

## Badminton Manawatu AGM - Development Report for 2021

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### Shuttle Time Report 2021

The first half of the year was a busy one for Shuttle Time in schools. Coming into the new year after a severely COVID affected 2020 schools were very keen to engage students in sport in support of their general wellbeing. We had a record first 6 months in terms of numbers with Badminton NZ praising our efforts as the 3<sup>rd</sup> best association nationally up to that point. Lockdown came again during early Term 3 at our busiest point of the year and saw a definite change in mood from schools and teachers with engagement becoming much harder as the end of year beckoned. On a more positive note post lockdown we were still able to engage for the first time in 2 years with Monrad intermediate – a key school for us. Locally around Palmerston North it was great to be able to engage with several new groups of students this year including Freyberg High Active Teens & Teen Parent Unit, Te Aroha Noa, Highbury Whanau Centre, Y-Central (formerly YMCA) and Parkland School. Around the region we expanded into new schools in Dannevirke, Levin and Pahiatua as well as coordinating with David Wasley to deliver to a cluster of 5 schools in Oroua.

A successful shuttle time coach training course was also run this year with 10 participants including 5 of our junior reps which has seen all 5 participate in running the after-school program in Term 4. All things considered it was a great year for Manawatu Shuttle Time





## Annual Shuttle Time numbers for 2021

Participation		Shuttle Time lessons/activities delivered	Participants				Total numbers	
			Unique individuals		Total	number with disability	No. of sessions per participant	Total number of participant sessions
Location of Activity eg XXX school / community / event	Shuttle Time Teacher (Name)	Male	Female					
Multisport Holiday Program	Joshua Curry, Isabella Chen	lessons 1-10	120	120	240		3	720
Massey Kids Club	Joshua Curry, Isabella Chen	lessons 1-10	20	20	40		1	40
Y-Central	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	20	20	40		1	40
Parkland School	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	7	1	8		1	8
Waiopahu College	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-22	25	20	45		18	810
PN Intermediate Normal School	Joshua Curry, David Wasley	lessons 1-10	25	35	60		7	420
Te Aroha Noa	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	5	5	10		1	10
College Street Normal School	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	120	120	240		3	720
Ross Intermediate Club	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	5	6	11		1	11
Hokowhitu School	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	160	160	320		2	640
Cornerstone Christian School	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	15	15	30		14	420
Badge Classes - Term 1	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	13	5	18		7	126
Bush Multisport - Pahiatua	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	5	20	25		3	75
Levin North School	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	90	90	180		4	720
Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	21	10	31		9	279
Freyberg High School Active Teens	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	0	6	6		1	6
Freyberg High School Teen Parent Unit	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	2	8	10		2	20
Highbury Whanau Center	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	8	6	14		2	28
St Joseph's School - Dannevirke	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	71	76	147		4	588
Badge Classes - Term 2	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	7	3	10		7	70
Ross Intermediate	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	140	140	280		1	280
Roslyn School Sports Academy	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	17	18	35		4	140
Netball Manawatu	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	0	20	20		1	20
Term 1 Yr4-8 Schools Competition	Sandra Lynch, James Veitch		99	121	220		7	1540
Term 2 Secondary Schools Competition	Sandra Lynch, James Veitch		72	200	272		7	1904
College Street Normal School club	Clive Robertson	lessons 1-10	12	13	25		7	175
Waiopahu College	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10, 11-22	16	14	30		13	390
PN Intermediate Normal Aims Games	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-22	0	2	2		3	6
Dannevirke High School	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	10	10	20		4	80
Monrad Intermediate	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	190	190	380		3	1140
Term 3 Youth league	Sandra Lynch, James Veitch		96	96	192		2	384
Term 3 Primary Schools Comp.	Sandra Lynch, James Veitch	lessons 1-10	36	20	56		2	112
PN Intermediate Normal	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	33	45	78		7	546
Y Central - Linton	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-10	10	10	20		8	160
Badge Classes - Connerstone	Joshua Curry	lessons 1-22	12	8	20		7	140
Term 4 Intermediate Comp.	Sandra Lynch, James Veitch		95	102	197		7	1379
Oroua School Cluster	David Wasley	Lessons 1-10	110	111	221	3	5	1105
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<b>Total</b>			<b>1687</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>3553</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>15252</b>
				<b>53%</b>		<b>0%</b>		<b>4.3</b>
			<b>female participants</b>		<b>PWD participants</b>		<b>sessions per participant</b>	

**Totals: 3553 kids. Attended over 15,000 sessions! This doesn't include our rep squad numbers. Congrats to Josh and his team of coaches and helpers – amazing numbers.**





## Junior Reps Season

What a busy first half to the season we've had – lots of teams events and individual tourneys that players participated in. Great interest in coaching and good attendance all year from our players. I hope players and parents/supporters have had a great season. I'd like to thank all, we all live busy lives and sometimes it isn't easy being at a certain place at a certain time, but your efforts and support is invaluable as always. How lucky were we to get through most of the year before COVID really interrupted us.



