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# Message from the Union

Tena koutou katoa, a warm welcome to 2024, and to the latest edition of the Thames Valley Rugby Union handbook.

Thank you very much to everybody that contributed to the making of this community rugby resource. We really appreciate the existing and new partners that have helped us to achieve this publication. Last year we spoke about events and occurrences that have happened to our community. This year we congratulate our people on how they have navigated through adversity, the resilience shown by our people is next level!!

We are again very fortunate to have H.G. Leach and Co. back again for 2024, partnering Thames Valley Rugby and the club rugby competition. This continues to be our example of local partnership from genuine people who see value in Thames Valley Rugby. We thank Mark, Corbin and the team at HG Leach for their ongoing support.

To all our partners, we really appreciate the partnership and look forward to promoting your services when and where possible through rugby.

We have an increased the number of teams competing in the 2024 club season which is a credit to our clubs and community. We wish them all the best of luck in keeping their teams together for the duration of the season. The Senior Club finals this year are to be held at Boyd Park Te Aroha on 13 th July 2023

We are looking forward to another successful representative season. From our Swamp Foxes and Vixens through to our next generation of Under 14s. We are excited to see the results of all the hard work that is put in behind the scenes. Grassroots rugby is what we are proud of, and this won't change in 2024.

Ross Cooper continues on as President. On the Executive Board, Gordon Henderson takes over as Chairperson with Arleen McLaren continuing to hold the deputy position. Our board is made up of existing members Moe Williams, Andrew Gemmell, Hayden Rakich and Kirpal Singh. Our new members who we welcome are Rosē Hodgetts and Wayne Berry. Kelly Plummer remains our Thames Valley Rugby Union Historian and Robin Povey as our Thames Valley Rugby Union Patron. Thank you to all of these individuals.

We continue to build our union team as we strive for community participation growth. Joining Community Rugby Manager Scott Day, we have Taine Wilson, Kaitlin Russell, Leon Holden, Janine Spice and Christine Gilfedder (Chrissie) the Union administrator.

The entire team of Executive Board members, Thames Valley Rugby Union staff plus our volunteer coaches, managers and assistants are excited of what's ahead in 2024. Thanks again to everybody and I look forward to catching up during the year.

Cheers



Scott Penney  
TVRU CEO



# Community Rugby Report 2024

Club Rugby is expected to grow an extra leg and arm throughout the 2024 season. Premier Clubs have appointed coaches early, who in turn have begun high-intensity pre-season trainings with large player numbers across the Board. The Premier Competition will consist of 8 teams (starting March 23<sup>rd</sup>), whilst the Senior B Competition has grown from seven to 9 teams (starting April 6<sup>th</sup>). Format details can be found later in the handbook.

The Rugby United Under 21's (Boys) featuring players from across the Thames Valley will once again play in the Waikato Colts Competition, after a successful 2023 season finishing 8<sup>th</sup> out of 16. The Hauraki North Women's Diamonds will also play in the Waikato, playing for the Women's Development Championship, after falling agonisingly short in 2023, losing the final to Taupiri. These teams both kick off on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are also excited to announce the inaugural Women's Club of Origin Competition, expected to commence in June. It is expected that we will have 6 teams playing in a 15-a-side competition, with playing numbers to be flexible and matches played on a Sunday.

A few further updates from TVRU:

- The TVRU facilitated a Club Roadshow which was designed to focus in on Club Health late in 2023. Eight of our eleven Clubs took part in this, and it was extremely beneficial for all parties.
- All Clubs have been provided with Hudl for the 2024 season, a video analysis App which enhances players, coaching and referee development.
- Kick off times will go back to 2.00pm (Premier) and 12.25pm (Senior Bs).
- Te Aroha will host Club Finals Day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July.
- All Clubs will receive \$5000 from TVRU in 2024.

## Secondary Schools Rugby:

The Secondary School space will look a bit different in 2024. A number of constructive changes have been made by the TVRU, primarily in the teenage boy's space to create meaningful competitions and grow player numbers. The following competitions will be in place for 2024:

### Boys:

- Under 18 Competition (Term 2).
- 1<sup>st</sup> XV Coulter Cup Competition (Term 3).
- Under 14<sub>3/4</sub> Competition (Term 2 & 3)
- Under 15.5 Competition (Term 2 & 3)

### Girls:

- Under 15 Competition.
- 1<sup>st</sup> XV Competition.

We look forward to welcoming all teams to Moewai Park in Whitianga for our Secondary School 7s on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The winners of this tournament will qualify for the National Condor 7s Tournament in December.

## Junior Rugby:

The Junior Rugby space will continue to be the successful foundation of all rugby within the Thames Valley province. Early indications show that numbers will increase in 2024, with the Kopu/Hikua road now open, and better field conditions expected. This alongside, a big push of Primary School activity, more opportunity for female players and quality Coach Development will ensure the smooth running of Junior Rugby. Clubs will host pre-season festivals on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April. The formal start-date for Junior Rugby is Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, with Finals Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Grades on offer in 2024:

Mixed: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8.

