



It is my privilege to present the Chair's Report for the 2025 Annual General Meeting of Basketball Manawatu.

This year has brought both challenges and significant achievements. I wish to acknowledge the Board for their unwavering dedication, thoughtful guidance, and commitment to making decisions in the best interests of our members. Lisa, Tom, Murray, Liam, Marie, Hone, Von, and Tia—your perspectives, expertise, and time are deeply valued.

I extend sincere appreciation to Life Member Willie Bryant and Patron and Life Member Wendy Workman. Your ongoing contributions remain an invaluable asset to our association. Special thanks are due to Lisa Matena, Tom Te Puni, and Mike Ryan, with whom I worked closely on complex matters throughout the year. Your willingness to devote long hours and go above and beyond has not gone unnoticed. Tom, your leadership in the funding space has been instrumental, delivering excellent results that strengthen our future.

In 2025, Basketball Manawatu worked closely with our National Sporting Organization, Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ), to establish ourselves as a Tier 1 association. We signed a new Service Level Agreement and updated our constitution to align with regulatory requirements. The implementation of the BBNZ levy presented challenges, yet our operations team managed the transition with professionalism and resilience. Mike, Tess, and Tania—your efforts ensured this process was as smooth as possible, and I commend you for your outstanding work.

Acknowledgements to the Operations Team

- Tess – Your management of competitions and events, the largest in the country, is executed with remarkable skill and efficiency. Your contributions across multiple areas of the association are greatly appreciated.
- Tania – Your leadership in development and representative programs continues to elevate our reach and impact. Expanding the game into the wider community has been a notable success.
- Mike – Your retirement marks the conclusion of six years of exceptional service. Your commitment has strengthened Basketball Manawatu in countless ways. We wish you every happiness in retirement and time to enjoy your family.

We also acknowledge our major partners—Sport Manawatu, BBNZ, CET Arena, and Palmerston North City Council. We look forward to further strengthening these relationships to enhance facilities and opportunities for our members.



The past year has been a true journey, from financial pressures to the outstanding success of the Secondary Schools National Tournament, alongside many other milestones.

Looking ahead, 2026 presents an opportunity to consolidate our learnings and continue building a strong, sustainable future for Basketball Manawatu. With changes already underway, I am confident in our capacity to grow and succeed.

Thank you.

Jason Pearn
Board Chair