



**NEW ZEALAND
MĀORI RUGBY
BOARD ANNUAL
REPORT 2019**

2019 A YEAR OF CONTINUED GROWTH

INDUCTEES TO THE MĀORI SPORTS HALL OF FAME	Dr Farah Palmer & MP Louisa Wall
MĀORI ALL BLACKS 2019 FIJI WAKA SERIES	A 27-10 loss in Fiji & a 27-17 win in Rotorua
NZ Māori U20 team win over Fiji U20 in Rotorua	NZ Māori U18 Ngā Whatukura and Ngā Mareikura teams

LARGE INCREASE IN MĀORI PLAYING RUGBY

43,090	REGISTERED MĀORI PLAYERS up by 858 from 2018
WĀHINE 9,573	up by 151 from 2018
TĀNE 33,517	up by 707 from 2018
TEENAGE 11,557	up by 586 from 2018
ADULT 8,487	up by 425 from 2018

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NEW ZEALAND MĀORI RUGBY BOARD



Dr Farah Palmer
Chair



Ngarimu Blair
Independent



Rick Steedman
Te Hiku o Te Ika



Arapeta Gibson
Te Tini a Maui



Val Morrison
Te Tini a Maui



Merewaakana Kingi
Independent



Mathew Kiore
Te Waipounamu



Richard Milner
Te Waipounamu



Doug Jones
Independent

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

The Board is an affiliated member of the New Zealand Rugby Union (NZR) by virtue of clause 5.1 of the New Zealand Rugby Union Constitution and holds two votes at the NZR AGM. As a member of NZR the Board is required to abide by NZR's rules.

The Board is responsible for the development of Māori Rugby in New Zealand. However, NZR is responsible for assembling and supporting the Māori All Blacks. The role of the Board is defined by its objectives at clause 3.1 of the Board's Constitution.

The Chair of the Board is NZR's Māori Representative, so obtains the Chair by virtue of the NZR appointment process and not by virtue of the NZR appointment process and not by virtue of a specific appointment by the Board.

The Māori Rugby Vision

To inspire and unify whānau, hapū, iwi and communities through Māori Rugby

The New Zealand Māori Rugby Board's Mission

To partner with NZR and Māori to enhance the mana and mauri of Māori Rugby

The New Zealand Māori Rugby Board's Purpose

To provide effective leadership and governance that ensures rugby is mana-enhancing for Māori and rugby is a place where tikanga is respected

The New Zealand Māori Rugby Board's Priorities

Priority 1: Rangatiratanga (Leadership): Provide effective leadership for Māori Rugby

Priority 2: Whanaungatanga (Kinship): Utilise Māori Rugby to connect and unify us as Māori and as a nation

Priority 3: Poutamatanga (Achievement): Elevate the mana and mauri of Māori Rugby initiatives

Priority 4: Taumatatanga (Excellence): Enhance the legacy of NZ Māori Rugby teams

MĀORI RUGBY UPDATE

As we all face significant global disruption from the current COVID-19 pandemic and try to make sense of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for Māori Rugby now and into the future, we reflect on what was another huge and successful year in 2019.

The NZMRB want to take this time to acknowledge those Tōtaranui of our game and our communities that we lost in the past year.

- Keith Davis, Māori All Black
- Jim Maniapoto, Māori All Black
- Percy Erceg, Māori All Black
- Tiny Hill, Māori All Black
- Rod Yates, Māori All Black

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

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

Whānaungatanga – Kinship

The Māori Rugby waka continues to grow with 43,090 Māori players registering to play rugby in 2019, increasing by 858 more Māori (tāne and wāhine) than last year.

Our Rangatira workshop in early February 2019 also saw over 85 leaders in rugby attend, further highlighting the growth in a wider variety of roles such as coaches, managers, administrators and support staff for teams.

The continuing growth of Māori Rugby on and off the field is evidence that whānaungatanga through rugby is strong. In times like this, we need to continue to draw on rugby as a way of making our people feel connected and proud of our cultural identity and values.

