what a game that was. Norths managed to stay in front with a 15–10 win over the newbies.

MSP went on to win the next two games against Wainuiomata and OBU, and in the second round we qualified for the semi-finals against Oriental-Rongotai. We lost the semi but won a place in the top four teams in Wellington.

Training was well attended throughout the season. Even though we suffered a lot of injuries we managed to maintain and grow our numbers to ensure we put in the effort on the field.

Among our strategic goals was to build relationships with other teams outside of MSP Wellington, and this was achieved through connections that the coaches and managers created. This year the Brisbane Samoan Rugby team will be travelling to Wellington and a game is planned for 19 October with the MSP women's team. There is also interest from Samoa and Tokelau which will be further investigated in the near future.

Throughout the season the MSP women trialled for various campaigns, including:

- The 'Go for Gold' campaign for the 2020 Olympics where Cheyne Copeland, Selestina Va'aua-Hamlin and Jane-Edna Bryce were selected for the second round of training camps.
- NZ Development sevens tournament – Monica Tagoa'i was selected to captain the NZ team that travelled to Japan in March 2017.
- Black Ferns Training Squad prior to World Cup – Monica Tagoa'i.
- Under-18 Wellington Girls – Cheyne Copeland and Jane-Edna Bryce.
- Wellington Pride women's team – Selestina Va'aua-Hamlin, Sinead Toala-Ryder, Jane-Edna Bryce, Monica Tagoa'i and Cheyne Copeland.
- Wellington Samoans – Emelemoa Makisi, Petrina Foa'ese, Paige Va'auli, Siobhan Solofuti, Taimane Siasoi, Lyla To'omaga and Tialemua Matini.
- The NZ U18's wider training squad for sevens – Cheyne Copeland and Jane-Edna Bryce.
- WRFU sevens conditioning training after NPC – Cheyne Copeland, Jane-Edna Bryce, Selestina Va'aua-Hamlin and Monica Tagoa'i.

Other achievements

Michelle Smyth (Mitch) achieved her 50-game milestone which was celebrated on 22 July 2017 when MSP president Pat Martin and chairman Mike Hansen presented her 50-game blazer. This was a first for the MSP women's team. Mitch has been playing rugby for 20 years but her journey to her goal of 50 games took almost 10 years from the first rugby game back in 2008 when the first MSP women's team was created.

Eight of our girls attended the referees' training held on 3 May - Shana Va'aua, Lyla To'omaga, Tialemua Matini, Paige Vaauli, Lavinia Foliaki, Cathy Alofaifo and Tala Bryce all received their cards. Shana Va'aua and Lavinia Foliaki refereed for the first time late in the season. We also have Michelle Smyth, an old hand who has been giving the girls sound advice on the benefits of being a referee.

Our club trophy and award winners include:

- Team of the Year – women's premier team
- Most Outstanding Contribution by Non-Office Holding Club Member – Ryan Setefano, women's coach
- Ah Kuoi Family Cup – Taofia Bryce and Agnes Va'aua
- Most Outstanding Women's Player – Monica Tagoa'i
- Most Meritorious Women's Club Member – Lyla Toomaga
- Women's MVP – Georgia Broughton
- Women's 7's MVP – Jane-Edna Bryce.

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Formal wear and media support – Colleen Upton, Pacific Guardians and Billy Bryce.

Family, friends and wider community – without the families, friends and community who support our girls every week by getting them to training and games on time we wouldn't have a team. We are grateful that this support is unconditional and we appreciate all that you do for our girls.

Coaching – Ryan, Tons, Lucky and Kas for the time you give up each day to ensure our girls are prepared for the games.

Photography – Jeanette Rose for taking and uploading photos of the girls each week. They are priceless and we appreciate you making them available to us.

Agnes Va'aua

Manager

UNDER 85 REDS

MSP Reds – U85kg Division Two runners-up:

- Captain – Josh ‘Yoshi’ Livera
- Most points – Theo ‘Hollywood’ Betteridge
- Most tries - Theo ‘Hollywood’ Betteridge
- MVP – Malcolm ‘Mumba’ Mushingaidze
- Most Outstanding 80/80s Player – Theo ‘Hollywood’ Betteridge.

