



**2024 – 2025**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty Inc.**

**80<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and Financial Statement of**  
**Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty Inc**

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# REPORTS

## **Board Chair**

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the **Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty AGM** for the 2024/25 year.

### **The Season in Review**

Over the past 12 months, we've seen many wonderful days and nights in our sport. Athletes from our region have featured prominently in the media with outstanding results—many of which will be highlighted in the reports to follow.

We were thrilled to see the **Auckland vs Waikato challenges** kick off for the 10/11 and 12/13-year-old age groups. It was also exciting to witness strong fields at the **Porritt Classic**, our involvement in the **NZ Road Relay Championships** at Taupo Motorsport Park, and the continued success of our **secondary school athletes**. Our **Masters athletes** are also thriving, which is fantastic to see. Open Meets continue to be well supported, and cross country is holding strong too.

### **Financial Update**

Unfortunately, our financial report was not finalised in time for the AGM due to the unavailability of our voluntary accountant and the tight timing window in which we must hold the AGM – without clashing with other athletics events. It will be distributed as soon as it is ready which we anticipate being before October (we have until 30 November to submit) It is possible we can present draft accounts at the AGM.

We anticipate a **loss for the year**—close to what was budgeted, but still a loss. A few of our smaller clubs struggled to form committees and were unable to operate this year. While some clubs are thriving, others are facing challenges—expectations on volunteers continue to grow. There are some headwinds as clubs are in competition from events and programmes that are not under the “athletics” umbrella. In the broader picture we probably all agree that this is fantastic because there are more people out there doing the sport we love – but on the other hand this means less revenue. Costs continue to increase, and we have spent money to try and provide cost reimbursement to our volunteer officials.

### **Levies**

We are **holding levies constant for the third consecutive year**, following increases in 2021 and 2022. We did not think it wise in the current financial environment to increase them. We also want to ensure that we are delivering value to our affiliated club and our strategic plan does this.

We understand there is ongoing discussion within clubs about levies to both **Athletics NZ** and **Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty**, so we want to highlight what these levies support:

- Events across the region, from **Children's** to **Secondary School** to **Open Meets**, and support for **National events**
- **Coaching** and **officials' development opportunities**
- **Insurance** through ANZ for affiliated incorporated clubs
- **Club night programmes** and resources, and support – there is more to come in this space.
- **Membership database** and administrative support
- A **pathway for athletes** at all levels

Without the Centre and ANZ there is no infrastructure for the sport and no opportunities to represent your region or New Zealand.

The board is supportive of keeping continuing to develop our sport, even if it means using a portion of our reserves. We are a very lean organisation, and we want to see the sport thriving rather than having reserves that sit there for many years unused.

### **AWBOP People Update**

We're proud to acknowledge the continued dedication of our team. Dianne has been doing a fantastic job in a demanding role, and she's been ably supported by Barrie, who has been focusing his efforts in the Children's and Teenage Space. We also appreciate the contributions of Kim Mickle (ANZ), who supports clubs and programmes in the Bay of Plenty as the Bay Trust Coachforce Officer.

I also acknowledge our wonderful volunteers across the region. Our sport goes on all year – there are very few weeks without an event of one type or another. Thank you!

### **Strategic Direction**

The Board has developed a new Strategic Plan, shaped by feedback from our community. We heard you: clubs need more support with coaching, officials, and communication.

- Coaching & Officiating: ANZ has scheduled a full calendar of coaching and officiating courses for spring and summer. Please promote these opportunities within your clubs.
- Club Support: We're ready to send specialists to assist clubs. If your club would benefit from up to two sessions with a specialist or general coach, please reach out—we'll make it happen.

Here is a link to the Strategic Plan: [Strategic Plan & Constitution | Athletics Waikato & Bay Of Plenty](#)

In terms of communication there are many ways we communicate with our clubs and members.

- Emails to club contacts
- Emails direct to members from Game Day
- Social media updates on Facebook and Instagram
- Updates on our own website

If you are not getting any of these then check your login email on Game Day, consider registering as a volunteer member on GameDay (no charge) or talk to your club committee. ANZ have been working hard to improve GameDay and provide support to clubs to get it set up correctly for them. I would also encourage you to look out for their Club newsletters that provide a lot of helpful information.

### **Obituaries**

Dennis Kenny QSM

Dennis was a stalwart of the Lake City Rotorua Club and one of the initial organisers of the Rotorua Marathon. Sadly, Dennis died on 27 February 2025 aged 86 after a battle with cancer. He competed in the first Rotorua Marathon in 1965 finishing sixth in 3:03:52, improving to 2:53:10 for 31st place in 1967. He was the Rotorua Athletic and Harrier Club secretary and served as Rotorua Marathon race director for 35 years. In 1978 he received an Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty Service Award and he was Centre President 1984-85. He received an Athletics New Zealand Merit Award in 1994. He was also made a life member of the Rotorua Athletics Club in 1989 and in recent years was made a patron of the Lake City Athletics Club. Dennis and his wife Pam both received the Queen's Service Medal in the 2008 New Year Honours for services to athletics. Dennis had a long and wonderful history and we are thankful for his huge input to our sport over many years.

## Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Many clubs will currently be working through the **incorporation process**—and if you're especially organised, you may have already completed it. The Centre is also reviewing its own status and will be holding a **Special General Meeting** to ensure everything is finalised ahead of the **April deadline**.

We strongly encourage all clubs to begin or continue this process. There are **plenty of resources available** to support you, and the Board is more than happy to assist. It's not as daunting as it might seem!

It's important to note that **some clubs in our region are not incorporated**. This presents several risks:

- **Personal liability** for office holders
- **Ineligibility for funding** from many grant providers
- **Banking challenges**, as many banks now require incorporation to open or maintain accounts.

## Upcoming ANZ Event

We encourage all clubs to attend Athletics NZ Club Connect in Cambridge on August 31<sup>st</sup> from 8am to 5pm. Here is the registration form [2025 Club Connections Conference & ANZ AGM | Athletics New Zealand](#). This is held the day after the NZ 10 Km Road Championships. This is chance to get ideas about athletics, club nights, coaching – these are motivational events. If you are wondering what Athletics NZ are doing – register and come along. If you need help getting there, don't hesitate to sing out—we're here to support you and can contribute to fuel costs for clubs that are not nearby.

## A Personal Note from the Chair

The best thing about athletics is the community and the diversity of this. What has made me the most rewarded is seeing happy tamariki, amazing rangatahi, impressive adults, and inspiring Masters competing—mostly thanks to volunteers.

