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**2018
ANNUAL
REPORT**

Year Ended 31 October 2018

The New Zealand Kahu Youth Girls
became the first female team to play on
Westpac Stadium



Chairman's Report

2018 has been another fruitful year at AFL New Zealand as we continue to build out the opportunity for everyone in New Zealand to experience and or to be involved in the wonderful game of AFL.



The AFL continue to invest actively in our partnership which is incredibly pleasing and gives us great optimism for the future. We, together with the AFL continue to focus on placing the game on a stronger platform every year. Whether this is through the pursuit of superior broadcast or streaming activities, our schools programs, Premiership competition or the many new initiatives we continue to work on. The landscape is evolving and growing rapidly. The opportunity to develop our activities is most exciting.

We are in particular, very buoyant about the potential for our womens programs. With the explosion of interest in the womens AFL game we see an incredibly future for our young New Zealand women to realise the benefits of either our developing participation programs or emerging talent pathway initiatives. The journey through to the AFLW professional competition is very much on our radar with some fine young New Zealand talent already participating in competitions off shore.

The work and assistance provide by our international colleagues doesn't go unnoticed. Rob Auld, Simon Laughton, Andrew Hughes and the AFL Broadcast Team of Marcus King and Matt Collister, has been invaluable. Their willingness to support AFL New Zealand with strategic direction and personal commitment is to be complemented.

As is typical with sporting organisations, we rely on our internal staff to perform above expectations. This they do week in and week out. Our volunteers and all of our wonderful part time support group. They are all champions of the AFLNZ vision. Many thanks to your commitment, time and energy. None of what we do would be possible without the extraordinary effort made by our people.

AFL New Zealand is superbly led and managed by our CEO Rob Vanstam. Rob continues to be the driving force behind our business. Rob delivers on our strategic and commercial initiatives every year and has to be given very real credit for the on going success of AFL New Zealand.

For the future, we continue to focus on building out our broadcast activities. Awareness of our product is critical. The further development of our participation model and encouraging females to become AFL athletes by creating meaningful pathways and programs is of the highest priority. The AFLNZ Touring Teams program has been incredibly successful. We will keep driving the opportunity for young people from other countries to sample the great breadth of New Zealand, it's culture, people and also importantly gain an insight into the great sporting heritage of New Zealand.

All of our New Zealand partners are of course critical.

Our big thanks to Regional Facilities Auckland who continue to be an important partner. They are helping to provide world class facilities that will shape the look of our future programs and success. Having AFL matches in New Zealand's most populous centre, Auckland continues to be a strong strategic focus.

Foundation North has provided three years of funding in partnership with AFL New Zealand. Their support has been much appreciated. Other key funding partners including Pelorus, Four Winds Trust and Southern Trust ensure our broader program delivery can move forward with confidence.

The AFL New Zealand Board said farewell to Toni Maree Carnie after 8 years of fantastic service and input. Her role as a CEO of a reputable Regional Sports Trusts provided important insights into the needs of local community in regards to sport. A focus on female participation, ethnic communities and organised sporting opportunities, has been well showcased in our strategic planning. Toni's role also in developing our broadcast activities should be mentioned.

With Toni-Maree's departure and the move back to Australia by my predecessor Geoff Dickson, we are delighted to have recruited Liza McNally and Bernard Saundry to the AFL New Zealand Board. They both bring superb skill and experience to our Board. Their strengths along with established board members Trina Tamati, Garry Carnachan, Andrew McKenzie and Andrew Sloman, continue to provide sound knowledge, quality governance as well as the drive, to deliver on our ambition for the development of the AFL game in New Zealand.

In closing it has been another strong year for AFL New Zealand. We are energised and passionate about the future. We look forward to working closely with all of our partners and friends to deliver another year of growth and opportunity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Nettlefold'.

Michael Nettlefold
AFL New Zealand Chairman

Chief Executive Officer Report

The success of the AFL Womens League in Australia is a new opportunity for the growth of the sport within New Zealand.



140 years of history surrounding male competition within Australia and a dominant history of Rugby Union success within New Zealand, have provided difficult challenges for the growth of AFL.

Our talent pathway incorporates introducing New Zealanders to the game and within a short period of time, and then developing them into potential superstars that can help showcase the game at the highest level in another country.

AFL New Zealand has produced 10 AFL International Scholarships over as many years, with athletes signed by Greater Western Sydney, Hawthorn, St Kilda and

Melbourne Football Clubs. The addition of female content has now doubled the opportunities within the talent pathway.

Female athletes from other sporting codes and international locations have latched on to the opportunities that AFLW provides

and with only a very short history to work with the game is exploding in popularity.

2018 saw an expansion of the Youth Competition in New Zealand with a new regional centres added to Christchurch, following on from already established

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The AFL New Zealand Kahu Youth Girls have won five consecutive games



centres in Auckland and Wellington. Within these centres, the focus remains on providing and growing opportunities for female participation.

In May, the Under 18 New Zealand boys team, travelled to Mornington Peninsula for the third consecutive year and tasted success for the very first time over the Peninsula Steelers.

Our New Zealand Youth Girls team would have been happy to applaud this feat, but their own success during the 2018 season, saw them defeat Australian opposition for the 5th consecutive match.

After defeating Mornington on Westpac Stadium in April, their success over the Port Adelaide Indigenous team that toured late in 2018, showcased a future that will be the key to success in developing the sport of AFL within New Zealand.

The redevelopment of Western Springs Stadium will present Auckland with a venue that can host AFL Premiership matches, preseason fixtures, new versions of the game such as AFLX but more importantly, AFLW.

New Zealanders will support relevant sporting content and so this increases in importance of growing female participation, providing talent pathways and New Zealanders playing in the AFLW competition.

The St Kilda Football Club will play a role in this growth within New Zealand. After providing great support with three AFL Premiership matches between 2013 to 2015, the impending inclusion of St Kilda FC into AFLW competition will provide further reasons to maintain their association with New Zealand.

The establishment of female club competition and junior programmes within our current club structures and regions, where nothing has previously existed, is daunting but needs to happen.

The AFL continues to support our organisation. ANZAC 2019 sees the New Zealand Falcons scheduled to play on Marvel Stadium against the AFL Academy. The exposure provided by this contest within the home of AFL, will be an additional element to assist with

awareness, one of our key strategic pillars.

The 2020 International Cup will see the New Zealand Kahu represent as the inaugural adult female team. As we work towards duplicating pathways for male and female, our organisation must grow in both capability and resource and our partners will assist in our success.

We say farewell to outstanding contributions from High Performance Manager Mick Coultard and Female Development Manager Rebecca Smith and we wish them the best in their future endeavours.

Special thanks to a supportive board and a great team of staff whose work ethic is incredible.

Robert Vanstam
AFL New Zealand CEO



AVJennings



Through the support of The Regional Sports Trust, Kiwisport and Foundation North, AFL New Zealand is delivering AFL KiwiKick to 11683 primary school children across 49 schools within the Auckland, Wellington and Canterbury Regions.

The programme teaches children not only the fundamental movement skills of Kick, Catch, Pass and Bounce but also stability and locomotive movement skills, with an aim to encourage all participant involved to be Active For Life by following Sport New Zealand "Physical Literacy" approach.

Physical literacy is "the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge and understanding required by participants that allows them to value and take responsibility for engaging in physical activity and sport for life". In conjunction with Sport New Zealand, AFL New Zealand will look to support and promote this concept of physical literacy by actively seeking out ways to align and deliver this philosophy.

The fundamental movements are invaluable for a wide variety of sports and the AFL KiwiKick programme ensures that everyone who participates is confident and competent with the use of these newly developed skill sets. Qualified AFL KiwiKick coaches deliver focused and fun sessions during school hours and afterschool, with each child receiving between 1 - 8 sessions of coaching.

AFL New Zealand will continue with these programmes, as they deliver on key outcomes that encourage children to live healthy lifestyles through sport.