2017 was going to be an interesting year for the Reds. Second-year coaches Tim McBride and Jarred Burns had some success the previous season with the team reaching the division-2 semis only to come heartbreakingly short of reaching the final. This season the dreams were bigger but the challenges were just as big with a large turnover in players between seasons.

The first round had a brutal start with a first-up game against local rivals Poneke. It was close throughout but unfortunately for the Reds they did not come away with a victory. There were glimpses of promise from the forwards who showed a strong maul and some slick backs were able to create space. The goal for the rest of the round was to learn how to consistently put it all together for longer periods during the game.

A couple of close first-round losses meant the Reds were going to stay in division 2 for the second round but there were some major developments in the team’s time together to start the season. Pushing for a strong team culture, the two coaches got on board with trying to show the team a really good time off the field with awesome jokes at practice and a couple of key events to pull the large squad together – a BYO to start the season and a date night to get lads and their better halves to come along and meet each other. This helped to develop a camaraderie that began to blossom in the second round as the team started to click and show signs of a killer instinct and an ability to get over the try line.

This season the Reds had 25 different try scorers, and in the second round were scoring at a rate of 36 points per game. The boys loved this and managed to get on a strong roll. However, the weather became a thorn in the team’s side as over a period of four weeks, they had two cancellations, a bye and one victory. It’s difficult to get a head of steam up in those trying conditions.

With three wins and a loss over the final four weeks of the regular season the Reds knew they could take the grade if they played some good code. One positive leading into the semi-finals was that they secured a home game by finishing second in the grade. One problem, however, was their coaches decided finals’ footy time was the perfect time to go on overseas adventures. Senior players had to step up and take control for the final two weeks of the season and a magnificent job was done by Reuben Ouwerkerk, Jordan Wilson, Malcolm Mushingaidze and Josh Livera.

The Reds won a brutal contest against the Wests Roosters on Evans Bay Park 17-6, scoring three tries to zero. Next up was the big game, the first time they had been in the final since 2014. This time they had the Upper Hutt Rams who they had split the season fixtures with. Upper Hutt took the game in round one and the Reds took the second in round two. This was going to be a battle.

The first half was a skirmish and a half and it was close going in to the break. Upper Hutt had some strong reinforcements come on in the second half who provided the x-factor for them to bust the game wide open and take the victory 25-11. It was a painful loss felt all around the

world with both coaches in North America and ex-players and friends taking an interest from exotic places as far flung as Australia and London.

Although the Reds couldn't quite finish the season how they wanted to, it provided many highlights. In his first year with the Reds, Theo 'Hollywood' Betteridge scored 13 tries and kicked over 150 points to earn the honour of being named the 80/80s Most Outstanding Player, and deservedly so. Malcolm 'Mumba' Mushingaidze earned MVP honours by running the forward pack and being the senior leader the coaches needed to keep the troops in line whilst also showing a knack for finding the try line.

To our captain, Josh 'Yoshi' Livera, you've led from the front again, owning that number 3 jersey and leading the team in the trenches. He's a man anyone in the Reds would run through a brick wall for as he would do the same for any of us.

Jarred Burns and I took over coaching the Reds at the start of the 2016 season and have had some success with the team making a semi-final and a final. Both of us have years of experience with the Reds - Jarred started playing for them in 2010 and I started in 2011. There has been much fun and many Fonterra Terror's drunk in that time span. There isn't much more I could have asked for from a rugby team, so it is difficult to say this is the last season we will be in charge of such a great group of guys. The Reds are a social team who come together for the love of the sport and the love of a lemonade to celebrate the good times and the bad. It will be tough to say goodbye but you are a great unit who have many good times and games in front of you! We wish you all the best and thank you lads for all you have done for us.

