

## Manawatu Badminton AGM: Development Report on activities in 2017 by Sandra Lynch, Development Manager & Callum Hill, Events Co-ordinator

In 2017, we continued to offer opportunities and events for all to participate and take-part in badminton; we ran Representative badminton for both senior and junior age groups and had 15 teams competing in local and national competitions; our Shuttle Time coaching programme was partly funded by Sport Manawatu under the Kiwisport funding and we delivered badminton to 1700 students locally; the numbers taking part in our Schools competitions continues to grow year on year as we promote the events within the schools and delivery quality events; our Senior, 'B' Grade and U15 Manawatu Opens were sponsored by Salming and had players travelling from Wellington, Hawke's Bay and Auckland; our State of Origin Competition was postponed until October due to the conflict calendar date but we managed to get some south islanders participating! Thursday Night League and FUNminton continues to attract players of all ages and all standards, which we hope will promote the sport and encourage players to take part in some of our local clubs. The clubs continue to offer badminton services to the community and they cater for juniors and seniors on various days during the week; we are still seeing a trend towards more casual participation throughout the sports sector.



In 2017 Fu-Guang assembled a crack team of influencers together for the Junior Development Committee and this group of volunteer parents and coaches were instrumental leaders in our junior development programme – special mention to Tania and Ian. Our Rep programme continues to attract players and we are fortunate to have volunteer coaches – Gary, Ernest, Josh, Callum, Alpha, Cherri, Wayne and Rose; thanks to our volunteer managers for the teams competitions also. Congrats to our juniors who went to trials and got selected for the U15 New Zealand national squad – Raphael and Isabella! Our Senior Badminton programme enables players of all ages to represent Manawatu, and in 2017 we had 7 teams participate in the BNZ Inter-Association League. 55 players approximately played over 26 days of badminton in the league and trained weekly from March to September. WE have had 3 teams that have been promoted in 2017 – Masters 1 into Division 1, Vets 1 into Division 1 and Super-Vets into Division 1! Woohoo go Green!

Congrats our Badminton line judge Greg Busch who won the Official of the Year award for the second time at the 2017 Central Energy Trust Manawatu Sports Awards; he attended the Olympics and lined the men's doubles gold medal match. In November 2017, at the Manawatu Toyota Grassroots Sports Awards, Richard Skarott was a finalist in the 'All Rounder' volunteer category and Josh Curry was a finalist in the 'Frontline Volunteer' category. Even though neither won, Richard was recognised for his contribution to sport under the 'Super Volunteers 25 year+' category!





Badminton New Zealand's Community Manager, Chris McIvor, offered us great support throughout the season with our Strategic planning process and as an organisation we feel that our governance structure needs to reflect the progress that we have made throughout the last decade. We have paid staff that look after the management and operations of the association, and have highlighted the need to prioritize governance to ensure best practice is in place for our future. We are looking at moving from a committee to a Board structure in 2018 as we believe there are distinctive differences between governance and management. The main function of the Board will be to oversee the management team and provide direction, leadership and control. Effective governance ensures that the organisation remains viable and thrives, improving its results (both social and financial) and making sure its assets are protected and funds are used appropriately.

We are extremely lucky to have the venue at Central Energy Trust Arena Manawatu and PNINS School Gym in Palmerston North. Thanks also to Feilding Civic Centre as we use this hall for our Inter-Association ties. We appreciate this access to big numbers of courts which has assisted our junior initiatives, strategic development, player pathway framework and our community focus.

### Schools and Junior Badminton – Increasing our numbers & providing opportunities

We continued to build on our junior development programmes in 2017 with big participation numbers in our schools programme, competitions and our representative programme. This trend continues to align with the national increase in badminton participation in secondary schools. Manawatu continues to offer our players a pathway to continue participating in badminton from a recreational school player all the way to a national junior squad level. We use the ShuttleTime BWF schools programme as our coaching resource and this year trained up 32 teachers from Ross Intermediate resulting in the whole school doing badminton in Term 2.