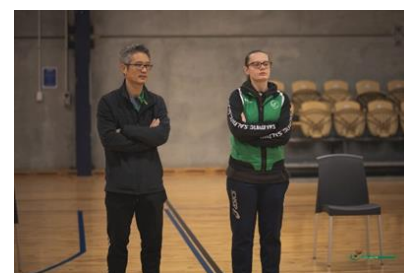
It's been great to see the Junior Rep Committee grow this year, a lot more parent involvement than previous years which makes things so much easier for everyone and contributes to you guys having fun and being successful out there on court. Thanks to the entire committee for the work you do, without you all this simply wouldn't happen. Likewise, our coaches all give up their time to coach you guys because they're passionate about badminton and love to see the progression you guys make through the years. Thanks to Wynn for use of LAC hall and to the coaches for doing extra sessions throughout the year, and special guest appearances by Rose and Gary. COVID added an extra month onto the training season which I hope you enjoyed in October!



This year Susan has done a marvellous job as Treasurer for the JRC which we really appreciate – even more so that Reuben wasn't part of our training squads this year! Susan even managed our 2nd U19 team at NZJTC – Legend!

### 2021 Central Regions

- u13 Manawatu 1 = 2nd
- u13 Manawatu 2 = 4th
- u13 Manawatu 3 = 9th
- u13 Manawatu 4 = 15th
- u15 Manawatu 1 = 3rd
- u15 Manawatu 2 = 4th
- u17 Manawatu 1 = 2nd
- u17 Manawatu 2 = 7th
- u19 Manawatu 1 = 1st
- u19 Manawatu 2 = 7th
- u19 Manawatu 3 = 8th



### 2021 NZJTC

- u13 Tuis 1 = 3rd Division 2
- u13 Keas 2 = 6<sup>TH</sup> Division 2
- u13 Pukekos 3 = 8<sup>th</sup> Division 2
- u15 Team 1 = 3rd Division 2
- u17 Team = 3rd Division 2
- u19 Team 1 = 6th Division 1
- u19 Team 2 = 8th Division 2





NZ Junior Teams Championships was a great experience again this year for our 7 teams and well done to BNZ for organising. Thanks to our MBA volunteers for assisting in the operations of this event – priceless.

We would also like to congratulate Amy Su, David Wu, Isabella Chen, Phoebe Young and Yutong for being part of the Central Regions development camps. And those who are going along to attend camps and squad trials. As a committee the JRC are very proud to have one player that was invited to the 2021 NZ Squad in her respective age group - Well done and good luck for 2022 selection Phoebe.

### **Coaching Staff 2021**

**U13s – Lead Coach Sandra, Binh, Cassie, William, Tina, Wynn, Larry, Max**

**U15s – Lead Coach Josh, Paul**

**U17s – Wayne, James, Wynn, Cassie**

**U19s – Wayne, James**

**Thanks to all our managers for helping out at the teams events.**



Finally, as always, the end of the junior season means we lose some U19 players - We'd like to wish Jordyn and anyone else heading off to Uni all the very best for the years ahead and thank you for being such a great bunch of young players and a pivotal part of the Manawatu Junior Reps. And a huge thanks to our coach William Feasey who is heading off to Uni in Wellington! Thank you!!



## **Senior Reps Season**

MBA selected six teams to represent Manawatu in 2021. Three in Senior Div, 1 Masters, 1 Vets and 1 Super-vets. We started the season with trials and got together a number of selectors for the different age groups. The I-A ties kicked off in April and ended in September.

Senior Inter-Association competition. In 2021 these teams competed in NZ Division 3, Central Division 1 (Group A), and Central Division 1 (Group B).

### **Manawatu Div 3** (NZ Division 3)

Isabella Chen, Joshua Curry, William Feasey, Nathan Lau, Anna Saunders, Christina Stuart, Amy Su, David Wu.