Girls Only: Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6, Year 7 & 8.

The Primary School space will also offer plenty of Rugby activity, with five Tackle Tournaments to take place across the province in Term 2, followed by five Rippa Rugby Tournaments in Term 3. We encourage all schools to enter and participate.

### **Women's Rugby:**

The resurgence of Women's Rugby is evident within the Thames Valley. The Hauraki North Diamonds will continue to play in the Waikato Women's Development Competition, where they placed second in 2023. This offers an opportunity for more-experienced Rugby players to play quality 15-aside Rugby, in an established competition.

Following this, the TVRU will be facilitating a 'Club of Origin' Competition, aimed at growing player numbers across all areas of the Thames Valley Province. This will commence in June, with a 4-6 week window put aside for a 10, 12 or 15 aside competition (team numbers dependant). Matches will be played on Sunday's.

There is also plenty of opportunity for female players in the Junior, Secondary School and Representative space to put their best foot forward.

### **Representative Rugby:**

#### Age Group Representative Teams 2024:

- Under 14 Boys.
- Under 16 Girls.
- Under 16 Boys.
- Under 19 Girls.
- Under 19 Boys.

#### Senior Representative Teams 2024:

- Under 85kg Men
- Women's Vixens (15 aside)
- Heartland Men's (15 aside)
- Women's 7s.
- Men's 7s

More information such as coaching appointments, fixture dates and trial processes will be released sooner to the time.

### **Referees:**

The Referee group will continue to flourish under the leadership of Wayne Berry in 2024. Wayne, in his role of Referee Manager has done a fantastic job managing the recruitment, training, coaching and appointments of referees for the past four years. Early indications show great retention from 2023 to 2024, however we still require many more.

There are plenty of positives about joining the referee group, including fitness and health, identity and belonging, socialising, modern kit/clothing and keeping involved with the game we all love.

If you are reading this and believe you can support the Thames Valley Rugby Referees in anyway, send Wayne Berry an email [wayne.berry@farmside.co.nz](mailto:wayne.berry@farmside.co.nz).

### **Coach Development:**

The TVRU aim to further support the Coach Development Space in 2024. For Senior Club Coaches & Secondary School Coaches, there will be a number of opportunities for coaches to observe Swamp Fox trainings, attend webinar's and meetings, plus have Swamp Fox coaches attend their trainings to assist players & club/school coaches. More information on this has been sent to each individual identity.

There will also be a number of Level 1 Foundation Courses aimed at Junior Rugby coaches. This involves a 2-3 hour course, covering topics such as team selection, planning, coaching principles, plus lots of opportunity to take away drills & games.

Further to this, ALL people will have the opportunity to coach our age-group representative teams in 2024. We encourage anyone wanting to further their coaching experience to apply.

### **Conclusion:**

In summary, we encourage all stake holders within the Thames Valley to get in touch with the team at TVRU to assist and support you in 2024. We believe the direction our province is taking will be extremely positive, and we want to help and nurture this in any way possible. Our motto is 'to create positive life experiences through Rugby' – we hope you are the same!

Kind Regards,



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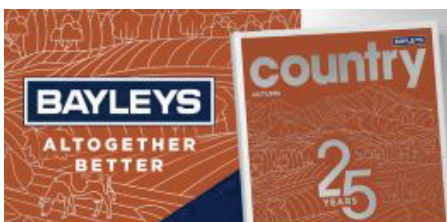
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*Founded: 1919*

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Hugh Hayward Domain  
Ngatea

## COLOURS

Black and White

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*Founded: 2017*

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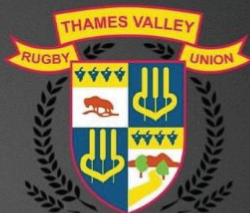
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*Founded: 1902*

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## CLUBROOMS

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## COLOURS

Blue and White bands

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# Te Aroha Sub Union

*Founded: 1899 as Piako. Became Te Aroha Sub Union from 1930*

## POSTAL ADDRESS

640 Alexandra Road  
RD1, Te Aroha

## CLUBROOMS

Boyd Park, Stanley Avenue  
Te Aroha

## COLOURS

Red Jersey  
White Shorts

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## CLUBROOMS

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Blue and Black

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*Founded: 1960*

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## CLUBROOMS

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## COLOURS

Red and Black Bands  
Yellow Collar

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Maroon and Gold

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*Founded: 1963*

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# Disciplinary Procedures

*In accordance with the New Zealand Rugby Union's Rules for disciplinary Hearings (The New Zealand Rugby Disciplinary Rules 2022) and adopted by Thames Valley Rugby Union in February 1998, updated in February 2022, and covers all games under the jurisdiction of the Thames Valley Rugby Union Inc.*

## **ORDERING OFF**

Referee's Report: The referee who has ordered off a player must complete the Thames Valley Rugby Union's ordering off online report (refer to the Thames Valley Rugby Union website) and return it to the Thames Valley Rugby Union's Disciplinary Committee co-ordinator within 48 hours of the completion of the game in which the incident leading the ordering off took place. Should a Touch Judge(s) be involved they must also complete the applicable form (NZRU Form C) and this must be returned with the Referee's Report.