**SHUTTLE TIME**  
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# BADMINTON IN NCEA

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**Queen Elizabeth College - Palmerston North**

Decile: 3 | Roll: 218 | Year 13 Physical Education Level 3 | Achievement Standard: 91501

Demonstrate quality performance of a physical activity in an applied setting - Badminton

Resource Reference: 3.4A v2

Teacher Resources: BWF Shuttle Time - lesson plans, app & teacher training, Shuttle Time NZ Curriculum links Guide

**ANAHARA - YEAR 13 STUDENT**

**What do you like about badminton?**  
"I feel like it is something I can be good at when compared with other students."

**Have you played badminton outside of PE?**  
"I am now playing socially on a Tuesday night at a local club"

**Your thoughts on badminton in PE?**  
"It's fun to play badminton and get credits at the same time. Win-win. Most people are at the same level."






**LEANNE MARK - PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

**Why badminton?**  
"It's good because most students haven't played, everyone is on the same level, unlike if we did something like rugby. It's a fair sport. Next term we will analyse the fore hand clear as part of their next credit. This includes video analysis. So it is great to have a flow-on from the practical"

**What if you don't have a badminton background?**  
"The skills are easy to pick up and continue teaching. I will also be using the Shuttle Time resources along the way. Having the Development Officer come in for some sessions gives you a chance to learn and pick stuff up to continue coaching."

**PROGRAMME: Shuttle Time & Girls In Badminton**

2017 College Street Normal	260 students coached Term 1 to Term 3 5 sessions
2017 PNINS	90 students received 6 sessions Term 2, 100 Term 3
	114 Term 4, 20 students lunchtime sessions Term 4
2017 Ross Intermediate	526 students doing Badminton in Term 2
2017 Carncot School	25 students received 6 sessions in Term 1 & 2
2017 Monrad Intermediate	275 students received 6 sessions in Term 3
2017 Winchester School	10 students received 3 lunchtime sessions in Term 1 -Term 3
2017 Queen Elizabeth College	14 students received 6 sessions Term 2
2017 Hokowhitu School	12 students received 5 lunchtime sessions in Term 3
	157 students received 3 sessions in Term 4
2017 Ashhurst School	20 students received 3 sessions in Term 3 (sports academy)
2017 Tangimoana School	15 students received 5 sessions in Term 4
2017 Sanson School	22 students received 1 session in Term 4
2017 Ignite Sports Trust	16 students received 1 session in Term 3
2017 Shuttle Time Open Day	30 juniors/students attended in Term 4

**TOTAL – 1706 students**

The impact/result that coaching programmes have had in the badminton community/in our events: -

<b>School name</b>	<b>What competitions players take part in as a result of this project</b>	<b>Number of children who have joined a badminton club/ reps as a result of this project</b>	<b>Number of children participating in badminton events as a result of this project</b>
<b>College Street Normal School</b>	2017 Term 1 and Term 3 (Primary school competitions)	40 in school club, 7 players are in Manawatu reps squads and train weekly. Others have joined local junior clubs	4.5 teams (9 players) took part in Term 1 primary schools competition. 3 Teams (6 players) took part in Term 3 Primary Schools comp. 15 take part in school holiday badminton programmes throughout the year.
<b>Ross Intermediate</b>	2017 Term 1 – Primary Schools Comp and Term 4 Intermediates Comp	3 players took part in school holiday programmes. 2 are Manawatu junior reps	10 Teams (20 players) played in Term 1 Comp. 16 Teams (32 players) took part in Term 4 Intermediates Comp
<b>St. Peter's College</b>	2017 Term 1 Primary Comp, Term 2 Secondary Schools Comp and Term 4 Intermediate Comp.	4 played in our Thursday Night league competition	3 teams (6 players) took part in Term 1 Primary Comp, 8 Teams (32 players) played in Secondary schools comp. 2 Teams (4 players) took part in Term 4 Intermediates Comp
<b>Monrad Intermediate</b>	2017 Term 1 Primary comp and Term 4 Intermediate Comp	2 are Manawatu junior reps.	14 teams (28 players) took part in the Term 1 primary schools competition for 7 weeks. 21 Teams (42 players) took part in Term 4 Intermediates Comp. Students play in school lunchtime club

