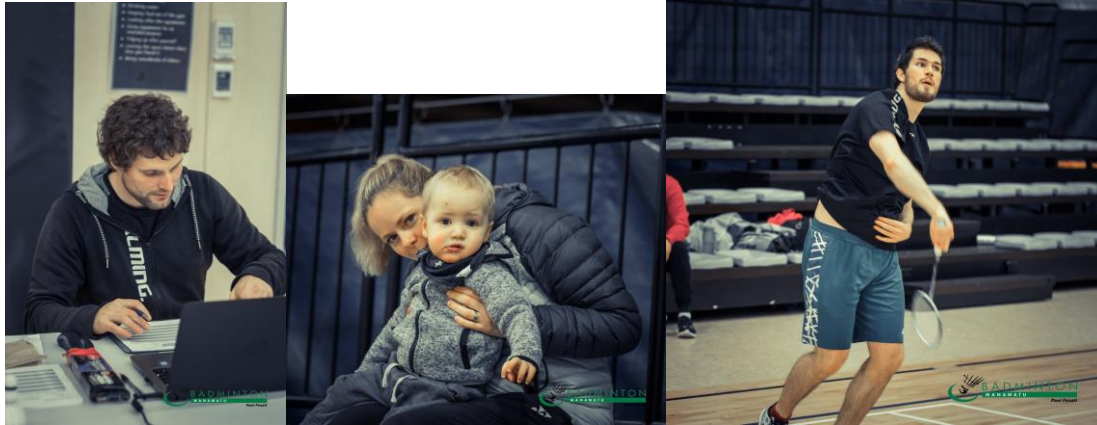


Manawatu Badminton AGM - Development Report for 2020

by James Veitch, Sandra Lynch & Joshua Curry



The Year that was - COVID-19 Response and Recovery

We started our season planning in the last quarter of 2019 and put in place a full calendar of events, as usual. Annual School's competitions, Junior and Senior representative programmes, participation events, Central Region Badminton events, Thursday Night League and our Shuttletime programme were all ready to go in January 2020. Coaching in schools had begun, operations administration and funding applications were in process and then...

28 February 2020

First COVID-19 case reported in New Zealand.

19 March 2020

All indoor gatherings of more than 100 people are to be cancelled.

Borders close to all but New Zealand citizens and permanent residents.

21 March 2020

The Government introduces the 4-tiered Alert Level system to help combat COVID-19. The Prime Minister announces that New Zealand is at Alert Level 2.

25 March 2020

At 11:59pm, New Zealand moves to Alert Level 4, and the entire nation goes into self-isolation. A State of National Emergency is declared at 12:21pm.



How it affected our operations :-

- By early February all our Rep teams were picked and selected. Both had 1 training session before being closed down. Luckily our senior programme and inter-association competition was rescheduled and we got to complete 2 to 3 weekends of play. Our junior programme started back up but all the teams events were cancelled and could not be rescheduled.

- Term 1 Shuttle Time Yr 5678 Schools Competition completed 5 weeks of the competition and only missed out on playing the Finals day. We attempted to reschedule this but the schools couldn't fit it in.
- Cancellation of U13/U17 Manawatu Open which was to be held in March. Rescheduled multiple times and only the U17s tournament got played in the end on 8th/9th August. We ended up having record numbers for that event – 40 players took part.
- Round 1 of Thursday Night League completed 4 nights (started on 13th Feb) and we finished that Round on 11th June! There was a 3 month gap between week 4 and week 5 of that round!
- U15/U19 Manawatu Opens scheduled for March eventually got postponed due to lockdown. Both were rescheduled to Sat 18th/Sun 19th July in Cornerstone Christian School. Luckily this was a really well attended tournament in the end.
- Rescheduling of our TNBL, Schools Shuttletime programme and competitions, and sanctioned events continued for weeks throughout this time – huge congratulations to James on finding the new dates, venues, halls and following all the protocols that were set out by government during this time. Information was constantly streamed out to our stakeholders, members and participants. Massive thanks to our venue partners Arena Manawatu, Cornerstone Christian School, PNINS and Ross Intermediate for their support and communication. Thanks to Sport Manawatu's senior leadership team for keeping us updated and informed regularly.
- MBA Board and the Junior Rep Committee both had 3 meetings during this time to ensure the operations and future of the association was at the forefront. I would like to thank these members for their trust, direction and belief in the staff throughout this time – this was invaluable to know we were all on the same page and had the best interest of the MBA at heart.
- Badminton New Zealand were a valuable resource throughout this time with weekly Zoom meetings which informed all associations of calendar rescheduling, tournaments/competition updates and they also facilitated meetings with speakers and funders to assist with the recovery plans.
- Two major funds that assisted us throughout this time was the government's wage subsidy and Sport NZ's Community Resilience fund (administered through Sport Manawatu)
- Manawatu and Waikato also created a virtual rally and posted our video on Facebook – thanks Nick and all the video contributors!



