

# 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

& Statement of Accounts



**WELLINGTON  
RUGBY FOOTBALL  
UNION Inc.**



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# Wellington Rugby Football Union (INC.)

## OFFICE BEARERS 2010

**President:** Mr D. Linkhorn

**Vice Presidents:** Messrs J. Wootton, R. Ambler, W. Guppy, J Smyth.

**Immediate Past President:** Mr R.M. Barlow

**Life Members:** G.W.J. Atkin (1991), D.D. Bond (1997), W.H. Cunliffe (1991), B.T.Frederikson (2005), A.P. (Bill) Freeman (2005), L.J. Hall (1994), M.C. Henderson (2005), A.R. Leslie (2008), J. Oldershaw (1993), E.J. Tonks (1991), Dr W.J. Treadwell (1998), G.C. Williams (2008).

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A.M. Duffin (Chairman), G.K. Poole (Deputy Chairman), P.D. Collins, M. Copeland, R. Gray\*, P. Scott, K.W. Smiler, B.S. Yeoman\*, K. Laban\*\*, K. Pulley\*\*

\* Retired during year

\*\* Appointed during year

## RUGBY BOARD

P. Scott (Chairman), B.S. Yeoman (Deputy Chairman, Petone) (replaced by M. Blandford, April 2010), K.R. Pulley (Appointed Deputy Chairman, April 2010, Tawa), G.R. Gosper (Avalon), J. Sumner (College Old Boys-Victoria University), R. Plimmer (Eastbourne), G. Coley (Hutt Old Boys Marist) (replaced by P. McGuinness, July 2010), M.J. Usmar (Johnsonville), A. Woods (Marist St. Pat's), R. Wood (Northern United), G. Waugh (Oriental-Rongotai), L. Hedges (Paremata-Plimmerton), J. Davies (Poneke), G. Heenan (Rimutaka), K. Eastwood (Stokes Valley), E. Wall (Upper Hutt), P.R. McCoy (Wainuiomata), N.W. Hughes (Wellington), G.W. Stephen (Western Suburbs), M. Leggett (GWPSRU), G. McMillan (JRZE), G. Duffy (WSSRU), M.J. Dillnott (WRRA)

## STAFF

G.R.J. Peters (Chief Executive Officer – resigned November 2010), S. Allen (Marketing Executive), K. Austin (Event Co-ordinator), A.L. Beardmore (Head Strength & Conditioning Coach resigned November 2010), A. Bell (Vodafone Wellington Lions Assistant Coach then Head Coach August 2010), M. Bradshaw (High Performance Schools Strength & Conditioning Coach as at December 2010) K. Bulling (Sponsorship Manager NZI Sevens), W.R. Caccia-Birch (Manager Amateur Rugby), B. G. Couch (Financial Controller), E. Crawford (High Performance Manager), B. Crossley (Club Rugby Administrator), A. Dallas (Ticketing Manager), P. Downes (Academy Strength & Conditioning Coach), L.V. Grace (Manager Events), T. Hakiwai (Commercial Executive), L. A. Hamerton (PA to CEO), R. Henderson (Accountant), A. Ieremia (Academy Coach, resigned at June 2010), J. Joseph (Vodafone Wellington Lions Head Coach – resigned August 2010), D. King (Rugby Development Co-ordinator), C. Lapage (Video Analyst – resigned November 2010), E. Lattey (Academy Physiotherapist as at June 2010, resigned December 2010), R. MacDonald (Taskforce Rugby Development Officer, resigned December 2010) J. McKee (Assistant Accountant), L. Morgan (Sales Executive as at November 2010) D. O'Shaughnessy (Vodafone Wellington Lions Manager), C. Reddin (Suppliership Manager NZI Sevens), S.N. Rossiter-Stead (Commercial Manager), C. Shaw (Vodafone Wellington Lions Physiotherapist), M. Stote-Blandy (Receptionist), W. Strang (Club Liaison Officer), C. Tye (Caretaker, Training Centre), D. Walsh (Referee Education Officer), S.M. Walters (General Manager, NZI Sevens), K. Wanden (Rugby Services Administrator), R. Watt (Vodafone Wellington Lions Assistant Coach as at August 2010), R. Whatarau (Assistant Rugby Development Co-ordinator), D. Wildash (Assistant Academy Strength & Conditioning Coach), B. Williams (Communications Executive as at November 2010).

# Honours and Awards

## REPRESENTATIVE TEAM HEAD COACHES

**Wellington Lions:** A Bell

**Wellington Pride:** D Rapira-Davies

**Development:** D Ross

**U20:** D Larsen

**U20 Dev:** J Furlong

**U18:** C Wells

**U16:** E Va'a

**U16 Dev:** D Pollock

**Men's Sevens:** T Martin

## AUDITORS

Ernst & Young

## HONOURS 2010

**New Zealand:** Hosea Gear, Cory Jane, Alby Mathewson, Ma'a Nonu, Conrad Smith, Neemia Tialata, Victor Vito, Piri Weepu.

**New Zealand Sevens:** Hosea Gear, Taleta Tupuola.

**New Zealand Maori:** Dane Coles, Jacob Ellison, Hosea Gear, Daniel Ramsay, Ruki Tipuna.

**New Zealand Under 20:** Jeff Allen, Kayne Hammington, Charlie Ngatai, Julian Savea, Jason Woodward.

**New Zealand Secondary Schools:** Joe Latta, Ope Peleseuma, TJ Perenara, Matthew Proctor, Tupou Sopoaga.

**Black Ferns:** Rebecca Mahoney.

## TUI AWARDS

**Club Coach Of The Year:** Frank Rees, Northern United Premiers

**Club Team Of The Year:** Northern United Premiers

**Best And Fairest Club Rugby Player:** Mateaki Kafatolu, Petone

**Wellington Rugby Supporters Club Player Of The Year:** Jeremy Thrush

**Al Keown Memorial Cup:** Lima Sopoaga

**Ken Comber Memorial Cup:** Solomona Sakalia

**Most Promising Player Of The Year:** Julian Savea

**Women's Player Of The Year:** Rebecca Mahoney

**The Dominion Post WRFU Club Volunteer Of The Year:** Mike Mitchell, Rimutaka

**Referee Of The Year:** Mike Fraser

**Representative Coach Of The Year:** Chris Wells, Wellington U18

**Representative Team Of The Year:** Wellington U18

**Tui Player Of The Year:** John Schwalger

# Balanced Scoreboard

<b>Game Development – 25%</b>	Target	Actual
<b>Players</b> Increase the number of registered players in: • Junior rugby (0-12) by 2% • Age group 13-20 by 4% • Senior 21+ by 2% • Overall by 3%	6%	4%
<b>Coaches</b> Ensure there are twice as many registered Coaches as there are teams	6%	6%
DRC Programme (Developing Rugby Coaches) • 90% of Clubs and Secondary Schools represented at a minimum of 2 DRC sessions • 80% of secondary schools' 1 <sup>st</sup> XV coaches attend minimum 1 of the 2 sessions conducted • 80% of secondary schools' represented at the junior/entry level coaching session (these sessions are in addition to the RugbySmart and SmallBlacks accreditation/upskilling courses) • Advanced Course completion – 4-5 coaches	4%	4%
<b>Referees</b> Increase the number of active referees by 5%	3%	0%
<b>RWC 2011</b> Minimum 60% of clubs actively involved in planning/preparing for RWC 2011 hosting/upgrade of facilities	2%	2%
<b>Club Scoreboard</b> All clubs to have completed 2010 Scoreboard goals by 31 March, with average target score of 80% achieved	2%	2%
<b>Strategic Planning</b> Implementation of revised Club Strategic Plan for period 2010 – 2012	2%	2%
	<b>25%</b>	<b>20%</b>

<b>Representative (High Performance) – 40%</b>	Target	Actual
The VWL will win the ITM Cup in 2010 If they make a home final (18%) If they make an away final (13%) Vodafone Wellington Lions qualify for 2011 Premiership (10%)	20%	10%
All other Provincial teams meet WRFU minimum standards of proficient management and achieve their agreed performance targets (i.e) Development Team - Win Hurricanes Development Team Competition (2%); (Make final (2%)) 2% Under 20 Team - New U20 Development Programme implemented (3%); Team wins 70% of matches (1%) 3% Under 18 Team - Wins Hurricanes Region U18 Competition (3%) 3%; Team meets newly developed Talent ID and player Development Model outcomes (2%) 2% Under 16 Team - Achieves Talent and ID and Player Development Model outcomes (3%) 3%	14%	13%
There will be no fewer than 20 players from WRFU represented in higher level teams. (All Blacks, NZ Maori, NZU20, NZ Sevens, NZ Schools, NZU17)	2%	2%
75% of the current VW Lions squad have been, or are members of the Wellington Academy	2%	2%
Coach Development Initiatives expanded to include Premier Club coaches, identified 1st XV coaches and representative coaches	1%	1%
Position specific clinics held throughout season for identified areas of weakness in the province. Resources to support the clinics to be developed for coaches to use in clubs and schools	1%	1%
	<b>40%</b>	<b>29%</b>

<b>Competitions – 5%</b>	Target	Actual
Wellington Rugby will run competitions that address health and safety by ensuring minimum standards are adhered to in all club facilities and that those hosting premier fixtures abide by the minimum standards for playing fields.	2%	2%
Wellington Rugby will ensure they manage credible competitions by providing accurate draws and points tables, enforcing all WRFU by-laws and providing referees to 90% of games under their jurisdiction	2%	1%
Wellington Rugby will analyse the number of teams, games and evenness of each competition it operates, then consider the appropriateness of the findings before developing and implementing plans to address any concerns for the following season	1%	1%
	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>

<b>Governance and Financial – 30%</b>	Target	Actual
The operating result for 2010 (excluding income from NZI Sevens, Hurricanes and Test) will match or exceed the budget	17%	0%
WRFU will continue to enhance its expertise and reputation as an event manager by:		
Managing the Hurricanes franchise efficiently and effectively by achieving budget and meeting KPI's	5%	4%
Managing the 2010 NZI Sevens efficiently and effectively and achieving the budget net surplus for the event	5%	5%
Managing the test in 2010 efficiently and effectively to achieve a KPI rating of at least 90%	3%	3%
	<b>30%</b>	<b>12%</b>

**Total 65/100%**

# Chairman's Report

2010 will go down in history as one of the more challenging years in the history of Wellington Rugby, with a number of issues arising both on and off the field. The fact that these were dealt with in as effective manner as could be hoped for, is testament to the hard work of many people involved in the professional and community game right across the Wellington region.

The economic climate continued to be unfavourable for an organisation which relies heavily upon match ticket sales, corporate hospitality and commercial partnerships. The financial results which show a small loss of \$3,279 before depreciation and a final figure of \$322,166 once this is taken into account, were only achieved following significant reductions in expenses across all areas of the business.

There were three major factors which led to revenue failing to meet the budgeted figure, namely:

1. Ticket Sales. The average ticket sales figure for ITM Cup round robin games was 16,485 compared to 22,605 in 2009. This represents a decline of 27%, a figure which was representative of the pattern nationally.
2. Hurricanes Distributions. Another difficult year financially for the Hurricanes had a knock-on effect for Wellington Rugby with only \$11,893 received from the franchise in recruitment and retention funding, against a figure of \$255,000 in 2009.
3. Gaming Revenue. Whilst we receive excellent support from the various trusts that support Wellington amateur rugby for some of our key initiatives, the total amount of gaming revenue received was \$483,688, against a budgeted figure of \$600,000.

Moving forward, 2011 is set to be another difficult year financially for all of New Zealand rugby and will need to be managed well if significant losses are to be avoided. Having said that, Wellington Rugby still remains in a strong position, with net equity of \$5.182 million and current reserves in excess of \$2 million. In addition, all major sponsors have been retained until at least the end of 2011, with new contracts being signed with both Vodafone and Ricoh.

## Strategic Priorities

Our performance against the five strategic priorities for 2010 was as follows:

1. Vodafone Wellington Lions to win the ITM Cup

The Vodafone Wellington Lions lost 57-41 to Canterbury in the semi-final in Christchurch.

2. WRFU to achieve liquid reserves of \$2.5 million by 2011

2010 was another testing year financially and the final loss of \$322,166 would have been considerably higher were it not for

some prudent cost cutting throughout the year. Once again we had to dip into our cash reserves to cover the small trading loss for the year, which was another step backwards in this area and took us further away from achieving our goal. The retention of the rights to host the NZI Sevens for another five-year period was a very important part of our strategy moving forward, and the fact that this was achieved will be vital to our future financial success. Another important piece of financial security was provided by NZCT, which once again agreed to fund our Club Coaching Coordinators Programme in both 2010 and 2011. We are extremely grateful for this and all the trust funding we have received, which helps to pay for a number of our community rugby initiatives.