#SaturdaysarefortheReds

Tim McBride
Coach

UNDER 85 COUGAR GREENS

The 2017 season started with much promise, with 26 players showing up for an initial hit-out against the Reds. Various issues such as weight, concussions and injuries thinned the squad down to 17 for the first game. Following the very odd grading round, we were relieved to find ourselves in division 2. Round one started poorly against a much stronger Kapiti side who should never have been placed in that division. Things started to look up with the addition of Damian Rapira-Davies as coach, and the team thoroughly enjoyed his sessions for the year.

The team found it a tough slog in round 1, with most Saturdays seeing 15 or 16 players at matches. This led to the team dropping away after halftime in many games and some tough losses ensued. The best chance of a win in round 1 slipped away on a wet day in Petone. Unfortunately, the return game in Evans Bay fell victim to one of the many wet weeks in 2017 which saw cancellations in the U-85 grade.

The lack of squad depth continued to show in round 2, with most Saturday mornings spent making urgent calls for ring-ins. We were in danger of defaulting a few times, and at times had to hope the other team wouldn't look to weigh us in as we wouldn't have 15 underweight players.

Two games against the beaten division-2 finalist Reds were very entertaining and hard fought, with the Reds emerging as deserving winners on both occasions. The Greens did manage to

make the games interesting, and it was great to have the MSP chairman and president down to watch these games.

The second-to-last game of the season against Stokes Valley on the SPC turf saw the Greens claim a maiden victory for the season. Some great running rugby and great attitude saw last years' division 2 winners well beaten, and that victory well celebrated.

I would like to express my congratulations to Max Schofield for winning Team MVP at the MSP awards. Max also assumed the captaincy duties this year, and was awesome week-in, week-out. I am very grateful for all the work put in by Damian Rapira-Davies with the Greens this year. He brought huge energy and enthusiasm to the team and provided coaching I couldn't dream of. I know many of the players have progressed markedly because of it.

Between John Bell, Bryce Tietjens and Richard Kilkeny, I cannot remember a year where the Greens have seen better support from the club, so thank you all very much for your help. The Greens were delighted to see Richard honoured at the prize-giving, a very worthy recipient of his award.

Off the field, it has been a relatively quiet season for the Cougars. Hopefully whoever takes the reins next year will be more able to rebuild the culture which saw us as regulars at the clubrooms, and in town on Saturday nights!

Enda Costello
Manager

UNDER 21 COLTS

2017 was a year full of promise and excitement off the back of 2016's controversial overtime semi-final loss, which provided a lot of motivation to at least go one better in 2017.

An even bigger recruitment push meant not only looking at players, but also bringing in some well-rounded coaches and management to implement collective strategies with what was likely to be a bigger squad. And it was - we attracted 56+ U21 players, enabling MSP to register two colts' teams for the second season in a row. With around 15 returning colts, quite a few new-to-Wellington players and a sprinkle of Wellington school leavers, there was a good mix of experience and talent across the board. Everyone was feeling optimistic about both teams doing very well in 2017.

The Spillane Cup weekend hosted by Palmerston North Marist enabled us to take a small group of 17 players with an injection of colts-aged players from the premier squad. A cracker game versus Auckland Marist colts saw the sides tied heading in to the final quarter! A few MSP injuries and Auckland being much larger and more experienced saw them eventually run out winners in the dying minutes. However, it emphasised the talent in our wider squad and the boys were really upbeat on returning to Wellington.

The Spillane tournament is a wonderful way for the colts' players to come together, so it was a shame we were not able to take a full squad to cement the camaraderie to launch the season. Big thanks to premier captain Valentine Meachen and his leadership team for combining all players and non-playing players on tour, for a traditional MSP cultural experience that went well in to the evening for good measure!

Unfortunately that is where the MSP Colts juggernaut came to screeching halt, as the wheels quickly started to fall off week after week from there. Prior to Spillane we had lost six players to season-ending injuries in the traditional Petone pre-season fixture, and we lost a further 8-10 during post-Spillane pre-season fixtures. So when the colts' season finally came around, 5-6 weeks after the seniors had started, keeping up the colts momentum and player numbers became an enormous challenge. The wider squad quickly dwindled down to barely 30 players available full time, with another 6-10 on-call.