The co-operation of referee's and touch judges is requested to have the reports to the co-ordinator as soon as possible after the game in which the incident took place to enable the necessary notifications to be given to the player, referees and the Disciplinary Hearing Committee should a hearing be held.

## **NOTIFICATION:**

On receipt of the Ordering - off report the Co-ordinator shall notify the player and his/her club and the Chairperson of the Union's Disciplinary Committee including copies of the report.

## **PLAYER:**

The player ordered-off is suspended from rugby for two weeks from the date of the game in which the incident took place, unless:

- (a) The player or his/her club requests a hearing of the Union's Disciplinary Committee into the incident. This request must be notified to the co-ordinator by 4.30pm the Monday after the game is played (normally Saturday).
- (b) The Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee requests a hearing into the incident and will notify the co-ordinator. The co-ordinator will notify the player and his/her club of the decision and also the date, time and place of the hearing. (This is usually done by late Monday).

## **HEARINGS:**

These are normally held on Tuesday night at the Thames Valley Rugby Union office, 140A Normanby Road, Paeroa at 7.30pm, or by Zoom if necessary.

- (a) The Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee will determine whether there will be one or three committee members at the hearing.
- (b) The Player shall attend and can be accompanied by officials of his/her club or team management, witnesses and legal counsel. If unable to attend the player shall make a written explanation for the Disciplinary Committee, make written submissions to the referees report, and be represented by a club and/or team official(s) or legal counsel.
- (c) The referee involved should also appear at the hearing. If not, then by a representative of the Thames Valley Referees Advisory Committee who is conversant with the incident.

# Disciplinary Procedures cont....

## **DECISION:**

The decision of the Disciplinary Committee, if possible, will be notified verbally by the Committee at the conclusion of the hearing and then in writing to the player and his/her club the referees advisory committee as soon as possible after the hearing.

## **REFEREES ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Any aggrieved party can lodge an appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee within seven days of the written confirmation of the decision. The Appeal must be in writing and accompanied by \$100, which is refundable should the appeal be upheld. The date, time and venue of the appeal hearing will be notified to all parties by the co-ordinator.

## **SIN BIN RULES:**

A player who has been sent to the sin bin on two occasions during a season will receive advice from the co-ordinator comprising the referee's reports of the two offences and a warning that following a third offence in the same season the player shall appear before the Disciplinary Committee. Appeals procedures are the same as those for the ordered off player.

## **ORDERING OFF: VISITING REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS**

A visiting player ordered off in a representative fixture under the jurisdiction of the Thames Valley Rugby Union Inc. shall be required to appear before an Emergency Disciplinary Committee as soon as possible after the game in which the incident took place.

This committee should comprise two members of the Unions Disciplinary Committee (if available) or other Union officials and one official of the visiting team. The referee's report and the decision shall also be handed to the Thames Valley Rugby Union's co-ordinator as soon as possible after the hearing. The Thames Valley co-ordinator shall forward the referee's report including the Assistant Referees reports where applicable and the decision, to the players home union.

An appeal by any aggrieved party against the decision of the Emergency Disciplinary shall be made in writing to the player's home union Disciplinary Committee within 48 hours of conclusion of the game in which the incident took place.





# THAMES VALLEY PREMIER CLUB RUGBY 2024

## SCHEDULE OF MATCHES

\*ALL MATCHES KICK OFF AT 2.00PM

### ROUND 1

23/3/24	WHANGAMATA VS WAIHOU	WHANGAMATA
23/3/24	THAMES VS MERCURY BAY	THAMES
23/3/24	COBRAS VS HAURAKI NORTH	TE AROHA
23/3/24	PAEROA VS WAIHI	PAEROA

**EASTER WEEKEND 30/3/24  
NO RUGBY**

### ROUND 2

6/4/24	HAURAKI NORTH VS WAIHI	WAITAKARURU
6/4/24	COBRAS VS MERCURY BAY	TE AROHA
6/4/24	WAIHOU VS THAMES	TE AROHA
6/4/24	WHANGAMATA VS PAEROA	WHANGAMATA

### ROUND 3

13/4/24	WAIHI VS WHANGAMATA	WAIHI
13/4/24	THAMES VS HAURAKI NORTH	THAMES
13/4/24	MERCURY BAY VS WAIHOU	WHITIANGA
13/4/24	PAEROA VS COBRAS	PAEROA

### ROUND 4

20/4/24	THAMES VS PAEROA	THAMES
20/4/24	WHANGAMATA VS COBRAS	WHANGAMATA
20/4/24	HAURAKI NORTH VS MERCURY BAY	WAITAKARURU
20/4/24	WAIHI VS WAIHOU	WAIHI