It takes all of us—board members, operational committees, officials, coaches, club committees, paid staff, and Athletics NZ—working together for our sport and for our athletes of all ages and levels of competitiveness.

My biggest frustration has been when we lose sight of the big picture and focus too much on problems and what we are not doing. Let's focus on the positive. We don't always get it all right, and our resources are limited. As we move ahead there will be change – for me, the big decisions involve what do we retain and what do we change – what can we do right now given the resources we have?

My term on the Board ends this August after five rewarding years. I won't be standing again, but I've truly valued the opportunity to contribute to the sport across our region. I've aimed to be fair, progressive, and supportive throughout my time and to listen to our community.

Today, there is an election for my position. I am confident the Board will continue working hard to grow and develop the sport we all love. I thank all the board for their support and hard work over the last few years. Their roles continue as we have tried to get a rotation policy going.

I can't make the AGM this year as I am on a long planned overseas trip, but I will be around assisting at the Colgate Games and Porritt Classic.

Nga Mihi

Sally Kerr

Chairperson of the Board

## **Track and Field**

- Possibly one of our most successful seasons – certainly in recent history.
- Very impressive performances with numerous records with our youth members especially, including 15 and 17 year olds winning senior national titles.
- WBOP showed a dominance at Secondary School events including NZSS Championships. The North Island Championships featured 92 podiums by WBOP athletes.
- The Sams (Sam Tanner and Sam Ruthe) were prominent especially with world record to Sam Ruthe and a first equal placing in NZ Senior 1500m at the Dunedin NZ Track & Field Championships. Tori Moorby and Sam Tanner continue to fly our WBOP banner internationally.
- The 2024 resurfacing of Porritt Stadium has settled well. New grass in the infield has enhanced the appearance of the stadium. 10 Centre meetings and numerous schools competitions were held, including a very successful North Island Secondary Schools Championships plus another great Porritt Classic with just over 400 entries.
- Tauranga held 11 Centre events which includes Athletics Tauranga hosting a successful Tauranga Twilight. Preparation is now underway to stage the North Island Colgate Games in January 2026.
- Masters numbers continue to increase and needs to be encouraged through the region.
- Children's Ribbon Days were held by Bellevue/Greerton, Te Awamutu, Taupo, Whakatane, Te Aroha – Short & Sweet, Fairfield, Paeroa and Cambridge Pentathlon.
- Pole vault was run at Porritt for the first time in 2 years at the North Island Championships and equipment proved it was still acceptable while the High Jump pit and uprights need replacing.
- Kevin Bradley has completed the difficult job of resetting Long and Triple jump boards in the new run up surfaces at Porritt.
- While we managed to cover all competitions, we still need more officials at all levels.
- With Charles Annals leaving the region we were very grateful for extra work done by Brett Addison and a few assistants. Photo finish, entries and results are all areas we need to prepare cover for moving forward.
- Planning for 2025-2026 season and Porritt Classic (14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026) are well under way, and we are pleased to announce Hamilton City Council has agreed on a further 3 years of sponsorship for our Classic. We hope to see more of our internationals, Tori and Sam here locally in 2026.
- Thank you to everyone who made the 2024-2025 season happen, including the volunteers and parents who often stepped up when needed.

Criss Strange



## **Road and Cross Country**

6th July 2024 Taupo Harriers hosted the North Island Cross Country Championships at Spa Park Taupo. 485 entries over all events which was down on previous years. While the event has lacked the depth of talent in recent years it continues to be run efficiently with the team led by Noel Bennett.

Waikato Cross Country Championships hosted by Athletics Tauranga at Waipuna Park on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024. 39 U16's completed events while 44 over 16's.

Waikato Bay of Plenty athletes contested the New Zealand Cross Country Championships at The Mission Estate Napier for which 46 athletes were named in the team. Men Under 18 6km was dominated by Waikato Bay of Plenty with George Wylie 1<sup>st</sup>, Hamish Murray 2<sup>nd</sup> and Corban Holmes 3<sup>rd</sup>. The latter was an excellent result for Corban as he was 48<sup>th</sup> in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Senior Boys race in June but this latest result was due to some very good tactical team racing to ensure the placings. Sam Ruthe was an easy winner of the Boys U16 4km with the Waikato Bay of Plenty team in first place. Finley Oliver was 2<sup>nd</sup> U20 Men 6km while Charo Heijnen 2<sup>nd</sup> NZ Women U20 6km

Other Waikato Bay of Plenty team placings were Masters Men 65+ first, Masters Women 45-49 2<sup>nd</sup>. Age Group placings by Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty athletes were MM70-74 Gavin Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Grahame Clarkin 3<sup>rd</sup>, MM75-79 Fred Needham 2<sup>nd</sup>. MW 45-49 Lauren Shelley 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vicki Rees-Jones 3<sup>rd</sup>, MW55-59 Kristine Reid 2<sup>nd</sup>, Karyn McCready 3<sup>rd</sup>, MW70-74 Kathy Howard 1<sup>st</sup>. MM35-39 Ben Ruthe 2<sup>nd</sup>, MM50-54 Michael Pugh 2<sup>nd</sup>, MM55-59 Michael Peck 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In the mixed relays which were club-based Athletics Tauranga were 1<sup>st</sup> U18, 2<sup>nd</sup> U20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mixed Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> 35-49, 3<sup>rd</sup> U16, 3<sup>rd</sup> Social, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open.

Waikato Road Running Championships, A G P Swayne Road, Cambridge 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024. 104 Entrants with Lake City dominating the Senior Mens Race with Michael Voss winning the Senior Mens 10km title and Aimee Ferguson of Hamilton Hawks Senior Women 10km. Run in light rain on a fast course with a smooth surface. Several of our athletes were involved in the Australian Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs with Sam Ruthe winning the U16 title and Hamish Murray 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys 16-17 age group.

1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 Red Stag Forest Relay, Redwoods, Rotorua. 8 U12 Teams 4x 900 metres, 17 4x4000 metre running teams and 20 2 X 4000m Walk Teams.

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 AIMS Games Tauranga Year 7 & 8 competitors. 690 entrants over 4 races plus Para 800 metre race. A 12 lap and 6 lap relay were also held.

These events have been well supported by Waikato Bay of Plenty Officials and Volunteers including New Zealand Cross Country Championships at the Mission in Napier.

28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Taupo hosted the New Zealand Road Relay Championships at Taupo Motor Sport Park. 149 teams (including 27 Social teams) contested the various categories including 26 from Waikato Bay of Plenty clubs. Relays are indication of a club's strength.

