



2024
ANNUAL
REPORT

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2024

This year's AGM report covers the period of 12 months from 1 January to 31 December 2024. The Otago Academy of Sport (OAS) changed structure from 1 January 2024 so now operates as a Charitable Trust. This change in structure is expected to assist the OAS when applying for funding from organisations who prefer to make grants available to 'charitable organisations'. Additionally, the change in our balance date to 31 December enables us to more accurately reflect the operating year for the OAS. The changes to the structure of the OAS, including its Deed, have required extra work with the majority of this being handled by Carmel Leslie and our lawyer, Russell Mawhinney.

At the end of 2024 the OAS celebrated the graduation of 15 year 2 athletes who have completed the two year athlete development programme. Congratulations to all the graduates and very best wishes for the future. We also celebrated the successes of 18 year 1 athletes and 21 Excel (Year 3 athletes). Over 15 of our Excel athletes have been in the OAS for 3-5 years which demonstrates the value the athletes place on the support the programme offers.

The OAS successfully ran its annual week-long Elite Motorsport Academy in July to which the NZ Motorsport Trust sent a number of talented drivers and support team members. The national and international successes of many of the graduates of the Elite Motorsport Academy highlight the value of the programme, which is taught by very experienced local providers.

We have developed strong relationships with our key funding providers, specifically the Otago Community Trust, the Aotearoa Gaming Trust, the Grassroots Central Trust and this year the Lion Foundation. The Dunedin City Council has also supported the OAS by enabling us to use the premises at the Forsyth Barr Stadium up until July 2024. With the Highlanders now occupying this premise as the head tenant, we decided that a move to Sport Otago was a good fit for us and Carmel is enjoying the people and environment there, not to mention the close proximity to the Logan Park facilities and the Tapuae gym where our athletes now train. We are very grateful to Nigel Barrett at the University of Otago for accommodating OAS at Smithells gym so our athletes could keep training from 1 August 2024 until the end of the year.

The OAS wouldn't exist without the skills and dedication of the manager Carmel Leslie, who was ably supported by Craig Turner. Craig left to live in Switzerland in May 2024 but still contributes to the programme, albeit in a reduced capacity. Carmel and Craig spend many hours of their personal time to make sure the OAS athletes get quality services. My sincere thanks to them both for delivering a programme that facilitates the development of Otago athletes. We appreciate the support of the providers because without them the OAS could not continue to play a role in the development of the our region's athletes. Many past and current OAS athletes repay the investment in them by coaching younger athletes, and in doing so draw on the what they have learnt in the Academy.

In recent times there has been a changing of the guard on the OAS Board. I wish to acknowledge the contribution of the following Board members. Helen Littleworth officially resigned on 4 June 2024 after more than 10 years on the Board providing insight into athlete wellbeing and care. In October 2024 Steve Brocklebank resigned from the Board after 20 years, having held the role of Chair of the Board in the last few years. His dedication to Otago athletes and his financial expertise has been beneficial to us all. Upon his resignation I became the Chair of the Board. In early 2023 we welcomed James Nation onto the Board. James is the CEO of Sport Otago and has experience in high performance sport, governance and the business sector. In October 2024 we welcomed Professor Anne-Marie Jackson and Tom Willis onto the Board. Anne-Marie (Ngāti Whātua, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahu o Whangaroa, Ngāti Wai) has extensive experience in governance, consultancy and local and national sports organisations. Tom has a background in law and was a professional rugby player for 12 years. For more information on the Board members please see <https://oas.org.nz/board/>.

There is an excitement amongst the current Board members regarding the possibilities of the OAS. We are all passionate about sport and providing Otago's young people with opportunities for them to excel on the national and international stage. Yet, our excitement is tempered by the reality of how challenging it is to obtain funding, without which we could not operate. Despite this challenge we are proud to continue providing a very strong base from which athletes within our region can develop and progress onto performance pathways.