### ROUND 5 (SPLIT ROUND)

27/4/23	WAIHOU VS COBRAS	TE AROHA
27/4/23	WAIHI VS THAMES	WAIHI
	HAURAKI NORTH, PAEROA, MERCURY BAY, WHANGAMATA, BYES	

### ROUND 5 (SPLIT ROUND)

2/5/24	PAEROA VS HAURAKI NORTH	PAEROA
4/5/24	MERCURY BAY VS WHANGAMATA	WHITIANGA
	THAMES, COBRAS, WAIHOU, WAIHI, BYES	

### ROUND 6

11/5/24	MERCURY BAY VS PAEROA	WHITIANGA
11/5/24	COBRAS VS WAIHI	TE AROHA
11/5/24	HAURAKI NORTH VS WAIHOU	WAITAKARURU
11/5/24	WHANGAMATA VS THAMES	WHANGAMATA

### ROUND 7 (SILCOCK SHIELD AWARDED)

18/5/24	WAIHI VS MERCURY BAY	WAIHI
18/5/24	HAURAKI NORTH VS WHANGAMATA	WAITAKARURU
18/5/24	THAMES VS COBRAS	THAMES
18/5/24	WAIHOU VS PAEROA	TE AROHA

**THAMES VALLEY VS KING COUNTRY 25/5/24  
NO RUGBY**

### ROUND 8 (KINGS BIRTHDAY)

1/6/24	MERCURY BAY VS WAIHI	WHITIANGA
1/6/24	COBRAS VS THAMES	TE AROHA
1/6/24	WHANGAMATA VS HAURAKI NORTH	WHANGAMATA
1/6/24	PAEROA VS WAIHOU	PAEROA

### ROUND 9

8/6/24	COBRAS VS WHANGAMATA	TE AROHA
8/6/24	WAIHOU VS WAIHI	TE AROHA
8/6/24	PAEROA VS THAMES	PAEROA
8/6/24	MERCURY BAY VS HAURAKI NORTH	WHITIANGA

### ROUND 10

15/6/24	HAURAKI NORTH VS PAEROA	WAITAKARURU
15/6/24	COBRAS VS WAIHOU	TE AROHA
15/6/24	THAMES VS WAIHI	THAMES
15/6/24	WHANGAMATA VS MERCURY BAY	WHANGAMATA

### ROUND 11

22/6/24	PAEROA VS MERCURY BAY	PAEROA
22/6/24	WAIHOU VS HAURAKI NORTH	TE AROHA
22/6/24	THAMES VS WHANGAMATA	THAMES
22/6/24	WAIHI VS COBRAS	WAIHI

### ROUND 12

29/6/24	WAIHI VS PAEROA	WAIHI
29/6/24	HAURAKI NORTH VS COBRAS	WAITAKARURU
29/6/24	MERCURY BAY VS THAMES	WHITIANGA
29/6/24	WAIHOU VS WHANGAMATA	TE AROHA

**SEMI FINALS 6/7/24  
1 VS 4 AND 2 VS 3**

**FINALS DAY 13/7/24  
MCCLINCHY CUP FINAL**





# THAMES VALLEY SENIOR B CLUB RUGBY 2024

## SCHEDULE OF MATCHES

\*ALL MATCHES KICK OFF AT 12:25PM

### ROUND 1

6/4/24	HAURAKI NORTH VS WAIHI	WAITAKARURU
6/4/24	COBRAS VS MERCURY BAY	TE AROHA
6/4/24	WAIHOU VS THAMES	TE AROHA
6/4/24	WHANGAMATA VS COROMANDEL	WHANGAMATA
	NGATEA BYE	

### ROUND 2

13/4/24	COROMANDEL VS HAURAKI NORTH	COROMANDEL
13/4/24	THAMES VS WHANGAMATA	THAMES
13/4/24	WAIHI VS COBRAS	WAIHI
13/4/24	MERCURY BAY VS NGATEA	WHITIANGA
	WAIHOU BYE	

### ROUND 3

20/4/24	THAMES VS COROMANDEL	THAMES
20/4/24	WHANGAMATA VS MERCURY BAY	WHANGAMATA
20/4/24	HAURAKI NORTH VS NGATEA	WAITAKARURU
20/4/24	WAIHOU VS WAIHI	TE AROHA
	COBRAS BYE	

### ROUND 7

18/5/24	WAIHI VS MERCURY BAY	WAIHI
18/5/24	THAMES VS COBRAS	THAMES
18/5/24	COROMANDEL VS NGATEA	COROMANDEL
18/5/24	WAIHOU VS HAURAKI NORTH	TE AROHA
	WHANGAMATA BYE	

### ROUND 8

25/5/24	COBRAS VS WAIHOU	TE AROHA
25/5/24	HAURAKI NORTH VS WHANGAMATA	WAITAKARURU
25/5/24	NGATEA VS THAMES	NGATEA
25/5/24	MERCURY BAY VS COROMANDEL	WHITIANGA
	WAIHI BYE	

