

## **Board Update January 2018**

The Board has met in September, October and December. We welcomed new CE Hamish Grey at our September meeting with departing CE Linda Hamersley in attendance also. We also welcomed new Board member Peter Wyatt and our President Dianne Rodger.

### **Strategy**

The Board undertook a strategy review and prioritisation session at the October meeting. This was facilitated by an external consultant with the support of Sport NZ. The discussion was helpful for Hamish and the team in building their operational plan for the next 15 months by considering which items from the Strategic Plan had the most priority. It also facilitated some areas of future thinking for the Board to undertake in subsequent meetings.

### **Finance**

A number of factors have had an impact on the financial performance over the last 12 months. The following income has been behind budget- membership, commercial, grant and Rotorua income. The CE and team have focused on ensuring that all income opportunities have been taken and that expenses are managed to ensure that the year-end financial position is improved. Hamish has taken the opportunity to introduce himself to a number of funders and partners; this has proved useful in identifying opportunities for the incoming financial year.

### **Membership and Community**

Membership figures tracked well until late November. The online membership has meant that we have seen a lot of earlier registrations and this showed out in the earlier months. However membership numbers have dropped away since late November. There still remain a number of clubs that are to affiliate and some with no entries yet into the database. Staff are proactively following up clubs. The drop in membership numbers will affect budgeted income for this financial year.

At the December Board meeting the Board considered a range of proposals in regards to the membership fee for the 2018/19 year. No increase had been put in place for the 2017/18 year and therefore it was felt that an increase was required. The membership income is our only truly discretionary income and a lift is required to ensure that we can continue to deliver to clubs, coaches and officials. Communication went out to all clubs advising of the increase and the rationale behind it.

After a review of the Community programme a revised Community Manager role will be advertised early in 2018.

### **Commercial**

New Commercial Manager Jo Clark gave the Board an update at the December meeting. Jo gave an overview of the work in her area, including progress made by contractor Rob Waddell. It was pleasing to see the partnership with Sky City in regards to The Vertical Pursuit event and 2XU coming on board as our new Team Apparel partner.

### **High Performance**

It was pleasing to see Ryan Ballantyne and Olivia McTaggart receive Olympic Solidarity Scholarships. Also Kirsten Hellier has been accepted onto the newly created Coaching Advisory Panel and both Kirsten and Emily Nolan gained places on the HPSNZ Coach Accelerator Programme.

A number of NZ records have been approved over the September to December months. It is wonderful to see impressive performances from the athletes below.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Performance</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date of Performance</b>
Jack Lewer	Men Para F20	Discus	28.78	Hamilton	17/03/2017
Victoria (Tori) Peeters	Women National	Javelin	56.74m	Sydney	1/04/2017
Olivia Burdon	Woman U20	5000m	15:50.12	Eugene	10/06/2017
Olivia Burdon	Woman U20	1500m	4:11.19	Portland	16/06/2017
Anna Grimaldi	Women Open T47	100m	12.86	Townsville	17/06/2017
Katrina Robinson	Woman U17	3000m	9:17.24	Gold Coast	24/06/2017
Keegan Pitcher	Men Para T36	200m	25.32	Suva	1/07/2017
Anna Percy	Woman U20	400m Hurdles	58.60	Brussels	9/07/2017
Katrina Robinson	Woman U18	1500m	4:17.19	Bahamas	20/07/2017
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Keegan Pitcher	Men Para T36	400m	55.23	London	21/07/2017
Quentin Rew	Men National	50km Road Walk	3:46:29	London	13/08/2017
Victoria (Tori) Peeters	Woman National	Javelin	56.84m	Dunedin	28/10/2017
Caitlin Dore	Woman Para	Shotput	8.15m	Dunedin	28/10/2017

Regards  
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Board Chair