The participant's involvement in the AFL KiwiKick programme in conjunction 'Free to air' broadcast opportunities delivered by TVNZ Duke in 2018, assists in developing a connection with the sport of AFL. This can lead to a lifelong participants in sport through a structured pathway.

Through the assistance of KiwiSport a number of projects have assisted AFL New Zealand in increasing the exposure of the

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sport to local youth. Many participants have now completed the AFL KiwiKick programmes over the 8 years since the projects inception and progressed on to play in the AFLNZ Youth Competition for both Boys and Girls aged 12 to 17

A majority of the projects involve 4 to 6 sessions during school time and to follow on from the six sessions the children then have access to an after school programme that takes place within the school grounds directly after school.

Participants are provided with easy access in a familiar setting and this also provides parents with the opportunity of attending. This opportunity has been taken up enthusiastically with 3 schools hosting over 50 participants; Panama Road, Stanhope and Garden School. Panama Road School has been particularly successful with 53 participants and over 25% of the school role involved in the after school programme.

It has been great to have AV Jennings and St Kilda Football Club part of the AFL



"Kick, Catch, Pass, Bounce."

AFL KiwiKick caters for ages 5-12

KiwiKick Programme, with their support assisting in providing an AFL KiwiKick bag and ball to every student who completes the after school program. With football in hand, they can continue their AFL skills at home and school.

The AFL KiwiKick programme also encourages teachers to be involved in the sessions and professional development. The teachers learn how to deliver AFL KiwiKick sessions and control games of AFL. This will ensure that children can continue to be active sporting participants utilising the teachers newly developed skills following the departure of AFL New Zealand coaches associated with the AFL KiwiKick programme.

Farm Cove Intermediate teacher Lynn Wilson, noted the benefits of AFL KiwiKick “The AFL Kiwi kick programme was delivered to our school. All classes took part in this 6 week programme and I have to say that the response from the kids was very good. The programme was inclusive for all levels of skill ability to grow over the programme duration and it was very gratifying to see the skill level develop as the programme progressed and confidence in the kids. I and the kids found the tutors to be really friendly and well onto it.”

Jono Nevalagi from St Heliers School “On behalf of the teachers and students St Heliers School, THANK YOU SO MUCH for bringing AFL to our school!!!! It was great to see a new and diverse sport brought to SHS. The sport offered a new set of physical skills to be learned and applied in a fun and engaging manner. Your instructors were amazing and always spoken of highly with the way they lead each session”

An encouraging number of teachers have taken up the opportunity to upskill. Across New Zealand, more than 90 teachers have completed the accreditation process in the past year. The training is useful not just for teaching AFL, but for teaching all sports offered at the school.

To ensure sustainability, every school involved with the AFL KiwiKick Pathway programme receives a resource kit to assist with ongoing activity. A combination of newly acquired teaching skills through the coaching accreditation process and



the resource kit ensures that students can continue to play AFL.

The resource kit includes AFL KiwiKick Coaching manuals. This features detailed diagrams of skills, games and lesson plans, providing teachers and volunteer coaches with all the information they need to successfully run AFL KiwiKick sessions.

In the Wellington region there were two separate AFL KiwiKick tournaments. Lower Hutt Southern Zone and Upper Valley Cluster AFL KiwiKick Tournament, with a total of 13 teams from 11 schools that we hope to expand in the new year

The support of Sport New Zealand, AKTIVE Sport and Recreation, Regional Sporting Trusts and Community Trust organisations has been invaluable in providing seeding funding and the opportunity to showcase our sport to new schools and participants. AFL New Zealand will continue to work with these organisations to ensure the outcomes targeted by AFL KiwiKick continue to fall into alignment with local communities.

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AFL New Zealand General Manager

Case Study

AFL Force Back

2018 saw the introduction of a new school programme, AFL Force Back. This can be played at Primary, Intermediate and Secondary Schools. It was developed to increase social sport opportunities for new participants to become involved with AFL.

With the flexibility of team sizes (4 – 10) and field size (rugby/football) this programme makes it easier for participants to create teams ensuring that AFL Force is accessible for all to play.

Conducted through four lunch periods, it gives students further opportunities to be active and play sports, promoting and increasing physical activity.

The programme focuses on the two main fundamental skills of AFL, Kick and Catch. Through a modified game, participants gain an insight into the skills required for the traditional formats of the game of AFL, and leads into a participation pathway for the students.

With the programme commencing in May 2018, to date, 15 teams, 98 participants and 4 schools have participated in the startup game format.

- Redoubt North School - 2 teams
- Wesley Intermediate – 4 teams
- Glendowie Intermediate – 4 teams
- Breens Intermediate – 5 teams



AFL New Zealand has diversified the programmes available to Secondary Schools to ensure flexibility that suits the outcomes of your school and provides opportunities for students and staff to participate in all facets of AFL.

INTRODUCTION TO AFL

Introduction to AFL teaches AFL skills and uses modified games to reach the end product of playing a full game of AFL. The programme can be combined with junior class units of work, linked to curriculum programmes and lead into competition programmes.

AFL LEADERSHIP

AFL Leadership takes on the concept of students provided with leadership skills and the capability of running a tournament within their own school or at local primary and intermediate schools. Sessions focus on the elements of game understanding, coaching, umpiring and game and event management.

COACH THE COACHES

Coach the Coaches takes a look at the fundamentals of AFL and the AFL Kiwikick programme. After 6 – 8 practical structured sessions your students will assist delivery of the AFL Kiwikick programme in local Primary or Intermediate schools in your area.

AFL HOUSE RULES

The AFL House Rules Programme focuses on providing students with easy access to participate in the new and dynamic sport of AFL. The competition takes place at a venue determined by your school, most often within your own school grounds. This alleviates travel costs for the school and the participants and more

importantly provides opportunities to more students beyond the elite school representative teams.

The format is a perfect for competition between classes or houses and can be played by boys, girls or in a mixed format that utilises touch, tag or tackle modifications. It's a new fun way to get more kids, more active, more often and improve the skills of Kick, Catch, Pass and Bounce at the same time.

AFL House Rules can be combined with a number of other AFL NZ Secondary School programmes to involve coordination by fellow students and curriculum based activities or as a selection trial for your AFL Cup team. The "Teachers versus Students" Clash is a great way to finish this fun programme.

AFL FORCE BACK

This programme focuses on the two main fundamental skills of AFL, Kick and Catch. Through a modified game participants gain an insight into the skills required for the bigger game of AFL, that can also be used as a Have a go or participation/social competition.

With the introduction of AFL Force Back through Have a go or Competition, links can be made to Secondary School AFL Cup Interschool competition and outside of school opportunities with the AFL New Zealand Youth Competition.

AFL CROSS CODE SKILL ACQUISITION

Cross Code Skill Acquisition has been developed for Secondary schools using AFL to assist with skill acquisition and development in other codes. With that in mind the programme has been designed specifically to focus on the two skills of kicking and catching.

Links can be made from Cross Code Skill acquisition for curriculum, other codes and preparation for Secondary School Interschool competition the AFL Cup and AFL New Zealand Youth pathway opportunities leading to National representation.

AFL COMBINE

The Secondary Schools AFL Combine Programme is underpinned by an exciting testing format that provides participants with the opportunity to compete in a number of skills and athletic testing.

Each of the events within the programme has a focus on fun and looks to provide those involved with motivation to improve themselves in varying facets of skill and fitness.

Speed, agility, endurance, suppleness and hand and eye coordination, are all attributes that if provided in the right format, can inspire students to become more involved in not only participating in sport but also monitoring their own progress.

Secondary School Figures up to October 2018

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Schools visited	45	43	46	49	45	33
Programme participants	3775	6355	7626	5827	6646	6069



AFL CUP

The AVJennings Saints AFL Cup is an Inter School competition for Junior (Years 9-10) and Senior (Years 11-13) students based on fundamental movement and ball skills of AFL for boys and girls.