Whakatane Athletics & Harrier Club hosted Toi's Challenge on 24th November 2024. The event was held in very good conditions with 2 event distances being 18km and 6km. 270 Runners and 85 Walkers in 18km while 6km had 146 entrants. There were 35 Relay Teams.

March 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 Lake City Athletics Club held its Off Road Trail Run/Walk.

3rd May Rotorua Marathon was held around The Lake: 1082 entered the event with 975 finishing the course running or walking or both. The event was to be managed by Jason Cameron on behalf of Athletics New Zealand taking over from Event Promotions led by Murray Fleming. Unfortunately, Jason Cameron fell ill prior to the event and was greatly missed as he was in hospital.

Marathon associated events saw 1199 entered the Half Marathon with 1100 finishers, 12km 777 entered 714 finishers, 5km 473 entered 41 finishers and 32 teams in the Marae to Marae event.

The New Zealand 5km Road Championship was held at the Rotorua Airport, with 64 entered with 56 finishers in the Men's event. 36 entered the Women's event with 33 finishers. A 5km Peoples Run was held with 121 entered and 117 finishers.

A Fun Run Mile was held with 20 entries and 13 finishers. Unfortunately, the runners ran extra distance due to a marshalling error which could have been avoided had the Referee had allowed a Pilot vehicle to lead the runners on the course. Subsequent events saw the Technical Delegate Peter Maunder along with an Airport Staff member lead the 5km events in an approved Airport vehicle. The New Zealand 5km Road Championship was run over a 1km circuit which allowed more involvement of supporters and spectators in the event and more frequent viewing.

10th May 2025 Cambridge Relays. This was part of Cambridge Harrier Clubs 75th Year Jubilee celebrations held on a 2km course opposite their clubrooms. A very good turnout by Cambridge members with several teams from around the Centre. 17 Run teams of 4 and 5 Walk teams of 2. The event was dominated by Cambridge.

24th May 2025 Athletics Tauranga Inc hosted its Tauranga Open Cross Country at Waipuna Park. A total of 231 runners, 170 U16's and 61 Over 16's.

May is Secondary School Cross Country and Bay of Plenty Primary School time. Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools was held on May 14th 2025 at Waipuna Park Tauranga with an excellent turn out followed by May 28th 2025, Central Zone including King Country, North West and South Waikato at Tauhara Park, Hamilton.

Unfortunately, Thames Valley scheduled for May 28th 2025 was cancelled as was the Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools scheduled for 4th June 2025 due to expected wet weather. The latter event has been rescheduled for 7th or 14th August 2025 at Waipuna Park Tauranga.

Super 8 Cross Country between 8 Boys High Schools which include Hamilton Boys, Rotorua Boys and Tauranga Boys was held on 26th May 2025 with a strong turnout. Hamilton Boys dominated the Year 9 Boys and Junior Boys while Tauranga Boys dominated the Senior Boys.

June 14th & 15th 2025 New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country and Region Secondary Schools Cross Country Relay Championships were held in Whangarei. Waikato Bay of Plenty showed great depth in both events with Annie Downing (Hillcrest High School) and Jack Stirling (Hamilton Boys High School) taking Gold in the Junior Girls and Junior Boys respectively. Max Stirling (Hamilton Boys High School) won Bronze in the Junior while Daniel Mumby (Hamilton Boys High School) won Bronze in the Year 9 Boys. Sam Ruthe (Tauranga Boys College) won the Silver medal in the Senior Boys 6km leading his team to Gold in both the 3 person and 6 person teams. St Peters won the Junior Girls 6 person team Gold. Otumoetai College Year 9 Girls 6 Person Gold and 3 Person Silver, Tauranga Boys College Silver in both Year 9 team 3 and 6 person with Hamilton Boys High School Bronze in the Junior Boys 3 Person team and Tauranga Boys College Bronze Junior Boys in 6 Person team.

In the Regional Relay Waikato Bay of Plenty won Gold in the Senior Boys, Junior Boys, Year 9 Mixed, Silver Senior Mixed, Bronze in Year 9 Boys, Junior Mixed, Senior Girls, Junior Girls and Year 9 Girls.

Whangarei hosted a very well organized event at a spectator friendly course at Barge Park in ideal conditions near fine all the time on both days.

Bay of Plenty Primary Schools have held their Cross Country's from Schools to Clusters to the 3 regions which will culminate in the Bay of Plenty Primary Schools at Kaharoa, Rotorua on Tuesday 24th June 2025.

6th July 2025 North Island Cross Country Championships were hosted by Taupo Harrier Club at Spa Park. 592 entered with 530 completing their races. This may have been due to the wet weather expected with some athletes deciding not to travel. Light rain fell for early races then it cleared for the majority of the program with the final three races held in light rain. Well organised by a very small club with community help and some support from the wider bay of Plenty. Well done Noel Bennett.



July 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 Whakatane Athletics & Harrier Club hosted a new event being an Off Road Whakatane Bush Half Marathon, 10km & 5km with 168 entries and 168 completing the event.

Waikato Bay of Plenty Cross Country held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Ray Boord Park Rotorua hosted by Lake City Athletics Club. Brilliantly fine weather with the event well run By Lake City with great support from Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty. 108 competitors from Under 12's to Masters. Poor numbers overall which is a reflection of the current state of the sport. Competition from Park Run and private events affect our sport, University Scholarships taking many athletes away and athletes by passing provincial championships. A return to team entry rather than individual entry to New Zealand Championships although there is a lack of numbers in Senior Men's and Senior Women's ranks. I believe Scholarships have a big impact and also those in their late teens and early 20's have other priorities in life.

Finally a big thank you to Clubs, Officials, Volunteers and our administrators for their continued support a big thank you to Dianne Rodger, Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty Centre Manager.