Tania Cassidy - Board Chair 2024

PROGRAMME MANAGER

Our Otago Academy of Sport whānau is made up of over 50 talented athletes, a dedicated team of providers and interns, and a small but passionate group of administrators. What sets us apart is our multi-disciplinary approach, supporting our athletes not only in their sport but in all aspects of life. Throughout the year, we spend valuable time together, whether in the classroom for educational workshops, in one-on-one consultations, or in the gym, preparing bodies for the demands of training and competition. We foster a strong sense of community, celebrating successes and supporting each other through the challenges of both sport and life.

We have revisited our vision and purpose for the Academy to better reflect our commitment to the development and holistic care of each individual athlete, with the ultimate goal of keeping them involved in sport for a life-time.

Vision

Otago Athletes reaching their full potential

Purpose

To nurture and develop athletes through multidisciplinary sport science support.

We exist to support developing athletes, providing them with every opportunity to grow and reach their full potential through education, physical gym-based training, and provider and peer support, all within a knowledgeable and fun environment.

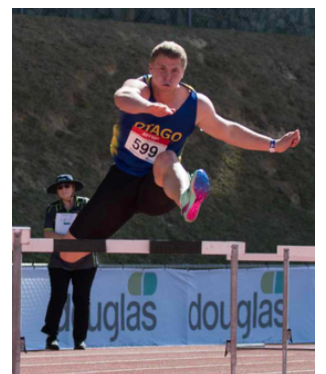
What makes our programme truly special is its flexibility. We adapt to meet the evolving needs of our athletes, supporting them through each transition of both sport and life. We are committed to creating a positive environment that prioritises growth and enjoyment, guided by our motto: "Sport is a long, slow race." We encourage our athletes to embrace failure, viewing challenges as opportunities for growth, with the true reward being the lessons learned along the way. Supporting them through times of tension and pressure and teaching them to cope and respond without experiencing burnout.



I am truly grateful to work alongside such dedicated and passionate athletes. Their commitment and determination fuel my own drive to find new ways to support and mentor them, in particular as they navigate the significant transitions that come after school, helping them continue to strive for their goals.

We are a busy organisation that relies on a small revenue from our athletes and the generous support of local funding bodies, including the Otago Community Trust, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, Lion Foundation, and Grassroots Central Trust. Like many sporting organisations, our resources are limited, but our unwavering dedication to our athletes, combined with a creative and solution-focused mindset, ensures that we always find a way to provide the support they need.

It's important to highlight the admirable commitment of OAS athletes to giving back to their sporting communities. Nearly all of our athletes take on roles as coaches, referees, or administrators, sharing the knowledge they've gained through the Academy. Many coach at club or school levels, with some even stepping into junior NZ coaching roles, while also mentoring, refereeing, and serving as role models. The passion they display for their sport and helping others is inspiring, and where possible, we provide guidance and support to help them thrive in these roles.



PROGRAMME MANAGER

Results and Learnings

2024 has been another exceptional year for the Academy. From the impressive achievements of the athletes in our development programmes, to the elite motorsport academy camp and subsequent graduate programme, it has been a year full of energy and growth. As you read about the many accomplishments of our athletes, I also want to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of the coaches, volunteers, and administrators within our clubs and regional organisations. Their dedication to their sport and to the athletes plays a crucial role in these successes. These people provide the environment, the culture and the system for our athletes to grow and improve in and without them our athletes couldn't thrive.

In 2024 we accepted 20 talented athletes, across 13 different sports into our year 1 programme, from team-sports including hockey, basketball, netball, curling and rugby league, to individual sports like athletics, swimming, luge, squash and motocross.

Sixteen athletes continued into the Year 2 programme from Year 1 in 2023, representing 9 different sports. Two athletes continued with the programme despite being based outside of Dunedin pursuing their tertiary studies at Lincoln University in Christchurch and Massey in Palmerston North. Three of our Year 2 athletes earned sports scholarships to the United States in basketball, rowing and athletics, all working and training up to their departure in early August. The Excel program consisted of 21 athletes. Nine of these athletes have continued from the Year 2 programme and the other 12 are either new or repeat athletes in the Excel program. Sports catered for include; surf life-saving, luge, curling, football, swimming, hockey, handball, badminton, rowing, cycling, K1, golf and athletics disciplines including decathlon, 200, 400M's, hurdles, long jump, high jump, pole vault and 5km/cross country).