### ROUND 9 (ELDERS CUP AWARDED)

1/6/24	COBRAS VS COROMANDEL	TE AROHA
1/6/24	HAURAKI NORTH VS THAMES	WAITAKARURU
1/6/24	WHANGAMATA VS WAIHOU	WHANGAMATA
1/6/24	NGATEA VS WAIHI	NGATEA
	MERCURY BAY BYE	

### ROUND 4

27/4/24	COROMANDEL VS WAIHOU	COROMANDEL
27/4/24	WAIHI VS WHANGAMATA	WAIHI
27/4/24	MERCURY BAY VS HAURAKI NORTH	WHITIANGA
27/4/24	NGATEA VS COBRAS	NGATEA
	THAMES BYE	

### ROUND 5

4/5/24	WHANGAMATA VS COBRAS	WHANGAMATA
4/5/24	COROMANDEL VS WAIHI	COROMANDEL
4/5/24	THAMES VS MERCURY BAY	THAMES
4/5/24	WAIHOU VS NGATEA	TE AROHA
	HAURAKI NORTH BYE	

### ROUND 6

11/5/24	MERCURY BAY VS WAIHOU	WHITIANGA
11/5/24	COBRAS VS HAURAKI NORTH	TE AROHA
11/5/24	NGATEA VS WHANGAMATA	NGATEA
11/5/24	WAIHI VS THAMES	WAIHI
	COROMANDEL BYE	

### PLEASE NOTE:

\*AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS ROUND ROBIN TEAMS WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO GRADES. TOP 5 (SENIOR B) AND BOTTOM 4 (SENIOR C). BOTH GRADES WILL PLAY A FINAL ROBIN FORMAT FOLLOWED BY A STRAIGHT FINAL (1 V 2).

### FINALS DAY 13/7/24

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL CUP FINAL (B)  
MCDONALD CUP FINAL (C)



# Thames Valley Club Rugby Trophies

## TROPHY HOLDERS 2023 - CLUB RUGBY

### GRADE

### WINNER

#### SENIOR A - PREMIER

Silcock Shield

Hauraki North Rugby & Sports Club

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Hauraki North Rugby & Sports Club

Watton Cup – Runners Up

Hauraki North Rugby & Sports Club

McClinchy Cup – Championship Winners

Whangamata Rugby & Sports Club

#### SENIOR A

Patrons Cup -

Not played for

#### SENIOR B

Elders Cup - 1st Round Winners

Tairua Rugby & Sports Club

Leach Cup - 2nd Round Winners

Tairua Rugby & Sports Club

McDonald Cup - Plate Winners

Not played for

Lawrence Memorial Cup – Championship Winners

Coromandel Rugby & Sports Club

#### CLUB 7's

Cup Winners -

Waihi Athletic Rugby & Sports

Shield Winners -

Hauraki North Rugby & Sports Club

Womens 7's Winners -

Hauraki North Rugby & Sports Club

## TROPHY HOLDERS 2023 – SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### FIRST XV

Allen Fisher Cup

Not played for

Coulter Cup

Mercury Bay Area School

TVSS 7's Cup

Paeroa College

Provincial Challenge Shield

Mercury Bay Area School

Graham Watton Trophy

Paeroa College

### Future 1st XV

Major Chamberlain Memorial Cup

Not played for

Perry Cup (1st round winners)

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Laurie Burns Challenge Trophy

Not played for

### YOUTH (Year 9&10 Boys)

Frank Treanor Trophy (1st round)

Hauraki Plains College

Ted Engebretsen Challenge Shield

Hauraki Plains College

L. Berry Cup

Whangamata Area School

Bob Passey Cup

Hauraki Plains College

### SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS

Max Stanfield Shield

Paeroa College

Hare Family 7's Trophy

Hauraki Plains College

TVSS Girls Trophy

Hauraki Plains College



# Thames Valley Club Rugby Trophies

## YOUTH TROPHY HOLDERS 2023

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>WINNER</b>
<b>YOUTH (Year 7 &amp; 8)</b>	
Flemming Shield	Southern Stags
Shaw Cup	Western
<b>Year 5 (Division 1)</b>	
Bill Cooksley Cup - Championship	Te Aroha Red
Chris Costello Award - Most Promising Player	Jack Bibbington & Joseph Holder
<b>Year 5 (Division 2)</b>	
Bill Hayward Cup - Championship	Not played for
<b>Year 4 - Division 1</b>	
Barry Priest Cup - Championship	Paeroaa
David Harrison Award - Most Promising Player	Nixon McKenzie
<b>Year 3 - Division 1</b>	
TVYMB Trophy - Championship	Paeroa
Brett Panga Award - Most Promising Player	Jessie Thompson
<b>Year 3 - Division 2</b>	
TVYMB Medals - Championship	Waihi Black
<b>Year 8's</b>	
Bernie Passau Cup - Champions	Paeroa
TCDC Cup - 1st Round Winners	Waihi Athletic
TCDC Shield Winners - Ranfurly Shield of TVJR	Not played for
Keith Robinson Award - Most Promising Player	Matteo Coll
<b>Year 7's</b>	
Andrew Gemmell Trophy - Champions	Katikati Eagles
Stephen Trebico Award - Most Promising Player	Shane Robinson
<b>Year 6 - Division 1</b>	
Dennis Lees Trophy - Champions	Thames
Steven Hill Award - Most Promising Player	Jack Strange
<b>Year 6 - Division 2</b>	
Roly Chaney Trophy - Champions	Whangamata
<b>Year 6 - Division 3</b>	
Rex Holden Cup - Champions	Whangamata