Malcolm Taylor

## **Officials**

The Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty region hosted 12 events which included the following:

- 19 October 2024: Porritt
  - 2 November 2024: Tauranga
  - 16 November 2024: Porritt
  - Sam Johnson Throws: 16 November Porritt
  - 23 November 2024: Tauranga
  - 30 November 2024: Porritt
  - 2 January 2025: Tauranga
  - 18 January 2025: Porritt
  - 1 February 2025: Tauranga
  - 15 February Porritt Classic: Porritt
  - 22 & 23 February 2025 WBOP Champs: Tauranga
  - 15 March 2025: Porritt
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- The most graded officials available at any one event were approximately 7 and these were primarily located on track events.
  - Track officials outnumbered field officials at every Open Meet. Often left with 2 officials going from one field event to another which led to delayed start times.
  - Only two A grade officials for field events, one of which is a coach and therefore not readily available. This has not changed over the past 2 years. Hopefully with ANZ now with official's courses planned for the winter, we will see an increase of more officials and also those with A grade.
  - The pool of officials available for our events was also reduced due to those who retired or were master's competitors or choose to compete in master's events on the Sunday and therefore not officiating on the Saturday. Or, officiating at the multiple schools competitions.
  - We had approximately 21 officials available for meets, however many did not officiate at open meets due to their priority being a Children's Official or a Master's athlete. The list of officials is as follows: (many only giving 1 event and others multiple)

Alan McDonald  
Bernadette Atkins  
Brett Addison  
Charles Annals  
Denise Cuff  
Fay Riley

Andrew Langman  
Brenda Davis  
Bruce Wood  
Chris Melrose  
Des Johnston  
Fay Smith

Greg Insley  
Loloma Foster  
Murray Clarkson  
Ray Wakeford  
Sarah van Marrewijk  
Steve Cornes  
Val Bromley

John Tylden  
Malcolm Taylor  
Nellie Engels  
Ruth Tuiraviravi  
Sarah Watson  
Stewart Foster

It is noted that many officials do not travel over the Kaimai's to officiate events. It is also noted that officials are often busy with other life commitments which are perfectly understandable.

I would strongly recommend that we give an official a Gift Voucher for each Open Meet that they attend at the conclusion of the event.

Ruth Tuiraviravi - AWBOP Officials Coordinator

### **Officials Development Officer - North**

During the 2024/25 athletics year, Athletics New Zealand made the strategic decision to create the development team to ensure that they had better visibility in the regions and were able to make tangible change on the ground in our communities. As a part of the strategic decision, they also decided to invest in regional officials development officers. This saw the appointment of myself, Maxine Chappell in the North (Northland, Auckland and Waikato/Bay of Plenty). The appointment of the development team shows Athletics New Zealand's understanding of the importance of officials in our sport and demonstrates their commitment to supporting officials through education and collaboration in their community.

This on the ground support, led to 3 officials courses being held in the Waikato Bay of Plenty Region. These courses, two in Hamilton and one in Tauranga, saw 14 new officials trained and 4 qualified officials gain A or B grade qualifications. Totalling 39 new qualifications gained in the region. More courses are planned for the coming season to support the region in increasing officials numbers prior to the 2026 North Island Colgate Games.

I have also been having discussions with officials across the region to gain an understanding of each officials interests and experiences. This will provide Ruth with useful information on what age groups and events people prefer to officiate and assist with her coordination of officials for events.

Maxine Chappell - Officials Development Officer - North

### **Development and Events Coordinator**

The 2024–2025 period focused on reimagining how athletics is delivered at community, school, and club levels. With declining youth retention and participation beyond introductory levels, the emphasis has been on creating team-based, engaging, and inclusive formats that align with the interests of tamariki, rangatahi, and volunteers alike.

We have laid the foundation for a modernised participation model that better bridges the gap between community and competition, with new event formats, digital infrastructure, and club support mechanisms now in place or underway.

#### **Key Projects and Activities**

##### **Team Athletics – “Relaymania”**

A flagship school- and community-based team athletics concept. Piloted at Matamata initially, with strong school interest, including Hillcrest, HBHS, Fairfield, Te Kuiti, and Whangamata. Long-term vision to revitalise

athletics through a fun, fast-paced format. Enlisting Sport Waikato to support the communication and push into the Secondary School space.

#### Children's Competition Alternative (Club vs Club Team Format)

Team-based competitions designed to increase participation. Short, fun events requiring minimal officials with live scoring. Trials set for 2025/26.

#### Club Night Alternative Programme

Inclusive, skill-based club night model shared with several clubs. Combines development, fun, and volunteer engagement. I have realised that this is a slow change and I will be available to support club needs whichever format they adopt for their club nights. The future introduction of the Ahei app will be an advantage.

#### Coaching and Officials Development.

We ran 6 RJT's (some of which were a specific club) and 3 CAD Level 1 courses. We have already locked in dates and venues for September and October 2025 for 3 RJT's and 3 CAD courses in Waikato. Same in BOP. Officials courses are also locked in via ANZ and we continue to support and promote those.

#### Challenge Days & Interprovincial Events

10/11 and 12/13 Challenge Days successfully delivered with strong feedback. Plans in place for 2026 editions. There will also be a 14-18 Challenge Day in 2025.

#### Club Health and Engagement

Reviewed 14+ clubs. Key challenges include governance, volunteer engagement, and coaching. Te Kuiti club is being established with local school partnership for the 2025/26 season. Te Puke looks to be another club that we can help get going again in 2025/26. Other work will be to help bring non-affiliated clubs back into the ANZ system and deliver strategic planning resources and workshops for clubs. Publish regular updates and bi-monthly reports on social media platforms to help inform clubs of what is happening.

#### Events - Innovation and Revenue Generation

Helped with Centre and school events throughout the season.

New formats in planning: Throws/Jumps/Hurdles Days are now locked in. Business House Athletics, ANZAC Gift, BMX-style and Eliminator races. Targeting community & corporate participants. I am currently developing partnerships with organisations that can help us with marketing and event support to bring these new events alive. The key thoughts are for new events to appeal to a wider audience so that we can generate more interest in our sport and hopefully this will flow into increased registrations.

#### Digital Infrastructure

Utilising AI Agents to build apps that can streamline some admin tasks that are volunteer heavy eg; Childrens Relay Champs, Challenge Day points, Community events. Expansion planned.

#### Strategic Alignment

These initiatives directly support the AWBOP vision:

"Greater athletics participation in an enjoyable and sustainable environment."

By shifting focus from competition-centric models to accessible, fun, and team-based structures, we aim to grow the 90% who don't currently compete and build a stronger base from which the top 10% can emerge.

We also want to provide an alternative competition model that encourages greater participation. Teams based is key and this can run alongside current competition days, rather than being seen as a replacement.

### Identified Barriers

Area	Barrier	Mitigation
Tu Manawa Funding	Lack of regional specificity and insufficient survey volume	Working with Sport Waikato for data and support. But establishing other revenue sources so as not to rely on Funding for projects.
Club Night Reform	Cultural inertia and fear of disqualifications at comps.	Refined messaging and practical demos Comps need addressing
Volunteer Retention	High time/load burden	‘Pit Crew’ groups and recruitment messaging
Technology Systems	Disparate storage and poor communication	Build user friendly apps
School Integration	Overload in Term 1 & winter sport. Dislike of current model.	Targeting Term 4 engagements. Provide a team based model.