3. Increase registered junior players by 2%, players aged 13-20 by 4%, players aged 21+ by 2% and overall player numbers by 3%

The previous year's strong showing in junior player numbers was somewhat offset by a 3% drop in 2010 to 4656 players registered. Wellington Rugby is fully committed to addressing this level of participation in Rugby World Cup year. Conversely, a very pleasing outcome resulted with teenage playing numbers increasing by over 8% to 3775 players in the critical 13-20 age bracket. This included strong retention (75%) on 2009 junior players going on to play college rugby in 2010. A small decline occurred in senior playing numbers, with an overall figure of 10,949 players registered in 2010, which was marginally down on 2009 playing numbers.

4. WRFU to have strong healthy clubs with average target score of 80% achieved of club's scoreboard targets

Commitment to the Club Scoreboard process continues, with clubs achieving a very positive result, again exceeding the average target of 80%. This remains important to Wellington Rugby and can only assist clubs with their operational and strategic planning going forward.

## On-Field Performance

The Vodafone Wellington Lions season was disrupted by the departure of Jamie Joseph who took up the position of Head Coach with the Highlanders in August. Jamie was involved with the Lions for eight seasons and made an outstanding contribution during that time. He will always be remembered as the coach who finally brought the Ranfurly Shield back to the Capital in 2008 and we wish him and his family well in Dunedin. Jamie was temporarily replaced by his former assistant Andre Bell who, along with Richard Watt, has been appointed on a permanent basis for 2011 and 2012.

The Lions struggled to hit top gear until near the end of an inconsistent ITM Cup campaign and only sealed their place in the semi-finals with three late bonus point wins. The first half of their campaign saw the young side win unconvincingly at home against Tasman and lose to Counties Manukau, before winning



in Dunedin against Otago in Jamie's last match at the helm. Home wins over Waikato and Northland were followed by a loss away to Manawatu for the first time since 1982 and further defeats to Auckland, Canterbury and Bay of Plenty gave the team a five win-five loss record after 10 weeks and in danger of missing out on a crucial place in the top seven.

However, the players rallied superbly and found their form with big home wins over North Harbour (51-22) and Taranaki (49-13) and away to Southland (27-14), who had just lost the Ranfurly Shield to Canterbury. Wellington and Canterbury entered their semi-final in Christchurch with a near identical points record from the round-robin: the Lions had scored 375 points and conceded 296, whilst Canterbury had scored 372 points and conceded 290. The semi-final was not lacking in entertainment, but in the end the home side prevailed 57-41 in a 10-try thriller. This was Wellington's first ever provincial semi-final defeat in 10 encounters since 1999.

The Vodafone Wellington Lions improved out of sight during the course of the competition and a semi-final place was a deserved reward for their collective efforts. Having said that, the final result once again fell short of the expectations of their supporters and everyone connected with the team is fully aware that only an ITM Cup victory will be good enough for our proud province.

Highlights of the campaign were the successful introduction to ITM Cup rugby of several new players, notably winger Julian Savea, fresh from winning the IRB World U20 Player of the Year accolade, first five-eighth Lima Sopoaga, who was later drafted south to the Highlanders for 2011, and Mana College halfback TJ Perenara, whose inclusion in the starting XV in the semi-final came just a matter of weeks after he captained the New Zealand Schools to a test win over Australia in Dunedin, becoming the first schoolboy to represent the province in living memory.

The season was marred by serious injuries to Michael Hobbs and Serge Lilo who failed to pull on the jersey and Jacob Ellison, Daniel Ramsay, Mark Reddish and Piri Weepu. Also notable was the absence through injury for all but three matches of the season of captain Rodney So'oialo. Lock Jeremy Thrush ended the season wearing the captain's armband and he was one of just three players, alongside fullback Apoua Stewart and flanker Scott Fuglistaller, to play in all 14 ITM Cup matches in 2010. Prop John Schwalger missed just one game and was named the Tui Player of the Year at the end of season awards evening.

In representative rugby, Wellington U18s were voted the Representative Team of the Year. They won the Hurricanes region U18 title with an unbeaten run in their three round-robin games in September and then an emphatic win over their Hawke's Bay counterparts. They scored 158 points, including 23 tries, and conceded just 32 points in their four games.

The Wellington Development Team, under the guidance of Head Coach Dion Ross, enjoyed another successful season, winning

and retaining the Hurricanes Region Development competition with four wins, a loss and a draw in six round-robin games and then a comfortable victory over Taranaki 40-23 in the final.

Northern United Premiers was the outstanding Wellington club rugby team in 2010 and deservedly won the first round Swindale Shield and second round Jubilee Cup titles. In winning the former, Norths piled on 546 points and just two teams, Petone and Ories, failed to stop them from scoring four tries or more in 11 games, and they finished 13 points clear of the rest of the field. Their only loss all season was to Poneke in the Jubilee Cup round-robin, the team they went on to beat emphatically in the final at Westpac Stadium several weeks later.

Making their mark as the competition's entertainers, Norths scored 123 tries and 819 points and averaged over 40 points per game in 2010. Their final season record was: played 20, won 17, drew 2 and lost 1. Two Norths players set Wellington club rugby individual records in 2010 – Buxton Popoalii touched down for a record 23 tries in 19 games, whilst James So'oialo scored a record 282 points.

One negative issue that club rugby faced in 2010 was the impact of bad weather on the availability of grounds. Moving forward, it may be necessary to think outside the square with regards to solutions utilising the excellent all-weather surfaces we have in the region.

The challenge for Wellington Rugby going forward is for our clubs and club supporters to recognise that we are all in this current situation together and we need to shape our competitions to complement each other, rather than to conflict. We also need the entire province to get behind the Vodafone Wellington Lions, particularly in a condensed season which includes so many midweek matches, as every success that our leading representative team enjoys will filter down to benefit our clubs and rugby in Wellington in general.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our former CEO Greg Peters, who left Wellington Rugby in November for an exciting new opportunity at the helm of SANZAR. During Greg's four years with us, he has shown great leadership and helped to navigate the organisation through one of the trickiest times in our history. We wish him and Ange all the very best as they begin their new life in Sydney. Greg's departure has presented us with a number of additional challenges, but the excellent work of the Wellington Rugby staff, led by a vastly experienced management team, has enabled the transition to take place as smoothly as possible. We are delighted to have appointed James Te Puni as our new CEO and look forward to him taking up his position in April.

Tony Duffin  
Chairman



# Rugby Board Report

Another 12 months and the changing face of rugby moves another cog. The Rugby Board has gone about its business with its usual efficiency. The Board has implemented its new strategic plan, revised the amateur player allocation policy, coming to action with regard RWC 2011 strategic initiatives and going through the process of a full competitions review.

Congratulations to Northern United for winning both the Jubilee Cup and Swindale Shield. Fine efforts to Wainuiomata in winning the Hardham Cup. With DB Breweries support and changes implemented at the stadium last year, these finals were, once again held at Westpac Stadium.

Wellington City Council, in May, opened its first full sized artificial pitch in Newtown. This allowed both junior and senior rugby to be played there for the remainder of the season. This we see as a window to the future of winter rugby in Wellington. In light of this we heartily supported WCC in the speeding of their artificial pitch programme.

The CCO scheme has the support of the board of directors and funding through to September 2011. This is to align with the Trust's financial year end and allow clubs more control with reviews of their CCOs. In line with previous strategic plans the CCO scheme's blueprint is to increase the number and quality of coaches and build a bridge from school to club rugby.

The delegates from GWPSRU, JRZE and WSSRU have served the board extremely well. Wellington's youth from the entry point grades through to secondary school leavers, have well structured and organised competitions. Both parents and teachers involved from clubs and schools provide the networks for our game to continue to thrive.

Our club rugby strategic plan has been updated and revised this year. Graham Stephen was instrumental in producing this plan to ensure a co-ordinated and well planned approach for each key identified area of club rugby in Wellington. I believe this reflects the needs of all stakeholders within the amateur game in the region. The purpose of this strategic plan is to ensure that all ideas, concepts and thoughts expressed by a wider range of stakeholders as possible within club rugby are captured for implementation and delivery in the coming period, including how and when that will be achieved.

Wellington referees have done another great job in 2010 with 142 active members. However, due to escalating referee abuse the board is moving to increase penalties and acknowledge this with support of what referees do.

Dave Linkhorn has done a majestic job as President and served the union to his credit. He has had noble support from his vice-presidents John Wootton, Rex Ambler, Joe Smyth, Wayne Guppy and immediate past president Rhys Barlow.

The rugby board has performed admirably in their role of representative rugby, club and youth rugby, regulations and by laws, strategic planning and judiciary. My thanks for your ongoing support and advice.

Will Caccia-Birch as manager of Amateur rugby has driven all our directives and ensured the link between the office and the clubs. My special thanks to you.

Andy Leslie as chair of the Rugby World Cup 2011 legacy strategy working group is creating the opportunity for Wellington's 18 member clubs and affiliated bodies to derive maximum benefit from New Zealand hosting of the RWC 2011, before, during and after the event. This longer term view hopefully will grow membership and promote local community engagement.

Once again thanks to all club volunteers without whom we have no game. All our endeavours are to promote the game of rugby so that clubs thrive and survive.

Peter Scott  
Chairman

# Hurricanes

**Played: 13****Won: 7****Lost: 5****Drawn: 1****Points For: 358****Points Against: 328****Head Coach:** Colin Cooper**Assistant Coach:** Jonathan Phillips**Technical Adviser:** Alama Ieremia**Technical Adviser:** Greg Feek**Operations Manager:** Tony Bedford**Manager:** Tony Ward**Doctor:** Ian Murphy**Physiotherapist:** Stu Paterson**Head Strength & Conditioning Coach:** Andrew Beardmore**Strength & Conditioning Coach:** David Gray**Technical Analyst:** Doug Neilson**Communications Manager:** Sam Rossiter-Stead

## TEAM RECORD

**12 February v Blues:** Won 34-20

Try: Hosea Gear

Conversion: Piri Weepu

Penalties: Willie Ripia (5), Piri Weepu (4)

**20 February v Force:** Won 47-22

Tries: David Smith (2), Cory Jane, Michael Paterson,

Neemia Tialata, Ma'a Nonu, Tyson Keats

Conversions: Willie Ripia, Piri Weepu, Aaron Cruden

Penalties: Willie Ripia (2)

**27 February v Lions:** Won 33-18

Tries: Michael Paterson, Piri Weepu, Andrew Hore, David Smith

Conversions: Willie Ripia, Piri Weepu

Penalties: Willie Ripia (3)

**6 March v Cheetahs:** Lost 12-28

Tries: David Smith, Cory Jane

Conversion: Willie Ripia

**13 March v Stormers:** Lost 13-37

Tries: David Smith, Tyson Keats

Penalty: Willie Ripia

**19 March v Bulls:** Lost 18-19

Tries: Karl Lowe, Jeremy Thrush

Conversion: Willie Ripia

Penalties: Willie Ripia (2)

**27 March v Sharks:** Lost 26-29

Tries: Ma'a Nonu, Victor Vito

Conversions: Piri Weepu (2)

Penalties: Willie Ripia (2), Piri Weepu (2)

**2 April v Crusaders:** Drawn 26-26

Tries: Ma'a Nonu, Jeremy Thrush

Conversions: Willie Ripia (2)

Penalties: Piri Weepu (4)

**16 April v Brumbies:** Won 23-13

Tries: Conrad Smith, Victor Vito

Conversions: Aaron Cruden (2)

Penalties: Aaron Cruden (3)

**24 April v Highlanders:** Won 33-31

Tries: Karl Lowe, Michael Paterson, Tyson Keats, Aaron Cruden,

Ma'a Nonu

Conversions: Aaron Cruden (4)

**1 May v Chiefs:** Won 33-27

Tries: Ma'a Nonu (2), Cory Jane, Neemia Tialata

Conversions: Aaron Cruden, Piri Weepu

Penalties: Aaron Cruden (2), Piri Weepu

## HURRICANES PLAYER APPEARANCES

	2010 Caps	Total Caps
James Broadhurst	2	2
Dane Coles	9	18
Nick Crosswell	9	9
Aaron Cruden	13	13
Jason Eaton	2	49
Jacob Ellison	11	30
Tamati Ellison	11	53
Bryn Evans	13	24
Hosea Gear	7	58
Andrew Hore	13	91
Cory Jane	12	47
Jason Kawau	4	13
Tyson Keats	10	10
Alapati Leiua	3	3
Karl Lowe	12	23
Ma'a Nonu	13	98
Michael Paterson	13	13
Anthony Perenise	2	10
Willie Ripia	8	29
John Schwalger	13	61
Conrad Smith	11	59
David Smith	11	36
Rodney So'oialo	12	101
Andre Taylor	5	5
Jeremy Thrush	10	37
Neemia Tialata	13	86
Victor Vito	10	19
Scott Waldrom	8	30
Piri Weepu	12	79



**Back Row:** Tyson Keats; Karl Lowe; Willie Ripia; David Smith; Aaron Cruden; Andre Taylor; Anthony Perenise; Alapati Leiua

**Third Row:** Kev McQuoid (Head Physiotherapist); Ian Murphy (Team Doctor); Cory Jane; Scott Waldrom; Jason Kawau; Api Naikatini; Victor Vito; Jacob Ellison; Dane Coles; Cam Shaw (Physiotherapist)

**Second Row:** Tony Ward (Team Manager); David Gray (Strength & Conditioning Coach); Doug Neilson (Technical Analyst); Nick Crosswell; Jeremy Thrush; James Broadhurst; Jason Eaton; Bryn Evans; Michael Paterson; Andrew Beardmore (Head Strength & Conditioning Coach); Ian Kirkpatrick (Hurricanes Ambassador)

**Front Row:** Alama Ieremia (Technical Advisor); Tamati Ellison; Conrad Smith; John Schwalger; Jono Phillips (Assistant Coach); Piri Weepu; Andrew Hore (Captain); Rodney So'oialo; Colin Cooper (Head Coach); Hosea Gear; Neemia Tialata; Ma'a Nonu.