The programme provides introductory sessions and resources presented by qualified AFL New Zealand Staff to introduce a new and dynamic sport to students. The skills of 'Kick, Catch, Pass and Bounce' are perfectly matched to cross reference any number of sports. The 9 a side format is suitable for rugby size fields and with three reserves per team, team numbers are easy to coordinate.

GATEWAY

AFL New Zealand can provide Gateway students with the perfect opportunity to gain experience within the Sports coaching industry delivering the AFL Kiwikick programme to Primary and Intermediate school students.

Rebecca Smith
Female Development Manager

*The AFL Cup continues
to grow thanks to
St. Kilda and AVJennings*



SUCCESS STORY

AFL New Zealand would like to acknowledge and thank Foundation North for their continued support in the development of AFL within New Zealand.

Foundation North have continued to support the growth and development of AFL in New Zealand with a grant of \$180,000 over a three year period.

The funding provided by the Trust directly assists the AFL New Zealand employment structure and leads to the leadership and structure required to impact on the initiatives highlighted below.

The impact within Auckland and Northland for the 5 to 18 age group is evident through the success of AFL New Zealand programmes in these regions.

In the first half of 2018, AFL New Zealand partnered with CLM Community Sport to deliver the AFL KiwiKick programme to over 4700 Primary and Intermediate students in the Counties Manukau region.

CLM Community Sport were announced by Active in August 2017 as a significant delivery partner for The Auckland Approach to Community Sport in Counties Manukau.

The 'Introduction to AFL' programme was delivered to over 3000 students at ten Counties Manukau Schools during the project with Mangere, Pakuranga, Howick, Pukekohe, Rosehill, Tuakau, Onewhero, Dilworth Rural, Southern Cross, Alfriston College and High Schools all participating.

The 'AFL New Zealand Academy' was created to provide a pathway for athletes to

excel through the pathway of AFL in New Zealand.

The Academy will improve the skills and fitness of athletes, through a training and development programme.

In 2018, nine students from Whangarei Boys High School (Mark Komene-Stowers, Blake Williamson, Bronson Kake, Dylan Hook, Manny Snooks, Shayden Jones-Codlin, Taonga Stanish-Murphy, Troy Fyfe, Xavier Mexted) were selected in the Academy, where two players who showed ability were then included as development players in the AFL New Zealand Premiership.

The AFL New Zealand National Premiership Competition features the best 120 AFL players from around the country. It is seen as the perfect opportunity for a higher level competition providing an extension to the traditional regional league seasons spanning between August to December each year.

AFL New Zealand will provide a number of talented players from the AFL New Zealand Academy the opportunity to participate in the Premiership as development players.

The opportunity will be utilised to further develop and manage the environment for young players and their introduction into senior football.

Northlanders Manny Snooks and Blake Williamson have both made the most of their opportunities within the sport over the past 12 months.

Snooks and Williamson were each presented with a Rising Star Award after producing stellar performances during the season.

The AFL New Zealand Rising Star award is awarded weekly to a standout young player in the 2018 AFL New Zealand Premiership.

Each week the award will be allocated to those who show ability that favours the core components it takes to become an AFL Player. To be eligible to be nominated for the award, a player must be born in 2000 or younger.

With the support of Foundation North, AFL New Zealand is looking forward to continuing and expanding these programmes. As a new and dynamic sport in New Zealand, AFL New Zealand is ideally placed to deliver on the outcomes specified by Foundation North.

Regional Leagues



Auckland AFL

University Blues claim 2018 Auckland AFL Premiership

	GOALS	BEHINDS	TOTAL
University Blues	5	5	35
Mt Roskill Saints	2	4	16

The University Blues are the 2018 Auckland AFL Premiers as they defeated the Mt Roskill Saints by 19 points in a rain sodden match at QBE Stadium in Albany.



The most successful club in AAFL history added another Premiership to their tally as they produced a dominant first half to set up the win.

Playing the game in torrential rain meant that both sides had to reconfigure their game plan and it was University who got the jump early kicking three goals in the first quarter to stun the Saints.

Louis Watt (University) was given the job of tagging Sam McKenzie (Mt Roskill) and did a great job keeping him quiet early on.

Blues midfielder Damien McDowell started the game strong getting plenty of possession around the contest.

Harison Manks continued his dominance over Saints forward James McKenzie while Ben Hick was playing well off the half back flank.

With a four goal lead at the half time break, the Saints needed a miracle in the second half to claw back the margin.

They started well with Tristan Burnett and Will Dickinson getting a lot of the footy early in the quarter, but the University defence still held strong to keep them goal less for the third consecutive quarter.

Mt Roskill sparked up in the fourth quarter kicking two goals for the term as their defence managed to hold the Blues scoreless.

As the full time siren sounded, a jubilant University squad celebrated yet another Auckland AFL Premiership.

Blues ruckman Patrick Landy was judged the best player on the field and took home the 'Wells Medal' for 2018.

Wellington AFL

Saints survive late scare to win Wellington Premiership

	GOALS	BEHINDS	TOTAL
Wellington City Saints	5	7	37
Eastern Bulldogs	4	10	34

The Wellington City Saints have held off a late fightback from the Eastern Suburbs Bulldogs to take out the 2018 Wellington AFL Premiership on Sunday afternoon at Hutt Park.



It may have been the third consecutive Grand Final match-up between the Bulldogs and the Saints but it was anything but routine.

It was a warm, sunny day with a sizable northerly breeze blowing down the ground when the two teams marched onto Hutt Park for the last time in 2018.

The Saints fielded a strong team which included five players that have previously been involved with the AFL New Zealand Academy.

Playing with the wind in the first quarter, the Saints were able to take an early lead, but by halftime the Bulldogs had brought the scores level at 17 a piece in what was proving to be a grinding, low-scoring affair.

After the halftime break, the Saints came out of the blocks firing, piling on an additional 20 points, with the Bulldogs scrounging up just a lone behind in response.

The skills of the Saints shone through, with clean kicking and marking setting their side well above their competitors.

The Bulldogs mounted a massive comeback in the final quarter, but the Saints defence was able to hold strong.

Under immense pressure of the momentum shift, the Saints were able to fend off the loss, and when then final siren went, were 3 points ahead on the scoreboard, despite the fact they didn't score in the final term.

Canterbury AFL

University Cougars crowned Premiers in Canterbury AFL

	GOALS	BEHINDS	TOTAL
University Cougars	12	5	77
Christchurch Bulldogs	5	6	36

The University Cougars have broken a thirteen year Premiership drought as they defeated the Christchurch Bulldogs in the Canterbury Grand Final at Hagley Park.



Alex Deveraux produced some magic to open the scoring as he sidestepped a couple of Bulldogs close to the boundary before a miracle bounce sent the ball straight through the goals.

In a tight first quarter, the Bulldogs held a slender lead by three points.

Cougars forward Jamie Day was receiving some clean ball from his midfielders in the second term and was managing to dominate his opposite, Sam Burdett.

The Bulldogs were hanging on but as the the Cougars went into halftime with a two goal lead.

The Premiership quarter should be renamed the Brad Mavor quarter as the ex-Bulldog now Cougar took the game by the scruff and showed why he has won the Canterbury AFL (CAFL) Players Player, Coaches Player and the Nicky Dow Award (B&F) this year.

Laying dominant tackles, intercepting sloppy kicks with magnificent marks and even going for a run up the middle of the ground taking three bounces, Mavor split the game open.

The physical nature of the game was taking its toll on the Bulldogs as the Cougars dominated the final quarter kicking five straight goals as the Cougars held aloft the Premiership trophy for the first time in 13 years.

The Cougars momentum to finish the season on a high was testament to the long term building of coach Chris Mintern who calmly repeated his message to play positive footy.

2018 Regional Tournament

The Canterbury Cobra's have won the regional tournament held at Hagley Park as they defeated the Wellington Tigers and Otago Riot.

The AFL New Zealand Canterbury Youth teams played the curtain raiser, highlighting the development of the game and a good step in the right direction for AFL in Canterbury.