27 April 2020

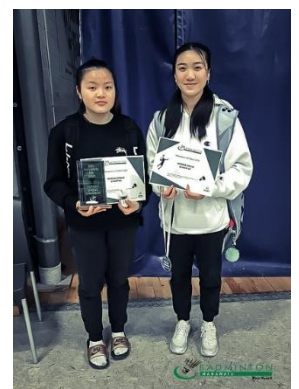
New Zealand moves to Alert Level 3 at 11:59pm.

13 May 2020

New Zealand moves to Alert Level 2 at 11:59pm.

Participants surveyed regularly to gauge return to play willingness.

- Play resumes with Bubble Badminton in Arena Manawatu. James begins and administers MBA's Covid tracing system which is essential when running any of our events.



8 June 2020

The Ministry of Health reports that there are no more active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. At 11:59pm, New Zealand moves to Alert Level 1.

- **Junior Reps Training** begins again on 16th June in Arena. Fun post-covid bowling night organised on 23rd July for both juniors and seniors to attend.
- **Thursday Badminton League** resumes with Round 2 on June 18th. We continued to play until December 17th 2020 and a total of 42 different teams (over 175 players) took part over the course of the year (5 Rounds).
- **Secondary Schools** competition finally starts on 22nd June with a record 81 teams taking part.
- **School Holiday Programme in association with Sport Manawatu**, July 13-15th Arena Manawatu. This initiative came about as a COVID-19 relief package to help RSO's and Active Recreation providers raise funds during this time and put sport back in the front of people's minds. With sport starting back up around this time it was a great way for kids to try out these sports before committing to them through school or club teams. Discussions quickly started with the idea of two holiday programmes being run at the same time; an indoor programme and an outdoor programme. The outdoor programme involving Hockey Manawātū, Manawātū Rugby, Manawātū Cricket, Netball Manawātū, and Central Football. The outdoor programme was the main event that required the most planning as it was the first big collaboration project Sport Manawātū had done before. Meetings started through zoom as we were still in level 3 at the time, with the zoom sessions often having a better turn out than face to face meetings. The indoor programme was much of a copy of the outdoor, and involved OnBoard Skate, Badminton Manawātū, Volleyball Manawātū and Basketball Manawātū. One of the main goals for the programme was collaboration, between the codes and other providers, so GM's, coach developers and coaches could work together during this process as well as outside of the holiday programme. The other goal was based on participation and diversity and inclusion, to provide young people with an opportunity to participate in a range of different sports rather than specialising in one or two sports, which fits nicely with the 'balance is better' principal. The programme was available for open to year 3 all the way through to year 13. This was a big age range and not the original year groups we wanted to focus on but due to registration numbers we wanted to open it up to most ages of young people. 117 Registered for the outdoor programme and 116 registered for the indoor programme – it was a great success even if the weather didn't play ball!
- **Term 3 Primary Schools** Competition began on 28th July with our biggest ever entry of 66 players. This year we added an extra 30 minutes of coaching at the start of each week to ensure that players had more opportunities to learn new skills. We also incorporated some coach development with UCOL students during this time. This proved very successful and added value to participants in the competition.



12 August 2020

At 12 noon, Auckland region moves to Alert Level 3. The rest of New Zealand moves to Alert Level 2.

- Play continues in Arena mostly. Most school halls stop outside entities using their facilities until Alert Level 1 resumes. James administers MBA's Covid tracing system again which is essential when running any of our events.

30 August 2020

Auckland moves to Alert Level 2 at 11:59pm, with extra restrictions on travel and gatherings. The rest of New Zealand remains at Alert Level 2.