**7 May v Reds:** Won 44-21

Tries: Hosea Gear (3), Cory Jane, Tamati Ellison, David Smith

Conversions: Piri Weepu (4)

Penalties: Piri Weepu (2)

**14 May v Waratahs:** Lost 16-32

Try: David Smith

Conversion: Piri Weepu

Penalties: Piri Weepu (3)

**2010 Hurricanes Manager's Report**

There was no fairytale finish to mark Colin Cooper's eighth and final year at the reins, as the Hurricanes slipped from strong play-off contenders to finish a disappointing eighth in the 2010 Rebel Sport Super 14. An inconsistent season saw the team win the first three games, then lose the next four – all to South

African opposition – before mounting a powerful comeback with four consecutive wins until finally dipping out in our last game in Sydney, where a win would have put us into the semi-finals.

At the start of the season we welcomed back the majority of the players who took the side to the semi-finals in 2009 and had a total of 13 All Blacks within our ranks alongside seven new players, including Canterbury trio Tyson Keats, Michael Paterson and James Broadhurst. Another new player was Aaron Cruden who was the 2009 IRB U20 Player of the Year, whilst Andrew Hore took over the captaincy from Rodney So'oialo. 2010 was also a landmark year for certain members of the squad, with So'oialo becoming the second Hurricanes player to reach 100 games for the franchise and Conrad Smith, John Schwalger and Tamati Ellison each reaching the milestone of 50 games. The end of the season also saw the departure of Ellison and Jason Kawau who will continue their playing careers in Japan and Michael Paterson who signed with the Cardiff Blues.

We played our first pre-season match at a venue no Super Rugby team had ever played at before – Mangatainoka. With temporary stands erected around a farmer's paddock, this match against the Blues formed a vital part of our community engagement programme and attracted a crowd of nearly 10,000 people. Although the Blues pipped us at the end, the players were buoyed by the tremendous support shown to them from such a passionate community. We completed our pre-season with wins over the Brumbies at Porirua and Chiefs at Rotorua.

Results-wise, we achieved the start that had been planned and hoped for with three straight wins over the Blues, Force and Lions, although losing lock Jason Eaton for the season and wing Hosea Gear for six weeks, both with knee injuries, during these matches, provided our first major setbacks of the year. The win against the Blues was especially satisfying as the team came from behind and scored 22 unanswered points in the second half, which was a prelude for matches to come later in the season. The 47-22 victory over the Force in our first home game at Wellington was to be our biggest win, and we backed that up with a 33-18 win over the Lions the following week.

This terrific start then came unstuck on our three-match tour of South Africa against the Cheetahs, the Stormers and the Bulls. There were a number of injury problems prior to our departure for South Africa, notably in the backs and we travelled to the Republic with just 25 players, of which only 10 were backs,, including Alapati Leiua from the Wider Training Group and Brett Mather from the Highlanders' Wider Training Group.

Returning to New Zealand in eighth place on the competition ladder, our next two games at home at Westpac Stadium were both heartbreaking results. In the match against the Sharks we conceded a penalty right at the end, which gave the visitors a 29-26 win and in the second the Crusaders scored a try in the 85th minute to tie the game up at 26-26, after the team had defended superbly.

The draw against the Crusaders extended the team's winless streak to five games as we headed to the bye round before travelling to Canberra. The match against the Brumbies was a classic game of two halves, with us having two players sent to the sinbin in the first half and the home team dominating territory and possession, but only leading 5-3 at halftime. Finally, in Colin Cooper's 100th game in charge, the players turned the match and the season around in the second half and eventually won 23-13.

By this stage it was clear that we needed to win our last four games with bonus points to reach the play-offs. We headed to Dunedin to play the Highlanders in a frenetic game, much of the scoring was made in the first half and the Hurricanes led 26-24 before Ma'a Nonu scored 10 minutes from full-time to grab a five-point win.

We picked-up the bonus points we needed in the final two home games against the Chiefs and the Reds. Nonu scored two tries in the 33-27 win over the Chiefs, including a late try on the shoulder of Hosea Gear to secure the lead. Then, with memories of the last-minute defeat to the Sharks still fresh in the mind, the Chiefs lined up a late penalty that could have won them the game. This time it was not to be and Neemia Tialata calmed the nerves with a late try which completed a vital bonus point win.

Success over the Chiefs galvanised the team ahead of the last two matches against Australian opposition, the Reds and the Waratahs. So'oialo played his 100th game in the first of these, although a late injury blow at training saw his in-form loose forward partner Victor Vito ruled out for the rest of the campaign. Heading into this match the fourth-placed Reds (34 points) and seventh-placed Hurricanes (32) were part of a group of five teams sitting from third to seventh on the points table and separated by just two points as the race to the semi-finals went down to the wire. Once again there was a deficit to overcome as the Reds stormed into a 21-8 lead. That early setback prompted a run of 36 unanswered points for a final scoreline of 44-21. Gear scored his first Super Rugby hat trick in the six tries to three win that set up the final round encounter in Sydney against the Waratahs a virtual quarter-final.

But it wasn't to be as the Waratahs exploited gaps in the defence with a series of kicks and grubbers that led to tries, while we also lost inspirational captain Andrew Hore after just 20 minutes with a dislocated shoulder.

Statistically, the records showed that at the end of the season the team had won seven, lost five and drawn one of the 13 matches. Winger David Smith was the leading try scorer with seven touchdowns and halfback Piri Weepu the leading points scorer with 75. Four players – hooker Hore, prop Tialata, lock/flanker Paterson and second five-eighth Nonu – started in every match 2010, while prop John Schwalger, featured in every game.

At the end of season function, Cory Jane was voted Players' Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year was Aaron Cruden and Tyson Keats picked up the Team Man of the Year Award.

From a management perspective, Colin Cooper departed having been at the helm for eight seasons and guided the team to the play-offs in 2003, 2005, 2006 (final), 2008 and 2009. His 104 games in charge yielded 60 wins, 41 defeats and three draws and he went on to resume his coaching career at Taranaki in the ITM Cup. The season also brought an end to the Hurricanes career of Operations Manager and former Team Manager Tony Bedford, a foundation member of the Hurricanes Management and 15-time South African tourist as he also moved back to his home province of Taranaki.

Tony Ward  
Hurricanes Team Manager

# Vodafone Wellington Lions

**Played: 14****Won: 8****Lost: 6****Points For: 416****Points Against: 353**

	Club	2010 Caps	Total Caps
Scott Fuglistaller	Western Suburbs	14	40
Alapati Leiua	Northern United	14	27
Apoua Stewart	Marist St Pats	14	22
Jeremy Thrush	Hutt Old Boys Marist	14	55
Dane Coles	Poneke	13	47
Charlie Ngatai	Poneke	13	19
Ged Robinson	Marist St Pats	13	37
John Schwalger	Northern United	13	71
Fa'atonu Fili	Marist St Pats	12	35
Faifili Levave	Northern United	12	29
Api Naikatani	Northern United	12	46
Julian Savea	Oriental Rongotai	12	12
Shaun Treeby	Tawa	12	24
Neemia Tialata	Petone	11	65
Dean Brunsdon	Northern United	9	9
Alby Mathewson	Upper Hutt	9	56
Lima Sopoaga	Old Boys-University	9	9
Tajhon Mailata	Marist St Pats	8	8
Hosea Gear	Hutt Old Boys Marist	7	55
Brad Shields	Petone	7	7
Reggie Goodes	Poneke	6	6
Ruki Tipuna	Poneke	6	6
Victor Vito	Marist St Pats	6	38
Nick Passi	Marist St Pats	5	6
Buxton Popoalii	Northern United	5	19
Mark Reddish	Oriental Rongotai	5	17
Jacob Ellison	Northern United	4	36
Daniel Ramsay	Poneke`	4	19
Rodney So'oialo	Western Suburbs	3	64
David Te Moana	Hutt Old Boys Marist	3	3
Hayden Cripps	Petone	2	2
T J Ioane	Old Boys University	2	2
T J Perenara	Northern United	2	2
Piri Weepu	Wainuiomata	2	54
Jared Kahu	Petone	1	1
Motu Matu'u	Oriental Rongotai	1	3
Ma'a Nonu	Oriental Rongotai	1	61

**Head Coach:** Jamie Joseph (until RD3) and then replaced by Andre Bell

**Assistant Coach:** Andre Bell (until RD3) and then replaced by Richard Watt

**Team Manager:** Dean O'Shaughnessy

**Doctors** (shared role): Ian Murphy & Kevin Bell

**Physiotherapist:** Cameron Shaw

**Technical Analyst:** Chris Lapage

**Masseur:** Paul Minehan (part time)

**Scrum Coach:** Graham Purvis (part time)

**Media:** Sam Rossiter-Stead

**Professional Development Manager:** Steve Symonds

## TEAM RECORD

**1 August v Tasman (NC):** Won 20-11

Tries: DS Coles, JI Thrush, J Savea

Conversions: FP Fili. Penalties: FP Fili

**8 August v Counties Manukau (NC):** Lost 25-31

Tries: HE Gear, S Treeby, CJ Ngatai

Conversions: FP Fili. Penalties: FP Fili (2)

**14 August v Otago (NC):** Won 35-22

Tries: J Savea (2), JI Thrush, AS Mathewson

Conversions: FP Fili (3). Penalties: FP Fili (3)

**21 August v Waikato (NC):** Won 26-14

Tries: J Savea, DM Ramsay, DS Coles

Conversions: FP Fili. Penalties: FP Fili (2)

Drop Goals: FP Fili

**28 August v Northland (NC):** Won 31-28

Tries: VVJ Vito (2), S Treeby, J Savea, JE Schwalger

Conversions: FP Fili (3)

**4 September v Manawatu (NC):** Lost 24-36

Tries: T Mailata (2), A Leiua, J Savea

Conversions: FP Fili (2)

**11 September v Auckland (NC):** Lost 15-21

Penalties: L Sopoaga (5)

**18 September v Hawke's Bay (NC):** Won 17-13

Tries: HE Gear, T Mailata, L Sopoaga

Conversions: L Sopoaga



**25 September Canterbury (NC):** Lost 30-37

Tries: HE Gear (2), FJ Levea, AS Mathewson

Conversions: L Sopoaga (2)

Penalties: L Sopoaga (2)

**30 September Bay of Plenty (NC):** Lost 24-31

Tries: DS Coles, AS Mathewson

Conversions: L Sopoaga

Penalties: L Sopoaga (4)

**10 October North Harbour (NC):** Won 52-23

Tries: A Leiua (2), JE Schwalger, J Savea

AS Mathewson, SA Fuglistaller, JI Thrush

Conversions: PAT Weepu (4)

Penalties: PAT Weepu (3)