<b>Queen Elizabeth College</b>	2017 Term 2 – Secondary Schools Comp	4 players casually played in a local club	QEC had 1 (4 players) that took part in the 8-week secondary schools comp
<b>Hokowhitu Primary School</b>	2017 Term 1 and Term 3 Primary Schools Comps	2 players are Manawatu rep players and train weekly	3.5 teams (7 players) took part in Term 1 primary schools comp, 7 Teams (14 players) took part in Term 3 Comp.
<b>Winchester Primary School</b>	2017 Term 1 Primary Schools Comp and Term 3 Primary comp	2 players took part in school holiday programmes. 1 player is Manawatu rep	2 teams took part in Term 1 primary schools comp, 3 Teams (6 players) took part in Term 3 comp
<b>Carncot School</b>	2017 Term 1 Primary Schools Comp and Term 4 Intermediate Comp		2 teams (4 players) took part in the Term 1 comp. 4 teams took part in Term 4 comp!
<b>Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School</b>	2017 Term 1 Primary comp and Term 4 - Intermediates Schools Comp	7 players are rep players. 8 players took part in school holiday programmes	11 teams (22 players) took part in Term 1 Primary Comp and 13 (26 players) took part in Term 4 Intermediates schools comp
<b>Tangimoana</b>	2017 Term 1, Term 3 and Term 4 Comps		2 Teams (4 players) in Term 1, 2 Teams (4 players) in Term 3 and 1 Team (2 players) in Term 4 comp



#### **Manawatu Junior Development Committee (JDC)**

The JDC runs the junior representative programme here in Palmerston North. The JDC is made up of a voluntary group of coaches and parents. Our Representative squads run from March to September annually and we run trials in March. Upon selection the players are divided up by age groups U13s, U15s, U17s and U19s and weekly training is on Tuesdays from 5.30pm-7.30pm in CET Arena Manawatu. We have 8 junior teams (59 players) that play in various competitions throughout the country - we take part in the Central Regions Team Competition from April-June and the Badminton NZ Age Group Teams Championships in July annually. Our teams all have volunteer coaches and managers for these competitions and sometimes for new parents this is a learning curve!



## ***Report from Fu-Guang Cao, Junior Development Coordinator for 2017***

### **1. Committee members:**

Fu-Guang Cao (Chairperson), Ian Stuart (Treasurer), Tania Greenland (Secretary); Sandra Lynch, Rose Wapp, Gary Teague, Josh Curry, Callum Hill

### **2. Financial situation:**

Thanks to the great supports from MBA, external funding organisations, and individual volunteers, JDC has a healthy balance sheet. The cancellations of Central Region Competition at Hawkes Bay in 2016 and 2017 are the other contributing factors to JDC's current strong financial position.

### **3. Activities**

- Held 6 meetings.
- Discussed and developed guideline documents including Code of Conduct, Police Vetting procedure, and Strategic Plan. Need guideline from Manawatu Badminton and Badminton New Zealand.
- Worked together with MBA development manager in managing Manawatu junior representative teams. Activities include organising information evening at the beginning of the season for all representative players and their caregivers to meet the coaches, recruiting team managers and parent helpers, and holding prize giving at the end of the season.
- Helped to organise team events including Central Region Competitions (CRC), and New Zealand Junior Team Championships (NZJTC).
- This year the JDC financially assisted 1 coach (our U17 coach, Ernest Sullivan) in completing his Badminton World Federation Level 1 Coaching Certificate.