Outside of our 3 academies, we also run the Elite Motorsport Academy. Every July we run a camp programme, followed by a graduate programme, which is dictated by an individual performance program developed during the camp week. We work with 8 of NZ's up and coming drivers with many of the past graduates competing and succeeding internationally. This is considered a world-class programme and many past motorsport athletes contribute their rise and success to their time in the Academy. .

Many of our programmes require the Academy to work with a range of organisations across the region. In particular we have developed strong relationships with the School of Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences (SPESES), Otago Polytech, Sport Otago and of course our Otago Regional Sporting bodies. It is always great working with staff from these organisations, looking at ways we can share our skill-sets, support each other and offer internships for students wanting workplace experience in the area of sport science and events. It is our goal to make Otago a hotspot for **athlete development**, whilst pursuing studies post school.

Adopting a performance lifestyle is a key lesson for many of our athletes during their time at the Academy. Even after they leave the programme, an OAS athlete remains connected to us. We take pride in celebrating their successes and continue to offer advice and support whenever they reach out. When athletes show self-responsibility and independence, it signifies that the Academy has fulfilled its purpose, and that is incredibly rewarding.

With a "person first" approach, my role is to monitor each athlete's health and wellbeing, which I believe is one of the most valuable services we provide. Health is crucial for athletes, and it can often be a determining factor in whether they achieve their goals or not. We follow the holistic model of health and wellbeing, Te Whare Tapa Whā, which is unique to New Zealand and familiar to athletes from their time in school.

Our workshops began in mid-March and ran through to September, with one-on-one sessions continuing until the end of the year. We are incredibly fortunate to have the expertise of our Otago providers, including Fiona Simpson for sports nutrition, Liz Murdoch, Natalie Chapman and Craig Turner for mental skills coaching, Matt Blair and his team of five interns, Taka O'Sullivan, Josh Wypych, Amelia Holmes, Luke Shirley, and Fakaloa Lepa, for strength and conditioning. I focus on athlete life, health and wellbeing, and we are also lucky to have guest providers such as Tony Gilbert for communication and public speaking, Helen Littleworth for all things physiotherapy related, and Pip Sutton for Drug Free Sport education. Additionally, we have a network of health professionals to whom we refer our athletes to when needed.

Carmel Leslie - Programme Manager

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING AND ATHLETE RESULTS SUMMARY

Matt Blair did an outstanding job maintaining a productive and supportive gym environment, one that focuses on both physical development and athlete wellbeing. He has prepared the athletes well, tracking their loading and progression, and adjusting their programmes based on the athletes needs including stage of season, competition schedule, and any injuries or illnesses with a considered return-to-sport approach.

Managing around 40 athletes is no small task, and we were incredibly fortunate to have the support of the interns this year. Their dedication, attention to technique, and the strong relationships they built with the athletes all contributed to keeping everyone healthy and progressing in the right direction, making the gym a fun and productive space.

A huge thanks goes to our SnC interns who volunteer their time and give so much to our developing athletes. From coaching to helping them with their confidence and building relationships with them throughout the year. We couldn't run the SnC programme without them and we know they'll take all their learnings from their placement with OAS into the workforce. Our interns in 2024 were; **Taka O'Sullivan, Josh Wypych, Luke Shirley, and Fakaloa Lepa** (all of the post graduate physical conditioning programme and **Amelia Holmes** from the Otago University SPEX 316 paper.

Many of our year two/three athletes are transitioning from home to halls of residence and/or flatting; this requires more support, particularly around managing their time with University, Polytech, working full or part-time jobs, coaching and training workload. We focus on addressing planning and organisational skills, nutritional requirements and developing strategies around cost effective eating plans, as well as strategies to deal with the pressure and stress of exams, training, competitions, and time away.



Matt Blair - Lead SnC Coach

We had 4 athletes selected for US scholarships in 2024. Bridgette Sutton for rowing, Millar McElrea for athletics, Laura Ring for basketball and Zara Geddes for running. They all remained in our program up until they left in early August. We believe the work we have done with them has equipped them to deal with the highs and lows of sport and life. The learnings of all our athletes and their experiences can be banked into their athlete toolboxes and can be tapped into in the future. I have enjoyed regular updates and some zoom calls with these athletes and am so very proud of all of them. I am also proud of every athlete that has dedicated to the program throughout 2024 and I wish them nothing but the best in 2025.