**16 October Taranaki (NC):** Won 49-15

Tries: A Leiua, A Stewart, AS Mathewson

T Mailata, SA Fuglistaller, MA Nonu, CJ Ngatai

Conversions: L Sopoaga (3), PAT Weepu

Penalties: PAT Weepu, L Sopoaga

**23 October Southland (NC):** Won 27-14

Tries: T Mailata, A Leiua, GP Robinson

Conversions: L Sopoaga (3)

Penalties: L Sopoaga (2)

**29 October Canterbury (NCSF):** Lost 41-57

Tries: J Savea, A Stewart, VVJ Vito, TJ Perenara

Conversions: L Sopoaga (3)

Penalties: L Sopoaga (5)



**Back Row:** Buxton Popoalii; Ruki Tipuna; Charlie Ngatai; Alapati Leiua; Dean Brunsdon; Ged Robinson; Hayden Cripps; Shaun Treeby; Lima Sopoaga

**Third Row:** Adrian Barone; Tajhon Mailata; Scott Fuglistaller; David Te Moana; Julian Savea; Apoua Stewart; Reg Goodes; Motu Matu'u; Fa'atonu Fili; TJ Ioane

**Second Row:** Paul Minehan (Masseur); Kevin Bell (Team Doctor); Andrew Beardmore (Head Strength and Conditioning Coach); Brad Shields; Mark Reddish; Daniel Ramsay; Nick Passi; Faifili Levea; Victor Vito; Chris Lapage (Technical Analyst); Cam Shaw (Physiotherapist); Ian Murphy (Team Doctor)

**Front Row:** Sam Rossiter-Stead (Communications Manager); Dave Linkhorn (President); Dane Coles; John Schwalger; Richard Watt (Assistant Coach); Jeremy Thrush; Rodney So'oialo (Captain); Neemia Tialata; Andre Bell (Head Coach); Serge Lilo; Jacob Ellison; Api Naikatini; Dean O'Shaughnessy (Team Manager)

**Absent:** Hosea Gear; Michael Hobbs; Cory Jane; Alby Mathewson; Ma'a Nonu; Conrad Smith; Piri Weepu

## TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT

The 2010 management team saw the introduction of a new Physiotherapist – Cameron Shaw and a shared doctor's role with Ian Murphy and Kevin Bell to fulfill vacancies.

With the departure of Vodafone Wellington Lions Head Coach Jamie Joseph to the Highlanders Head Coach role after the round three match versus Otago, Andre Bell was promoted from assistant coach to the vacant role with Poneke Rugby Premier Coach Richard Watt's appointment to the Assistant Coach role. No in-season transition of roles in coaching staff is ideal and it is a tribute to the remaining management team members and players attitude that this went as smooth as possible.

### Planning & Communication

As was established two years ago in 2008 regular communication with the various Wellington rugby clubs was conducted by the Lions Coaches and Manager during the club rugby season. This was achieved again via the club coaches' seminar and email circulars regarding the Lions pre season programme and club players' finals availability. This was no more evident than during the 2010 preseason where all Lions squad players were available to clubs for their all important club finals.

The communication between other WRFU representative coaches notably the Development Team was conducted by Richard Watt personally and regularly to Coach Dion Ross. Evan Crawford as High Performance Manager was the conduit between the Lions coaches and other rep teams. This communication continued to be very good and in the best interests of the individual players throughout the representative season.

Planning was also completed in relation to the Lions pre season and in season campaign logistics of travel, meals, accommodation, outfitting and liaising with the various provincial unions hosting Lions away matches.

## THE SEASON

### Pre-season

A pre season training squad of 40 players (including All Blacks) was named at the beginning of July to train and prepare for the pre season matches.

The players assembled with the training squad on various dates due to New Zealand national team commitments and Super 14 annual leave entitlements. A short two night, three day pre season camp was held in Masterton culminating in the pre season matches versus Manawatu at Porirua Park (lost 21-35) and Canterbury at Christchurch (won 25-19).

32 players (excluding All Blacks) were named to attend the pre season camp and provided for the first time all assembled

players to train together 19 days out from the first ITM Cup match against Tasman. During this time in camp various rugby sessions and off-field sessions were held by management and the players to establish agreed team behaviours and buy-in as well as setting out the framework for developing a team culture for the 2010 Lions campaign. Ken Laban acted as a facilitator for the well received team session around developing a team culture.

At the official Lions launch function held at the showroom of one of our family of six sponsors, Capital City Ford, an official squad of 34 players (including All Blacks, Jane, Nonu, Smith, Vito and Weepu) were named for the campaign to be led by the Lion's 61 game veteran Rodney So'oialo as captain.

### In Season

For the second successive year the 2010 ITM Cup competition format saw a full round robin of matches over 13 weeks with semis and a grand final played over a 15 week duration. The competition draw saw the Lions at home for four matches out of the first five weeks of the competition which was important to earn valuable early season points. This was followed by difficult away matches against Auckland and Canterbury as well as a below par performance versus Manawatu in Palmerston North. Following a further loss at home to BOP were the Lions positioned outside the top seven but only by three competition points in a very tightly congested points table. To the final three round robin matches against North Harbour, Taranaki and Southland the Vodafone Wellington Lions secured 14 out of the maximum of 15 competition points available qualified in fourth position for the semi-finals. A lot can be said about the character of a team by the way it rebounds and gets itself back up on the wagon and this was nothing truer and evident than the resounding away win versus North Harbour. The most complete team performance was exhibited in the penultimate round robin match at home versus Taranaki who were at that stage above the Lions on the points table. The Lions finished the round robin with 42 points. This included ten bonus points (6 for scoring four or more tries in a match). With the valuable bonus points this gained an all important semi-final albeit away in Christchurch. Other statistics from the round robin were:

Highest Union for tries scored (48)

Highest Union for points scored with 375

Highest Union with bonus points accumulated (10)

Scott Fuglistaller 1st equal in competition for tackles made (208)

Jeremy Thrush highest numbers of cleanouts (213)

As 4th top qualifier the Lions earned an away semifinal match versus Canterbury (lost 41 – 57). The loss suffered in the semi final, once again to the same opposition was extremely



disappointing for one and all. The management along with the team and organization truly believed (without being over confident and arrogant) that the Lions would win the semi-final.

The 2010 Lions campaign saw 37 players take the field with 12 making their Lions ITM Cup debuts. Three blazers were presented during the season to Apoua Stewart, Charlie Ngatai & Julian Savea after playing 12 matches for the Lions. There were no red cards issued towards any Lions player during the season and only one citing towards a player which was dismissed with a letter of caution rather than going to a NZRU judicial hearing.

50+ games for the Lions during the season was achieved by Alby Mathewson, Hosea Gear, and Jeremy Thrush.

The full list of Wellington All Blacks that were selected in 2010 were:

Cory Jane, Conrad Smith, Ma'a Nonu, Piri Weepu, Victor Vito, Alby Mathewson, Hosea Gear and Neemia Tialata (replacement player)

A total of 21 Lions players have been named in the 2011 Rugby Super 15 squads throughout the country (18 Hurricanes, 3 Highlanders).

### **Training Facility**

Once again the training facilities provided for the Lions campaign were regarded as the best in the country. The two fields were fully utilised and this was highlighted during the year in the All Blacks preparing for their Wellington test match as well as the Kiwis Rugby League side also preparing at the facility. The co-operative working relationship with Wellington City Council grounds staff ensured the excellent condition of the field during the winter was maintained. Other WRFU users of the facility during the campaign included the High Performance Unit, various age grade representative teams, and the Academy which was always encouraged.

### **External Relationships**

The Lions continued their excellent relationship with the Westpac Stadium management and staff as their home ground and fortress for matches and Captains runs. Nothing was ever a problem and all stadium staff including grounds staff were always available to assist whenever requested.

Dean O'Shaughnessy  
Vodafone Wellington Lions Team Manager

# Wellington Pride

**Played: 4****Won: 1****Lost: 3****Drawn: 0****Points For: 74****Points Against: 61****Head Coach:** Damian Rapira-Davies**Assistant Coach:** Terry Fraser**Assistant Coach:** Ben Perenise**Assistant Coach:** Phillippe Rayasi**Manager:** Rebecca Liua'ana**Assistant Manager:** Emma Savisi**Physio:** Darragh Curley

## WELLINGTON PRIDE PLAYER APPEARANCES 2010

Muteremoana Aiatu	Northern United	3
Shakira Baker	Eketahuna	4
Jessica Bennett	Eketahuna	3
Georgia Cameron	Marist St Pats	1
Mary-Ann Collins	Petone	3
Helen Collins	Northern United	2
Brenda Collins	Northern United	2
Agnes Dean	Northern United	2
Sharlene Fagalilo	Old Boys University	2
Laura Gavin	Eketahuna	4
Kelly Hunt	Eketahuna	1
Manu Karehana	Stokes Valley	4
Mary-Anne Leota	Marist St Pats	4
Sanita Levave	Northern United	4
Caroline Martin	Wainuiomata	4
Jamie McIntosh	Northern United	4
Ponisia Paasi	Wainuiomata	4
Jackie Patea	Petone	4
Vaelagi Paulo	Petone	3
Miriam Ready	Wainuiomata	3
Claire Rowat	Old Boys University	3
Patsy Schwalger	Northern United	3
Sia Seumanufagai	Northern United	3
Saua Ualesi	Marist St Pats	1
Ditte Van Vliet	Eketahuna	4
Geneva Webber	Stokes Valley	3
Gina Williamson	Old Boys University	4

## TEAM RECORD

**14 August v Hawke's Bay:** Lost 5-8

Try: J McIntosh.

**21 August v Wellington Barbarians:** Won 33-0

Tries: G Webber, Sia Seumanufagai, L Gavin, J McIntosh, S Baker. Conversions: M Collins (3), J Bennett.

**28 August v Manawatu:** Lost 33-20

Tries: B Collins, P Paasi, J McIntosh, C Rowat.

**11 September v Auckland:** Lost 16-20

Tries: S Baker, G Webber. Penalties: M Collins (2).

# Wellington Development

**Played: 8****Won: 6****Lost: 1****Drawn: 1****Points For: 300****Points Against: 141****Head Coach:** Dion Ross**Assistant Coach:** John Duignan**Manager:** Bryce Tietjens**Physio:** Hamish Johnson and Cam Walsh**Trainer:** Mike Kenworthy**18 September v Manawatu:** Lost 15-3  
Penalty: J So'oialo.**25 September v Taranaki:** Drew 20-20  
Tries: J So'oialo, L Tupuola. Conversions: J So'oialo (2).  
Penalties: J So'oialo (2).**2 October v Hawke's Bay:** Won 38-15  
Tries: L Tupuola (2), S Eru, M Leuluniu, D Palu.  
Conversions: J So'oialo (2). Penalties: J So'oialo (3).**9 October v Manawatu:** Won 51-22  
Tries: J Wright, W Moala, M Schmidt-Lealava'a, S Eru, F Fili,  
M Motu'u, T Ioane, T Mamea. Conversions: F Fili (2),  
J So'oialo (2). Penalty: F Fili.**16 October v Taranaki:** (Final) Won 40-23  
Tries: T Mamea (2), L Tupuola (2), S Treeby.  
Conversions: F Fili (2), J So'oialo. Penalties: F Fili (3).**TEAM RECORD****28 August v Wellington Samoan:** Won 43-20  
Tries: T Mailata, B Piggot, J So'oialo, B Popoalii, J Kahu,  
J Woodward. Conversions: H Cripps (4), J Kahu.  
Penalty: H Cripps.**4 September v Taranaki:** Won 32-10  
Tries: J So'oialo (2), M Leuluniu, M Moananu, C Mawson.  
Conversions: J So'oialo (2). Penalty: H Cripps.**11 September v Hawke's Bay:** Won 73-16  
Tries: J So'oialo (3), W Moala (2), G Taufale, B Popoalii,  
M Leuluniu, E Paea, J Kahu, S Eru. Conversions: J So'oialo (3),  
J Kahu (3). Penalties: H Cripps (2).**Squad:** TJ Ioane, Andrew McWhirter, Simon Malauleu, Polonga Pedro, Leka Tupuola, Jeff Allen, Taj Mailata, Nick Passi, Aiden Cains, James So'oialo, Sean Hay, Donal McNamara, Jared Kahu, Michael Lealava'a, Willie Moala, Masefau Leuluniu, Misipalauni Moananu, Jason Woodward, Shahn Eru, Tau Mamea, Ahtun Masum, Galu Taufale

# Wellington Under 20

**Played: 10****Won: 4****Lost: 6****Points For: 316****Points Against: 302****Head Coach:** Darren Larsen**Assistant Coach:** Ray MacDonald**Manager:** Jim McLaughlan**Physio:** Emma Lattey**Trainer:** Paul Downes and Mark Bradshaw**22 September v Otago:** Lost 27-41Tries: N Goodes, K Hammington, P Silafau-Lea'ana, C Lloyd.  
Conversions: S Hall (2). Penalty: J Proctor.**25 September v Hawke's Bay:** Lost 19-27Try: P Silafau-Lea'ana. Conversion: J Proctor.  
Penalties: J Proctor (3). Drop Goal: J Proctor.**2 October v Hawke's Bay (Final):** Lost 31-44Tries: A Ritchie (2), N Goodes. Conversion: J Proctor.  
Penalties: J Proctor (3).**9 October v Waikato:** Lost 18-34

Tries: P Silafau-Lea'ana (2), P Lalaga. Penalty: D Parsons.