Poutamatanga – Achievement

This year the Māori All Blacks played Fiji in what was a thrilling Waka Series. Their first match in front of a packed Suva crowd had Fiji off to an early Series lead, before the teams returned to what is widely considered the spiritual home of Māori Rugby, Rotorua, where the Māori All Blacks fought back to level the Series.

For the first time a NZ Māori Under 20 team also assembled in Rotorua for an eight-day camp which culminated in successfully beating Fiji U20 in the curtain raiser to the Māori All Blacks vs Fiji game.

The festival week of Māori Rugby in Rotorua was further enhanced by the National U18 Māori Rugby camp of 44 boys and 38 girls attending a four-day training camp, including running a whānau day for over 50 whānau members prior to the Māori All Blacks match. However, the highlight was the U18 players and support crew performing the haka to welcome the Māori All Blacks onto Rotorua Stadium prior to the match.

After running three U18 tāne and wāhine regional camps in April, and the national camp in July, the NZ Māori U18 Ngā Whatukura team had a great first up win against Fiji in Rotorua, and then played both the NZ Barbarians Schools and NZ Schools teams in a Game of Three Halves on 26 September in Palmerston North, beating NZ Barbarians schools 17-14 but narrowly losing to NZ Schools 12-7.

After the July national camp in Rotorua we also named a NZ Māori U18 Ngā Mareikura wāhine team for the first time, with the team set to play an Auckland Pasifika invitation team in Auckland later in the year. While the match unfortunately couldn't go ahead, a Te Hiku o te Ika U18 Mareikura team was instead selected and played the Auckland Pasifika team. It was a great opportunity for our cultures to come together and support the further development of our game for wāhine as well as tāne.

Both of our NZ Māori U18 Sevens teams attended the Condors World Schools Sevens tournament in Auckland late in 2019 and we were proud to see both Ngā Whatukura and Ngā Mareikura reach the semifinal, well done to both teams.

We are proud of the achievements of all our teams, and will endeavour to continue providing opportunities for Māori to reach their potential.



Sean Wainui and Isaia Walker-Leawere of the Māori All Blacks share a hongi following their match against Fiji

Rangatiratanga – Leadership

It was pleasing to see all three regional Māori Rugby committees demonstrating collective leadership and working together to align their three tournaments in October. I had the privilege of attending the invigorated Te Waipounamu tournament in Southland and Te Tini a Maui tournament in Napier. Both were incredible moments where hearty Māori Rugby was on display, with many teams being supported by their whānau, including some very vocal kuia and koroua! I couldn't get to the Te Hiku o Te Ika tournament, but the Northern region continue to be well supported by teams and volunteers across their rohe.

Te Waipounamu also ran a series of E Tū Toa Māori Rugby and life skills development days for junior players aged 9–12 years in Dunedin, Nelson and Invercargill during September and October. These wānanga were a great success, with participants excited to learn Te Reo Māori, be part of a pōwhiri process on the marae, and learn fundamental rugby and life skills in a Māori way. What fantastic days of developing future Rangatira leaders from across Te Waipounamu and we hope to continue growing the E Tū Toa programme as a platform for learning life and leadership skills.

Taumatatanga – Excellence

As well as being proud of the Māori All Blacks in 2019, we are also proud of the Māori players who represented the All Blacks at the Rugby World Cup 2019, as well as those with Māori whakapapa in the All Blacks Sevens, Black Ferns and Black Ferns Sevens teams.

It was a very proud night at this year's Māori Sports Awards and I was honoured, alongside Louisa Wall, to be inducted into the Māori Sports Hall of Fame. Other finalists on the night included Aaron Smith for Senior Sportsman, Sarah Hirini for Senior Sportswoman, Jamie Joseph for Coach of the Year, Ben O'Keeffe for Māori Referee of the Year and Tiki Edwards for Māori Administrator of the Year. Congratulations to Aaron, Ben and Tiki who won their categories. Ka mau te wehi!

Congratulations also to all those Māori players and leaders whose success was recognised at the 2019 ASB Rugby Awards. Worth noting in particular was when Sarah Hirini (Ngāti Kahungunu) became the first wāhine toa Rangatira to win the Tom French Memorial Māori Player of the Year.