In the first round the 'A team' showed all sorts of promise, and every colts team in the grade gave each other some really tight fixtures. Among the outstanding efforts, my highlight was the win against Tawa colts at Tawa. We were right in the hunt to take out the first round; a win in the final game would have secured the first-round trophy. But alas, a loss and close earlier fixtures meant the team dipped down to third place. It was a solid first round, even through the challenge of dwindling numbers and increasing injuries. The A team also had to deal with a bit of a captaincy curse, with Nese Solia, Utu Ah Kuoi, Ethan Meredith, Lexus Greening and Rua Harrington all succumbing to season-ending injuries on taking over the reins. Each brought their own spice of life to the role, and always led the boys with heart when available.

The 'Killer B' team of 2017 never quite got out of the gates. Coaches Tinkah Tolova'a and Julius To'o, with manager John Murfitt, were really up against it after the pre-season woes. Along with propping up the A's for numbers, a lack of player availability across the entire colts' squad due to work, family commitments and study meant that unfortunately the B team was essentially put out of its misery. At the end of the first round the team was withdrawn due to too many defaults.

So to the second round for the A's, now MSP's only colts' team. Unfortunately it didn't quite go our way with close and sometimes controversial games, mostly ending up on the wrong side of the ledger. With continual injuries and unavailability week to week, coach Ciaran O'Brien and myself, with managers Daniel Herbison and Jordan Delaney, enlisted the help of the B management team to try and ensure we had at least a starting 15 each week.

To briefly sum up our players, there is some great raw talent and work ethic among many that, with further development on and off the field next year, I am certain they should go on to perform at high levels for not only this club but at representative level too. If I have to name players, I should mention Elijah Fonoti, Isaac Isa'ako, Foliga Vaelepu-Austen, Sefo Aukustino, Sam Bayliss, Luke Georgeson, Dyrell Akavi, Kiko Afuie and Willie Sauea who were the crux of a talented backline. In the forwards, Jacob Dunn was the rock of the squad, along with most improved player Ollie Kerr-Hislop, while Regan Gubb, Rua Harrington, Gabe Brighthouse, Jake Elston, Matt Tapu and Isaac Lindsey gave much needed grunt and hard work each game when with the lack of numbers, lesser men would have given the game away! Again, the second round came down to the last game - a win would have secured fourth spot and a semi-final. Unfortunately, after a strong start against a consistent OBU colts' side, we fell away in the second spell to lose and end the season in fifth place.

The colts' depth over the past season certainly is there, but unfortunately to have 30+ players out with season-ending injuries, and throw in the general weekly commitments that colts' players face today, it made for a truly challenging season for both team management and players. For contrast, the most players we had at training was 42, and the least only four.

Lastly, a big 'thank you' to the colts' management team of 2017 for their big effort, each with young families, so their commitment was challenging in itself. But it was also a very enjoyable

season and I'd especially like to thank fellow coach Ciaran O'Brien. He initially came in at the last minute in 2016 to support the colts and then stayed on to try and implement our collective strategies for 2017 and go one better. It was not be, but I must say it was a lot of fun and we met some really great young Marist men, who we hope to have improved and developed areas of their basic skill base as well as on-field decision making, which hopefully will help them in the following season and beyond.

I wish the 2018 colts' players and management team all the best!!

YOWZA!

Coach Meach

RESERVE INTERNATIONALS

The season started off slowly with some off-field issues to work through with the WRFU but, once the Internationals were reinstated in the reserve grade, we were ready to go. Prior to that we had good numbers at training with 30+ players on the books for the season ahead.

The first game was to mirror our season, racing out to a 20+ point lead with a great first half to win but only after a scrappy second half. The first round we lost only one game and picked up seven bonus points over the seven games. That was enough for us to take out the first round and win the Mike Copeland Trophy, our first piece of silverware since 2012.