**13 October v Auckland:** Lost 12-58**16 October v Canterbury:** Lost 5-28

Try: C Lloyd.

**TEAM RECORD****28 August v HOBM Academy:** Won 53-0**4 September v Wellington Samoan:** Won 44-31**11 September v Taranaki:** Won 53-22Tries: B Shields (2), V Delaicutata (2), S Hall, C Craig, A Ritchie.  
Conversions: J Proctor (6). Penalties: J Proctor (2).**18 September v Manawatu:** Won 54-17Tries: V Delaicutata (2), P Silafau-Lea'ana, A Va'alepu, A Ritchie,  
I Mamea, G Lealofi, N Goodes. Conversions: J Proctor (4).  
Penalties: J Proctor (2)

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**Squad:** Vili Delaicutata, Para Lea'ana, Elisala Soloa, Liu Taituave, Ben Nansett, Cameron Craig, Parekura Lalaga, AJ Vaalepu, Caleb Mawson, Solomon Sakalia, Sam Hall, Alex Ritchie, George Amosa, James Proctor, Jarrod Henry, Michael Kainga, Brad Shields, Belgium Tuatagaloa, Reg Goodes, Presley Tufuga, James Wall, Kayne Hammington, Charlie Lloyd, Benjamin Kleinjan, Greg Lealofi, Isaiah Mamea

# Wellington Under 20 Development

**Played: 3****Won: 3****Lost: 0****Points For: 174****Points Against: 78****Head Coach:** John Furlong**Assistant Coach:** Ian Tulloch**Manager:** Dan Keith**Physio:** Rodney Ford**TEAM RECORD****4 September v Horowhenua-Kapiti:** Won 83-10

Tries: J Shaw (3), D McKeefry (2), D Carney, J Johnson, P Tuia, A Kapeli, C Vailolo, G Walters, M Bryant, H Mullen.

Conversions: G Walters (4), D Parsons (3), J Johnson (2).

**11 September v HOBM Academy:** Won 48-27

Tries: H Mullens (2), C Vailolo, J Venvey, J Shaw, M Bryant, D McKeefry, M Ioane. Conversions: D Parsons (4).

**18 September v Wellington Samoan:** Won 43-41

Tries: M Ioane (2), D Carney, J Venvey, G Walters, D McKeefry, J Gotz. Conversions: G Walters (3), D Parsons.

**Squad:** John Braddock, Tolu Fahamokoio, Daley Ena, Jason Matehe, Ano Kapeli, Ethan Robinson-Mate, Matthew Bryant, Chris Vailalo, Marcus Fotherby, Gavin Levave, Jamie Gotz, Daniel Hardie, Dion Carney, Sam Tui, Jaco Verwey, Dallas Broderson, Dudley Parsons, Hemi Mullin, James Shaw, Ti Pairama -Lewington, Paul Tuia, Rory Hofmans, Jessie Johnson, Mitchell Browne, Glen Walters, Tele'a Fa'atau



# Wellington Under 18

**Played: 4**
**Won: 4**
**Lost: 0**
**Points For: 158**
**Points Against: 32**
**Head Coach:** Chris Wells

**Assistant Coach:** Frank Rees

**Manager:** Michael Taylor

**Physio:** Kylie Milne

**Trainer:** Dave Wildash and Mark Bradshaw

## TEAM RECORD

**11 September v Manawatu:** Won 54-0

Tries: G Tilsley (2), A Curtis, A Wells, A Savea, D Hytongue, M loapo, T Tamakaha. Conversions: A Wells (6), T Tamakaha.

**18 September v Taranaki:** Won 43-9

Tries: G Tilsley (2), T Alosio, A Curtis, A Silago, C Lloyd, A Wells. Conversions: A Wells (4).

**25 September v Hawke's Bay:** Won 22-15

Tries: G Tilsley (2), T Hepetema. Conversions: A Wells, G Tilsley. Penalty: A Wells.

**2 October v Hawke's Bay (Final):** Won 39-8

Tries: G Tilsley (2), A Wells (2), T Alosio. Conversions: A Wells (4). Penalties: A Wells (2).



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**Squad:** Ambrose Curtis, Andrew Wells, Ardie Savea, Aviata Silago, Carne Green, Christian Lloyd, Clinton Dysart, Daniel Hytongue, Donald Brighthouse, Eric Sione, George Tilsley, Hugh Graham, Jacob Rikihana, James Coburn, James DeReel, Joe Latta, Josh Nicho, Luca Ironside, Matt Proctor, Michael Loapo, Ope Peleseuma, Petaia Tia'i, Philip Finau, TJ Perenara, Terence Hepetema, Tom Aspin, Tomasi Alosio, Tuipulotu Nuku, Tupou Sopoaga, Tyson Tamakaha

# Wellington Under 16

**Played: 3**

**Won: 2**

**Lost: 1**

**Points For: 126**

**Points Against: 66**

**Head Coach:** Earl Va'a

**Assistant Coach:** Rick Whatarau

**Manager:** Dean Simpson

**Physio:** Darragh Curley

## TEAM RECORD

**27 September v Hawke's Bay:** Lost 26-29

Tries: T Tuimavave (2), T Tane, L Moemai.

Conversions: J Garden-Bachop (3).

**28 September v Taranaki:** Won 34-20

Tries: E Aiono, F Siinei, L Moemai, J Duffy, J Prescott.

Conversions: T Tuimavave (3). Penalty: T Tuimavave.

**30 September v Manawatu:** Won 66-17

Tries: T Tuimavave (4), E Aiono (2), F Siinei, L Moemai,

J Garden-Bachop, K Taula. Conversions: T Tuimavave (8).



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**Squad:** Joel Duffy, LA Moemai, Ivan Vaisagote, Feta Luamanu, Jacob Taituave-Esau, Jackson Garden-Bachop, James Kora, Raymond Lesoa, Tyler Tane, John Tufele, Edward Aiono, Vincent Sosefo, Luke Donaldson, Ioritana Tau, Tauasosi Tuimavave, Falelima Siinei, James Blackwell, Luke Campbell, James Prescott, Vincent Sakaria, Etimani Selui, Ezekiel Sopoaga, Luke Taulupe, Keynan Taula



# Under 16 Development

**Played: 3****Won: 2****Lost: 1****Points For: 76****Points Against: 39****Head Coach:** David Pollock**Assistant Coach:** Justin Gray**Manager:** Michael Ironside**Physio:** Darragh Curley**TEAM RECORD**

**27 September v Horowhenua-Kapiti:** Won 54-10  
Tries: E Palemene (4), A Tuitama (2), J Farrer, D Foese, C Ladbroke. Conversions: P Turia (3). Penalty: P Turia.

**28 September v Wairarapa-Bush:** Won 13-10  
Tries: N Hauwaho, E Palemene. Penalty: P Turia.

**30 September v Poverty Bay:** Lost 9-19  
Penalties: M Purvis (2), P Turia.



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**Squad:** Anthony Lemalu, Tupou Sanerivi, Phil Peni, Elijah Williams-Stewart, Aidan Woodward, Henry Grey, Jason Farrer, Henry Leafa, Ken Kapeli, Pakaitore Turia, Enos Palemene, Wesley Goosen, Aukuso Tuitama, Jordan Sampson, Mitchell Purvis, Andrew Knight, Gerard Faitotoa, Benjamin Tuiomanufili, Jonathan McMillan, Caleb Ladbroke, Daley Foese, Nopera Hauwaho, Liam Privett, Montana Cooper-Finau, Hayden Blair, Andrew Pasene, Eduan Struwig

# Wellington Rugby Referees' Association

After a number of seasons of having to referee with constant changes and interpretation of the laws we finally had a season of consistency throughout the rugby playing world. The change in the interpretation of the tackle law and the emphasis on tacklers having to roll away and everyone else involved in the tackle also having to initially release, resulted in generally good flowing rugby for those teams wanting to be positive and as referees it was an enjoyable year to be involved in that.

However, law books that our everyday referees had to operate from showed a number of inconsistencies, which was disappointing – with it being World Cup year this coming season we hope that aspect is also sorted out and we can all enjoy another great season.

Wellington referees continued to perform well at the elite level and Hurricanes regional representative level. Garratt Williamson represented us at Super 14 and ITM Cup, and Mike Fraser, who was voted WRFU club referee of the year, was involved in the International 7's circuit, Commonwealth Games and ITM Cup. At least 5 other referees all performed with distinction at rep level throughout the Hurricanes region. We were also well represented in the NZRU Academy with young referee, Cameron Heka, being selected for the squad next season, and three others being involved this season, one of whom who will drop out for 2011 after finishing his two year stint in the squad.

We can assure the local rugby community that we will continue to review training and coaching processes so as to provide the best refereeing service we can at all levels.

One area of concern has been the increasing level of abuse from teams and team management at all levels of club rugby. The numbers of people that teams have along the touch lines particularly at Premier level is a major problem particularly as these teams expect a high level of contribution from our Assistant Referees and this problem does not allow them to do it. Both issues can not continue and paying only lip service to the Code of Conduct is no longer acceptable as far as the WRRRA is concerned. Hopefully clubs will take this on board and the possible need for us to take more draconian measures will not be required.

AMI have again shown their commitment to supporting us and refereeing throughout NZ, and have renewed their principal sponsorship with the WRRRA for another 3 years. This is specifically used to provide refereeing strip and gear to our membership, along with two annual scholarships for referees who are involved in educational training of some sort.

This past season AMI also promoted a programme highlighting the issue of referee abuse. Starting with a series of radio adverts and a barbeque at Ponoke on one of the worst weather days of the season, a number of clubs then became actively involved throughout the season by displaying banners promoting "positive support".

We wish to publically thank AMI along with all our other alliance partners - these include the WRFU, The Dominion Post, PWMC, and DB Breweries. Funding through the Pelorus Trust allowed us to continue with our valuable interchange and fitness-development training programmes – this support was once again reflected in our Assistant Referee flags.

To all our members who gave of their time this past season, and their partners and families who supported them, a big thank you. To the clubs that looked after our members after their games and to all those people who took the time to go up to a referee and thank them, you have our grateful appreciation as this goes a long way in helping us to retain referees.

The WRRRA wishes everyone in the rugby community a happy and safe New Year as we all look forward to an exciting Rugby World Cup year of rugby.

Ian Dallas  
Chairman

# Wellington Secondary Schools Rugby

While this season was again interrupted by inclement weather and the many associated ground closures, Premier 1 apart, all grades eventually contested their finals at Silverstream at the end of August with 15 intense games being played in a showcase of College Rugby. 166 teams presented themselves for play at the start of the season and in terms of playing numbers this represented a very pleasing 8% growth over the previous season. The move to play Girls 10's rather than 15's proved very successful with 17 teams playing in three divisions.

The WRFU's investment in the Club Coaching Co-ordinators and the role of the NZRU-funded Rugby Administrator in Schools scheme [RAIS] continues to support the delivery of the game at a school level and enhance relationships between clubs and schools. The model is great and we applaud and acknowledge all involved.

The Boys Premier Final played at Porirua Park again demonstrated what a great drawcard quality College Rugby can provide with a crowd estimated at over 4000. With a path to the NZ Schools top four at stake, Silverstream, having last won the premiership a decade ago, proved to be too good and defeated St Patrick's Town 23 -10 in an intense final. In their journey to the NZ Schools top four Silverstream, defeated Napier Boys but then in the Hurricanes final suffered an injury time 19-18 loss to Gisborne Boys High School. In the Girls final played as curtain raiser, Aotea won the premiership for the first time with a 27-17 win over St Marys College.

On behalf of all schools we again thank the Wellington Rugby Referees Association and WRFU's Benji Crossley for being able to appoint to virtually every college game played this year – the contribution of this body is outstanding – without them we have no game – thank you all. In particular the young college referees coming through the system – well done – you are the future!