To fight for the resurrected Air New Zealand trophy Otago Riot played Canterbury Cobra's and Wellington Tigers and while the scoreboard didn't do justice for the Riot their passion for the game was just as intense and the skills displayed put them in good stead for years to come.

With the Cobra's and the Tigers gaining 100+ point wins over Otago, the final game between Canterbury and Wellington was set-up for winner takes all.

From the first bounce, the battle for the ball was tight and electric.

Canterbury's talisman Jacob Edy opened the scoring with a running side angled kick through the big sticks.

A few minutes of end to end action ensued where the Tigers with good use of the inside outside handballing found a way forward to goal truly and it was a one point ball game at the first change.

The second quarter started with a hiss and a roar for the Cobra's with a fast break from Steph Van Gruting who pumped long into Jacob Edy's direction and he finished off with a major.

In reply, Tiger's midfielder Misilifi Faimalo used his speed to get the centre clearance and link up with Josh Morgan-Ranui. Morgan-Ranui launched a long ball into Wellington's forward line but was cut off by Canterbury defender Dan Reynolds who took a strong intercept mark.

New Northern Suns (AFL New Zealand Premiership) recruit Paul Hogan was playing well for the Cobra's with plenty of intercept marks and clearance kicks.

The Canterbury defence was working over time to keep the Tigers scoring, even to the point big Dan punching the ball clear from the goal line to keep the Tigers goalless for the second quarter.

The Cobra's caught the Tiger's napping at the start of the third term as Cobra's Vice Captain Sam Anderson got his hands on a lot of ball early on.



Canterbury captain
Jay Johnson

The game then opened up as the Tiger's new recruit Luke Vincent made himself known. The Tigers got themselves back into the game but against the flow of traffic, young Tom Turner got a hard ball get in the centre and was able to push the ball forward to Jacob Edy who was able to convert and give the Cobra's a five point lead heading into the final quarter.

With the infamous easterly wind blowing, Wellington had the wind at their backs and were heaping a huge amount of pressure on the Canterbury defence.

Josh Morgan-Ranui took a strong mark in the forward line and had a chance to win the game but his drifted to the left for a behind.

With the breeze picking up Canterbury couldn't get past the centre the square

as the Tigers were cutting off every ball coming through. However the Canterbury back 6 stood strong and closely checking every contest made it hard for clean ball to be delivered.

The Tigers kept the Cobra's scoreless in the final term but a number of missed opportunities saw them fall short by two points as Canterbury took the honours.

Congratulations to the Canterbury Cobra's who were awarded the resurrected Air New Zealand Cup last played for in 1989 and the resurrected George Lanyon Shield – the Wellington v Canterbury Shield last played for in the early 2000's.

Well done to the organisers from the leagues – Craig Varcoe (Canterbury), John Jackson (Wellington), Warwick Kain (Otago) for putting on a very successful tournament.

High Performance

The 2018 High Performance Programme was once again well supported through the formation of regional Youth Competitions in both Auckland, Wellington and Canterbury.

AFL New Zealand Academy

The AFL New Zealand Academy selects its participants from the AFL New Zealand Youth Competition with the opportunity for selection to also take place from Secondary School Competitions and programmes throughout New Zealand.

The AFL New Zealand Academy improves the skills and fitness of athletes, through a training and development programme that assists athletes that in some cases, have had no previously exposure to AFL. Academy athletes will participate in skill development, athletic testing and measurement, game play and personal development to provide a pathway for them to excel in AFL.

The Academy consists of three levels:

Level 1: for athletes that are new entrants to Academy and the New Zealand representative pathway

Level 2: for athletes continuing their Academy and New Zealand representative pathway with their next step, U18 or Senior New Zealand representation

Youth Girls: for female athletes aged between 14 to 17 years of age, both new and continuing in the Academy and New Zealand representative pathway

Further opportunities arising from the AFL New Zealand Academy include, selection into New Zealand Academy teams, New Zealand Kahu Youth Girls, AFL New Zealand National Combine selection, access to talent scouts and AFL International Scholarships.

AFL New Zealand Academy Level 1 April 2018

The AFL New Zealand Academy Level 1 played a two match series against the Mornington Peninsula Junior Football league U14's in Wellington over the ANZAC weekend 2018.

AFL New Zealand Academy Level 2 April 2018

The AFL New Zealand Academy Level 2 played a two match series against the Mornington Peninsula Junior Football league U15's in Wellington over the ANZAC weekend 2018.

Mornington Peninsula vs New Zealand Youth Girls Wellington April 2018

The New Zealand Kahu Youth Girls participated in a 2 game series against the Mornington Peninsula Junior Football league Youth Girls and made history, becoming the first AFL Women's team to play on Westpac Stadium.

The talented squad made it back to back series victories, winning both games and making it four wins in a row.

Women's and Men's National Combine Wellington April 2018

The second AFL New Zealand Women's National Combine was held at the ASB Sport Centre in Wellington on April 23rd, testing potential future stars within New Zealand.

With a number of talented athletes on hand, the combine was overseen by AFL staff who travelled from Melbourne. Killarney Morey, Jaimee Wyatt, Valentina Serrano and Kylie McGahan were among the best overall.

In the mens combine, Manny Snooks Caleb MacPherson and Blake Williamson performed well.

AFL Academy vs New Zealand Seniors Wellington April 2018

The New Zealand national Senior Men's side put on a gallant effort against an AFL Academy side full of talent but were defeated by the visitors in their annual ANZAC clash on Westpac Stadium in Wellington.

Northern Territory based Dean Staunton was strong all game along with Captain Andrew Howison, Mykelti Lefau and Jay Johnson.

Recruiters from AFL clubs made the trip over to New Zealand to cover the annual five-day camp. The players from the Academy Squad rounded out the trip by attending the ANZAC Day service before making the trip back to Australia.

AFL Womens Under 18 National Championships May 2018

AFL New Zealand Kahu representative Jaimee Wyatt traveled to Sydney in June to represent Tasmania in the AFL Womens Under 18 National Championships. In 2016, fellow Youth Girls squad member Jolyn Collins from Massey High School jumped at the chance to proudly represent New Zealand. Twelve months later, Youth Girls Captain Killarney Morey was the second female to play in the Championships.

2019 will see this replicated with a number of girls working towards selection for the Tasmania U18 Youth Girls team and aspirations to play AFL in the newly launched AFL Womens league.

New Zealand Under 18 Melbourne Tour May 2018

The Under 18 team toured Melbourne in May where they played two matches against Hallam College and an Inter League side from the Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League.

With nine regions within New Zealand represented, the team experienced the AFL culture in Melbourne from grass roots footy all the way up to the elite level.

The team travelled to the Hastings Football Club (the oldest club in the Mornington Peninsula) for a mixed training session with their Mornington Peninsula

opposition followed by a welcome function and jumper presentation.

The tour included a visit to the redeveloped Moorabin Oval to watch the St Kilda Football Club before touring the new facility. St Kilda's New Zealand listed players Rowan Marshall (Taranaki), Barclay Miller (Canterbury) spoke to the team before a team training on the main oval.

Game day at Mt Martha was the first time the players would have experienced playing under lights. The majority of the Mornington side had never experienced a Haka before and were met with an up close and personal view before kick-off.

The 2018 New Zealand U18 side created history by winning their first ever game on Australian soil after a thrilling contest against a highly talented Mornington Peninsula Interleague side.

Port Adelaide Aboriginal AFL Academy vs New Zealand Kahu Youth Girls Auckland November 2018

The Port Adelaide Aboriginal AFL Academy is an educational based football program targeted at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander High school Students completing year 11 and 12 in Adelaide, South Australia. On completion of the program each year, graduating year 12

students are rewarded with an overseas trip which entails a cultural immersion and exchange which previously involved academy students and staff travel and tour through China. In 2018, The Aboriginal AFL Academy, led by Paul Vandenberg, returned to New Zealand with the Women's Academy with a focus on learning about the people, the way of life and importantly understand the amazing Maori people and their Culture through local elders and traditional owners. The tour was completed by a great week of education and training, topped off by a great game against the New Zealand Under 18 team at QBE Stadium.