# My Rugby App.



**The MyRugby App is your official New Zealand Community App.**

- Download the App and search for any club or school.
- Select a grade and a team to view the draw for upcoming fixtures.
- Save the teams you would like to follow.

The App is free to download and use.

The App is available for both Apple and Android devices.

Click on links as shown below or search directly for MyRugby on your devices' App Store.

## **MyRugby App for Team Managers/Scorers**

The following protocols should be followed:

### **Pre-Game:**

- The Referee does pre game briefing.
- The Referee views Team Sheets on each team's device before Team Manager's (scorers) push submit.
- The Referee sights the replacement front row players. (NZ DSLV-numbers in squad)

### **Post-Game:**

- Before submitting the Team Sheet to the Union - Team Manager's (scorers) meet with Referee to confirm the score and confirm the name and jersey number of any carded player.
- The Referee is responsible for submitting any card related paper work to the Union.
- The Team Managers are responsible for submitting any Serious Injury Reports to the Union.



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## A Brief History...

**1922** On the 29th April 1922 the Thames Valley Rugby Union was established after being granted affiliation to the NZ Rugby Union.



**1923** Thames Valley gained its first victory in representative rugby by defeating Wanganui 10-6 at Te Aroha.

**1929** Former Auckland player (1907!) Charlie Dillimore played his last game for Thames Valley at the age of 46 years, 353 days – an 11-12 loss to Waikato at Paeroa.

**1935** Hugh Rowe, Thames Valley's best pre WWII player, appeared in an All Black trial and then scored a try for the North Island in their 15-9 win over the South Island.

Hugh also held the record for the most tries by a Valley player in a match (3) from 1938 until 1990.

**1941, 42, 43, 44** and **2020** Thames Valley played no first class rugby in these seasons.

**1946** The first win after WWII was a 17-0 thumping of Waikato at Rugby Park, Hamilton.

**1951** A big season for Thames Valley. Thames joined the Union, Fiji was defeated 16-6 at Te Aroha (Valley's first ever game against an overseas team) and their first ever Ranfurly Shield challenge was played against North Auckland at Whangarei. (Lost 6-19).

**1952** Thames Valley changed their colours from a blue jersey with a gold band to a gold jersey with a scarlet band collar and cuffs.

**1953** Played the first ever game against a South Island Union. Otago won 14-6 at Paeroa but Valley were good enough to record their first ever win over the Auckland A team = 12-3 at Eden Park Auckland.

Thames Valley's first All Black, Bob O'Dea (Patetonga) was chosen to as a member of the 1953/54 New Zealand team.

**1957** Thames Valley defeated Auckland 17-16 at Eden Park to win the Coronation Shield for the first and only time.

**1959** Combined with Bay of Plenty, Thames Valley almost defeated the touring Lions narrowly losing 24-26 in the last minute at Rotorua.

**1962** Thames Valley's finest hour – beating Australia 16-14 (with 14 players for most of the game) at Te Aroha. Kevin Barry selected for the All Blacks.

**1969** and **1970** Defeated Tonga and then New South Wales to maintain the Valley's undefeated record against overseas teams.

**1975** Swamp Fox Supporters' club formed with mascot, Swampy.

**1976** NPC introduced to NZ. Thames Valley's first match win in this competition was against Horowhenua – 16-11 at Levin.

**1980** Probably the Valley's best performance in a Ranfurly Shield challenge losing 7 -16 to Waikato but still pushing hard at the end.

**1988** A fantastic early season 25-7 win over Counties, at Ngatea, with the Valley going on to win the Division 3 Championship.

**1989** Hosted Auckland for a Ranfurly Shield Challenge at Paeroa.

**1990** and **1995** Division 3 Championship Winners

**2006** Heartland Championship introduced for the 12 amateur teams.

**2018** Won the Heartland Championship to bring home the Meads Cup.

**2021** Capping Ceremony to honour the Thames Valley Centurions: John Hodge, Brian Duggan, Tuk Sheehan, Kevin Handley, Butch Campbell, Richard Taylor, Roger Wilton, Aaron McDonald and David Harrison.

**2022** Our Centenary weekend was held over August 26th and 27th. We played West Coast at Boyd Park for The Game Cup with the Valley winning 36 - 26.