A huge thank you to the athlete's support crew including the parents, care-givers, , coaches, administrators and friends who all help to make these athletes' dreams come true. You are the ones that pick them up when it gets hard and encourage them to keep striving for their goals.

With our shared values of hard work, commitment and discipline and the ultimate of all, "enjoyment" we have witnessed some wonderful sporting achievements in 2024. Our focus continues to be on personal improvement and not just winning. Enjoy reading about our academy athletes' successes in 2024.



ATHLETE RESULTS

2024

Year 1

Jack Steele - Curling

- 1st S.I.S.S, mixed team
- 1st NZ Juniors Curling Team
- NZ U21 Men's Team World Junior B's Tournament

Aria Bannister - Badminton

- NZ Junior National Squad member
- National Age Groups U17 Girls - 1st
- Australia Junior Open Girls U17 - 3rd

Ava Beens- Hockey

- U19 Future Blacksticks Camp
- Otago NHC Women's Hockey Team
- Otago U21 Women's Hockey Team
- City Highlanders Prem Women's - Club Champs

Elise Carline - Basketball

- New Zealand Junior Tall Ferns traveling team
- Amateur contract with the Southern Hoiho
- MVP U20 Otago, MVP Andy Bay Falcons Women's A team, MVP Queens High School Senior A

Anya Clark - Rugby League

- Coming back from injury
- Southern zone league academy
- South Island women's League team

Alexa Duff - Athletics + Basketball

- New Zealand Junior Tall Ferns reserve
- Amateur contract with the Southern Hoiho
- NZSS Athletics Team for javelin, discus and shot put
- 1st in U20, 3rd in Open women's Javelin at NZ Nationals
- 1st in senior girls javelin at NZSS nationals



Jorja Gibbons - Athletics

- NZ U18 4x100m relay record (46.15)
- 2nd 4x100m Australian championships
- 3rd in U20 100m at NZ nationals

Millie Mackenzie - Netball/Basketball

- NZSS A team
- Dunedin U18 team 5th at Nationals
- Columba Senior A,
- 2nd SISS and 10th NZSS
- NDC camp and invited players camp
- Steel steps camp

Josh Munro - Rugby League

- Otago Rugby League U18 9s
- Otago Rugby League U18
- South Island Scorpions U18

Fergus Oberlin-Brown - Hockey

- U18 Future Blacksticks Camp
- U18 Otago Hockey 10th at Nationals
- OBHS 1st XI Otago schools champs

Emma Bain - Swimming

- U18 Future Blacksticks Camp
- U18 Otago Hockey 10th at Nationals
- OBHS 1st XI Otago schools champs

Jonathon Tucker - Football

- U19 Secondary Schools Football Team
- NZ U20 National Camp
- Dunedin City Royals Southern league Squad
- Dunedin City Royals Southern premier League Player of the Year 2024
- OBHS Association Football Club recognition of Merit - OBHS football player of the season and MVP.



Matt O'Meara - Rowing

- 1st U18 double at the 2024 Maadi Regatta
- 3rd in the U18 single
- NZ U19 Trialist

Roland Ozanne - Rowing

- 4th at Maadi in 17 Double.
- 4th in the 17 Quad
- U18 North vs South Trialist 2024

Sophie Winter - Swimming

- NAGS finalist in 200 Breaststroke, 400 IM
- NZSCC finalist in 200 Breaststroke, 100 IM, 100 Breaststroke, 50 Breaststroke
- Ice Swimming World Open Female Ranking - 100 IM 1st (& world record), 2nd 200 IM, 3rd 100 Breaststroke, 9th 50 Breast, 17th 500 Free
- Selection for NZ Ice Swimming team

Hugh Jack - Football

- Dunedin City Royals South Island League Coaches' Player of the Year
- Dunedin City Royals South Island League Players' Player of the Year
- Southern Football Young Player of the Year
- King's High School 1st XI: MVP, Captain, Golden Boot