### **4. Representative team achievements**

There are 59 players in 8 junior teams (4 u13 teams, 1 u15 team, 1 u17 team and 2 u19 teams) in 2017. All players are required to attend at least one weekly training. The results for the team events are as follows:

Nationals U13 Team 1: 9<sup>th</sup> in Division 1  
Nationals U13 Team 2: 5<sup>th</sup> in Division 2  
Nationals U13 Team 3: 6<sup>th</sup> in Division 2  
Nationals U13 Team 4: 9<sup>th</sup> in Division 2

Nationals U15 Team 1: 4<sup>th</sup> Division 1  
Central Regions Team 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Nationals U17 Team 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 2

Nationals U19 Team 1: 6<sup>th</sup> in Division 1  
Central Regions Team 1: Won

Nationals U19 Team 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 2



## **School Holiday Programmes 2017**



In 2017 we held three School Holiday Programmes with a total of 50 participants. Our venue has been PNINS Gym for all programmes and we held morning sessions for beginners/school learners and afternoon sessions for advanced players. Many of our participants have come from the local community such as local schools, local club players and some are junior representative players; we had 30 players attend our “Shuttle Time Come & Play” session in December 2017. We

had repeat participants with many coming back throughout the year as they enjoyed it so much! I was assisted throughout the year by local players and coaches and we have used this programme as part of our coach and volunteer education development. Special thanks to Josh

## **Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 Schools Competition Term 1 (Feb -April)**

We ran our Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 Schools Competition in February to April 2017. This year was the first time we introduced Yr 8s and we heard great feedback about this decision. This year had an amazing turnout with 54 teams involved from 10 local schools – PN Intermediate Normal School, Ross Intermediate, Monrad Intermediate, Carncot, Winchester School, Russell Street School, Hokowhitu School, St.Peters College, Tangimoana and College Street School. All grades were mixed genders based on the ability of each team. The competition lasted for 8 weeks and we had 5 Divisions in total. Many of the players are interested in continuing to play badminton and we are hopeful for an influx of new players in to our clubs, as well as our junior representative teams. There was a huge amount of support from the teachers and parents and I’d like to thank them for all their hard work!



## **Secondary Schools Competition Term 2 (May-June)**



We ran our 10th annual Secondary Schools Competition in 2017. We had 74 teams from eight local schools involved – Palmerston North Boy’s High School, Palmerston North Girl’s High School, St Peters College, Rangitikei College, Feilding High School, Queen Elizabeth College, Freyberg High School, and Awatapu College. With teams being made up of at least four players we had almost 300 kids taking part.

The competition lasted for 8 weeks and we had 8 divisions in total; 5 grades in senior girls, 4 grades in senior boys, 2 grades in junior girls and 1 grade in junior boys. This year we had a much higher number of girls’ players in the competition: 41 girls’ teams and 33 boys’ teams. Like 2016, we also had many more seniors involved than juniors: 54 senior teams and 20 junior teams. This was a great social and physical exercise event

for all of the students involved. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and improvement could definitely be seen from week to week. There was a huge amount of support from the teachers and parents and I'd like to thank them for all their hard work!



### **Yr 4,5 &6 Primary Schools Competition Term 3 (August-October)**



We ran our 3rd annual Term 3 Primary Schools Competition in 2017. This event was filled with fun and development this year with games and coaching sessions mixed together. We had 16 teams that took part from five local schools – College Street School, Hokowhitu School, Russell Street School, Winchester School, Tangimoana, Cloverlea School and St. Marys School. The competition lasted for 6 weeks and we had 2 Divisions ranging on ability with many teams being mixed in gender. Manawatu Junior Reps mostly took part in Division 1 and they played the best of 3 games to 21 in their ties – this was to encourage more tournament like match-play. This is essential for building our rep player numbers. There was a huge amount of support from the teachers and many parents came down to support their children.

### **Intermediate Schools Competition Term 4 (Oct – Dec)**

We ran our 11th annual Intermediate Schools Competition and this was an extremely positive year as we had 57 teams taking part from six local schools – Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School, Ross Intermediate, Monrad Intermediate, St Peter's College, Carncot and Tangimoana School.