### Priorities for the Coming Year (2025–2026)

- Trial and Refine New Event Formats for community and athletics specific members
- Build and Launch Digital Platforms for events and admin tasks.
- Expand Relaymania into Secondary School Curriculums
- Volunteer Development Pipeline, integrating social interaction for coaches and officials.
- Strengthen Club night Support
- Better communication and transparency with my role.

### Closing Statement

While not every initiative has progressed smoothly, the pivot toward participation-first, inclusive programming has begun to resonate across clubs and schools. Our next phase must focus on execution, feedback, and refinement of these initiatives to ensure long-term cultural change in athletics delivery. The primary focus is to establish our sport to a wider audience.

Barrie Jennings

AWBOP Development & Events Coordinator

## **Athletics Waikato Youth Squad [AWYS] Pilot Program Final Report – Debbie Strange**

55 athletes [including previous year participants] met the criteria and were invited to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Athletics Waikato Youth Squad [AWYS] Pilot Program. 38 attended the program with 17 withdrawing as they had moved out of the region for study or work. Athletes were invited to bring their coach and/or parent along to Gatherings.

Most of AWYS athletes produced personal best [PB] performances during the 2024-2025 season with over half doing so in more than 1 event. The few who did not PB during the season cited injury as the reason.

- “Performance results were outstanding.”
- “Less nerves, less anxiety, less stress and worry contributed to better performances across regional and national meetings ... one of the major benefits of the program”

AWYS athletes were selected in the following representative teams during the 2024-2025 season:

- AWBOP team to NZ Championships in Dunedin - 20 squad athletes
- Waikato Secondary Schools team to the North Island Championships – 21 squad athletes
- NZ Secondary Schools Team to the Australian Championships – 4 squad athletes
- 2024 NZ Team to the Oceania Championships – 4 squad athletes
- NZ Team to the 2024 World Junior Championships – 1 squad athlete

At the final Gathering athletes, coaches and parents underwent a debrief process of the program. The group was divided into 2 – athletes led by an athlete, and coaches, parents and presenters led by a coach. Leaders of each group facilitated discussion on the AWYS in general and then each item in questionnaires before participants completed it.

The overall response was overwhelmingly positive with everyone enjoying belonging to the AWYS. The overall program of workshops and activities provided many opportunities to learn from many professionals involved in sport. Other athletes especially Olympic marathon runner Camille French and second year AWYS athletes were also involved in some presentations. Visiting and using other special facilities such as the Avantidrome, Fast Lane gym and pools alongside 'homebase' Porritt Stadium base was a bonus.

"The AWYS program provided a platform for introducing training and competition principles and foundations."

As in last year's program, the most beneficial sessions that were highlighted by participants were - nutrition, physical activities that involved 'new' equipment e.g. Swiss Ball and slack line, personal organizational skills, competition skills, recovery, media, swimming activities and visiting athletes. Athletes certainly responded positively to the practical sessions and really enjoyed working in small groups. Dragon Boat racing was a highlight which everyone enjoyed and saw as a great team building activity.

It was noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> year participants benefitted more from the program as it was 'new' while the 2<sup>nd</sup> year participants felt that although the program was good and they were able to reinforce previous learnings, they were ready for a much greater 'next step' with more applied and practical activities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year athletes felt that they could mentor the 1<sup>st</sup> years a lot more.

The measure of the success of the AWYS program and the retention of athletes in the sport, especially school leavers, will be judged in the upcoming seasons when the movements and progress of athletes can be followed.

Some comments from athletes this year.

- "... the real benefit for me as a 2<sup>nd</sup> year is the 'community' ... I didn't feel left out ... enjoyed meeting and talking to people and making new friends."
- "... fun trying new equipment and learning new techniques in a 'cool' and supportive environment."
- "...My favorite part was the nutrition one because I didn't really know what I should be eating for races and stuff."
- "...I looked forward to and enjoyed every session. Loved the Dragon Boating."
- "...Helped me learn what to do when I was feeling worried at a competition or at home or school."
- "... understand that not every day has to be a good day."

Parents and Coaches felt that all parts of the program had great value, and the content of the sessions helped reinforce elements that are discussed and implemented in training. It was also that coaches need to be involved to hear what is being said, to learn and to keep messages consistent when dealing with athletes in the AWYS. The program gave coaches an opportunity to gain the most 'up to date' information and ideas to build into their programs.

They felt that the AWYS program enhanced communication in the following ways:

- between coach and athlete especially in debriefs which helped athletes retain information and give input and direction for things to be implemented into training
  - between parents and athletes in understanding ways they can be supportive, especially at home
  - between coach and parents as they felt that they had something to chat with each other about
  - between coaches networking and bouncing ideas off each other
- “...Incredibly helpful and insightful for athletes, coaches and parents.”
  - “...For some parents without an athletic background or knowledge, being part of the program has given them confidence and decreased knowledge isolation.”
  - “... possible spin off of potentially new coaches and officials.”
  - “... fantastic learnings for all .... also, life skills ... a great way of including all into athletic community.”
  - “...Coaches working together strengthens the coaching community and the quality of delivery – with quality coaching programs we will retain athletes in the sport.”
  - “... if the coach did not attend, athletes may perceive the program as not being important and so not attend.”

As a result of participating in the AWYS program, athletes felt they had improved in the following areas:

- gained confidence in themselves not only in their sporting life but in everyday life
- an understanding of how daily life impacts on sporting performances
- can plan better and be more prepared for training and competition, especially their nutrition and recovery
- want to maximize performances in training and competition
- stay healthy
- can develop their own individual performance plans and adapt for any situation
- feel they are always prepared and happily “expect the unexpected.”

Coaches and parents noticed many changes in their athletes which included the following:

- gaining confidence
- taking ownership and responsibility for their training
- improved planning of life in general
- being far more planned and prepared for training sessions and competitions
- taking a more relaxed approach to racing/competing
- understanding that some races/competitions go well and others not so well
- felt supported at competitions by other AWYS members.

Many friendships grew within the squad between coaches, parents and athletes and they felt a sense of pride in being selected and invited to join the squad.

Some coaches felt their athlete/s realized that they are a part of a team even in an individual sport such as athletics and they do not have to face competing in sport and life in general by themselves – they belong to a team/group. It is important for rangatahi to realize that what they are going through as an athlete and teenager is normal, especially when trying to achieve a school/life/sport balance and unfortunately in some cases, managing injuries.

