

### **Kia Ora**

Message to all members,

It is time for me to stand down from my appointed "caretaker" role for IHNZ. It has been quite a journey and although challenges and decisions have had to be made to move our sport forward, I feel these were made in the best interests of our sport.

Transitioning leadership is always a significant moment, marketed by reflection on past achievements and anticipation for the future.

I am confident that under the new board's guidance our sport will once again thrive and reach new heights. I believe in the direction we are now heading and in the abilities of the new board to navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

I will always remain to support in any way possible, and will work collaboratively when required ensuring our mission and values remain at the forefront of everything we do.

I have a special interest in the NZ Maori team and its place within our sport and am honoured to remain the IHNZ Kaumatua. I look forward to 2025 celebrating the team's 10th anniversary.

We have some amazing dedicated people amongst our membership who provide a vast knowledge resource and dedication. I would like to acknowledge them by name; Krys Beardman, Paul Matthews, Sheree Anderson, Shane Clark, Cam Rock, Pete Shields, Shaun King, and Brett Turia. There are bound to be others I have missed naming, I sincerely thank you all for your hard work and support.

And finally, it was my absolute pleasure to host the 3rd annual IHNZ Matariki Series over the weekend in New Plymouth. What an absolutely fantastic weekend from the pōwhiri, the shared hāngī lunch, the Matariki teams competing and the magnificent exhibition game!

My thanks go to each of the Matariki team captains for the leadership shown –

Lewis Taiapa, Ant Nathan, Scott Henry, Sam Beardman,

Mitch Hurley, Ant Taylor, Ian Wannamaker, James O'Donnell

Again to Lewis Taiapa and Ant Nathan for captaining the Exhibition teams Saturday evening and to Centre ice for their continued sponsorship of these teams and our event.

In addition, Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry of Māori Development have provided support through their Te Pū Harakeke Fund towards the Matariki Series.

Ngā mihi maioha Willy Harvey IHNZ Kaumatua







Team Mission www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz

Team Bauer *Sealler* 

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### REMINDER 16/18 WEEKEND

With the majority of entrants to date coming from both the Kokako and Tui regions, the venue will be confirmed as the Hamilton Devils rink on 10th and 11th August.

### **Important Dates**

Please remember whether you are a player, referee, coach, manager or committee member, to register via Esports!

 July 14, 2024 - Last date for dispensation applications that require a decision by July 31, 2024 (last-minute dispensations can be entered up to 31 August).

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#### James O'Donnell and Tupuarangi winning the Matariki Series



Pictured: Gordon, Willy, Jenny and Maria

Special Mention

and thanks to

lan Wannamaker for comentating the

**Exhibition Game** 

Live Stream can still be viewed on You Tube

following this link (click the white arrow)

## SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IHNZ acknowledges the volunteers behind the scenes tirelessly ensuring that the various events, projects and daily operations run smoothly. Their contributions though not always visible are invaluable and deserving of recognition. Their support embodies dedication and selflessness. They remind us of the power of quiet commitment and the profound collective effort impacting all of us. Lets take a moment to appreciate the following members who provided streaming equipment last minute, cameraman capabilities, video set up with sound not to mention the amazing game commentators and bench officials, photographers, and did we mention the Hangi lunch - wow!

You know who you are and we thank you for your time and expertise. (Ben, Richard, Ian, Brendon, Cam, Rob, Kane, Brent, Amber, Maria, Julia, Angela and others).

To the players in all teams, the mentoring of the younger players, the sharing of skills and game knowledge has proven to be of huge benefit to all involved, we thank you for your participation and sportsmanship.

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### **Ongoing focus**

- Information will be coming out regarding the Female League Weekend being hosted by New Plymouth 20/21 July
- 16/18 Tournament being held in Hamilton over the weekend of 10/11 August
- Final NARCh preparations as the team prepares to depart next week
- Vanburwray have been engaged to do an in-depth audit of the accounts specifically for 2023 EOY.
- GST responsibility is being finalised for the 6-month reporting period ending June 2024. Once these tasks are completed there will be further communication to have accounts approved and filed with Companies and Charities.
- There are concerns over the huge cost for legal advice. The legal fees invoice was shared previously and has now been paid. Negotiations with the provider were not successful when trying to reduce the overall cost.
- Investigation continues in relation to IHNZ responsibility for additional legal costs.
- The new board are developing their strategies and direction preparing for their new roles and will undoubtedly guide IHNZ in a new direction that resonates with our sport's core values and goals.

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For any questions you may have, please send via gm@inlinehockeynz.org.nz.



# **IHNZ CALENDAR REMINDERS**

STICK THIS ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICEBOARD!

### KEY DATES

<u>IHNZ NPL</u> Round 3 – 24-25 August – New Plymouth

<u>Ravens Junior Tournament</u> 13-14 July – New Plymouth Not too late if you wish to enter as individuals and join in the fun.

### FEMALE AND 16/18 LEAGUE WEEKENDS

All Girls League weekends Round 1 July 20-21 - New Plymouth Round 2 Aug31-Sept1 - Kilbirnie LINK: www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz

<u>16/18 League Weekend</u> August 11-12 (entries by June 28) **Venue: Hamilton** 

### NARCH

July 11-22 Los Angeles

**New Zealand 16U - 18U - 21U** Teams leave in July - Watch out for results .

### GET READY-NZ CLUB CHAMPS

September 30 - October 6 New Plymouth

All Grades Offered Open Entry Check out the key dates below

### **KEY DATES FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024**

• July 14, 2024

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• July 31, 2024

Last day for players to be registered with IHNZ (if they wish to compete at Nationals)

• July 31, 2024

Last day to enter teams for Nationals and pay registration fee

(team grades being entered only, not the roster of players)

• August 7, 2024

Block Schedule confirmed for each grade (eg what days a particular grade is likely to compete during the Nationals period)

- <u>August 31, 2024</u>
- Last day for last-minute dispensation applications
- <u>7 September, 2024</u>

Clubs to submit team rosters for Nationals using the prescribed format

• <u>10 September, 2024</u>

Nationals draw released 28 Sept - Oct 6, 2024 National Club Championship

### WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FUTURE DATES AND REMINDERS