***Div 3 Captains Report (Joshua Curry):***



After waiting until the very last tie of the year in 2019 (the last edition of Div 3) to secure our place in Division 3 we started off strong with a hard fought 6-5 win over Waikato 2 in the very first tie of 2021. Following that up was a narrow 5-6 loss to Counties showing our ability to be competitive at the top of the division with what is still a relatively young and inexperienced team. On the second weekend we won solidly 8-3 over Wellington 2 while picking up all 3 mixed doubles. This turned out to be a theme of the year with the team regularly picking up at least 2 of the 3 mixed doubles. One more win came against Wellington North to secure us a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish for the year. Particularly of note was the growing confidence of our fine doubles & mixed specialist Nathan Lau who took a big step up this year. David Wu was excellent at number 2 singles winning most of his games while Christina Stuart also performed well in her singles and mixed. Overall a great team effort and mission accomplished for the year!

**Manawatu 2** (Central Division 1 – Group B)

Cassandra Feasey, Dominic Koh, Fiona Miller, Lucas Richardson, Nathanael Zhang.

**Manawatu 3** (Central Division 1 – Group A)

Paul Foxall, Sandeep Gupta, Wynn Llena, Jessica Rich, Danielle Skarott, Malcolm Taylor.

**Masters Team** (NZ Division 1)

Michelle Boudreau, Campbell Dodds, Flora Fang, Sandeep Gupta, Sandra Lynch, Fiona Miller, Tina Moon, Sujay Prabakar, Malcolm Taylor, Rose Wapp, Wayne Young.

***Masters Div 1 Captain (Wayne Young) & Manager (Campbell Dodds) Report:***

*Masters 1 had a challenging, although still enjoyable season playing Div 1 Masters in 202. All our players acquitted themselves well considering the strength of the division, where many of the teams counted ex-internationals amongst their ranks. A highlight was being able to play against Lee Hyun-il, a former World No. 1 singles player. While we did not win any fixtures, there were still a number of close games, with a few being unlucky not to go our way. There were 3 fixtures where the 7-5 result, could have easily been 6-6 or the other way. We did however have many victories in the social arena, where we clearly destroyed a number of the other teams on the dance floor!! There were certainly some world class performances that even John Travolta would have been left shaking in his boots. Team comradery was great with a number of individuals picking their team mates up no matter how battered and broken they were. The team is looking forward to 2022.*





### **Vets Team** (NZ Division 1)

Simon Allan, Michelle Boudreau, Greg Busch, Claire James, Shane Ogier, Rose Wapp, Wayne Young.

### **Super-Vets Team Report** (NZ Division 1)

Simon Allan, Ian Angove, Rosemary Asplin, Janice Cudby, Shane Ogier, Mary Roberts, Jo Smith, Bruce Goodbehere

#### ***Captains Report (Simon Allan):***

*Manawatu Supervets fought hard throughout the season and a usual story of 4:5 outcomes became the norm. Unfortunately, only one 5:4 was achieved and a brave fight against the other low placed Counties, resulted in our defeat and likely relegation to Division 2.*

*The old dictum “that happens on tour stays on tour” could be broken at our age, in order to spill the beans on controversial court activity. However the most dramatic thing that happened was seeing the team disappear to bed at 9 pm! The minds were willing- more reminiscing than reality, but the bodies are clearly only able to have a few games of badminton, then crash!*

*We acknowledge the absence of long standing Manawatu players- Sue McDowell, now retired from representative badminton, Nick Miller because of a year’s worth of battling illness, now with hope of a return soon and Mary Roberts, who completed last season but who must now retire so as not to provoke injury. Special mention to those whose joints allow a semblance of a human moving- Rosemary Asplin, Janice Cudby, Jo Smith, Shane Ogier, Ian Angove, SV rookie Bruce Goodbehere and Simon Allan.*

## **Clubs, Schools and Events**

### **Affiliated Clubs**

Not all clubs have returned players numbers to MBA, making it difficult to draw any trends or conclusions on numbers. COVID continued to hit the clubs hard as some did not have the structure to carry out all the government requirements to open in certain levels, and some others lost their venues under various Alert Levels. MBA decided to absorb the club portion of affiliation fees and as a result there was no fees charged to the clubs in 2021. Congrats to the clubs for surviving another challenging year. 2022 is sure to bring more disruption to play as we navigate COVID but we will do our best to provide safe playing opportunities for our community.

MBA continues to administer the Central Regions Badminton programme and generally deals with Junior Events. James is the co-ordinator, and the role is funded by 10 associations and Badminton NZ.