21 September 2020

All regions, except Auckland, move to Alert Level 1 at 11:59pm.

23 September 2020

Auckland moves to Alert Level 2, without extra restrictions on travel and gatherings, at 11:59pm.

7 October 2020

Auckland moves to Alert Level 1 at 11:59pm. All of New Zealand is now at Alert Level 1.

- **Term 4 Intermediates Schools Comp** starts on 29th October with 54 teams from 7 schools taking part. Teams are made up of 2 or 3 players and a total of 140 students competed.
- **Shuttle Time Badge course** begins 6th November in Cornerstone Christian School and ran for 7 weeks, led by Josh and Cassandra.
- **Sunday Open Sessions** in PNINS continue for off-season practice (Nov-Feb).
- **Thursday Night Badminton League** continues until 17th December 2020.

Annual Shuttle Time Programme Numbers healthy despite COVID-19

Participation			Participants				Total numbers	
			Unique individuals		Total	number with disability	No. of sessions per participant	Total number of participant sessions
Location of Activity eg XXX school / community / event	Shuttle Time Teacher (Name)	Shuttle Time lessons/activities delivered	Male	Female				
Massey Kids Club Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	20	20	40	0	1	40
MBA Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	6	5	11	0	9	99
Longburn Adventist College	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10, 13-18	13	11	24		7	168
Cornerstone Christian School	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	12	12	24		7	168
Waiopehu College (Levin)	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-22	16	16	32		12	384
PN Intermediate Normal School	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10, 13-18	21	24	45		5	225
Ross Intermediate	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	7	6	13		2	26
Whakarongo School	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	9	4	13		2	26
Shuttle Time Badge Classes	Joshua Curry, James Veitch & Cassandra Feasey	lessons 1-10, 13-18	12	7	19		7	133
Roslyn School	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	15	15	30		4	120
Carncot School	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	45	46	91		6	546
Longburn Adventist College	Joshua Curry	lessons 13-18	9	5	14		4	56
Primary/Intermediate Schools Comp	James Veitch	lessons 1-10	82	83	165		5	825
Secondary Schools Comp	James Veitch	lessons 1-10	116	208	324		2	648
Sport Manawatu Multisport Holiday Program	Joshua Curry/Cassandra Feasey	1-10, 13-22	57	62	119		4	476
YMCA Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	1-10,	18	22	40		1	40
West End School	Joshua Curry	1-10,	122	122	244		4	976
Longburn Adventist College	Joshua Curry	1-10, 13-22	10	5	15		6	90
Waiopehu College	Joshua Curry	1-22,	27	23	50		16	800
Cornerstone Christian School	Joshua Curry	1-10, 13-18	15	15	30		17	510
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Joshua Curry	1-10,	2	1	3		2	6
Badge Classes Ross Intermediate	Joshua Curry/James Veitch	1-10,13-22	9	5	14		7	98
Primary Schools Comp. Coaching	Joshua Curry/Sandra Lynch/James Veitch	1-10, 13-18	38	28	66		8	528
Tangimoana School	Joshua Curry	1-10, 13-18	11	11	22		3	66
College Street Normal School	Clive Robertson	1-10,	12	13	25		7	175
Dannevirke South School	Joshua Curry	1-10, 13-18	25	25	50		4	200
MBA Holiday Program	Joshua Curry/Cassandra Feasey/Sandra Lynch	1-10, 13-18	9	3	12		12	144
PN Intermediate Normal School	Joshua Curry	1-10, 13-18	32	34	66		7	462
Cornerstone Christian School	Joshua Curry	1-10, 13-18	54	54	108		4	432
Badge Classes Cornerstone	Joshua Curry/Cassandra Feasey	1-10, 13-18	14	10	24		6	144
Whakarongo School	Joshua Curry	1-10,	50	50	100		2	200
Secondary Schools Competition	James Veitch	1-10,	150	206	356		10	3560
Intermediate Schools Comp	James Veitch	1-10,	67	60	127		6	762
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Total			1105	1211	2316	0	199	13133
				52%		0%		5.7
			female participants		PWD participants		sessions per participant	

Getting into schools became difficult Post COVID Term 2 lockdown with less time for schools to schedule all their sports activities. This did mean we missed out on a couple of key schools that were originally lined up for Term 2 however by Term 4 these schools had been locked in for 2021. More positively badminton was able to leverage our ability to offer Shuttle Time in schools during Alert Level 2 where we managed to successfully run programs in 2 key new schools Carncot & West End School. Shuttle Time Badge Classes were also run after school during Term 3 and Term 4 making use of the Ross Intermediate and Cornerstone facilities. The programs were successful with 38 participants taking part.