- “... feeling that at competitions I have someone I know to chat with.”
- “... I have been able to develop more friendships.”
- “...I enjoyed the social aspects and inclusivity of everyone’s specialty in Track and Field.”
- “... connecting with everyone and having a good time.”
- “... enjoyed belonging ... heaps of cool memories.”

It is important to involve coaches practically in squad activities by giving them small coaching roles, as often ‘young athletes’ are coached by ‘young coaches’ and need the chance to evolve and develop with their

athletes. Coaches, seeing different ways of coaching and collaborating with other coaches, were hugely beneficial. They gained knowledge from their interactions with the presenters and other coaches. The AWYS environment is perfect for the development of mentoring relationships. It is anticipated that AWYS will encourage more young people to coach and build the coaching community in general.

At the same time some coaches and parents reported that it was good to see that there is more than 1 way/method of coaching individuals.

- “...Good to meet and talk with other coaches and parents and get a different perspective ...”
- “...It’s helped me have more confidence in my coaching. I have learned a lot off Debbie and appreciate being able to sound ideas off her.”
- “...Loved the technical and scientific sessions.”

The structure of the 3-hour program held each monthly Gathering on a Sunday morning worked very well with the first hour spent on an ‘educational’ topic followed by over an hour’s practical session that focused on general athletic training for all event groups. Final time was spent more ‘socially’ with athletes mixing and mingling, in activities [e.g. quizzes], sharing ideas and having lunch. By keeping to the same structure each gathering, athletes and their coaches were prepared for each session and therefore could maximize their participation and learning.

The holistic approach to athlete development facilitated by Debbie Strange encompassed learning and development in all aspects of athlete's lives physically, intellectually, mentally, socially, and spiritually. Relative content and presenters were carefully chosen for their philosophy, ability to relate to youth, and sporting experience.

- “... understanding all the little factors that go into performance ... learning in an athletic environment was much more relevant ...”
- “... help improve my lifestyle and make me think ... mental training really helpful ...”

The high caliber of presenters that covered many topics certainly contributed to the success of the program with a lot of knowledge shared and learning taking place. Olympians, sports science professionals and international coaches were among the presenters. Sessions were relaxed and less formal which allowed plenty of ‘active’ involvement by athletes.

The overwhelming response from all squad members [athletes, coaches and parents] was that they all enjoyed belonging to the AWYS and wished to continue. The overall program of workshops provided many opportunities to learn from professionals involved in the sport and other athletes [e.g. Camille French] and visit/use special facilities such as the Avantidrome, Porritt Stadium and Fast Lane.

For 2<sup>nd</sup> year participants, the program needed to be constructed in such a way that allows them to be challenged more and extended. The inclusive and non-threatening atmosphere of the program allowed athletes and coaches to have input into the direction of the learning sessions. Squad members were empowered and contributed to the direction in which sessions would take. This gave individuals control and ownership of their learning, with motivation at each Gathering being very high. Squad members were constantly asked by the facilitator “what do you want to know?”

Once the positive feedback from the AWYS program began to spread, the number of enquiries from athletes and coaches to join the group became very encouraging for the future. Interest also came from secondary school teachers for our presenters to deliver a similar program to their classes.

The AWYS is a unique program that is designed to suit the needs of rangatahi in the Waikato area. It has been shown that the AWYS program has contributed to most athletes having success in their athletic competitions throughout the year. AWYS has given provincial teams an ‘edge’ over other regions. We need to be able to work out how the program can connect with other squads and schools to grow participation in the sport.

Winter sporting codes are encroaching more and more on summer sports with many schools holding 'pre-season' training camps and trials early in February – right at the time when our young athletes have their club and school athletics championships. Athletes are pressured into attending pre-season activities for fear of non-selection and this often to the detriment of their performances at their targeted athletic competitions [overload injuries]. Winter sport coaches enjoy having well trained and performed athletes on their team, but the co-operation and understanding of these coaches is needed to allow athletes to complete their season before joining teams.

Athletes rely on parents or their coaches to bring them to Gatherings. Knowledge and commitment to the sport was gained by the parents who regularly transported their athletes to the Gatherings. This would otherwise not have happened and shared amongst others.

Athletes, coaches and parents sharing experiences from AWYS with friends, other club members as well as teachers and the wider community shows a pathway in our sport and should encourage more to engage. Currently it is difficult for athletes to see a pathway in our sport on a national and international level and this program is a small step in filling this void in our region.

It was suggested during the debrief that AWYS have their own tent/HQ at events to reinforce the community aspect.

It was overwhelmingly voted by everyone that the AWYS program should continue, and Debbie facilitate it. Future organizers would have to work harder to communicate with local athletic clubs and schoolteachers in the greater Waikato area to get their support to encourage invited athletes with their coaches to engage.

Athletes attended were from Hamilton, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Rotorua, Taupo, Te Aroha, Matamata, and Thames Valley. There are more athletes in the greater Waikato area that would be invited if the program were to be run again.

It was suggested during the debriefing process that a 6 week only program take place in the future with 2 sessions where younger athletes [12-14-year-olds] are invited along with their parents and coaches as this age group is not yet ready in a variety of ways [emotionally and physically] for the full programme. Plenty of advance notice of Gathering dates needs to be given.

The months of December, January and February are the main part of the athletic season for this group. Additional school athletics commitments make it a very demanding time for our young athletes with a huge and almost overloaded competition program if care is not taken. It became challenging arranging Gatherings during this time to avoid further overload on the athletes.

During the debrief, AWYS athletes, coaches and parents requested more close monitoring of the athletes with testing and retesting taking place during the program. The athletes want to include more physical activity. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year participants could be separated during activities for extension.

Athletes see that there are more opportunities available for better competition overseas and hence many of our athletes are taking up scholarship opportunities especially in the USA. Input and support from Athletics NZ is needed for the AWYS program. Athletes and coaches need to be aware of the development pathways that are available to them. Coaches need more knowledge of coaching qualifications and other learning and development opportunities that are available to them. The athletes need a better organized competition that is not totally orientated to the older High-Performance athletes.

"AWYS is a brilliant program and very well facilitated ... incredibly grateful for the opportunity to attend."

