

## We have launched!

A word from the Chair...

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Titan Times. We have launched this newspaper in order to try to keep all of our members informed of the goings on of the club - especially those who aren't addicted to their phones, and social media.

My name is Jo, and for those who don't know me, I've played for Taka since around 1996 - back when the sand turf was the only turf in town. It's my privilege to Chair Takapuna Hockey Club and represent the club that I have grown up with.

I hope you enjoy the news and success of our amazing club and we look forward to seeing you up at the turf - and hearing from you if you live afar.



Celebrating success - our modern day P1 legends



## Congratulations Jonty

The latest in a rich history of Takapuna's Blacksticks, Jonty Elmes made his debut at the Sultan Aslan Shah Cup in Malaysia earlier this year, then followed up by being selected for the Nations Cup in Poland, where NZ picked up the winners medals.

Now with 12 caps to his name, he's also kept the technical bench busy recording his goals - an impressive 7 to start his international career off in style!

## Recording our history

The stats we have and those we don't

Since 2018 we have been lucky enough to have been using electronic scorecards for our Premier competitions; this means we now have data from 7 seasons for matches played, goals scored (including the method) and cards awarded.

Throughout the 2024 season, we have been able to celebrate some important career milestones because of this and although we are well-aware that some players have definitely played well in excess of 100 games, we have no way of calculating that with any degree of accuracy. Celebrating what we do know is definitely better than celebrating nothing at all!

For those that achieve it, we do still recognise 10 years of Premier hockey at our annual awards evening, which you can read more about on page 2. We would certainly love to see you all there to celebrate all of the clubs successes this season.

You might be thinking "so what does this mean for everyone else?" - well the good news is that we have had a project ticking away in the background for some time now, to capture further information in an online database and preserving the clubs history for years to come.

Unfortunately this takes quite some time and we don't have the ability to go back through the old paper-based scorecards, so we're relying on the memories of those that have been with the club for some time to enable this data capture; you could well be next to be contacted!

Ultimately we will aim to have a record that captures every person that has contributed to Takapuna Hockey Club as a player, coach, manager, committee member, or other supporting role.



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## 2024 Prizegiving

Preparations are in full swing for the annual prizegiving; trophies have been delivered to the engravers now, so who will our winners be? And the biggest question of the night – who will become the next “lucky” recipient of the Dork Cup?

Throughout the evening we’ll celebrate a group of very talented young players, all those that made major contributions to their teams’ success through the season, and some amazing people that dedicate an incredible amount of their time to off-field roles and to making the club what it is.

With a theme of ‘A’ for the event we’re expecting a full chorus of angels, assumption is that we’ll be visited by some aliens, and rumour has it that Abraham Lincoln may just pop in for a guest appearance.

The best costume ideas always come from our more “mature” members (maybe because they’ve had more practice?) so we’re really looking forward to seeing the creativity here!

We’d love to have you join us for the event – let us know if you will be there and we’ll ensure the VIP table is reserved for you.



Get your ticket via bank transfer or pay at the door.



## Youth Hockey is coming!

Youth Hockey returns shortly; for 2024, we’ve secured some amazing coaches to help develop the latest young talent – how cool will it be to be coached by Blacksticks, North Harbour NHC reps, and current Takapuna P1 players!

Having a strong development pathway for our younger players is something we pride ourselves on as a club and is an integral part of why we have had so much success over the years. It all starts with your child, your child’s friends, your niece/nephew, even your hairdresser’s dog-walkers cousins kid; all abilities are welcomed and who knows, we may just uncover our next club legend...

The season will start with a muster, where everyone gets the chance to showcase themselves and where our coaches get an understanding of how our teams will be formed. This will be followed by a series of trainings to get everyone prepped and ready for match play.

The competition will run from 14 October to 16 December, with 3 grades in 2024 to ensure an even competition and a fun learning environment for everyone. Where else can you get all that for only \$125!

Register [here](https://www.takapunahockey.org.nz/youth) now!

### Your committee

In case you were wondering who the committee is for this season, look no further!

Chair: Jo Hollis

Secretary: Hannah Le Quesne

Treasurer: Darroch George-Bodle

Club Captain (Men): George Muir

Club Captain (Women): Sophie Hildesley

Committee: Jo Neves, Matthew Wardle, Erica Hill, Jo Windust, Katrina Hosken, Ray Neill

Your committee have been working hard behind the scenes, particularly to streamline processes and make sure we’re ahead of the game as much as possible.