Acknowledgments

Once again we must thank New Zealand Rugby for the substantial investment toward supporting the development of E Tū Toa U18 programme and I would also like to thank our people across the country, the regional Māori Boards and the Provincial Union staff/volunteers who helped make the E Tū Toa camp structure and national Māori teams such a success.

I would also like to acknowledge the valued contribution of our sponsors Adidas, AIG and Moana Fisheries. I would especially like to recognise Downer Group, who became the first to partner exclusively with the Māori All Blacks as well as the Black Ferns and Black Ferns Sevens teams, recognising the impact these teams have on rugby and Māori in New Zealand.

Finally, I would like to thank all those involved with Māori Rugby around Aotearoa New Zealand and acknowledge the tremendous service and contribution to Māori Rugby of outgoing Board Members Ngarimu Blair, Arapeta Gibson and Val Morrison as we look forward to welcoming new members to the New Zealand Māori Board at the AGM in 2020. We know that you will all continue to tautoko the kaupapa of Māori Rugby and what it stands for.

Thank you also to my fellow Māori Rugby Board and New Zealand Rugby Board Members, NZR Māori Advisor Luke Crawford, Māori Rugby Development Manager Tiki Edwards, NZR staff and the many administrators and volunteers that support our game at the community level. We should be proud of what we have achieved in 2019, and focus on kotahitanga as we navigate the future in challenging times – he waka eke noa: we are all in this waka together.

Na reira e tatou ma, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā rā tatou katoa.



Dr Farah Palmer
New Zealand Māori Rugby Board Chair



Hiku o Te Ika Under 18 Wāhine Toa in a team huddle during their match against Pasifika Under 18 Wāhine Toa