Judging from the debrief, athletes, coaches and parents want the AWYS program to run again and be part of it. For this to happen, Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty would need to source funding. (note this program was Tu Manawa funded through Sport Waikato)



## COACHFORCE



### July 2024 to December 2024 Report

#### July :

- Attended 9 club coaching planning meetings with either club committees or individuals responsible for coaching in their own club, looking at future course dates in spring, content, enthusing their parents, organising facilities, equipment grant applications, etc.
- Five sprint coaches mentored throughout the region

#### August :

- Attended 8 club coaching planning as above
- Conducted 3 meetings re spring coaching courses plans
- Ran sprints (1) and jump(1) clinics

#### September :

- Attended 8 club coaching planning as above
- Attended & organised group to assist at Athletics NZ Road Relays
- Assisted organisation, two days, at AIMS Games cross country
- Met with Te Puke and Kawerau officials re aiming to resurrect/continue with their summer club programs
- Six meetings with individuals and Mount Primary staff re-establishing an athletics-focused activity at their school (will become a club next summer)

#### October :

- Conducted two coach planning club meetings
- Attended 7 club coaching planning meetings
- Conducted two Run Jump Throw courses in Western and Eastern BOP

#### November:

- Met with Sport BOP about my role and forward plans
- Organised facilities for Officials' Course, and recruited close to ten parents for it from Kawerau and Greerton
- Conducted two Level 1 Sprints courses in Rotorua and Tauranga – good attendance from Greerton and Kawerau in particular
- Ran another RJT Course in Kawerau
- Conducted RJT Courses in Rotorua and Tauranga
- Attended the Sport NZ SPRINZ Conference in Auckland, obtaining useful notes & videos for children's clubs to use on club nights if they wish
- Attended CoachForce day (all sports) at Lake View Golf Course, near Rotorua.

#### December:

- Ran a RJT Course in Kawerau

**Kerry Hill - CoachForce Athletics B.O.P.**

## **Athletics New Zealand - Kim Mickle**

### **National Development Manager - North**

#### **August-December**

- Affiliated membership in Waikato BOP is 3797
- 5 new Community Volunteer members
- 70 new coaches in Waikato BOP complete the Foundation and CADL1 Courses with all course attendees registered on Game Day
- 23 Community Coach Members and 25 Accredited Coach Members in Waikato BOP
- 22 registered officials in Waikato BOP



#### **CoachForce**

January - June 2025

In my first 6 months of being in the role, I have identified what schools need and how to best place our programs in their classrooms. As athletics is in its 'off season', it's been a good opportunity to connect with clubs to educate and promote what I am able to provide for the future. I have certainly focussed on the Eastern Bay as I have identified this area as a priority and need further assistance.

#### **Number of participants**

<b>WBOP</b>	<b>EBOP</b>	<b>CBOP</b>
87	20	67

I have been able to connect and provide several PD opportunities for many schools across the BOP. The number of teachers reached during these PD days ranged from 5-40 teachers and up to 3 x connections per teacher. I have also targeted selected athletics clubs (Omokoroa athletics, Whakatane, Lake City and Taupo) to offer additional support throughout the winter and provide coach education so they can hit the ground running for the 2025/2026 season.

#### **Number of participants**

<b>WBOP</b>	<b>EBOP</b>	<b>CBOP</b>
87	93	86

Athletics NZ have recently appointed Kirsten Hellier as the National Coach Development Manager (my old role) so I now can focus on providing coach development for the BOP. Athletics NZ are looking into creating a CAD level 2 which will help coaches grow their knowledge from a foundation level to a competitive level. I will be rolling out the CAD level 1 program across the BOP and then the level 2 program once complete. I am also in the process of planning 4 x "Roadshows" across the Waikato/BOP where I will connect clubs, coaches, volunteers in a social setting and also promote Ahei, upcoming coach development courses and most important of all, help create relationships within the 10 x clubs in the BOP.

#### **Number of participants**

<b>WBOP</b>	<b>EBOP</b>	<b>CBOP</b>
14	18	8

Athletics NZ are in the process of completing the new Ahei App (foundation athletics programs that adapt to student/athlete's abilities) that will be free for schools to use. My goal is to have a minimum of 7 x schools across the BOP use this program and I have already showcased this program to 4 schools who are very interested in upskilling their teachers with our foundational programs and use this app. The app should be finished and ready to roll out by September. Athletics NZ are also piloting a women and girls program in Northland and will look to implement this across BOP once approved.

#### **Number of participants**

<b>WBOP</b>	<b>EBOP</b>	<b>CBOP</b>
22	11	55

Kim Mickle - Athletics NZ/Sport BOP CoachForce Officer

### **Childrens**

Firstly, congratulations and thank you on another successful year. To the cubs who held Ribbon events, to the officials and volunteers who ensure Children's Athletics continues to run in the Waikato Bay of Plenty Region.

Overall, numbers of children involved in our clubs are steady – while we continue to see lower numbers in our seniors, the junior age groups still come through, sometimes in big groups!

In writing this report, I reflect on last season's Mid-Winter Forum and consider how we have progressed. We spent a fair amount of time looking at innovative delivery of athletics, both at club nights and competitions. While there haven't yet been big changes, I believe the impetus for change is building. I acknowledge Te Aroha for their move to an evening event, Fairfield for hosting the Auckland Challenge within their ribbon day, and all our club representatives for the robust and open conversations when considering progressing children's athletics. I believe there is further work to be done to understand what has been implemented within clubs, what has worked, and what the barriers may be.

I must again mention our volunteers, and acknowledge the significant commitment in time and energy you all make at both club and regional levels. Encouraging our members and their families to get involved in this space is an ongoing necessity, and as a Centre we continue to consider ways we can do this more effectively. I do wonder if a lack of time and manpower are significant barriers to the innovations and adaptations we have previously discussed. Within Children's I particularly acknowledge our Referees who ensure all children's events are able to run, and our officials who keep the standards of our competition high. We have discussed more formally acknowledging both these roles at ribbon days and championship events, please consider how valuable these roles are when we vote on the remit this evening. We need these roles to continually replenish and move toward the referee role to allow ongoing delivery of competition days at a Championship level.

Stand outs from the season –

Inter-regional challenge days for the G10-11, and G12-13 age groups were held with the Auckland regions. It was exciting to see that level of competition re-introduced to our young athletes, building connections and encouraging personal best achievements within a team culture. While the challenge formats are a work in progress to ensure we are delivering a quality event for the children, they were definitely a great platform to build on for next season.

We have moved forward in recognising our Para Athletes and are building pathways that acknowledge their unique challenges. The Halberg Foundation are on board to support our region in delivering truly inclusive athletics.

Looking forward –

Tauranga and the Bay of Plenty side of the region are leading the planning in hosting Colgate Games in January 2026. Well done on the progress so far, Clubs please support them as requests for assistance come through, lets make sure we really showcase our Region this Summer!