### 2024 U18 Reps

U18 Premier Men: Tobias Eidher, Jono Hair, Tanner Kusch, Nishil Patel, Te Orangawairua Hohepa (Origin - BoP)

U18 Premier Women: Brooklyn Burton, Annaliese Avery

U18 Premier 2 Men: Ben Hollis, Ben Logan, Kyle Windust, Ariel Bradshaw, Sebastian Vainui, Ross Pooley (NTR), Jo Hollis (Manager)

U18 Premier 2 Women: Emma Criscillo, Alice Wild

**The Social Calendar**

The major events of 2024



Beats By Bingo - a hugely successful fundraiser for our NZ Masters reps held in June

We've had 3 social events through the 2024 season; the infamous Taka Pub Crawl in April, Beats by Bingo in June, and our regular Quiz Night in July. All 3 were a great success thanks to the hard-working team of committee members (& other slightly less willing "volunteer" family members).

Kicking off with the Pub Crawl, we were ably-led by our fantastic Club Captains through the streets and bars of Takapuna. Plenty of green costumes on display, green drinks were very popular, and we even caught up with rivals HDF for some off-field competition; apparently we are pretty good at boat races as well as hockey!

Next on the calendar was Beats by Bingo; this was set up at short-notice to fundraise for our NZ Masters representatives and proved not only to be profitable, but a hell of a good night to boot.

Held at the appropriately-named Milford Senior Citizens Hall, our more mature club members ran the whole event including the catering and a cash bar, numerous raffles, and a bunch of other hilarious games that left people coming back time and time again to try their luck. Safe to say that this event will make its way back in 2025...

Last but not least was our regular Taka Quiz Night; this is generally our only club fundraiser each year so it is great to see it continually well-supported. Over 70 generally-knowledgeable humans were there on the night, showcasing their ability to point out that gin was originally made to be a medicine and that the Eiffel Tower was only temporary - imagine France without its only claim to fame!

2025 promises to bring even more fun and entertainment to the schedule so make sure you add the club events to your social calendar; we promise you won't regret it.

**2024 NHC Reps**

North Harbour & Home of Origin

NH Tier 1 Men: James Hickson, Harley Kopa, Dave Green, Luke Buxton, Rocco Ludolph, George Muir

NH Tier 1 Women: Petrea Webster, Sophie Hildesley, Ella Hyatt-Brown, Kayla Reed, Claudia Hanham

NH Tier 2 Men: Seth Irons

NH Tier 2 Women: Bria Fitzgerald, Brooklyn Burton

Origin Men: Aiden Bax (Tauranga), Raanik Patel (Tauranga), Jonty Elmes (Hawkes Bay)

Origin Women: Grace Gibson (Hawkes Bay)

**Masters World Cups**

Takapuna well-represented once again

It's not just the young ones making headlines in 2024; hot on the heels of the National Masters Tournament in Wellington, Hockey NZ announced the squads for the Masters World Cups to be held in Cape Town (11-21 Oct) and right here at North Harbour (7-16 Nov). Once again, Takapuna has a significant involvement across a number of age groups.

Cape Town: 35+ M/W, 40+ M/W, 65+ M

North Harbour: 45+ M/W, 50+ M/W, 55+ M/W, 60+ M/W, 65+W, 70+W

Coach: Ryan Mason 35+W

Manager: Ray Neill 40+M & 45+M

Umpires: Paul Hayes, Jack Bramah

35+ Men: Nick Capizzi, Cale Exeter, Dave Green, Ben Dando

40+ Men: Warren Swanepoel, Nigel Johnson

40+ Women: Carmen Swanepoel, Alex Cunningham, Kate Pilot, Danielle Lett, Kate Segetin

45+ Men: Craig Radford, Nick Curnow, Toby Christophersen, Pinakin Patel (NTR)

45+ Women: Jo Hollis, Jo Neves, Desiree McCracken (NTR)

60+ Women: Claudia Gallur, Sarah-Jane Hamblin (NTR), Robin Lydiard

65+ Men: Geoff Emmitt

65+ Women: Gill Holland

Best of luck to all participants!