TEAMS AND RESULTS

MĀORI ALL BLACKS



2019 Māori All Blacks

Māori All Blacks 10-27 Fiji
13 July, Suva

Māori All Blacks 26-17 Fiji
20 July, Rotorua

Otere Black

Manawatu
Ngāi Tahu/Te Whānau ā Apanui/
Ngāti Tūwharetoa

Ash Dixon

Hawke's Bay
Ngāti Tahinga

Elliot Dixon

Southland
Ngāpuhi

Whetukamokamo Douglas

Canterbury
Ngāti Porou/Ngāti Whakaue

Tom Franklin

Otago
Ngāti Maniapoto

Jackson Garden-Bachop

Wellington
Ngāti Awa

Bryn Hall

North Harbour
Ngāti Ranginui

Nathan Harris

Waikato
Ngāti Apakura/Tainui

Jordan Hyland

Northland
Ngāi Tahu

Akira Ioane

Auckland
Ngāpuhi/Te Whānau ā Apanui

Mitchell Karpik

Bay of Plenty
Rongomauiwahine/Ngāti Kahungunu

Tyrel Lomax

Tasman
Ngāi Tahu/Muaupoko

Ben May

Hawke's Bay
Ngāti Maniapoto/Waikato

Alex Nankivell

Tasman
Ngāpuhi

Pari Pari Parkinson

Tasman
Te Whānau ā Apanui

Reed Prinsep

Canterbury
Te Rārawa

Marcel Renata

Auckland
Ngāti Whānaunga/Ngāi Takoto

Jonathan Ruru

Auckland
Ngāti Kahungunu/Rongomauiwahine

Fletcher Smith

Waikato
Ngāti Kahungunu

Shaun Stevenson

North Harbour
Ngāpuhi

Te Toiroa Tahuriorangi

Taranaki
Ngāti Pikiao

Rob Thompson

Manawatu
Ngāti Kahungunu/Ngā Rauru

Sean Wainui

Taranaki
Ngāi Tahu/Ngāti Porou/Ngā
Arikaiaputahi / Te Aitanga ā Māhaki

Teihorangi Walden

Taranaki
Te Atiawa

Isaia Walker-Leawere

Wellington
Ngāti Porou

Ross Wright

Northland
Ngāti Whatua/Ngāti Porou

COACH

Clayton McMillan
Ngāi Te Rangī/Ngāi Tamawhariua/
Te Rangihouhiri

ASSISTANT COACHES

Joe Maddock
Te Atiawa
Roger Randle
Ngāti Awa

MANAGER

Tony Ward

KAUMATUA

Luke Crawford
Ngāti Porou/Tūwharetoa



Māori All Black Rob Thompson attacks against Fiji

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2019 ASB RUGBY AWARDS

Sky Television Fans Try of the Year

Winner: TJ Perenara (Te Arawa, Ngāti Rangitīhi)
All Blacks v Namibia, Rugby World Cup 2019

ASB New Zealand Coach of the Year

Winner: Allan Bunting (Tūhourangi) and Cory Sweeney
(Black Ferns Sevens)

Tom French Memorial Māori Player of the Year

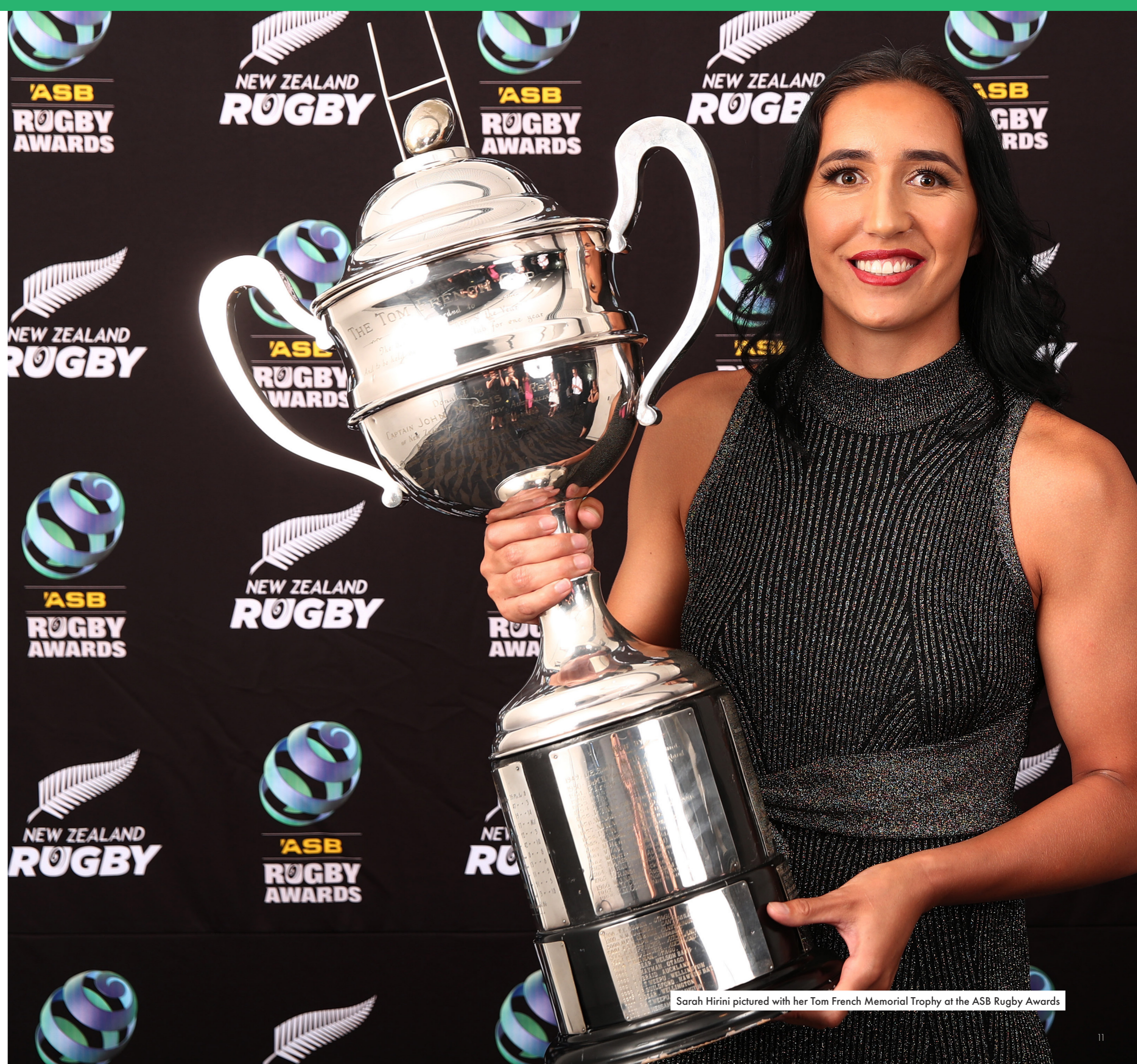
Winner: Sarah Hirini (Ngāti Kahungunu)
Nominees: Ash Dixon (Ngāti Tahinga)
TJ Perenara (Te Arawa, Ngāti Rangitīhi)