The second round started poorly with a trip out to Upper Hutt in the rain. Our pre-season 30+ players were reduced to 16 at kick off and only 18 by the end of the game. We went down but were still confident as it was the lack of numbers that undid us. Being short on numbers and having to wrangle ring-ins became a theme in the second round which didn't help our quest. An even bigger blow was the discovery there would be no finals and that our grade would be a championship with the winner after the round-robin taking the spoils. This was indeed bad news as it was a tight grade. Having lost the first game of the round meant every game became a final in a sense.

We played some good rugby through the second round but had issues with changing combinations every week and lost to OBU Pink Ginnners and the other Upper Hutt team.

All the players who turned up week in and week out gave everything and never let the jersey down but playing with a lack of numbers meant we were always up against it. Some new players had great rookie years for the Internationals and some of the salty sea dogs did what they have always done and worked hard. Leadership on the field was excellent from our evergreen captain, Pena Fretton, who year in and year out gives everything for the team whether a 2 or 9.

Our MVP was a very tight contest and in the end was taken out by Liam McGarvey.

Cameron Bath

PRESIDENTS MBH LAW CLASSICS

Another season completed for the MBH Law Classics, one that didn't produce the winning season we were hoping for with only six wins from 11 games. One of those narrow losses was against a Wainui team with a couple of MSP 80/80 players who not only scored a couple of tries against us but also the winning try (sad guys). The highlight was the champagne rugby on display with so many tries scored – we managed 345 points for and 276 against.

A big success story of the season was the introduction of our rest and rotation policy. This was used to great effect, mostly during games. With an eye to the future, it also gave us the chance to blood a lot of new (but old looking) players to the pressies' brand of rugby. The team really started showing some promise and things look good for the upcoming 2018 season.

A few notable mentions. First, to Ioelu Fili for winning MVP for the season. He had an outstanding year with his straight-line running creating havoc in opposition defences. Mike Renouf in his first season of presidents' rugby scored tries from all areas of the field, including a rare hat trick. Jeff Bullock with his devastating tackling was everywhere menacing the opposition.

A big thanks to the guys that turned up every week, you know who you are - without your dedication we wouldn't have a team. The lads would like to thank the club for their support during the season, and James Diamantis for volunteering to referee and keep us honest - it's a hard job with constant abuse from Grant Sullivan - the team's own loyal band of supporters, and the long-suffering wives, girlfriends, pets and kids who had to put up with all the excuses and aches and pains that a rugby season delivers each year.

Lastly the team would like to thank our sponsors Mahony Burrowes Horner Lawyers (www.mbhlaw.co.nz/) who every week keep our throats from getting too dry. With their support we are able to get the over 30-year-olds participating in the game.

Cheers and will see you all next season.

Henry Fidow

Presidents' player/coach and legend

JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT

Our junior rugby programme continues to be a solid foundation for the future of MSP rugby. The 2017 season kicked off with our junior rugby carnival providing returning and prospective junior players and families with a fun-filled session of bouncy castles, rugby skills' sessions, tugs-of-war, egg-and-spoon races and touch rugby with some of our MSP premier players.

Our junior nights, quiz night and prize-giving events continue to be popular with great turnouts and clearly fun times had by all.

This year, 226 players were registered at the MSP junior rugby club, with a nursery grade and 15 teams formed in the U6-U13 grades. This was made up of 4 x U6, 3 x U7, 2 x U8, 2 x U9, 1 x U10, 1 x U11, 1 x U12 and 1 x U13. While a slight reduction on our 2016 registered player numbers, this was predominantly in our nursery grade rather than the rippa and tackle grades.

Our nursery grade provides a fun-based first rugby experience for many two- to four-year-olds. It is run in two sessions every Saturday morning supported by many parents and past

players. A big thank you to two senior St Pats College students (and ex-MSP juniors), Kyle Paget and Finn Meredith, for volunteering to run this programme and providing a fun and friendly introduction to rugby for our future players.

At the other end of the spectrum, our U13 team combined with Wellington junior rugby to form a single 'Eastern Barbarians' team, reflecting terrific cooperation between the clubs to ensure our players have the opportunity to play. They named themselves the GSE Wildfish due to two key sponsors (George St Engineering and Wildfish Ltd) who provided a combined rugby playing jersey for this team.