## Sanctioned Events

COVID-19 was a major influence on the local and regional tournament calendar once again in 2021. We were fortunate as we were able to successfully run the NI/MAN u13 Champs, MAN u17 Open and CR Team Finals before the mid-August lockdown. However, this lockdown did result in the cancellation of our major senior sanctioned tournament, the Manawatu Open. It was decided to run an unsanctioned Manawatu ABCD Champs instead, which was scheduled to take place in November, outside of the traditional season.

Both u13 & u17 tournaments were very well attended, particularly by players from outside the Manawatu, who made up most participants. These were scheduled just 4 weeks before the National Team Comp in July, plus in conjunction with the u13 & u17 CR Team Finals on the Sunday. Coupled with the professional event delivery established at our events, this timing helped to maintain a strong non-Manawatu attendance.

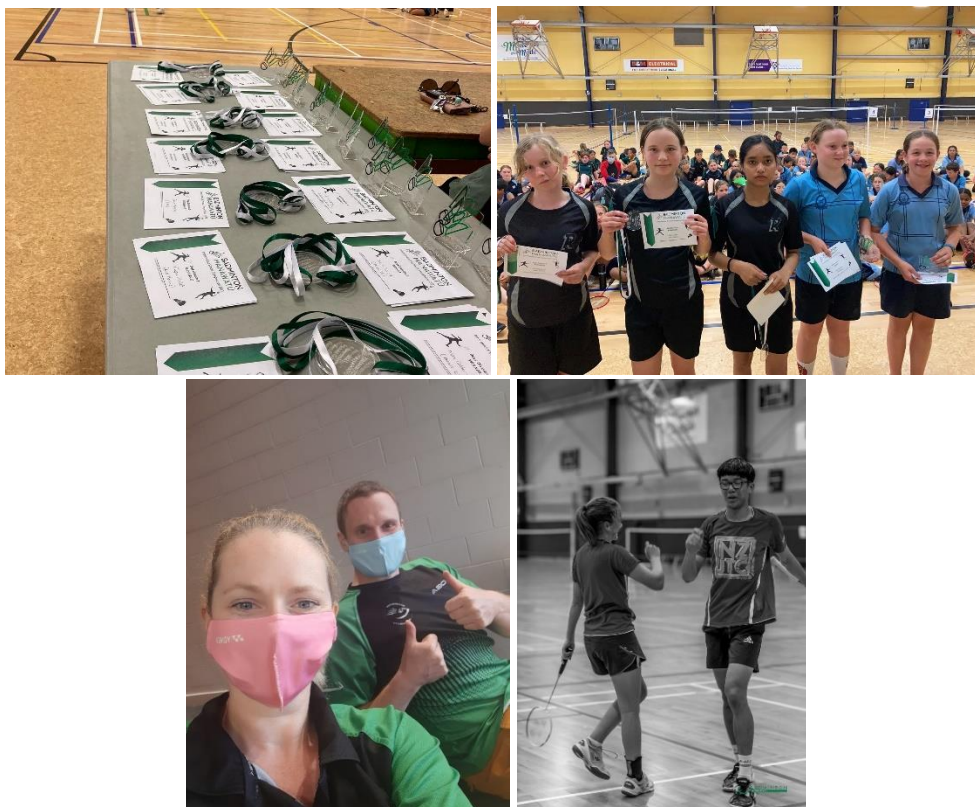
The Manawatu ABCD Champs turned out to be very successful in terms of player entries, with a high demand for this type of unsanctioned graded competition from within our region as well as players willing to travel to Palmerston North, despite the scheduling of this event outside of the normal season. Of the 20 events advertised, 16 were ultimately run, which is fantastic. Based on this success, we plan to run similar graded events in the future.

We would like to say a big thank you to Sport Manawatu and the Palmerston North City Council for their investment, assisting us to continue to deliver quality local events that attract participants from all over New Zealand.









### School Competitions

It was another full and successful year for school competition participation, offering a structured and social opportunity for school aged players to continue playing outside of school. The in-school and after-school Shuttle Time programme helps to generate interest in playing badminton, strengthening the pathway within primary and intermediate schools into our school competitions. Despite the ongoing pandemic, we hit record numbers in three out of four of our school competitions in 2021, as well as reaching our maximum capacity for a new secondary school 'Youth League' run during Term 3.

The new competition was an entirely novel format with boys & girls playing on the same team, more like representative badminton. We decided to emphasize the fact badminton is a mixed team sport, whereas many other sports are not, with boys & girls rarely having the chance to play sport together once in high school. The format received very positive feedback from schools, sport coordinators and the participants themselves. We hoped to run the same event again in 2022, but the availability of Arena has prevented this. Therefore, as a compromise in 2022, we are introducing singles into the Secondary school competition and extending this competition into the available dates in Term 3 to secure the time slot. In future years, we will look at how the competition can be adapted to offer a mixed team experience once again.