**2023** For the fifth season in a row Thames Valley finished in the top four teams of the Heartland Championship. The Thames Valley Vixens displayed a lot of promise in the North Island Heartland Women's Competition. Whangamata won the McClinchy Cup to become Thames Valley Senior Premier Club Champions for the second time.

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Thames Valley Rugby is pleased to announce a continued partnership with IntaSport for the 2024 rugby season, offering a coaching app to provide essential ongoing support for the dedicated group of volunteer coaches. IntaSport has crafted a user-friendly mobile app featuring coaching videos, plans, and valuable information. Additionally, the app offers team messaging, fixture details, club / school information and more. As part of this partnership, the app will be free for all coaches in clubs throughout the province. Thames Valley Rugby has taken the initiative to provide the Premium package for all clubs, becoming the first province in the country to do so. This option empowers club administrators with extra features, including sharing club information, direct communication through the app, fixture uploads, and more.

Community Rugby Manager Scott Day comments, "at Thames Valley Rugby we recognise the pivotal role coaches play in creating positive experiences for our young participants. We also understand that our coaches are volunteers and quite often time poor. We believe this 'one stop shop' app is a proven initiative to support our coaches and clubs in not just surviving, but thriving.

Scott Day continues, "The app's content highlights modern coaching approaches that effectively engage young people in rugby, aligning with our key messages of emphasising fun and development. This alignment is a pivotal factor in Thames Valley Rugby's decision to continue the partnership with IntaSport."

IntaSport founder Kyle McLean comments, "We're excited to continue to collaborate with an innovative, forward-thinking provincial union like Thames Valley Rugby to make the IntaSport App available for junior club coaches throughout the province. There is an ever-increasing demand for time-poor volunteer Youth Coaches to access digital content quickly and easily, where this app has been designed to meet those needs and more. And we're also stoked to that Thames Valley Rugby have made the premium packages available for all clubs which is sure to help streamline club communication and information sharing."



McLean continues, "Organisations like Thames Valley Rugby are working hard to attract and retain young people in the sport we love and recognise the pivotal role coaches play in shaping the overall experience for players. Coaching today's youth is challenging, as the days sending players to run laps and lining them up to do repetitive drills are gone. Young people want an engaging experience that captures their attention and imagination. We are immensely proud to share video content of activities and games that are proven to maximise engagement, involvement, and learning. We can't wait to get the app into the hands of coaches in Thames Valley once again!"

To download the IntaSport App for FREE, go to [www.intasport.org](http://www.intasport.org)

When on-boarding, remember to select your club / school name so you become part of our local community.

#### **Foxes Up!**

It was great connecting with the Thames Valley crew this morning to on-board them with the IntaSport App.

Thames Valley are the "OG's" and 2024 will mark the 3rd year of this partnership. Next year the 10 junior clubs and coaches across the province will get access to the Premium Packages all in an effort to provide relevant support to coaches and clubs.





## NEED TO TALK?

Most of us know what it is like to go through a tough time at some point in our life, and probably more than once. Some of us try to tough it out but often that is not enough. We pile up our problems until something gives. So, who do we turn to when the nasty stuff hits the fan? More people than we realise are haunted by the **black dog** of depression. Plenty wrestle with **personal demons** that mess up minds and emotions and break relationships. Addictions, anger and anxiety all make life difficult for plenty of us. Toughing it out is seldom a long-term solution.

It's time to ask for help.

Wellbeing simply means **being well**. Think of a simple whare/house with four walls and a roof. The four walls of wellbeing are our **mental and emotional**, our **relational**, our spiritual, and our **physical** components of life. The walls hold each other together as one. All are important. All impact each other. All are necessary for the whare to stand. The same goes for our wellbeing. We need all aspects of our life to be healthy if we want to go the distance.

- Our **mental wellbeing** has to do with knowing who we are, our ability to cope with stresses, understanding ourselves and how to be centred and keep mind and thinking in a healthy place.
- Our **emotional wellbeing** is understanding how we tick, what our triggers are, and how to manage our feelings so that our experiences are positive and we are an asset to those around us rather than a liability with a short and unpredictable fuse.
- Our **relational wellbeing** is about caring for those around us, our whānau and friends, our workmates and teammates. It's knowing how to relate well, treating others with dignity and respect.
- Our **physical wellbeing** is more than owning a great body. It's knowing how to care for that body through diet, exercise, rest and all that enables a healthy life.
- Our **spiritual wellbeing** is more than adherence to a religion. It has to do with the WHY in life: our values, our motivations, our heart instincts, our true identity and the intangibles that are the real drivers for us all, whether we recognize them or not.

Looking out for each other is where wellbeing support starts. Listen, observe, notice a teammate who is struggling. Even if you feel inadequate to help, don't ignore your instinct. Ask how they are doing. A simple, caring question can be all it takes to give someone permission to talk about their struggles. And that saves lives. If in doubt, reach out!

TVRU offers emergency pastoral care and wellbeing support to clubs through the services of Sports Chaplaincy NZ (SCNZ). Several clubs now have their own SCNZ accredited sports chaplain. Any club or team wanting support or to find out more about this service, contact the TVRU Office or the TVRU Sports Chaplain, Phil Pawley directly (details below).