Junior Development Committee

The JDC runs the junior representative programme here in Palmerston North. The JDC is made up of a voluntary group of coaches and parents and meets up ~8 times per year. 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; weekly training is on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 5.30pm-7.30pm in CET Arena Manawatu/PNINS. In 2020 we aimed to have 7 junior teams (50 players) that play in various competitions throughout the country – however Covid-19 scuppered that. We usually take part in the Central Regions Team Competition from April-June and the NZ Junior 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! We will be renaming this working group to Junior Rep Committee from 2021 onwards.

Manawatu Junior Badminton Prize Giving 2020 – Chairman's Speech 2020

'Welcome everyone here to junior prize giving for Manawatu Badminton. Well, what can I say about this year! It's certainly been unusual, you could even say unprecedented!

Unfortunately due to that thing called COVID-19 this season has been like no other. We've seen interruptions to our normal junior programme and many events cancelled. The NZJTC was cancelled which is the main event we train towards as a rep squad, along with most of the Central Regions competition. This was hugely disappointing to not only the players but all involved from parents, coaches, the Junior Development Committee and our wonderful MBA staff who put so much work into these events.

I thank those players who have continued trainings and hope that next year is a successful year for all and COVID doesn't raise its ugly head again.

It was sad to see that this year we were unable to field a U19 team, a team I have managed for several years. This was mainly due to numbers in the age group although Covid again played its part. Hopefully we will have enough numbers to have competitive teams in all age groups again next year.

It is wonderful to see that there are a number of juniors playing in the senior representative team. Congratulations to Isabella, Amy and David. And also to Matthew and Christina, while not being in a junior team this year they are still juniors. All five of you have been valuable members of the senior rep squad this season.

A special congratulations to Isabella and Phoebe who were members of the NZ Training Squads for U17 & U15 respectively. I also understand you have both been invited to trial for the 2021 squads and we all wish you the very best for the upcoming trials.



We had a number of players travel to the National individual age group championships over the recent school holidays. Well done to David, Isabella, Amy, Logan, Phoebe, Reuben and Jason, from what I have heard you all played really well and should be proud of your efforts.

As you all know we have a wonderful bunch of coaches who all give up their time to coach you guys. And why do they do that? They do it because they're passionate about badminton and love to see the progression you guys make through the years.

Unfortunately next year Gary will not be returning to coaching in a full capacity, Gary has been involved in junior badminton for nearly 20 years. He has decided to step back and help out when he can as time allows with his business commitments.

After about 15 years coaching our Juniors, Rose has decided to retire from coaching. On behalf of all of us here and those that couldn't make it tonight I would like to thank you both for their dedication to Manawatu Junior Badminton and the 100's, probably 1000's of hours you have put into our junior programme. Please put your hands together for all of your amazing coaches!

I'd also like to thank the committee for their work this year, it's been a weird one but we've finally got to the end. Thank you to Carole who is leaving the committee and has been a great Treasurer since taking over from me last year. Next year Susan will be our new treasurer, thanks for taking the role on Susan. I'm also leaving the committee and therefore also the role of chairperson. I have enjoyed my time on the committee and being part of a team who have guided the junior programme and watching you guys get better and better, and bigger and bigger!

At this stage we do not have a new chairperson, it isn't a position that is as daunting as it may sound, so if any of you parents here tonight would like to discuss what is involved please come and have a chat to me later on.

We will also need some more committee members. Currently the committee is made up of about a 50/50 mix of parents and coaches. There should be a higher proportion of parents so I encourage all parents out there to think about joining the committee, this is your chance to make a difference and ensure our junior rep players have all the opportunities they can.

We've had some juniors who individually have had some great success this year, you'll hear a bit more about that from their coaches shortly.