Again we ran a Premier Division which was for players of any gender who were of a very high level, many of whom were representative players. This grade was very successful as we wanted to ensure these players were getting to play full badminton games to increase their skills and prepare them for tournaments. We had more boys playing in the competition: 26 girls' teams and 31 boys' teams. The competition lasted for 8 weeks and we had 1 premier grade, 3 grades in the girls and 3 grades in the boys. Many of the players are interested in continuing to play badminton and we are hopeful for an influx of new players in to our clubs, as well as our junior representative teams. There was a huge amount of support from the teachers and parents and I'd like to thank them for all their hard work! Special mention the players from Tangimoana school who always turn up on time and





give it all on court. Congrats to Monrad Intermediate for winning Most Improved Boy and Most Improved Team this year. Ross Intermediate won Most Improved Girl!

### **State of Origin Competition (October)**



The State of Origin competition is an over 35s and over 50s event and in 2017 this was moved to October to accommodate a calendar clash. As a result we needed to open up the age groups and allow local players under the age of 35 to take part and fill up teams. There were 12 teams this year.

This year we had a lunch break after the first 2 ties were played so players could go and get food, etc and Saigon Corner delivered orders to the hall. At the World

Masters Games in 2017 we had many locals taking part and some even taking medals in their respective age groups! We received funding from Sport Manawatu towards hall hire and sponsorship for this competition.

### **Thursday Night Badminton League & Workplace FUNminton League**

Our Thursday night league competition continues to attract players from the wider community. This year we ran 9 rounds of 5-week competitions and many teams played in the competition for the majority of the year. Our team numbers averaged 30 per round, which is a decrease from 2016. However, our hall hire and shuttle usage also went down as a result. We would ideally love to get to average 32 teams. We are lucky to have paid staff to administer this league as the weekly tasks can be very time consuming especially as this year there were many teams that needed subs on a regular basis. We need to make sure there is commitment from all players as this makes our job, and the quality of the league experience much better!

The Workplace FUNminton League was open to all businesses in our community. We had participants from a wide variety of age groups taking part – 20yrs to 65yrs old. The league encouraged participants by guiding them through each session with a small bit of coaching and learning of the rules – the emphasis on FUN made sure that the recreational players enjoyed the experience and felt comfortable taking part. This year we ran three leagues: -

*March Workplace Challenge FUNminton League - 6 teams*

*August Workplace Challenge FUNminton League - 12 teams*

*October Workplace Challenge FUNminton League - 8 Teams*





This large turnout can be put down to efficient marketing and good contact databases being built.

A big thank you to our sponsor, Salming

## Senior Badminton

### Clubs:

Club Name		2017 Full Members	Associate Members/Casuals	2016 Full Members	Associate Members/Casuals
Monrad	Seniors	15	24	26	10
St. Peters	Juniors	2	4	2	4
PNBC	Seniors - Tuesdays	53	16	43	60
B&M	Juniors - Mondays	26		25	
Masters	Seniors	14	14	10	20
PNINS	Juniors				
Rainbow	Seniors	8	8	8	8
Ballroom	Juniors	30	52	30	52
Massey	Seniors	27	70	43	50
Rec Centre	Juniors	11	10	12	10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>214</b>
	<b>Juniors</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>56</b>
	<b>Seniors</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>148</b>

Our club player numbers seemed to have decreased this year however there is still some guesswork in the tracking of membership numbers and this relies on the clubs to keep records and report them back to us. Palmerston North Badminton Club numbers have successfully increased this year, with the casual numbers falling

dramatically – this indicates to me that the casual numbers were not accurate; the club has offered coaching, invested in software to run the club, has good volunteers assisting as both junior and senior club, and plays club championships at the end of the season. Rainbow club numbers are based on 2016 but it continues to attract all age groups due to the family nature of the club. Massey Club had an increase in casual members as the university wants the club to engage with more students, who are inclined to attend on a casual basis. Monrad club numbers seem to have reversed in terms of full and casual members. Masters Club numbers have evened up but are almost the same as 2016.