At the College Sport Awards, TJ Perenara [Mana College] and Bridget Smith (Taita College) were named as Wellington Secondary School Rugby Players of the Year. TJ Perenara as NZ Schools Rugby Captain and the youngest player to play for the Vodafone Lions in at least the last 2 decades, then went on to win the supreme – College Sport Wellington Sportsman of the Year award – an accolade so richly deserved.

Wellington Schools thank all Rugby Convenors and the RAIS's in particular, for their valued contribution to the promotion of the game within their school, and to the managers and coaches of the teams for their on-going commitment to youth Rugby.

Additionally our special thanks go to the directors and personnel of the Wellington Rugby Football Union and in particular to Dave King, Rick Whatarau and the CCO's for their ongoing support of Youth Rugby.

John Horal  
Secretary

## CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Premier 1	St Patrick's Silverstream
Premier 2	Hutt International Boys School
Premier 3	St Patrick's College Kilbirnie 2nd XV
Premier 4	Otaki College
Premier 5	Rongotai College 3rd XV
Under 15 Div 1	Wellington College
Under 15 Div 2	Tawa College
Under 15 Div 3	Porirua College
Under 14	St Patrick's College Silverstream
Under 80kg	St Patrick's College Kilbirnie
Under 65 kg Div 1	St Patrick's College Silverstream
Under 65 kg Div 2	Newlands College
Under 65 kg Div 3	St Patrick's College Silverstream 3
Under 55 kg Div 1	St Patrick's College Silverstream
Under 55 kg Div 2	Newlands College
Under 55 kg Div 3	St Patrick's College Silverstream 2
Girls Premier	Aotea College
Girls Div 1	Wellington East Girls College
Girls Div 2	Wellington Girls College

**2010 WELLINGTON SCHOOLS EXECUTIVE:**

**Chairman:** Grahame Duffy (Hutt International Boys School)

**Secretary:** John Hornal (College Sport Wellington)

**Treasurer:** Martin Isberg (Wainuiomata High School)

**Executive:** William Strang (WRFU Club Liaison Officer), Bevan Packer (St Patrick's College Silverstream), Darrell Harvey (Wellington College), David King (WRFU delegate), Ross Findlay (Rongotai College)

**WELLINGTON DELEGATES TO HURRICANES YOUTH RUGBY COUNCIL:**

David King and John Hornal

**DELEGATES TO NZ SCHOOLS RUGBY COUNCIL:**

Martin Isberg (Treasurer)

**DELEGATE TO WRFU RUGBY BOARD:**

Grahame Duffy

**SELECTED FOR 2010 HURRICANES SECONDARY SCHOOLBOYS – WINNERS OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT:**

TJ Perenara (Mana College); Thomas Alosio (St. Pat's Silverstream); Donald Brighthouse (St. Pat's Town); Hugh Graham (St. Pat's Town); Terrence Hepetama (Mana College); Joe Latta (Wellington College); Josh Nicho (Wellington College); Ope Peleseuma (St. Pat's Silverstream); Ardie Savea (Rongotai College); Aviata Silago (St. Pat's College Silverstream); Eric Sione (St. Pat's Town); Tupou Sopoaga (Wellington College).

**SELECTED FOR 2010 NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS – WINNERS OF TEST MATCH AUSTRALIA SCHOOLS:**

TJ Perenara (Captain); Joe Latta (Wellington College); Ope Peleseuma (St Patrick's College Silverstream); Matt Proctor (St Patrick's College Town); Tupou Sopoaga (Wellington College).

# Junior Rugby Zone Executive

**Chairman:** Gus McMillan

**Executive Officer:** Murray Sullivan

**Executive:** Adrian Middleton (Chairperson, Western Bays), Karen McCashin (Chairperson, Hutt Valley), David Forster (Chairperson Wellington City).

The 2010 season has been another successful year for Wellington Junior Rugby and the Zone Executive (JRZE), sincerely thanks the commitment and enthusiasm of our volunteer administrators, coaching staff and players that have again produced Junior Rugby to the highest level possible.

In terms of the success of existing programmes, our gratitude once again goes to Ken Laban and Tamaiti Whangai Trust as organisers of the pre-season Te Whiti Park leadership clinics and the JRZE Sevens tournament. With such a high level of organisation and enthusiasm shown by the many volunteers who contribute to these events they can be nothing other than successful.

At times during 2010 there have been some enormous challenges. With long periods of significant rain, many fields were closed, meaning we often did not have sufficient fields available for our Saturday morning rugby. Our sincere thanks must go to the regions City Councils, their contractors and the Primary schools who have provided fields for our players this year.

The Wellington City Council has to be commended for their programme to install artificial turf facilities. With the opening of the full size field at Te Whaea Park, a whole new range of possibilities has opened up for junior rugby. With confirmation of more of these artificial turfs being installed within the Wellington region, wet weather cancellations should lessen in future years.

The 2010 Inter-Zone Tournament was hosted by Wellington Zone, and was held in wintry conditions at Ian Galloway Park. With three days of very competitive and committed rugby witnessed, Western Bays Zone were the big tournament winners, winning both U13 grade trophies. Wellington City won the U12 division, and Hutt Valley the Girls trophy.

There were several changes to the Under 13 Development programme for 2010. Firstly Geoff Owen has moved over to the Wairarapa and our sincere gratitude goes to him for his stewardship of the programme since its inception in 1999. The level of contribution and commitment that he has given willingly in the interests of junior rugby is immense.

A significant change to the JRZE operating budget forced a change from previous years where previously there have been two Under 13 Development teams (Under 65kg and Open Weight) for 2010 this was reduced to one squad of 30 players from which an Under 65kg team or an Open weight team were

able to be selected. The JRZE elected to go out and fundraise to find the necessary budget and at the commencement of the year Murray Sullivan played a significant part in enabling sufficient funds to be found to run the reduced programme.

The programme commenced in earnest with the selectors observing players at the Inter-Zone representative programme and culminated in combined trials with eligible players from the colleges. The final selection of 30 players then attended a weekend workshop in preparation for eight fixtures against Canterbury U65, Poverty Bay U65, Manawatu U13, Canterbury U13 Open, Marlborough U13/14, Nelson Bays U14, Wairarapa-Bush U13/14 and Taranaki U65

All 30 players gained a realistic and tangible insight into what is expected of a Wellington Representative player and the opportunities that could open up for them should they continue to develop and maintain the required level of commitment. In these endeavours I would like to thank the commitment of Dale Wall as the overall coordinator together with Sam Leota (Manager), and the coaching team of Justin Wilson and Malcolm Bradshaw. The guidance and experience of these gentlemen is of the highest calibre and the teams unbeaten results speak for themselves.

On the club scene the WRFU CCOs programme under the leadership of David King with support from Rick Whatarau at the WRFU office has again played a very significant part in assisting our clubs to up skill both players and coach's at a junior level and it is pleasing to see the continuation of this programme for 2011.

Rugby World Cup 2011 will bring rugby to the attention of our country and there are a number of legacy projects which will build on this attention for our sport and several of these promote the game at a junior level. These commence in February with our Rugby Awareness Registration Week, other projects such as 'Sign Your Jersey', 'Year Six Rippa World Cup' and 'Pass the Ball' are all events which will serve to increase interest at a junior rugby level.

In closing on behalf of the Junior Rugby Executive, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the WRFU Office Staff, our Volunteer Administrators and Coaches for their continued support and encouragement to pursue new initiatives, which continues to allow the children of our region to gain enjoyment and satisfaction from participating in Junior Rugby.

Gus McMillan  
Chairman

# Greater Wellington Primary Schools' Rugby

**Chair/Treasurer:** Mark Leggett

**GWPSRU Executive Officers:** Mark Leggett, Kane Mokokoko, David Milne, John Berryman, Mike Smith, Murray Sullivan, Ginny Whatarau

**Wellington:** Nga Holmes, Glen Holbrook, Heather Ware

**Mana:** James Rangiawha, Clinton Whitikia, Ron Clarke, Kane Mokokoko and Shirley Ngatuere

**Hutt Valley:** Jim Miller, Tony McCashin, John Studd

**WRFU Representatives:** Rick Whatarau

**Mentor/Patron:** John Berryman

Yet again 2010 was another challenging and also an exciting year.

There were plenty of rugby opportunities for the many school children as they took part in the very professionally run Waterman's Intermediate and 'Rippa' tournaments. The zone Tackle/Girl Black tournaments in the various areas in 2010 also took place in Term 3.

The rugby calendar started in February with yet another splendidly run Year 3 and 4 'Rippa' tournament at the Petone Recreation Ground as part of 'Rugby Awareness Week,' and there was also the annual Southern North Island Primary Schools' Rugby Tournament hosted by Wellington and held at the artificial turf of Te Whaea Park in Newtown.

The Greater Wellington Primary Schools Rugby Union would like to thank the Southern Trust for their grant to the organisation, namely for trophies and medal expenses for this tournament. I also want to acknowledge the magnificent contribution from Ginny Whatarau. Ginny did a huge amount in the setting up of the tournament. Thank you!

I thank Rick Whatarau, along with the team of CCO's, for their dedication in providing consistency of personnel, coaching, advice and credibility to a structure base that is going a long way in securing and enhancing the positive future of rugby in the greater Wellington primary schools areas of Hutt Valley, Mana and Wellington.

Thank you once again to the Wellington Rugby Union for their financial and personnel support. This is most appreciated as it goes a long way to providing funding/promotion for rugby in the schools – from school administrative costs to tournament expenses.

Some of the highlights were:

- The Year 3 and 4 rippa tournament for girls and boys in Term 1 –as part of 'Rugby Awareness Week'
- Three zonal rippa rugby tournaments were held for boys and girls in Term 1. They were all a success with fine weather prevailing and again popular as far as entries were concerned.
- The Waterman's sponsored intermediate schools tournament. Thank you to the intermediate school, for your support of this fine tournament.
- The Southern North Island Primary Schools Rugby Tournament, playing for the John Berryman Cup, with representative teams from Wellington, Hutt Valley, Mana, Horowhenua-Kapiti and Rangitikei taking part, as well as a sixth team- a regional Maori selected team. Having six teams did make it easier to have all teams playing every day without a bye system. Our aim in 2011 would be to look at approaching Wairarapa – Bush to come back into the tournament.

Wellington won the tournament with a very well balanced and skillful team.

I also thank all coaching and management staff for their dedication in preparing these various representative teams over a very short space of time. Well done to you!

I wish to acknowledge the support we received from various organisations that helped us in many ways over the year and during the Berryman Cup Tournament as well. Thank you.

The coaching coordinators ran child centred ball skill and tackle rugby sessions, as well as teacher up skilling courses where there were demands for them in schools right across the Wellington area.

(I personally would like to see more of the skill sessions happening, especially as a way of promoting the Rugby World Cup. Hopefully schools will take an active role in promoting not only skill sessions but also the game itself for 2011 as we will all be part of one of the biggest sporting events to come to New Zealand.)

Finally I would like to acknowledge and thank the many schools, teachers, principals, coaches' managers, administrators and parents who gave of their time during the year in support of our organisation. We could not have achieved what we did without your assistance.

As mentioned we need to build on the 'positives' for the 2011 year and beyond as we all continue to promote the game of rugby in the primary schools of the greater Wellington area. To build our game even more and make sure all school children get involved playing and supporting rugby is the ultimate success criteria!