Finally as always, the end of the junior season means we lose some players who have been part of this group for a long time. I would like to take this opportunity to farewell Christina from our junior ranks. Christina has had a wonderful junior career, being a past JPOTY recipient and trialest for NZ age group squads. I have watched her play some absolutely thrilling games which will stay in my memory forever. I know through badminton Christina has grown as a person and is the fine young lady you see in front of us today. On behalf of the JDC and all of us here today I wish you all the best for your future.

An all female line-up for Junior Player of the Year – Eve U13s, Phoebe U15s and Isabella U17s - Isabella Chen was announced as the 2020 Junior Player of the Year.

Thanks! Ian Stuart

THANK YOU TO OUR VLUNTEER COMMITTEE AND COACHES! WE LOVE YOUR WORK!

MBA continues to administer the Central Regions Badminton programme and generally deals with Junior Events. James is the co-ordinator, and the role is funded by 10 associations and Badminton NZ.

SENIOR BADMINTON

Affiliated Clubs

Not all clubs have returned players numbers to MBA, making it difficult to draw any trends or conclusions on numbers. COVID also hit the clubs hard as some did not have the structure to carry out all the government requirements to open in certain levels, and some others lost their venues under various Alert Levels. MBA were lucky enough to apply for assistance under the community resilience fund to assist with affiliations in 2020 and as a result there was no fees charged to the clubs in 2020. Congrats to all the clubs for surviving 'the year that was' and hopefully 2021 will bring a more consistent year of play.

Manawatu Open – 7 & 8 March

We ran the Manawatu Open 2020 alongside the Manawatu u13 Open at the Arena. In total 49 players entered the senior competition, in which all 5 events run. Players competed from all over New Zealand, representing 9 different associations.



Senior Representative Programme

Team	Males	Females
Senior 1	Matthew Cao Joshua Curry William Feasey Nathan Lau	Isabella Chen Fiona Miller Christina Stuart Amy Su
Senior 2	Ben Mcewen Sujay Prabakar James Veitch David Wu	Cassandra Feasey Yujin Lee Jessica Rich Danielle Skarott
Masters 1	Greg Busch Campbell Dodd Sandeep Gupta Sujay Prabakar Wayne Young	Sandra Lynch Fiona Miller Tina Moon Rose Wapp
Masters 2	Paul Foxall Godly Kunjumon Robin Kuruvila Jamie Sanson Malcolm Taylor	Janice Cudby Kim Hildred Theresa Marshall Jo Smith
Vets	Simon Allan Greg Busch Dave Rogers Wayne Young	Michelle Boudreau Claire James Rose Wapp
Super-Vets	Simon Allan Ian Angove Shane Ogier	Rosemary Asplin Janice Cudby Sue McDowell Mary Roberts Jo Smith





Report from Supervets as follows by Simon Allan

How can a team that lined up second in the first rounds manage to scrape a lowly position in the play offs in 2020? Well, a mixture of injury, limited player pool and “ring ins” by other teams, saw our eventual demise. We can however take confidence that not only are we competitive, but we can do well in 2021! There is not an obvious source of “youthful” additions on the horizon, but with some bandaging and anti- inflammatory drugs, Manawatu Supervets will rise to the challenge again!

Senior 2 team write-up below from James Veitch:-

An unusual season saw us compete in Central Division 2 of a regionalised Inter-Association competition against teams from ‘Div 4’ and ‘Div 5’. After a difficult start losing to Hutt Valley 1 & Taranaki, the team rallied on our trip to Wellington North and defeated both Wellington 2 and Wellington North 2 in tight contests! Huge credit must go to the women for ensuring a 3rd place finish, as they racked up the wins while the men found it tough. Special mentions go to Yujin Lee & David Wu, who made their senior Manawatu debuts during the season and played exceptionally well in a competitive division. Lastly, we cannot overlook the evergreen Sujay Prabakar, who patiently waited until the final match of the final tie to record his first victory of the season. The post-tie beer tasted very sweet indeed!

Manawatu Masters 1 Managers Report Season 2020 by Campbell Dodds

Well this season will certainly be one to be remembered, given the circumstances that occurred when COVID-19 lockdown hit right after the first round of the competition. Never the less various hardy individuals kept themselves fit with some revised training plans in the hope that the season would re-eventuate and as such it did!!

The team showed great resilience with the revised format after the first round and soldiered on to produce some pleasing results.