### Manawatu Open 2017



We ran our Salming Manawatu Senior, U15 and 'B Grade' Open on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> April and we almost 70 players that took part from around the country and central regions. Many local players took home titles! Thanks to Sport Manawatu for funding assistance and our volunteers on the day who helped run the competition namely Callum, Greg and Kheng!

## Inter-Association Team League – Team Reports

**Senior Division 3 report by Josh Curry** - In 2017 our Div 3 team finished in the middle of the Division in 5th place. The team suffered from not being able to field a full-strength team for all four ties otherwise we may have challenged the top 3 spots (we defeated Wellington 9-7, who finished third, with a not quite full-strength team). Overall, Manawatu managed to compete well despite having many ring-ins. We greatly appreciated the efforts of a number of ex Manawatu association players

living elsewhere picking up the slack, plus our awesome masters' wonders. Is a bit concerning having so many absences though would like to ask for extra commitment from team this year!

*Team* – Arrooran Jeyamohan, Josh Curry, Callum Hill, Wei Lim, Ernest Sullivan, Rebecca Ye, Sandra Lynch, Chanel Shum, Chanmony Khieng. *SUBS*: Helen Su, Alpha Fe Deloy, Ruawai Te Rata, Chris Sharrock, Dave Wasley, Wayne Young, Kavithya Senthilnathan



**Senior Division 5 report by Dave Rogers** - As you can see from the team list we had players ranging from school age to a vet's player. Finishing the year in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, we were well ahead of 3rd but so close to 1st. Our only loss being to the winners North Harbour 4 - a match that had many close games including six, 3 setters. With all of our ties within 2 hours driving distance we did not have any overnight travel weekends.

Some quick player stats: -

3 of the top 4 players in the division - 1 Amy, 3 Danielle, 4 Kelsi; Top ranked male - 7 Dave R. (2nd male in grade - girls carried us); Also check out our Mr 69 - Dave A.; Unbeaten players - Amy 16/16 and Cassandra 3/3; Unbeaten doubles - Dave R 12/12; Sujay 7/7, Jordan 6/6, Dave A 2/2. Played all 18 games - Joseph, Danielle, & Kelsi.

*Team & Subs* - Jessica Rich, Amy Rogers, Danielle Skarott, Kelsi Wallace, Rose Wapp, Cassandra Feasey, Elijah Paul, Sujay Prabakar, Jordan Richard, Dave Rogers, Joseph Wilson, Dave Austin and Alec Pedersen

### **Masters Division 2 report by Dave Reardon/Wayne Young –**



We completed our season with two final convincing wins in August; as a result we won Div 2 and got promoted to the elite Division 1. Against Waitakere, Manawatu won three of the women's doubles and just one of the men's, that being a match won easily by Dave Rogers and newcomer, Sujay Prabakar. The score was tied at four-all before Manawatu won all four mixed doubles. Manawatu won six of the eight doubles against North Harbour, effectively securing the result before the mixed, even though super vet, Shane Ogier withdrew hurt. Top man, Wayne Young led the charge winning all

three of his matches. He was well supported by Rose Wapp, and Rogers, both winning two close games each. Top woman Sandra Lynch, a former Irish international, also ended the year undefeated, matching her efforts from the previous season. New team members for 2017 were David Rogers and Sujay Prabakar, who both performed admirably in their first outing in this division. Just six years ago, Manawatu was in division four; it is believed that this may be the first senior rep. team to reach the top division in the history of Manawatu Badminton.

*Team* - Sandra Lynch, Rose Wapp, Alpha Deloy, Michelle Boudreau, Cherri Yarwood, David Reardon, David Rogers, Shane Ogier, Sujay Prabakar, and Wayne Young (c).