Mark Leggett  
**Chairman**



# Club Competitions: 2010 Grade Winners

PREMIER GRADE			Number of Teams	
Division One	1st round	Swindale Shield	12	Northern United
	2nd round	Jubilee Cup	8	Northern United
	2nd round (round robin)	Andy Leslie Trophy	8	Poneke
Division Two	2nd round	Hardham Cup	8	Wainuiomata
SENIOR GRADE				
Division One	1st round	Harper Lock Shield	12	Northern United
	2nd round	Ed Chaney Cup	10	Old Boys University
Division Two	1st round	National Mutual Cup	12	Northern United
	2nd round	H D Morgan Memorial Cup	10	Marist St Pats
Division Three	1st round	JDR Cup	10	Johnsonville
	2nd round	Johnsonville Centennium Cup	10	Johnsonville
UNDER 21 GRADE				
Division One	1st round	Paris Memorial Trophy	8	Petone
	2nd round	John E Kelly Memorial Cup	8	Northern United
Division Two	1st round	JRD Cup	6	Wellington
	2nd round	Vic Calcinai Memorial Cup	6	West's Roosters
UNDER 19 GRADE				
Division One	1st round	James Gilbert Memorial Trophy	7	Hutt Old Boys Marist
	2nd round	Eric Connelly Cup	6	Hutt Old Boys Marist
85KG RESTRICTED GRADE				
Division One	1st round	JC Bowl	8	Marist St Pats Blue
	2nd round	Paul Potiki Memorial Shield	8	Marist St Pats Blue
Division Two	1st round		6	Eastbourne
	2nd round		6	Wainuiomata
Division Three	1st round		6	Poneke Cavaliers
	2nd round		6	West's Roosters
RESERVE GRADE				
Division One	1st round		8	Upper Hutt J8s
	2nd round		8	Upper Hutt J8s
Division Two	1st round		8	OBU Yardies
	2nd round		8	OBU Yardies
WOMEN'S PREMIER				
	1st round	Fleurs Trophy	7	Northern United
	2nd round	Victoria Tavern Trophy	7	Northern United

## POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

	Number of Teams	
American Ambassador's Trophy, Porirua Park	11	Northern United
Local Point Sevens Cup		Cancelled
WRFU Sevens Tournament, Trentham Memorial Park	10	Oriental Rongotai

## CLUB AWARDS

<b>DEWAR SHIELD</b> (Total Points)	1	Old Boys University
	2	Marist St Pats
	3	Petone
<b>SIR WILLIAM PERRY MEMORIAL TROPHY</b> (Average Points Per Team)	1	Northern United
	2	Marist St Pats
	3	Poneke
<b>GRIFFITHS MEMORIAL TROPHY</b> (Team highest average points per team)	1	Oriental Rongotai Senior One
	2	Wainuiomata Senior Two
	3	Upper Hutt Senior Two
<b>JUNIOR MERIT AWARD</b> (Club highest average points per team per game)	1	Poneke
	2	Petone
	3	Old Boys University

## WRFU Premier Division One Jubilee Cup Winners 2010



**NORTHERN UNITED RUGBY CLUB PREMIER MEN'S**

## WRFU Women's Premier Winners 2010



**NORTHERN UNITED RUGBY CLUB PREMIER WOMEN'S**

### **BILL BRIEN CHALLENGE CUP**

The Bill Brien Challenge Cup changed hands twice during the 2010 season. Petone begun the season with the trophy and repelled all challengers until the last round of the Swindale Shield where they lost the trophy to Oriental-Rongotai.

Ories managed to hold on to it until round four of the Jubilee Cup where they lost it to Ponoke who then repelled two challengers to keep it locked away in the trophy cabinet for the summer.

### **DISCIPLINARY**

A total of 43 matters were dealt with by the WRFU disciplinary committee during the 2010 club season. This is a pleasing decrease on the last three years figures which had peaked with 65 matters being dealt with last year.

Punching and striking again make up the largest category of offending with 11 incidents in this category being dealt with. Referee abuse, while being down on previous years, was still far too high with a number of serious incidents being dealt with by the committee.

Of major concern to the committee this year was the number of incidents it dealt with which occurred in the last five minutes of matches. Nearly 40% of incidents occurred in this time and could have been avoided had cooler heads prevailed at the end of matches.

## **Obituaries**

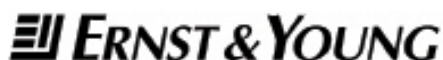
**Bill Brien** (MNZM JP ED) – died 24 January 2010, Wellington

**Eric Tindill** (Athletic, Wgtn Rep 1932-45, Referee 1951-56) – died 1 August 2010, Wellington

**Tangi Moore** (22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, WW2) (Johnsonville, Wgtn Rep 1949) – died 3 August 2010, Raumati, Wellington

**Wellington Rugby Football Union (Incorporated)**  
**Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**Year Ending 31 December 2010**

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Chartered Accountants

## Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Wellington Rugby Football Union Incorporated (collectively the "union")

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements on pages 33 to 45. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of the Union and Group and their financial position as at 31 December 2010. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 36 to 38.

This report is made solely to the union's members, as a body, in accordance with our engagement letter. Our audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the union's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the union and the union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### Board's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand that fairly present the financial position of the Union and Group as at 31 December 2010 and their financial performance for the year then ended.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). These auditing standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected, depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we have considered the internal control relevant to the union's preparation of the financial statements that fairly present the matters to which they relate in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the union's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe we have obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interest in the union.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements on page 33 to 45:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- fairly present the financial position of the Union and Group as at 31 December 2010 and their financial performance for the year then ended.

### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ernst &amp; Young'.

15 February 2011  
Wellington

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010**

	NOTE	GROUP 2010	GROUP 2009	PARENT 2010	PARENT 2009
<b>Revenue</b>					
Operating Revenue	2	9,504,145	9,615,017	2,960,734	3,114,157
Beneficiary Income		-	-	-	-
Interest Income		126,751	134,231	106,572	125,114
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>		<b>\$9,630,896</b>	<b>\$9,749,248</b>	<b>\$3,067,306</b>	<b>\$3,239,271</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Expenses	3	9,697,883	9,977,303	2,871,608	3,099,211
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$9,697,883</b>	<b>\$9,977,303</b>	<b>\$2,871,608</b>	<b>\$3,099,211</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Before Profit Of Associate, Tax &amp; Depreciation</b>		<b>\$(66,987)</b>	<b>\$(228,055)</b>	<b>\$195,698</b>	<b>\$140,060</b>
Share Of Profit Of An Associate	11	63,708	37,780	-	-
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Before Tax &amp; Depreciation</b>		<b>(3,279)</b>	<b>(190,275)</b>	<b>195,698</b>	<b>140,060</b>
Depreciation & Amortisation	6,7	318,887	329,528	318,887	329,528
Income Tax Expense	4	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) After Tax &amp; Depreciation</b>		<b>\$(322,166)</b>	<b>\$(519,803)</b>	<b>\$(123,189)</b>	<b>\$(189,468)</b>
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>\$(322,166)</b>	<b>\$(519,803)</b>	<b>\$(123,189)</b>	<b>\$(189,468)</b>

The notes on pages 36 - 45 should be read in conjunction with these financial statements

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010**

	NOTE	GROUP 2010	GROUP 2009	PARENT 2010	PARENT 2009
Opening Equity - Retained Earnings		5,504,426	6,274,229	6,084,759	6,274,227
Net Surplus After Income Tax		(322,166)	(519,803)	(123,189)	(189,468)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		(322,166)	(519,803)	(123,189)	(189,468)
		5,182,260	5,754,426	5,961,570	6,084,759
Income Distributions	14	-	(250,000)	-	-
<b>Closing Equity - Retained Earnings</b>		<b>\$5,182,260</b>	<b>\$5,504,426</b>	<b>\$5,961,570</b>	<b>\$6,084,759</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010**

	NOTE	GROUP 2010	GROUP 2009	PARENT 2010	PARENT 2009
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents		2,009,043	1,126,097	1,657,505	565,215
Short Term Investments		-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Trade Receivables and Prepayments	5	1,989,160	2,467,179	1,920,543	1,891,876
Inventory		19,853	20,791	-	-
Loans to Affiliated Clubs - Current Portion	13	23,600	23,600	23,600	23,600
Total Current Assets		4,041,656	4,637,667	3,601,648	3,480,691
<b>Non Current Assets</b>					
Loans to Affiliated Clubs - Non Current Portion	13	13,334	36,934	13,334	36,934
Investment in Subsidiaries	10	-	-	100	100
Investments in Associates	11	82,286	240,000	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	2,699,556	2,914,438	2,699,556	2,914,438
Intangible Assets	7	24,689	35,320	24,689	35,320
Total Non-Current Assets		2,819,865	3,226,691	2,737,679	2,986,792
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$6,861,521</b>	<b>\$7,864,359</b>	<b>\$6,339,327</b>	<b>\$6,467,483</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Trade Creditors and Accruals	8	1,679,261	2,359,933	377,757	382,724
Total Current Liabilities		1,679,261	2,359,933	377,757	382,724
<b>Equity</b>					
Retained Earnings		5,182,260	5,504,426	5,961,570	6,084,759
Total Equity		5,182,260	5,504,426	5,961,570	6,084,759
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>		<b>\$6,861,521</b>	<b>\$7,864,359</b>	<b>6,339,327</b>	<b>6,467,483</b>

For and on behalf of the Board, which authorised the issue of the financial statements on 15 February 2011.

A.M. Duffin

Chairman

15 February 2011

Date

G.K. Poole

Director

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2010**

**1 Statement Of Accounting Policies**

**Reporting Entity**

The financial statements of Wellington Rugby Football Union Incorporated (WRFU) for the year ended 31 December 2010 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 15 February 2011. WRFU is a society incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. Its registered office is 113 Adelaide Road, Newtown, Wellington.

The "Group" consists of WRFU Incorporated (the "Parent") and its subsidiaries.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars.

**Statement Of Compliance**

The Group financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices in New Zealand ("NZ GAAP"). They comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("NZ IFRS") as appropriate for public benefit entities that qualify for differential reporting concessions. No specific public benefit entity (PBE) concessions have been taken.

**Measurement Base**

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position on a historical cost basis are followed by WRFU.

**Classification**

Certain reclassifications may have been made to prior year amounts in order to be consistent with current year presentation.

**Specific Accounting Policies**

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of financial performance and the financial position have been applied:

A) Basis of Consolidation. The consolidated financial statements include the parent entity WRFU and its subsidiary Wellington Rugby Limited (trading as Wellington Rugby Trust) and its operations for the year ended 31 December 2010. Subsidiaries are entities in which the WRFU has the capacity to determine the financing and operating policies and from which it has an entitlement to significant ownership benefits. The consolidated financial statements include the WRFU and its subsidiary Wellington Rugby Limited (trading as Wellington Rugby Trust), which are accounted for using the purchase method. The effects of all significant inter-entity transactions between entities that have been consolidated are eliminated on consolidation. In the WRFU's financial statements investment in the subsidiary is recognised at cost.

B) Investment in Associate: The Group's investment in its associate is accounted for using the equity method of accounting in the consolidated financial statements. The associate is an entity over which the Group has significant influence and that is neither a subsidiary nor a joint venture.

Under the equity method, investments in the associate are carried in the consolidated balance sheet at cost plus post-acquisition changes in the Group's share of net assets of the associate. After application of the equity method, the Group determines whether it is necessary to recognise any impairment loss with respect to the Group's net investment in associates.

The Group's share of its associate's post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in reserves. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment. Distributions receivable from associates are recognised in the parent entity's income statement, while in the consolidated financial statements they reduce the carrying amount of the investment.

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When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any unsecured long-term receivables and loans, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

The reporting date of the associate is 31 October and the associate's accounting policies conform to those used by the Group for like transactions and events in similar circumstances.

C) Plant, Property and Equipment. All items of plant, property and equipment are recorded at cost less aggregate depreciation and impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all items of plant, property and equipment. Depreciation rates used to allocate an item's cost less estimated residual value over their estimated useful lives are:

Training Centre	5.26% SL
Office Furniture & Equipment	9.5-40% DV
Training Equipment	10-40% DV
Computer Hardware	40% DV
Vehicles	16-20% DV
Stadium Assets/VIP Lounge	10% DV
Miscellaneous	10-40% DV

d) Intangible Assets. Intangible assets comprise of computer software and website development costs.

Computer software and website development costs are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Amortisation is calculated on a straight line basis over the useful life of the asset (3 years).

e) Impairment. At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

f) Leases. The WRFU Group leases certain buildings, equipment and vehicles. Operating lease payments, where the lessors effectively retain substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the lease items, are included in the determination of the net surplus in equal instalments over the lease term.

g) GST. Items of income and expenditure are stated exclusive of Goods and Services Tax.

h) Revenue. The WRFU Group operating revenue comprises income from sponsorship, the provision of services, grants and interest income. Sponsorship received in kind is recorded in the statement of comprehensive income as income with a corresponding recognition of expenditure, based on fair value.

Match and event management income are recognised in the accounting period in which the services are rendered, by reference to completion of the specific event in which services are provided.

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Grants are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the requirements under the grant agreement have been met. Any grants for which the requirements under the grant agreement have not been met are carried as liabilities until all conditions have been fulfilled.