Chelsea Young was named best on ground for the New Zealand Kahu at Wesptac Stadium





The AFL Academy returned to Westpac Stadium in Wellington for their annual clash against the New Zealand senior side.



Central Giants defender Harison Manks helped the Central Giants win their first AFLNZ Premiership



Alyssa Clemas during the 2018 National Women's Combine at the ASB Centre in Wellington



The University Blues won the Auckland AFL Premiership in 2018



Members of the NZ Kahu Y and MBL Youth Girls following game on Westpac Stadium

The Youth competition introduced three new grades in 2018



Southern Saints midfiever Misilifi Faimalo looks down field during the 2018 AFLNZ Premiership



Te Kopa Tīpene-Thomas won the 2018 Men's Player of the Year award



Killarney Morey from the NZ Kahu Youth Girls



Youth Girls
winning their
in April



2018 Wellington AFL Premiers: Wellington City Saints

AFL New Zealand Premiership

The third season of AFL New Zealand Premiership commenced on February 11th 2018.



Four teams (Northern Suns, Central Giants, Western Crows and Southern Saints) compete in the Premiership Season based at QBE Stadium in Albany with a 9 round schedule culminating in late April.

The AFL New Zealand Premiership targets 120 talented athletes from throughout New Zealand with players allocated selection in the four teams through a retained players list and by way of the "AFL New Zealand National Draft". The Premiership is the perfect opportunity for a higher level competition providing an extension to the traditional regional league seasons spanning between August to December each year. The seasons timing also provide the opportunities to utilise Australian based players within team selections. Players from 7 regions participate in the competition and flew into Auckland. This included over 370 flights.

The Central Giants won their maiden Premiership in 2018 and did so in style as they wrapped up the title with two rounds to spare. Captained by New Zealand forward Samuel McKenzie, the Giants won their last game of the season over the Northern Suns to finish on 32 points on the ladder (12 points ahead of second place, the Western Crows). The Giants only dropped one game over the course of the season with their consistent hard running and strong defence playing a big part in their victory.

Rising Star Award

The AFL New Zealand Rising Star award was awarded weekly to a standout young player in the AFL New Zealand Premiership. Each week the award was allocated to those who show ability that favours the core components it takes to become an AFL Player. To be eligible to be nominated for the award, a player must be born in 1997 or younger.



Rising Star
Luke Williams

2018 Rising Stars:

- Daniel Howie
- Manny Snooks
- Ethan Halton
- Jevaon Croft
- Finn Moffatt
- Sam Anderson
- Braedyn Collins
- Blake Williamson
- Luke Williams

Team of the Week

Each week throughout the Premiership season, AFL New Zealand announced the 'Team of the week' which featured the 24 best players from the previous weekends round. The teams were selected by the coaches of each team and targeted stand out players who show the attributes of what it takes to be a successful player. The 6 best players from each team will make up the team of the week. At the culmination of the season, AFL New Zealand announced the Premiership Team of the year which consisted of the players who have featured in the team of the week category.

NATIONAL DRAFT

The AFL New Zealand National Draft will see all players placed into one of seven list categories. Highlighting the logistics of the competition and scheduling at North Harbour Stadium, the list categories are determined by age and regions throughout New Zealand. Once an initial playing list has been established, athletes have their names entered into the AFL New Zealand National Draft, enabling coaching staff from the four competing teams (Northern Suns, Western Crows, Central Giants and Southern Saints) to select their AFL New Zealand Premiership playing rosters. Ongoing talent identification carried out through local, regional and national competitions, is utilized for further additions.



Southern Saints
forward Alex
Fakatoumafi

Development Players

The AFL New Zealand Premiership will provide a number of talented players from the AFL New Zealand Academy the opportunity to participate in the Premiership as development players.

The opportunity will be utilised to further develop and manage the environment for young players and their introduction into senior football. The preparation they receive will potentially see them drafted and playing in the 2020 AFLNZ Premiership as a full time participant.

Those announced are all born in the year 2002 and are not guaranteed to play in the premiership or play every week. High Performance management will distribute development players to team's week to week dependant on several factors including;

- The players stage of development
- The players physical preparedness and capability
- Approval from AFLNZ, the participants parents and the participant

Development Players will train with the Premiership group in their region along with their Academy commitments. Development opportunities on game day will be managed by AFL New Zealand and respective coaches this will include specific timing, rotation, opposition match ups and player review throughout the day.



Central Giants Coach Izaak Williams and Captain Sam McKenzie hold aloft the Premiership trophy

Western Crows Jay Johnson won the 2018 Best and Fairest award



AFLNZ Regional Youth Competitions

2018 AFL New Zealand Youth Competition breaks new ground



The Youth Competition was created in 2015 to compliment the pathway for participants to excel in AFL.

With Auckland and Wellington already established venues, AFL New Zealand announced in 2018 that Christchurch would be the third venue as the competition continues to grow around the country.

In addition to the new location in Christchurch, an Under 12's grade, Under 16 Girls & 16 and Over Girls grades were also introduced

The 2018 competition involved 133 participants from 55 Secondary and Intermediate schools from the Northland, Auckland, Palmerston North, Wellington and Canterbury regions.

The programme has been developed with a focus on improving the athlete's skills and fitness along with a training, game and development programme. It provides the necessary requirements to prepare participants in their transition from other sports and moving forward, links to club football and a lifetime of involvement with the sport.

AFL New Zealand has targeted an increase in all age groups and the regions where the competitions take place.

Participants are selected from:

- Secondary School Programmes
- Intermediate Programmes
- Talent Identification Personnel
- Current Players

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133 participants from 55 Secondary and Intermediate schools.

”



Tom O'Keeffe

Community and Communications Manager



The Youth Competition introduced more grades in 2018 as it continues to grow

Kiwisport overview

Kiwisport is a government funding initiative to promote sport for school-aged children.

Kiwisport provides funding to schools for Year 1-8 students and Year 9-13 students through the Ministry of Education and Sport New Zealand who funds Regional Sports Trusts.

It aims to:

- Increase the number of school-aged children participating in organised sport
- Increase the availability and accessibility of sport opportunities for all school-aged children.
- Support children to develop skills that enable them to participate confidently in sport.

This is managed through regional partnership funds with the Regional Sports Trusts of which there are 17 throughout New Zealand.

The target community are school aged children and it is an opportunity for sport to link with schools and to impact on this large population.

There is an acknowledgement that in secondary schools across New Zealand only 50% of the students are representing their school in sport.

There are a lot of young people not currently involved in sport and they are a target for this funding.

This leads to more opportunities for our sport to tap into the Kiwisport fund and to make an impact on fundamental skills and with sports specific development.

AFL New Zealand over the past six years has taken up a number of opportunities to partner with other sports or to run single sport projects through the Kiwisport funding.

AFL New Zealand promotes AFL KiwiKick through the Kiwisport programme.

Kiwisport is a great opportunity for AFL to be exposed to a market of school children, teachers and the community in general and we are thankful for the support of Sport New Zealand and the Regional Sports Trusts we deal with.



KiwiSport

Many thanks to:



Max Gawn finished fourth in the 2018 Brownlow medal count



On Ballers

Max Gawn

Cameron Illet

Dustin Martin

Interchange

Te Kopa Tipene-Thomas

Barclay Miller

Ben Hick

Jarrad Jansen



2018 AFLNZ Heritage Team

The AFL New Zealand Heritage Team was selected in April 2018, showing the depth of involvement New Zealanders within AFL at the highest level.

The 2017 Heritage team boasts an exciting mix of established AFL stars such as Max Gawn from the Melbourne Football Club, Richmond Tigers star, Dustin Martin, youthful talent and home grown New Zealand players.

This year's team was presented by AFL New Zealand Chairman, Michael Nettlefold.