**Masters 2 Team** placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 5. Team: Malcolm Taylor, Byron Barr, Greg Busch, Campbell Dodds, Jamie Sanson, Susie Hillbourne, Janice Cudby, Pui-Ching Tan, Jo Smith and Kim Hildred



### **Vets Division 2 report Paper Article by Michelle Boudreau**



**Vets 2 Team** placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Division 4b. Team: Pui-Ching Tan, Susie Hilbourne, Janice Cudby, Sarah Cooper, Kooi Tan, Nick Miller and Greg Morgan

### **Super-Vets Division 2 report by Simon Allan** - A very successful season saw Manawatu supervets



team finish second but still receive upwards promotion to the first league, due to rearrangement in the first division. So the excited team will seek to do proud in the first division and not let age be an excuse! Sue MacDowell continues to astound at her age (out it this way Supervets are 60 plus and Sue could do 70 plus and then some, not to give away a woman's age!). The beauty of Supervets is still to be playing with the competitive edge still present but the fun of just being on the court immense! So to those who aspire to keep playing as you reach age milestones, keep fit, keep playing and see if you can knock us old codgers out of contention because we mean to be around for a while!

**Team** - Sue McDowell, Joan Hilder, Mary Roberts, Rosemary Asplin, Nick Miller, Ian Angove Shane Ogier and Simon Allan.



## Fundraising

We continued to fundraise in 2017. Our Racket stringing service continues to create income for the association with particular thanks to our stringers headed up by Richard Skarott. The professionalism and quality of our competitions also attracts schools players and players from the wider community. Thursday Night Badminton League continues to be our biggest revenue earner, again thanks to Richard for administering this every Thursday. The income from our other competitions also assists with funding our association. Yonex rackets were also available to buy from the MBA and this provides us with extra income for our activities.

Saigon Corner continued as our preferred Caterer! Salming NZ sponsored some of our participation initiatives - Thanks for all their support. We continue to apply multiple times throughout the year for funding to assist our programmes. This year we received funding from:-

**Pub Charity, Lion Foundation, NZCT and Sport Manawatu. Massive thanks for all of their support.**



**Thank you to all our funders!**

## Promotion in Social Media



Work continues on our Facebook page to keep the information current, interesting and we also share photos of our activities. We 890 have likes in comparison to 797 likes this time last year. We update it regularly with local news/activities and any regional or national news that may be of interest to our members. Please continue to like and share our page among your friends and family – we want more badminton enthusiasts to join our community. <https://www.facebook.com/ManawatuBadminton/>

Our website is [www.manawatubadminton.org.nz](http://www.manawatubadminton.org.nz). Thanks to Nick for all his efforts and Callum for updating page information.

Finally, my homage to say 'Thanks' to Callum Hill, Events coordinator  
 aka my right-hand man... team mate... banter buddy... hair style guru  
 techi whizz #funtime #friendsforlife #missu #baddo4eva #jafanow



## 2018 – Growing our sport

In 2018 we will be finalising

our Governance structure and

continuing to tighten up our administration and promote more development opportunities for the community. Our executive, sub-committees and junior development committee will continue their work on organising and administrating our sport. We really need more individuals to volunteer and assist the MBA operations - new blood and new ideas are vital for our sport and we welcome you to come and talk to us.

We intend to run more coaching courses and look at introducing some more events for clubs players and non-rep school players. We will encourage twice weekly training sessions for all Rep juniors to attend –Our ‘Shuttle Time’ programme will be supported by Badminton NZ in 2018 and we will be promoting this across the community.



Special thanks to all my assistants throughout the year especially Wendy, our financial guru who has helped me so much in 2017, Janice (Acting President) who has continued to do a huge amount for the organisation, Sujay (Secretary) has been instrumental in the strategic planning process, Richard for his organisational skills & for being a constant source of advice, Josh for helping at competitions, school holiday programmes & coaching sessions, and Rose for assisting in all areas of the juniors and seniors! We have had another very successful badminton year in 2017 and huge thanks to our volunteers, coaches, players, parents, schools, teachers, sponsors, BNZ and committee members.

## THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR GETTING INVOLVED AND HELPING OUT

*Sandra Lynch*

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Manawatu Badminton Association