The format of the term 1 & term 4 competitions was aligned to allow intermediate schools to enter teams into both competitions at the same time, as well as help the participants to become familiar with the playing format of the competition. Team players each play 1x singles & 2x doubles per tie, having 2 or 3 ties per week. With singles included in the Youth League, we are now able to offer competition singles & doubles to all school aged players.



Year 5-8 Comp	Secondary Comp	Youth League	Primary Comp	Intermediate Comp
3-person teams	4-person teams	8-person teams	2-person teams	3-person teams
72 teams	81 teams	24 teams	26 teams	63 teams
216 players	340 players	194 players	53 players	194 players

### Thursday Night Badminton League

As usual, TNBL ran for the entire year and despite two COVID-19 scares, we managed to complete seven rounds in total. However, this was only possible given the host of large event cancellations, which meant the Arena was available for several extra weeks that we would not normally expect to have. Therefore, 2021 represented a relatively average year in terms of number of TNBL weeks. The trend of fewer available weeks due to the increasing number of large events being held at Arena is continuing and we expect to have fewer weeks of TNBL in 2022, even without any COVID-19 disruption.

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Total
5 weeks	5 weeks	5 weeks	5 weeks	5 weeks	5 weeks	7 weeks	37 weeks
26 teams	29 teams	31 teams	30 teams	33 teams	26 teams	28 teams	-

Over the year a total of 320 unique participants played for the 49 teams over a period of 37 playing weeks. A total of 536 ties were played, consisting of 3216 matches and 7020 games. TNBL was just short of 250,000 points being played!!

### Para Badminton Report 2021



Oliver Linton continued to train regularly with myself here in Palmerston North and as a part of the New Zealand Para Badminton Tier 1 group. Early in the year we attended a Badminton NZ Para training camp in Hamilton, Oliver as a participant and me as one of the coaches. It was great to mix with the other athletes of different classes both for myself as a coach and Oliver as a player. A series of “standing” camps were also planned by badminton NZ throughout the year to culminate in a Para Invitational Cup (international) in Christchurch. We managed to attend the first “standing” camp in May over in Napier. Again, it was great to come together with the

other para athletes for Oliver to have the sparring and matches that he rarely got in Palmerston North. Subsequent “standing” camps unfortunately did not go ahead due to Covid-19. I was also invited to coach some workshops with the competitors prior to the Invitational Cup but it was also first postponed and then cancelled due to Covid-19.



It was a big shock in September when we got the news that Oliver was in ICU at Palmerston North Hospital with a large mass in his chest. It turned out to be Hodgkin's Lymphoma (a form of cancer, although a relatively more treatable one). Oliver is now unable to play badminton and fighting the cancer with medication and chemo. Although struggling from the pain of the disease and side effects of the medication Oliver continues to show his strength of character as he fights on. Even to the point of having a friendly bet amongst his family as to when his hair would fall out. The future is uncertain, but we wish him the best and hope for a full recovery enough that he may play badminton again.

## FUNDRAISING

We continued to fundraise and apply for funding in 2021. Our Racket stringing service continues to create income for the association with particular thanks to our stringer Richard Skarott.

The professionalism and quality of our competitions and reps also attracts schools players and players from the wider community. Schools competitions have increased year on year even through COVID times showing us that the tamariki and rangatahi have an appetite to participate in this sport.

Thursday Night Badminton League continues to be our biggest revenue earner, again thanks to Richard for administering this every Thursday. The income from our other competitions (day-events and schools competitions) also assists with funding our association.

Yonex rackets and grips were also available to buy from the MBA and this provides us with some extra income for our activities.

A huge thanks must go out to the following trusts and charities for their support in 2021:





Lastly, a the biggest thank you must go to all our stakeholders the volunteers, coaches, managers, clubs, committee/Board members and players who enable us to deliver badminton to the community and keep coming back for more!

2022 will prove to be another challenge as we sit in Alert Red awaiting the arrival of omicron into the community. We have already had to change many of our venues due to inaccessibility in this level. We will continue to try to offer opportunities to our community and will continue to seek funding to assist participation. Our Board are keen on strategic development in line with Badminton NZ and Sport NZ goal setting post COVID. The Board are constantly recruiting and are keen to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved.

**Kia Kaha &  
THANK YOU!**

*Sandra James and Josh*