Have an awesome season!

Phil Pawley

TVRU Sports Chaplain

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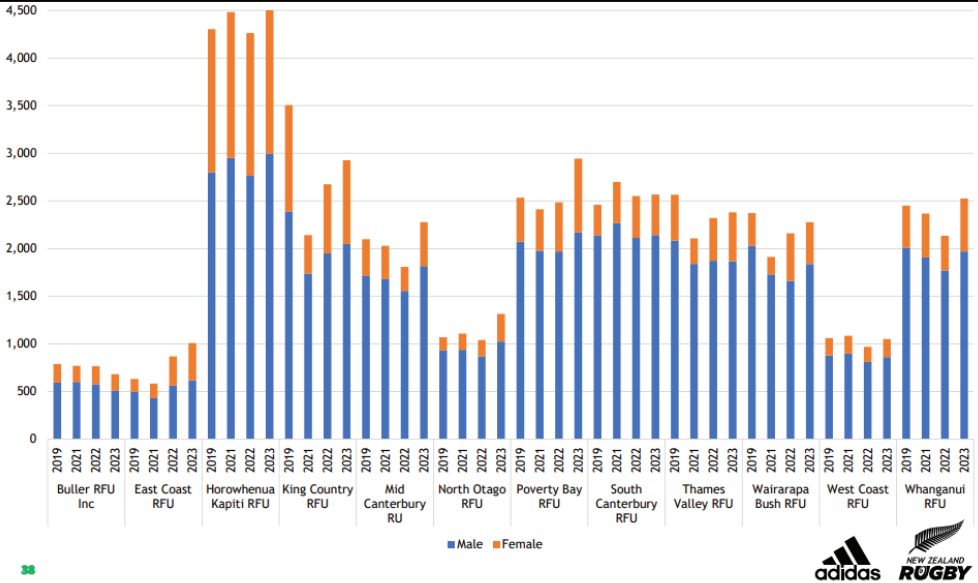
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<b>Level 1 Foundation Coaching Courses</b>	
Monday 19th February	Whangamata Rugby & Sports Club.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Silver Fern Farms Centre, Te Aroha.
<b>Junior Development Camps</b>	
Wednesday 6th March	Rugby "BIG DAY OUT", Paeroa Domain
Tuesday 16th April	Junior Development Day, Thames
Thursday 18th April	Junior Development Day, Whangamata
<b>Primary School Tackle Tournaments</b>	
Wednesday 8th May	Moewai Park, Whitianga
Wednesday 15th May	Whangamata Rugby & Sports Club
Wednesday 22nd May	Rhodes Park, Thames
Wednesday 29th May	Boyd Park, Te Aroha
Wednesday 5th June	FINALS - Paeroa Domain
<b>Primary School Ripa Rugby Tournaments</b>	
Wednesday 31st July	Moewai Park, Whitianga
Wednesday 7th August	Waihi College, Waihi
Wednesday 14th August	Hugh Hayward Domain, Ngatea
Wednesday 21st August	Boyd Park, Te Aroha
Wednesday 28th August	FINALS - Paeroa Domain
<b>Junior Rugby</b>	
Saturday 6th April	Junior Rugby Festival Day
Saturday 13th April	Junior Rugby Festival Day
Saturday 4th May	Junior Rugby Season Starts
Saturday 6th July	Junior Rugby Finals Day (Ngatea)
<b>Shaw Cup &amp; Fleming Shield</b>	
Saturday 27th July	Hugh Hayward Domain, Ngatea
Saturday 3rd August	Whangamata Rugby & Sports Club



# 30. HEARTLAND PLAYER TOTAL



# THAMES VALLEY SUMMARY SHEET

**1,318** juniors  
2022 = 1,344

**496** teens  
2022 = 436

**565** adults  
2022 = 541



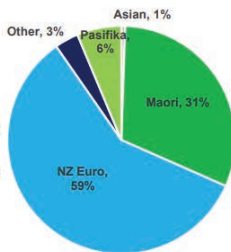
**2,379** players  
2022 = 2,321

**511** females  
2022 = 448

**1,868** males  
2022 = 1,873

**32** referees  
2022 = 23

**1** referee  
for every **33.2** players



**161** coaches  
2022 = 97

**1** coach  
for every **14.8** players







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17 AUG



VS WAIRARAPA BUSH

MASTERTON

2.30PM

24 AUG



VS NORTH OTAGO

TE AROHA

2.30PM

31 AUG



VS KING COUNTRY

TE KUITI

5.30PM

7 SEP



VS WHANGANUI

THAMES

2.30PM

14 SEP



VS EAST COAST (BOT)

RUATORIA

2.00PM

21 SEP



VS BULLER

WHANGAMATA

2.30PM

28 SEP



VS POVERTY BAY

GISBORNE

2.30PM

5 OCT



VS HORO KAPITI

WHITANGA

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