Shane Savage, who has been selected in all six Heritage teams believes a team representing the land of the silver fern is "not out of the question". "One day down the track. There is a lot more work to do now. If the AFL can keep doing what it's

doing and gain more awareness with the people then it's definitely a possibility," Savage said.

To meet the criteria to be selected in the AFLNZ heritage team, each player must either have been born in New Zealand or have New Zealand parentage. The 2018 team consists of 12 players currently playing in the AFL week in, week out for their clubs.

The development programmes run by AFL New Zealand have a vision of AFL as a New Zealand sport. At every level of the game, from teaching schoolchildren the fundamentals through the AFL KiwiKick

programme, to high performance training for athletes looking for a pathway in sport, to regional leagues played around the country, AFL in New Zealand is on a roll. The introduction of the AFLNZ Youth Competition in 2015 was a major success in placing High School aged students on the pathway to AFL.

The New Zealand Heritage Team is a reflection of the strong links that already exist between the two countries.

A passion for AFL is one of those links that is growing stronger every year.

2018 Rising Star Doug
McJorror has a bright future
in the game of AFL



AFL New Zealand High Performance Awards

The annual AFL New Zealand High Performance Awards were held during ANZAC weekend with a fantastic evening at the Mac's Function Centre on Wellington's waterfront.

With over 250 guests in attendance, the night was a celebration for all things AFL in New Zealand.

Congratulations to the following award winners for 2018.

Rising Star Award Doug McJorror

- Doug is from Wellington and was the Co-Captain of the New Zealand Level 1 Academy side in 2017.
- He was named best on ground for New Zealand against the NSW Independent Schools side and has great speed and skill execution.

U17 Player of the Year Declan Crann

- A player full of talent with a strong AFL build, Declan has supreme fitness and was awarded a Rising Star during the 2017 Premiership.
- Declan made his debut in the New Zealand senior team over ANZAC weekend.

U18 Player of the Year Misilifi Faimalo

- Misilifi made his International Cup debut last August and was a key

contributor in all five games throughout the tournament.

- He made the move to the Southern Saints for the 2018 AFL New Zealand Premiership and was a standout in every game.

Volunteer of the Year Mitchell Ryan

- Mitchell was the first ever coach of a New Zealand team to win a series over a touring Australian side when the AFLNZ Youth Girls defeated the Mornington Peninsula Youth Girls in 2017.
- He has given up his time to help coach local North Shore Secondary School sides in the AFL Secondary Schools Cup along with the volunteering to help at the Auckland Youth Competition.

Coach of the Year Rob Malone

- Former St Kilda listed player Rob Malone is the head coach of the Senior men's team and a back to back winner in this category.

- Rob was named as the head coach of the prestigious 2017 International Cup 'World Team'.

Female Player of the Year Killarney Morey

- Killarney Morey from Auckland was Co-Captain of the New Zealand Youth Girls in 2017 and awarded Best on Ground against the Mornington Peninsula Youth Girls.
- Killarney was selected by AFL New Zealand and Tasmania to represent the state at the 2017 AFLW National Youth Girls Champs in Adelaide and is only the second Kiwi to do so.

Senior Men's Player of the Year Te Kopa Tipene-Thomas

- Te Kopa was one of the in form players at the AFL International Cup in 2017.
- His exceptional performance at this year's International Cup earned him a spot in 2017 World Team as one of the best 22 players at the tournament.
- The 20-year-old has previously been the recipient of two U16 player of the year's awards and it is his first time nominated in this category.



2018 Scores and Results

AFL New Zealand Premiership February to April 2018

Round 1	Goals	Behinds	Total
Central Giants	8	21	69
Southern Saints	4	3	27
Western Crows	9	11	65
Northern Suns	3	3	21
Round 2	Goals	Behinds	Total
Central Giants	10	16	76
Western Crows	9	1	55
Northern Suns	10	9	69
Southern Saints	8	10	58
Round 3	Goals	Behinds	Total
Central Giants	13	6	84
Northern Suns	7	6	48
Western Crows	16	16	112
Southern Saints	5	3	33
Round 4	Goals	Behinds	Total
Central Giants	9	16	70
Southern Saints	2	1	13
Western Crows	10	13	73
Northern Suns	6	5	41
Round 5	Goals	Behinds	Total
Southern Saints	7	12	54
Northern Suns	5	11	41
Central Giants	15	10	100
Western Crows	4	9	33
Round 6	Goals	Behinds	Total
Central Giants	14	7	91
Northern Suns	4	4	28
Southern Saints	12	6	78
Western Crows	11	5	71
Round 7	Goals	Behinds	Total
Central Giants	15	15	105
Southern Saints	2	2	14
Western Crows	13	13	91
Northern Suns	8	8	56
Round 8	Goals	Behinds	Total
Western Crows	7	15	57
Central Giants	7	5	47
Northern Suns	14	8	92
Southern Saints	9	3	57
Round 9	Goals	Behinds	Total
Central Giants	23	12	150
Northern Suns	8	10	58
Southern Saints	23	12	155
Western Crows	5	4	34

Congratulations to the Central Giants winners of the 2018 AFL New Zealand Premiership.

Senior AFL Cup March 2018

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

	Goals	Behinds	Total
Northcote College	6	2	38
Whangarei Boys High School	4	3	27
Rosmini College	9	5	59
Rutherford College	2	5	17
Rosmini College	11	5	71
Whangarei Boys High School	1	1	7
Northcote College	6	4	40
Rutherford College	4	1	25
Rosmini College	7	5	47
Northcote College	2	3	15
Whangarei Boys High School	6	4	40
Rutherford College	3	5	23

Congratulations to Rosmini College on winning the Harbour Waitakere AFL Senior Secondary School Cup.

GREATER AUCKLAND GIRLS

	Goals	Behinds	Total
Rutherford College	3	8	26
Green Bay High School	1	7	13
Pukekohe High School	7	7	49
Rutherford College	4	6	30
Pukekohe High School	4	1	31
Green Bay High School	1	3	9

Congratulations to Pukekohe High School on winning the GreaterAFL Senior Secondary School Cup.

NZ Seniors v AFL Academy April 2018

	Goals	Behinds	Total
AFL Academy	21	21	147
New Zealand	6	6	42

AFL New Zealand Academy Level 1 vs U14 MPJFL Youth Boys April 2018

Game 1	Goals	Behinds	Total
NSW Independent Schools	5	2	32
AFLNZ Academy Level 1	2	7	19
Game 2	Goals	Behinds	Total
NSW Independent Schools	4	6	30
AFLNZ Academy Level 1	4	5	29

AFL New Zealand Academy Level 2 vs U16 MPJFL Youth Boys April 2018

Game 1	Goals	Behinds	Total
MPJFL Youth Boys	17	10	112
AFLNZ Academy Level 2	3	1	19
Game 2	Goals	Behinds	Total
MPJFL Youth Boys	6	10	46
AFLNZ Academy Level 2	4	4	28

NZ U18 Youth Girls vs MPJFL Youth Girls April 2018

Game 1	Goals	Behinds	Total
NZ U18 Youth Girls	4	9	33
MPJFL Youth Girls	1	0	6
Game 2	Goals	Behinds	Total
NZ U18 Youth Girls	3	6	24
MPJFL Youth Girls	1	6	12

New Zealand U18's vs Hallam College May 2018

	Goals	Behinds	Total
Hallam College	6	13	49
New Zealand U18's	3	7	25

New Zealand U18's vs MPJFL U18's May 2018

	Goals	Behinds	Total
New Zealand U18's	6	9	45
MPJFL U18's	5	10	40

Junior AFL Cup November 2018

COUNTIES

	Goals	Behinds	Total
Pukekohe High School	3	9	27
Rosehill College	0	6	6
Rosehill College	8	4	52
Dilworth Rural Campus	2	1	13
Pukekohe High School	8	3	51
Dilworth Rural Campus	2	3	15
Rosehill College	6	5	41
Pukekohe High School	6	4	40
Rosehill College	6	6	42
Dilworth Rural Campus	2	3	15
Pukekohe High School	8	5	53
Dilworth Rural Campus	3	3	21

Congratulations to Pukekohe High School in winning the Counties Junior AFL Cup.