This year was another successful one for MSP junior rugby with the selection of 13 junior players in the Wellington city zone representative programme (U12-U13 grades), with one player going on to be selected in the Wellington U13 provincial team. Congratulations to all players selected for these rep teams - the club is very proud of your efforts.

In 2016 we introduced a new initiative with our U11 grade attending the Taupo junior rugby tournament. This was an amazing experience for players and families and we extended it in 2017 to include the U12 grade. The Taupo tournament provides a great opportunity for our juniors to play rugby against clubs from around the country and the world, providing a foundation of sportsmanship, enjoyment and friendship while creating lifelong memories with team mates on tour. It provides something to look forward to as our players get to our 'older' junior grades. The planning, fundraising activity and the event itself further extend the family culture of the MSP junior rugby club.

Support continued through a number of our longstanding sponsors – T&T Landfills, George Street Engineering, Price & Strawbridge Builders and Quinovic Vivian Street – as well as new sponsor Resene. This assistance allows us to develop our young players and ensure that rugby is as accessible to all. Their support is greatly appreciated.

To all coaches and managers of our MSP junior teams this year, including the nursery grade coaches, thank you for all your great work throughout the season. Our club has great people (parents, caregivers and extended whanau) all providing their support to ensure our juniors have an enjoyable rugby experience. Your support is greatly appreciated and the club and players thank you.

We were very fortunate to have a group of talented people involved in our junior rugby committee who were prepared to volunteer considerable time in co-ordinating and administering our junior rugby. We say farewell to Kate Necklen and John Pothan and thank them both for their massive contribution in recent years.

Next year we are looking to reintroduce the junior grade nights at the clubrooms and further develop our 'family club' culture. We are always open to new ideas! Thank you to the senior club's management committee and their ongoing support of the juniors. The quality resources - clubrooms, training facilities, gear and rugby development resources - are all top class.

Enjoy your summer and time with your whanau until we see you again back at the MSP junior rugby club for pre-season in 2018.

Martin Paget

MSP Junior Convenor

MSP Junior Rugby Club Teams 2017

Team	Role	Name
Under 13 BarBars	Coach	Tony Natoli
	Coach	John Pothan
Under 12 Huntsmen	Co-coach	Mick Joyce
	Co-coach	Glenn Reynolds
	Manager	Cilla Bennett
Under 11 Wolves	Co-coach	Paul Gibson
	Co-coach	Dean Proudfoot
	Co-coach	Brendan Smith
	Manager	Scott Necklen
Under 10 Lions	Co-coach	Dan Coup
	Co-coach	Peter Bennett
	Co-coach	Tim Rosenbrook
	Manager	Cilla Bennett
Under 9 Cougars	Co-coach	Aaron Titter
	Co-coach	Matt Smith
Under 9 Lions	Coach	Tara Kerr
	Co-coach	Dean Jackson
Under 8 Lions	Coach	Nick Focas
	Manager	Sian Macfadjen
Under 8 Tigers	Co-coach	Greg Morton
	Co-coach	Roland Kun
Under 7 Cougars	Co-coach	Chris Mischieski
	Manager	Raewyn Gee
Under 7 Tigers	Co-coach	David Isaiah
	Co-coach	Karl Emson
Under 7 Leopards	Coach	Shaun Connelly
Under 6 Tigers	Coach	Chapman Vili
Under 6 Leopards	Coach	Regan Spillane
Under 6 Lions	Coach	Tom Dunn
Under 6 Cougars	Co-coach	Bernie Upton
	Co-coach	Sean Cockburn
Nursery "Little Rippas"	Co-coach	Kyle Paget
	Co-coach	Finn Meredith



NON-PLAYING FINANCIAL MEMBERS 2017

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Terry Friel	George Gallagher	Kevin Gibbs
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Former MSP lock John Fleming, an All Black from 1978-1980, was one of the speakers at the 1970s' reunion held over Queens Birthday Weekend.



MSP's premiers and juniors at the Junior Rugby Carnival in April which launched the juniors' year.