Division 2 Round 1:

Waitakarere 3 was first up and somewhat underestimated but a good reminder to us that the season would not be easy. Despite some great performances the side went down

BOP 1 was next up and the team produced a fantastic 7-5 win, with some brilliant performances from a number of the players, in particular Sandra Lynch finishing the day with 6/6.

We were also very lucky to have had the services of the legendary super sub “Michelle Boudreau”, who ensured the team, had enough firepower to get through the day.

Michelle was given the honours of selecting player of the day, who was Campbell Dodds who according to Michelle “played his guts out”.

After the first round and covid, the remainder of the season was revised with the competition being regionalised and placing the team in Central Division 1.

Central Division 1 Round 1:

The team travelled to New Plymouth for the first round of the new league where we to face off with both Wellington 1 and Hutt Valley 1.

Due to injuries the team was saved by yet another sensational sub with the services of Dave Rogers in addition to the other super sub yet again of Michelle Boudreau.

First up was Wellington 1 and there were a number of exciting and close games. We also had a "ghost player" for the day, who displayed some absolute brilliance in his games during the day and as such was named player of the day. Well done Mr Prabakar

The team ended up coming away with a rather unorthodox victory being classed as a walk-over due to Wellingtons players falling apart from the fear of Manawatu, which was quite scary given I had instructed the team at the beginning of the day to play hard but nice.

Hutt Valley 1 was next on the drawcard and let's just say the managers pep talk really came through with an absolute trouncing of the opposition 10-2. Everyone played exceptionally well with a number of players producing 6/6.

With the great results produced in New Plymouth leaving us at the top of the table it was a certain warning call to Taranaki and Hawkes Bay 1 (who were to be faced in the final round in the Capital) that the green machine would be a force to be reckoned with.

Round 2:

The showdown of the season with 3 teams vying for the top spot glory. Yet again we had to call upon the services of a legendary Scottish sub "Super Simon Allan"

Taranaki was our first opponent of the day and proved to be a big tussle with a number of tight hard matches. Despite the efforts of the team we were pipped on countback after a 6/6 result.

The final game was against Hawkes Bay 1 and yet again there were a number of fantastic games that were very close. While the side went down 9-3, the scorecard was completely one-sided with some games being reasonably close.

The main player of the day was Tina Moon who played absolutely superbly, with other notable performances from Super Simon and 2 outstanding mixed victories to Fiona Miller & Campbell Dodds.

The season didn't quite end there with some of the team flying the flag that night and cleaned up on the dancefloor displaying some exceptional abilities.

Another high point of the season was the comradery shown in games, with players on the sideline, sharing tactical information during matches.

Lastly a special big thanks to those who helped filling in with the large number of injuries this season.

Here's looking forward to an even bigger 2021 Season.

Well done to all our players during this crazy season. We appreciate your patience and value your continued representation of the Green Machine!

Para-Badminton

Josh continues to participate in the Badminton NZ led Para Badminton workshops. This involved learning about interacting with Para athletes, coaching para athletes and how to get Para players involved in our sport. MBA attended a Parafed Disability Sports Expo in November held in Massey. Oliver Linton continues to train with Josh working towards the Oceania championships early 2020 where won a silver medal in his SL3 singles class!



FUNDRAISING

We continued to fundraise in 2020. Our Racket stringing service continues to create income for the association with particular thanks to our stringer 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 (day-events and schools competitions) also assists with funding our association.

Yonex rackets and grips were also available to buy from the MBA and this provides us with some extra income for our activities.

A huge thankful must go out to the following trusts and charities for their support in 2020:

Masonic Youth Fund



Lastly, a the biggest thank you must go to all the volunteers, coaches, managers, clubs, committee/Board members and players who enable us to deliver badminton to the community and keep coming back for more!

2021 has already shown increased interest in events and participation numbers are on the rise, especially in the younger age group. We have also already had 1 mini lockdown and change in Alert Levels so we are mindful that COVID-19 and its challenges are not over yet. We have targets to develop in the Tamariki and Rangatahi space and we have received funding through the Tu Manawau Active Aotearoa Fund; the Coach Education framework and opportunities will be re visited, and the Board are keen on strategic development in line with Badminton NZ and Sport NZ goal setting post COVID. The Board are constantly recruiting and are keen to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved.

**Kia Kaha &
THANK YOU!**