NORTH HARBOUR/WAITAKERE

	Goals	Behinds	Total
Albany Junior High School A	13	3	81
Green Bay High School	1	2	8
Albany Junior High School B	10	5	65
Kingsway School	2	2	14
Northcote College	5	4	34
Rutherford College	2	6	18
Albany Junior High School A	8	6	54
Rutherford College	2	4	16
Green Bay High School	11	7	73
Albany Junior High School B	2	1	13
Northcote College	12	4	76
Albany Junior High School B	4	1	25
Green Bay High School	12	10	82
Kingsway School	1	1	7
Albany Junior High School A	9	6	60
Northcote College	4	3	27
Rutherford College	11	10	76
Kingsway School	0	1	1

Congratulations to Albany Junior High School A in winning the North Harbour/Waitakere Junior AFL Cup

Greater Auckland Girls Junior AFL Cup 2018

	Goals	Behinds	Total
Rutherford College	11	9	75
Mahurangi College	0	0	0
Green Bay High School	5	3	33
Albany Junior High School	2	4	16
Pukekohe High School	8	4	52
Auckland Girls Grammar	0	2	2
Albany Junior High School	10	14	74
Mahurangi College	0	0	0
Green Bay High School	3	3	21
Pukekohe High School	1	3	9
Rutherford College	5	1	31
Auckland Girls Grammar	1	4	10
Auckland Girls Grammar	8	5	53
Mahurangi College	2	2	14
Albany Junior High School	3	4	22
Rutherford College	3	3	21
Green Bay High School	8	5	53
Mahurangi College	0	1	1
Albany Junior High School	4	4	28
Pukekohe High School	3	1	19
Rutherford College	7	9	51
Pukekohe High School	3	1	19
Green Bay High School	4	6	30
Auckland Girls Grammar	1	1	7

Congratulations to Green Bay High School on winning the Greater Auckland Girls Junior AFL Cup.

New Zealand Kahu
Youth Girls star,
Kylie McGahan

Junior Secondary School North Island Championships November 2018

	Goals	Behinds	Total
Albany Junior High School	3	7	25
Green Bay High School	2	2	14
Pukekohe High School	4	6	30
Northcote College	1	1	7
Albany Junior High School	4	6	30
Northcote College	1	3	9
Pukekohe High School	4	5	29
Green Bay High School	3	7	25
Albany Junior High School	5	9	39
Pukekohe High School	1	4	10
Green Bay High School	5	4	34
Northcote College	4	3	27
Albany Junior High School	7	4	46
Green Bay High School	1	4	10
Pukekohe High School	5	6	36
Northcote College	4	2	26
Albany Junior High School	6	9	45
Northcote College	2	1	13
Green Bay High School	5	6	36
Pukekohe High School	4	2	26
Albany Junior High School	4	4	28
Pukekohe High School	1	2	8
Green Bay High School	9	7	61
Northcote College	4	3	27

Congratulations to Albany Junior High School on winning the Junior Secondary School North Island Championships.

Junior Secondary School South Island Championships November 2018

	Goals	Behinds	Total
St Thomas of Canterbury College	15	15	105
Papanui High School	5	4	34

Congratulations to St Thomas of Canterbury College on winning the Junior Secondary School South Island Championships.

New Zealand U18 Youth Girls vs Port Adelaide Indigenous Academy December 2018

	Goals	Behinds	Total
New Zealand U18 Youth Girls	6	3	39
Port Adelaide	4	5	29

Senior Leagues

CAFL FINAL NOVEMBER 2018

	Goals	Behinds	Total
University Cougars	12	5	77
Christchurch Bulldogs	5	6	36

AAFL FINAL NOVEMBER 2018

	Goals	Behinds	Total
University Blues	5	5	35
Mt Roskill Saints	2	4	16

WAFL FINAL DECEMBER 2018

	Goals	Behinds	Total
Wellington City Saints	5	7	37
Eastern Bulldogs	4	10	34

Regional Competition December 2018

Game 1	Goals	Behinds	Total
Wellington	21	15	141
Otago	0	1	1
Game 2	Goals	Behinds	Total
Canterbury	15	17	107
Otago	0	0	0
Game 3	Goals	Behinds	Total
Canterbury	3	4	22z
Wellington	2	8	20



Financial Statements of AFL New Zealand Inc.

Statement of Financial Performance

For the Year Ended 31 October 2018	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)
Income		
AFL Grant	226,074	217,074
Sport New Zealand	20,000	20,043
Grants Received	11,865	10,192
Foundation North Community Grant	60,000	60,000
Inventory Sales	11,992	10,449
NZ Racing Board Betting Levies	72,708	95,145
Interest Income	171	164
Sundry Income	43	0
	402,854	413,067

Less Expenses

Cost of Inventory	11,532	7,565
IRD	-7	-237
Board Expenses	9,884	5,504
Marketing	1,009	615
Bank Charges	646	444
Communication Expenses	6,159	7,570
Computer Expenses	812	2,231
Entertainment	3,563	2,099
Postage and Couriers	624	549
Printing and Stationery	1,083	844
Rent	13,860	11,475
Audit Fees	7,563	5,458
Delivery and Tournament Costs	-14,099	54,634
Travel	10,969	19,059
Accident Compensation Levy	3,026	2,244
Administrative Salaries	312,762	319,492
Depreciation	1,961	3,260
Total Overheads	371,348	442,805

Profit/(Loss) before Development Programmes	31,506	(29,738)
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Development Programmes Revenue

AFL KiwiKick Income	2,301	8,148
Hawk's Cup Income	25,482	18,692
High Performance Income	366,181	338,767
KiwiSport Income	79,464	72,036
	473,428	437,642

Less Development Programmes Costs

AFL KiwiKick Costs	876	5,764
Hawk's Cup Costs	28,652	16,102
High Performance Costs	370,031	361,900
KiwiSport Costs	51,954	45,175
	451,513	428,942

Net Income from Development Programmes	21,915	8,700
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Profit/ (Loss) after Development Programmes	53,420	(21,038)
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Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 October 2018	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)
Current Assets		
Westpac Bank Accounts	119,240	68,920
Accounts Receivable	14,792	15,867
GST Refunds	3,246	1,530
Stock on Hand	70,342	56,248
Prepayments Paid	4,959	1,286
Staff Loans	1,000	0
	213,579	143,851

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets, at cost	26,519	31,631
Less Accumulated Depreciation	22,011	27,786
	4,508	3,846
	218,087	147,697

Current Liabilities

Westpac Mastercard	2,610	5,535
Creditors & Accruals	56,803	50,884
Prepayments received	44,116	29,446
PAYE and KiwiSaver Liability	7,614	8,309
	111,143	94,173

Equity

Retained Earnings from previous year	53,524	74,562
Current Year Earnings	53,420	(21,038)
	106,945	53,524

Statement of Movement in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 October 2018	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)
Opening Balance	53,524	74,562
Net Profit / (Loss) for Year	53,420	(21,038)
Closing Balance	106,944	53,524

For and on behalf of the board who authorises the financial statements for issue on:

Signed:

Date: 1.03.2019

Signed:

Date: 1.03.2019

Society Directory as at 31 October 2018

Registered Office: Sports House, Stadium Drive, North Harbour Stadium, Albany.

Society Number: 217967

Auditors: RSM Hayes Audit

Bankers: Westpac Banking Corporation

Date of Formation: 7 July 1976

Nature of Business: Administration and Promotion of Australian Football League in New Zealand.