Interest income is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method.

i) Differential Reporting. The WRFU Group qualifies for differential reporting because it is not publicly accountable and there is no separation between the owners and the governing body. WRFU has taken advantage of all available differential reporting exemptions.

j) Income Tax. WRFU is exempt from income tax as a promoter of amateur sport, under section CB4(1)(h) of the Income Tax Act 1994. The Wellington Rugby Trust is a taxable entity and income tax (where applicable) is calculated using the taxes payable method and is determined using tax rules. Under the taxes payable method, the income tax expense charged to the statement of comprehensive income is equal to the income tax payable for the same period.

k) Cash and Cash Equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents comprise of short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

l) Trade Receivables. Trade receivables, loans and other receivables are measured at amortised cost less impairment. Appropriate allowances for estimated amounts are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when there is objective evidence that an asset is impaired.

m) Financial Instruments. Fixed interest investments are classified as loans and receivables. They are measured initially at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are accounted for at the trade date, i.e. the date at which the entity commits itself to purchase or sell the asset. The derecognition of a financial instrument takes place when the company no longer controls the contracted rights that comprise the financial instrument, which is normally the case when the financial instrument is sold or all of the cash flows attributable to the instruments are passed through an independent third party.

n) Trade Creditors. Trade creditors and accruals represent liabilities for goods and services provided prior to year end, which are unpaid. These are unsecured and usually settled within 30 days of recognition. Trade payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o) Employee Entitlements. Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of salaries and annual leave when it is probable that settlement will be required and they are capable of being measured reliably. Provisions made in respect of employee benefits expected to be settled within 12 months are measured using the remuneration rate expected to be applied at the time of settlement.

p) The accounting policies and disclosures have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements, except for the revised NZ IAS 1 - Presentation of Financial Statements, which separates owner and non-owner changes in equity, with non-owner changes included as Other Comprehensive Income. There are no standards issued not yet effective which are expected to impact on the financial statements of the entity.

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**2 Operating Revenue**

	<b>GROUP 2010</b>	<b>GROUP 2009</b>	<b>PARENT 2010</b>	<b>PARENT 2009</b>
Match Income	1,542,001	1,973,106	-	-
Sponsorship and Hospitality	3,264,393	3,108,374	203,415	190,306
Event/Franchise Management	2,191,392	2,520,559	-	-
Gaming Trust Funding	483,688	444,067	483,688	444,067
NZRU Funding	1,235,907	1,044,970	712,607	717,370
WRT Management Fee	-	-	1,128,000	1,404,000
Other	786,764	523,941	433,024	358,414
	<b>\$9,504,145</b>	<b>\$9,615,017</b>	<b>\$2,960,734</b>	<b>\$3,114,157</b>

**3 Expenses**

Match Expenses	619,557	743,743	-	-
Representative Teams / Academy	4,033,113	4,296,505	400,188	504,720
Club Expenses	265,752	279,263	265,752	279,263
Coaching and Development	456,903	413,091	456,903	413,091
Administration	2,270,348	2,360,691	1,551,140	1,709,959
Advertising / Sponsorship	2,008,327	1,847,789	197,565	191,998
Audit Fee	20,550	19,692	-	-
Bad Debts	23,333	16,529	60	180
	<b>\$9,697,883</b>	<b>\$9,977,303</b>	<b>\$2,871,608</b>	<b>\$3,099,211</b>

**4 Income Tax Expense**

WRFU is exempt from income tax as a promoter of amateur sport, under section cb4(1)(h) of the Income Tax Act. Its subsidiary, Wellington Rugby Limited is a taxable entity, which calculates tax using the taxes payable method.

WRL is the corporate trustee for the Wellington Rugby Trust. Net surpluses from the Trust are not taxable provided they are distributed to beneficiaries within twelve months of the end of the financial year. The current tax expense in the statement of comprehensive income represents tax payable on non-deductible expenditure.

**5 Trade Receivables and Prepayments**

	<b>GROUP 2010</b>	<b>GROUP 2009</b>	<b>PARENT 2010</b>	<b>PARENT 2009</b>
Trade and Sundry Receivables	1,172,417	1,125,489	1,619,418	1,225,223
Hurricanes Receivable	298,122	917,604	297,057	653,306
Taxation Receivable	99,782	144,810	-	-
Prepayments	418,839	279,276	4,068	13,347
	<b>\$1,989,160</b>	<b>\$2,467,179</b>	<b>\$1,920,543</b>	<b>\$1,891,876</b>

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**6 Property, Plant and Equipment (Group and Parent)**

	<b>2010 COST</b>	<b>2010 DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>2010 AGGREGATE DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>2010 CLOSING BOOK VALUE</b>
Training Centre Buildings and Furniture	3,608,393	203,374	1,243,380	2,365,013
Training Centre Gym Equipment	265,715	16,973	198,091	67,624
Stadium Assets/Wellington Rugby Lounge	204,584	11,990	125,518	79,066
Office Furniture and Equipment	55,452	3,518	42,167	13,285
Computer Hardware	190,439	37,802	132,330	58,109
Vehicles	39,885	7,682	7,682	32,203
Office Fitout/Miscellaneous	281,924	23,794	197,668	84,256
	<b>\$4,646,392</b>	<b>\$305,133</b>	<b>\$1,946,836</b>	<b>\$2,699,556</b>

	<b>2009 COST</b>	<b>2009 DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>2009 AGGREGATE DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>2009 CLOSING BOOK VALUE</b>
Training Centre Buildings and Furniture	3,592,379	205,822	1,040,007	2,552,372
Training Centre Gym Equipment	257,427	19,148	181,116	76,311
Stadium Assets/Wellington Rugby Lounge	204,583	14,558	113,527	91,056
Office Furniture and Equipment	53,223	4,119	38,651	14,572
Computer Hardware	248,112	51,551	160,151	87,962
Vehicles	-	-	-	-
Office Fitout/Miscellaneous	266,042	28,189	173,876	92,166
	<b>\$4,621,766</b>	<b>\$323,387</b>	<b>\$1,707,328</b>	<b>\$2,914,438</b>

All property, plant and equipment assets are held by the parent company.

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**7 Intangible Assets**

	<b>2010 COST</b>	<b>2010 AMORTISATION</b>	<b>2010 AGGREGATE AMORTISATION</b>	<b>2010 CLOSING BOOK VALUE</b>
Computer Software	76,300	13,754	51,611	24,689
	<b>2009 COST</b>	<b>2009 AMORTISATION</b>	<b>2009 AGGREGATE AMORTISATION</b>	<b>2009 CLOSING BOOK VALUE</b>
Computer Software	73,177	6,141	37,857	35,320

**8 Trade Creditors and Accruals**

	<b>GROUP 2010</b>	<b>GROUP 2009</b>	<b>PARENT 2010</b>	<b>PARENT 2009</b>
Trade & Sundry Payables	369,048	406,627	182,973	120,662
GST Payable	81,004	124,916	45,704	41,055
Accrued Expenses	300,483	355,959	149,080	195,930
Income in Advance	928,726	1,472,431	-	25,077
	<b>\$1,679,261</b>	<b>\$2,359,933</b>	<b>\$377,757</b>	<b>\$382,724</b>

**9 Operating Lease Commitments**

	<b>GROUP 2010</b>	<b>GROUP 2009</b>
< 1 YR	36,462	25,942
1 - 2 YRS	19,912	20,712
2 - 5 YRS	13,260	33,172
> 5 YRS	-	-
	<b>\$69,634</b>	<b>\$79,826</b>

The Group incurred \$123,012 of expenses during the year in relation to leased assets (2009: \$146,772)



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<b>10 Investment in Subsidiaries</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DATE</b>	
	<b>OWNED</b>	<b>OWNED</b>		
Wellington Rugby Limited	100	100	31-DEC	Trustee Co.
Wellington Rugby Marketing Limited	100	100	31-OCT	Non-operating

WRFU owns 100% of Wellington Rugby Limited, the trustee company of Wellington Rugby Trust, which was formed to administer the professional activities within Wellington Rugby.

**11 Investment in Associates**

**a) Investment Details**

The Group has a 20% ownership interest in Union Projects Limited (UPL), who provide advertising signage and manage the operation of replay screens at events throughout New Zealand.

The Group has a separate agreement with the Hurricanes Trust, whereby the distribution of profits from UPL is split equally between parties, giving an effective equity income interest of 10%.

The Group's proportion of voting power held in the associate is the same as its ownership interest. The Group's investment in the associate is accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 1 (b).

UPL is unincorporated and has a 31 October reporting date.

The equity accounted profit from UPL is based on unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2010, adjusted for any significant events occurring between 1 November and 31 December.

**b) Movements in the Carrying Amount of the Group's Investment in Associates**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
At 1 January	240,000	240,000
Share of total recognised revenues and expenses	127,416	75,561
Less distribution to Hurricanes Trust	(63,708)	(37,780)
	<hr/> 303,708	<hr/> 277,780
Less distribution received from UPL	(63,708)	(37,780)
Less repayment of capital	(130,000)	-
Less writedown on investment	(27,714)	-
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>\$82,286</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>

**c) Contingent Liabilities Relating to the Associates**

The Group's share of contingent liabilities, capital commitments or other commitments contracted for at balance date is nil (2009: nil).

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**12 Contingent Liabilities**

The WRFU Parent has the following contingent liabilities relating to the uncalled capital of its subsidiaries.

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Wellington Rugby Limited	120	120
Wellington Rugby Marketing Limited	1,000	1,000

**13 Related Parties**

**Wellington Rugby Trust (WRT)**

WRFU is a beneficiary of Wellington Rugby Trust.

At 31 December 2010, WRFU parent owed WRT \$38,241 (2009: \$21,465). At the same date, WRT owed WRFU parent \$1,520,650 (2009: \$1,046,550).

**Hurricanes Trust**

During 2010, WRFU received a management fee and player recruitment and retention payments from Hurricanes Trust.

At 31 December 2010, WRFU Group owed Hurricanes Trust \$22,245 (2009: nil) and Hurricanes Trust owed WRFU Group \$595,665 (2009: \$917,604).

WRFU has agreed to make a loan to the Hurricanes to fund the net operating deficit of \$131,779 incurred by the Hurricanes Franchise in 2009 and to cover working capital requirements. The interest rate is 5% per annum. At 31 December 2010, the balance receivable is \$200,000 (2009: \$532,000). The loan is held on call.

Mr P.D. Collins, and Mr A Duffin, Directors, are Directors of Hurricanes Limited, the trustee company of Hurricanes Trust. WRFU is a beneficiary of Hurricanes Trust.

**New Zealand Rugby Union (NZRU)**

During 2010, WRFU Group received from NZRU grants, management fees and shares of the surpluses from one test match and the NZI Sevens tournament.

As at 31 December 2010, WRFU Group owed NZRU \$3,084 (2009: \$3,374) and NZRU owed WRFU Group nil (2009: \$438,864).

**Union Projects Limited**

Refer to Note 11.

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**Affiliated Clubs**

WRFU has made loans to the Northern United RFC, Avalon RFC and Rimutaka RFC. The amount of each loan outstanding at year end for Northern United was \$13,333 (2009: \$23,222), Avalon \$13,600 (2009: \$23,200) and Rimutaka \$10,000 (2009: \$14,000). The maturity dates of the loans are April 2012, May 2012, and June 2013 respectively. Loans to affiliated clubs are interest free.

**Directors**

Mr P.D. Collins, a Director, is Chairman of the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust. WRFU is the major user of Westpac Stadium. He is also a Director of Rugby New Zealand 2011 Limited, the entity responsible for the 2011 Rugby World Cup. WRFU has entered into agreements with Rugby New Zealand 2011 Limited with respect to elements of the tournament held in Wellington.

Mr G. Poole, a Director, is CEO of Wellington City Council. The Wellington City Council provides services for Wellington Rugby and is also a stakeholder in the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust.

**General**

No related party debts have been written off or forgiven during the year. All transactions have been conducted on normal terms and conditions.

**14 Distributions**

Annual distributions are made to the affiliated clubs based on registered player numbers in the senior and junior clubs. When managing capital, management's objective is to ensure WRFU continues as a going concern as well as maintaining optimal returns for members. There were no distributions made to clubs in 2010.

**15 Capital Commitments**

At 31 December 2010 there were no capital expenditure commitments (2009: nil).

**16 Subsequent Events**

No subsequent event has occurred since balance date that would materially impact the financial statements as at 31 December 2010.

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**17 Categories of Financial Instruments**

	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>PARENT</b>	<b>PARENT</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Loans and Receivables				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,009,043	1,126,097	1,657,505	565,215
Short Term Investments	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Trade and Sundry Receivables	1,172,417	1,125,489	1,619,418	1,225,223
Loans to Affiliated Clubs	36,934	60,534	36,934	60,534
Term Investments	-	-	-	-
	<b>\$3,218,394</b>	<b>\$3,312,120</b>	<b>\$3,313,857</b>	<b>\$2,850,972</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Other Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost				
Trade & Sundry Payables	369,048	406,627	182,973	120,662
	<b>\$369,048</b>	<b>\$406,627</b>	<b>\$182,973</b>	<b>\$120,662</b>









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