Black Ferns Player of the Year

Winner: Charmaine McMenamin (Ngāti Porou)

Black Ferns Sevens Player of the Year

Winner: Tyla Nathan-Wong (Ngāpuhi)



Sarah Hirini pictured with her Tom French Memorial Trophy at the ASB Rugby Awards

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OTHER RECOGNITION

2019 World Rugby Awards

IRPA Try of the Year:
TJ Perenara (Te Arawa, Ngati Rangitahi)
All Blacks v Namibia

2019 56th Halberg Awards

Sport New Zealand Leadership Award:
Dr Farah Palmer (Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Mahuta)

Māori Sports Awards

Māori Sports Hall of Fame Inductee:
Dr Farah Palmer (Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Mahuta)
Louisa Wall (Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Waikato)

Senior Māori Sportsman Winner:
Aaron Smith (Ngati Kahungunu)

Māori Sports Administrator Winner:
Tiki Edwards (Te Whakatōhea, Ngāti Raukawa,
Ngāti Tūwharetoa)

Referee Winner:
Ben O'Keeffe (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whātua)



Merewaakana Kingi, Ben O'Keeffe, Aaron Smith, Dr Farah Palmer and Tiki Edwards at the Māori Sports Awards

TEAMS AND RESULTS

REGIONAL MĀORI RUGBY

Te Hiku O Te Ika Māori Rugby Tournament

U13 Tane and U18 Wahine winners
– Tainui Waka Waikato Māori

U15 Tane and U19 Tane winners
– Te Tai Tokerau Northland Māori

U17 Tane winners
– Te Raki Pae Whenua North Harbour Māori

Senior Tane and Senior Wahine winners
– Counties Māori

Te Tini a Maui Māori Rugby Tournament

Tama U18 boys' and Kotiro U18 girls' division winners
– Manawatu

Wahine division winners – Horouta East Coast

Senior Men's 2nd Division winners – Taranaki

Senior Men's 1st Division winners
– Te Upoko O Te Ika Wellington Māori

Te Waipounamu Māori Rugby tournament

Senior men's winners – Waitaha Canterbury Māori

Senior women's winners – Murihiku Southland Māori

Colts winners – Otago Māori

U17 Boys' winners – Waitaha Canterbury Māori

U17 Girls' winners – Otago Māori



2019 Te Tini a Maui Tama U18 boys' division winners Manawatu celebrate with their trophy

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2019	2019 ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL
Statement of income			
Grants from NZRU	\$ 124,410	\$ 124,000	\$ 119,242
Other Grants	\$ 10,000	–	–
Total income	\$134,410	\$124,000	\$119,242
Statement of expenditure			
Regional Operating Grants	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$85,480
Professional Services	\$10,000	–	–
Operational Overheads (Travel & Accommodation)	\$24,652	\$24,000	\$24,586
General Expenses	\$18,576	\$19,000	\$7,098
Match Tickets	\$1,183	\$1,000	\$2,078
Total expenditure	\$134,410	\$124,000	\$119,242
Statement of net income			
Net income	–	–	–



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