Board

Michael Nettlefold
(Chairman)

Garry Carnachan

Andrew Sloman

Trina Tamati

Andrew McKenzie

Bernard Saundry

Liza McNally

(Elected 25 March 2015) (Re-Elected 19 March 2016)

(Appointed 31 October 2012) (Reappointed 31 October 2016)

(Appointed 31 October 2013) (Reappointed 31 October 2017)

(Elected 19 October 2016) (Re-Elected 18 March 2017)

(Elected 15 March 2015) (Re-Elected 17 March 2018)

(Appointed 26 February 2018)

(Appointed 20 September 2018)

Fixed Assets /Depreciation

For the Year Ended 31 October 2018	Cost	Op Acc Deprn	Op WDV	Loss on Disposal	Rate	Deprn	CI Cost	CI Acc Deprn	CI WDV
Jumpers/Shorts/Socks	4,805	4,788	17	-17		0	0	0	0
Plant and Equipment	2,769	2,276	504	(124)		198	2,645	2,427	219
Equipment	4,982	2,190	168	-126		87	3,444	865	2,579
Computers and Software	21,700	18,542	3,157	-85		1,362	20,430	18,720	1,710
Total	34,256	27,786	3,846	-352		1,647	26,519	22,011	4,508



Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

AFL NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED is an Incorporated Society established under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

The Financial Statements of AFL New Zealand Incorporated have been prepared in accordance with the stated accounting policies and are therefore considered to be special purpose.

These financial statements are used by management and the board in fulfilling their reporting requirements to the members of AFL New Zealand Incorporated and therefore may not be fit for another purpose

Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on an historical cost basis have been used in the preparation of these financial statements.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure directly attributable to the acquisition of assets and includes the cost of replacements that are eligible for capitalisation when these are incurred. Depreciation rates as follows:

- Jumpers/Shorts/Socks: 30% DV
- Plant and Equipment: 15-67% DV
- Photographic Equipment 20-50% DV
- Computers and Software 20-50% DV

Inventory

Inventory has been stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

Income Tax

AFL New Zealand Incorporated is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

Receivables

Receivables are stated at expected realisable value. Bad debts are written off during the period in which they are identified.

Liabilities

Liabilities are stated at the estimated amounts payable and include all obligations that can be reliably estimated. Current liabilities include the amounts payable within twelve months of these financial statements.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no material changes in accounting policies during the year.

NOTE 2 LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Club has no non-cancellable operating lease commitments. (2017 – Nil).

NOTE 3 INCOME

Income shown in the Statement of Financial Performance comprises the amounts received and receivable for services supplied to customers in the ordinary course of business, except for contributions received from players with respect to their attendance at international tournaments which are recognised on cash received basis.

NOTE 4 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no Contingent Liabilities as at 31 October 2018 (2017– Nil).

NOTE 5 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no outstanding Capital Commitments as at 31 October 2018 (2017– Nil).

NOTE 6 AFL AGREEMENT

The Society's most significant source of income is the AFL Grant. Under its current format the AFL Agreement is renewed annually and any significant adverse change in the grant would affect the financial viability of the Society.

NOTE 7 GRANTS AND DONATIONS WITH CONDITIONS

The Prepayments Received \$44,116 (2017 - \$29,446) represent the proportion of Grants received during the financial year which relate to after 31 October 2018.

NOTE 8 EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE DATE

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report (2017 – Nil)

NOTE 9 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no material related party transactions during the year ended 31 October 2018.

NOTE 10 ABILITY TO CONTINUE OPERATING

The entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Independent Auditor's Report

Opinion

To the members of AFL New Zealand Incorporated, we have audited the financial statements of AFL New Zealand Incorporated ('the society') which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 October 2018;
- the statement of statement of financial performance for the year then ended;
- the statement of movement in equity for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of AFL New Zealand Incorporated for the year ended 31 October 2018, are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the stated accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the society in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have

obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

Emphasis of matter – Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the stated accounting policies and are intended for the use by the members of AFL New Zealand Incorporated. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is also intended solely for the members of the society and should not be distributed to other parties. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of committee members for the financial statements

The committee members are responsible, on behalf of the society, for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the special purpose reporting framework and for such internal controls as committee members determine are necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Those committee members are also responsible for determining that the special purpose reporting framework is acceptable in the entity's circumstances.

In preparing the financial statements, the committee members are responsible, on behalf of the society, for assessing the ability of the society to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable,

matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee members either intend to liquidate the society or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the XRB's website at:

https://xrb.govt.nz/Site/Auditing_Assurance_Standards/Current_Standards/Page8.aspx



1 March 2019

RSM Hayes Audit Auckland

CEO Finance Report

For Year 1st November 2017 to 31st October 2018

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the financial report of AFL New Zealand (Inc) for the year ended 31st October 2018.

Trading Result

Referring to the audited financial accounts, members will note that the AFL New Zealand has reported a profit of \$53.4K for the year-ended 31st October 2018. This follows on from a \$21K loss in the previous financial year.

Looking Ahead

- Foundation North Trust funding support will come to an end of a three year agreement. Funding of \$180K towards development within the Auckland and Northland regions is scheduled for completion in May 2019. AFL New Zealand will reapply for continued support.
- The AFL has committed to one year's funding of AUD \$215K for the financial year ending October 2019.
- Regional Sports Trusts have committed \$90K to Primary, Intermediate and Secondary School projects in 2019 as of February 2019.

Current Liabilities

- The amount of \$111.1K in current liabilities consists of Master Card \$2.6K, PAYE & Kiwisaver \$7.6K, Accruals of \$56.8K, and Down Payments of \$44.1K
- Down Payments comprises of KiwiSport projects \$40.8K, Sport New Zealand \$3.3K.
- Accruals consist of Holiday Pay \$20.3, Audit fees \$5.5K, and \$31K accounts payable
- Accounts payable contains \$20.4k in accommodation costs for upcoming tours in November 18

Current Assets

- As of year end there is \$119.2 in cash, Accounts receivable of \$14.8K, stock on hand of \$70.3K made up of AFL KiwiKick and High Performance inventory and \$4.9K in completed prepayments.

Expenses (Explanatory Notes)

In relation to variances in certain expense line items between 2017 and 2018 trading periods, the following comments are provided.

- Administrative wages decreased by \$7K due to the departure in July of a fulltime staff member and a two month period before replacement.
- Inventory expenses increased by \$4K although sales remained at \$12K sales with obsolete stock sold at lower prices.
- Rent expenses increased by \$2.5K with the change of offices in Auckland.

- Board Expenses were increased by \$4.3K with increased flights from Wellington, New Plymouth and Melbourne tied in with board meetings and broadcast negotiations.
- Travel costs decreased by \$9K due to the AFLNZ Melbourne based Board Director as well as added travel costs for the international Cup in the previous financial year.
- In the previous financial year, Stock was reduced by \$50K in value and expensed to Delivery and Tournament Costs as the auditor identified this stock has been utilised internally and its value would not be recovered through sale. This increased an initial expense for Delivery and Tournament costs from \$4K to \$54K.
- The bulk adjustment of \$50K for the previous financial year was an accrual with the actual adjustment \$32.9K contributing to the negative value of -\$14.1K for Delivery and Tournament costs for the current financial year.

Income (Explanatory Notes)

In relation to variances in certain income line items between 2017 and 2018 trading periods, the following comments are provided.

- AFL funding increased by \$9K due to exchange rates.
- Betting levies decreased by \$23K due to a reduction in live matches telecast on the TVNZ Duke broadcasting platform.

Development Programme Revenue v Expenses (Explanatory Notes)

- The AFL KiwiKick Programme decreased income by \$6K and expenses decreased by \$5K for a result comparable to last year.
- The Secondary School Programmes increased income by \$7K and expenses increased by \$12K for a result comparable to last year.
- The introduction of new participation initiatives, Regional Youth competitions and the AFL New Zealand Premiership, was coupled with decreases in the AFL KiwiKick Programme. Kiwisport projects are also utilised to promote and fund these two development areas.
- The High Performance Programme income increased by \$28 K and expenses by \$9K with the addition of the Port Adelaide Tour and Increased NZ team numbers from the Mornington Peninsula within the touring teams programme.
- KiwiSport funding increased in income by \$7K and \$7K in expense



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