We have now established email contacts for both the chair and secretary roles for this committee. These are [childrenchair@athleticswbop.org.nz](mailto:childrenchair@athleticswbop.org.nz), [childrensecretary@athleticswbop.org.nz](mailto:childrensecretary@athleticswbop.org.nz) This should improve communications, and facilitate smooth transitions between holders of the roles.

Finally, again, thank you to all who ensure Children's Athletics remains strong in our region. The many smiling faces, the friendships, and the personal successes of our young Athletes highlight how much of a positive contribution you all make.

Teresa Mumby - Chairperson, WBOP Children's Committee

## **Masters**

The state of WBOP Masters is very healthy with our membership growing and our Masters events well supported.

We have 84 total paid up members and 30 NZMA only members. However, there is a total of 164 ANZ masters members in WBOP so we would encourage them all to join our fantastic WBOP Masters family.

Please come along to our "free entry - have a go day" planned for 19 October at Porritt, Hamilton and 9th November at the Tauranga Domain. Check our Facebook and website for ongoing updated details.

For those WBOP Masters members that haven't yet joined, please join our WBOP Masters Facebook and also check out the Masters section on the Waikato athletics website <https://athleticswaikato bay of plenty.org.nz/get-involved/masters-athletics/>

These are both regularly updated with forthcoming events, results, records and best performances. We also update many photos for you to download and frame for your athletics wall of fame at home.

We are looking forward to hosting the Masters North Island Champs in November. We had a great turn out for the National Champs in Auckland, so we call on all local WBOP Members to get training and have a go at the North Island Champs.

Our committee is working flat out to make this a memorable occasion and if you could sponsor an event, please contact Fay Riley [wbopmasters@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wbopmasters@xtra.co.nz) and she'll give you the various sponsorship options.

Keep an eye out for the next Vetline for more information and online booking procedure.

## **Finances**

Our balance sheet reveals a minor surplus with interest contribution equalling subscriptions. The upfront newsletter remains self-funding. We have been able to update equipment, add teardrop banners and have a separate set of throws equipment for Tauranga Track. Our aim is to keep subscriptions low, provide free events to members and encourage participation.

## **Outside Events**

The Oceania Masters event has already attracted record entries. It will be run in Brisbane and is a must for any WBOP Masters athlete wanting to experience bigger fields and competition. Accommodation is scarce and entries close soon. Details can be viewed on the following link

<https://nzmastersathletics.org.nz/oceania-masters-track-field-championships/>

I would like to thank Murray Clarkson for helping me to step into his big shoes. He knows WBOP Masters well and I agreed to take on the President role to give him a well-earned break and hopefully see more of

him on the track rather than in the office doing admin. Fay has also been a great help and I appreciate that she will still be managing the finances. Last but not least, thanks to our committee members for giving up their time to assist with the successful running of WBOP Masters, for another year.

The current co-operation with Dianne Roger remains excellent and our inclusion on the AWBOP working committee very much appreciated. Also, a big thank-you is warranted to Dianne for updating the Waikato Masters section of the Waikato athletics website.

Bruce Solomon - President

## **Finance**

### **Summary of financial position**

The 2024/2025 financial year shows a significant loss, which had been budgeted with this forecast. Due to this the annual transfer to Reserves of \$25,000 for the replacement and renewals reserve has not taken place for this year.

Registration figures remain fairly constant against previous seasons, with just under 3800 registered members, which was a slight drop to the previous season. It is encouraging for the sport that numbers are remaining and continues to provide support to our financial position.

This past financial year we have not applied for funding of any significant amount which will be a high priority for the next financial year. It will be important that we look at funding and sponsorship to reflect and enhance our new Strategic Plan. Over the past financial year, we have had support once again from Trust Waikato, and we have also received continued support from Hamilton City Council for Porritt Classic. We applied twice for Tu Manawa funding but missed out because we were still using previous funding that had rolled over. In addition, the centre no longer receives funding from the Rotorua Marathon. We have spent money on events and support to officials over the last year which has been unfunded. It will be very important over this next financial year to increase our funding applications to support the role of our Development and Events Coordinator. Whilst there is a loss, our centre reserves are still in a good position.

I would like to express my thanks to Sue Ratcliffe for her invaluable assistance, patience, and advice with preparing the accounts presented in this report and throughout the year. Once again, she has put more than her share of hours into assisting to have our financial statements ready review by Matley Audit Ltd.

Dianne Rodger - Centre Manager

## Registrations 2024-2025

	M60+		M35-59		Senior		U20		U18			U15		U11		U7			U5		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	
BVEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		23	26	52	62	32	27		36	20	278
CAMB	6	1	22	12	0	1	2	1	4	4		21	21	71	83	32	49		52	54	436
FAIR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		30	41	56	59	45	26		51	33	341
FRAK	10	12	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1		3	2	11	10	6	5		8	4	77
GRER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		14	11	35	35	19	6		13	14	147
HAWK	9	3	35	17	10	14	10	8	14	12		17	12	2	3	0	0		0	0	166
HINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		5	13	32	34	20	17		20	18	159
KATI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
KAWR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	3	1	0	0		0	0	5
LCTY	19	18	26	37	9	4	1	2	8	1		20	21	37	41	44	40		50	45	423
MATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
MERC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		6	5	25	16	18	11		16	13	111
MORA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3	6	25	22	21	19		46	31	173
NGAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	1
OHAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
OMOK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		4	2	15	25	21	8		10	18	103
ORIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
OTOA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
PAEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		6	6	9	6	12	5		5	21	70
PAPM	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		11	15	52	46	42	42		64	67	340
PUTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	1	1	0	0		0	0	3
TARO	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	1		16	8	19	30	13	8		22	23	144
TAWM	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2		14	23	23	28	22	19		23	23	184
THAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		8	10	13	16	5	11		20	16	99
TOKO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	3	7	6	3		6	8	33
TOKA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
TPOA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		10	15	51	34	28	16		28	18	200
TPOH	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		0	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	3
TPUK	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		3	10	3	2	0	0		0	0	20
TRGA	11	3	13	8	11	1	9	4	16	8		9	8	1	2	0	0		0	0	104
WAIH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	4	11	10	11	3		7	8	54
WHKE	0	0	5	4	4	0	0	0	2	0		<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>		13	18	123
	56	37	104	78	36	26	25	17	47	31		232	270	563	588	414	331		490	452	3797
Total	93		182		62		42		78			502		1151		745			942		
2024-2025 Year	457											2398							942		3797
2023-2024 Year	492											2521							798		3811