Olivia Russell - Curling

- Youth Olympics, Gangwon Korea. Mixed fours and Mixed doubles.
- 1st New Zealand Mixed Fours Championships (Auckland)
- 1st New Zealand Junior Womens (Dunedin)
- 3rd New Zealand Mixed Doubles Championships
- Skip - NZ Junior Women's Curling Team
- World Mixed Curling Championship (Scotland) - 9th =



ATHLETE RESULTS

2024

Year 2

Billie Crowe - Hockey

- Otago U18 Womens Hockey Team
- NZ U19 Future Black Sticks Camp
- Southland Womens Hockey Team
- City Highlanders Prem Women's - Club Champs

Briar Duncan - Hockey/Rowing

- NZ U18 Future Black Sticks
- 1st U18 coxed quad
- Otago U18 Hockey 5th
- Otago Highschool girl player of year (Hockey)



Seb Ferro - Athletics

- Athletics Nationals
U20 100m 4th Place - 10.98
U20 200m 4th Place - 22.55



Noah McDowall - Basketball

- Mens Tupu League team member and National Champs
- Otago Nuggets Development Player

Corbin Tuwairua - Softball

- Otago Whatukura Men's Softball Team
- 2nd at Jefferies Cup Men's South Island Competition
- U20 Otago Softball Team at Easter Classic Invitational
- Rolleston Premier & Premier Reserve Softball Teams

Millie Scott - Rowing

- Rowing National - senior women's quad 4th
- New Zealand Universities women's eight - 1st
- Represented University of Otago in the champ women quad in Shanghai China - 4th

Bridgette Sutton - Rowing

- 1st in Prem Eight NZ champs
- 4th in Senior Quad NZ Champs
- 2nd in Senior Eight South Island champs
- Started at Indiana University in August - won first scrimmage at Ohio State in 2V boat

Sam Schell - Hockey

- Otago U21 Mens
- Kings United Premier Mens
- Te Waipounamu Haupoi Tier 1 Tāne
- NZ U21 Maori Squad

Nick Casey - Hockey

- Otago U18 Mens Team
- Kings United Premier Mens
- NZ U19 Future Blacks Sticks Camp



Ella Southby - Netball

- NZ Secondary Schools Netball team
- Southern Steel Training Partner
- NZ U21 Trail Team

Meg McLaughlan - Swimming NZ Champs

- 6th 100 breaststroke
- 7th 200 breaststroke

NZ Short Course Champs

- 21st 200 breaststroke
- 5th 50 breaststroke
- 23rd 100 breaststroke

Laura Ring - Basketball

- Scholarship to play in the US at Central Wyoming College August 2024

Millar McElrea - Athletics

- Athletics Scholarship to the University of Charleston August 2024.
- NCAA indoor conference champion and
- 3rd place 400m, hit NCAA national provincial mark



Sophie Matehaere - Surf Life Saving

- U19 individual Iron race 2nd at Nationals
- U19 ski relay 1st at Nationals
- U19 Taplin relay 1st at Nationals
- U19 board relay 3rd at Nationals

ATHLETE RESULTS

2024

Year 3

Flyn Coburn - National Track Luge

- New Zealand Championships - 1st
- Naseby Cup - 1st
- Traveled as coach for the FIL Asian Luge School in Pyeongchang

Lachlan Colquhoun - Hockey/Handball

- Otago Men's Indoor Handball team 3rd at nationals
- NZ handball beach wider squad
- Kings United Premier Mens 3rd
- Otago men's hockey Mainland Cup team
- Wider NHC team otago hockey

Rosie Falcous - Surf Life Saving

- U19 Club World Championships: Beach Flags 3rd place
- National Championships: U19 Beach Flags 2nd
- Southern regional championships: 1st U19 & Open Beach Flags, 1st U19 & Open Beach Sprint



Zara Geddes - Athletics

- Represented NZ at the World Cross Country Championships
- NZ national silver medalist in the Under 20 Women's 5000m
- NZ national silver medalist in the Under 20 Women's 3000m

Sam Gradwell - Hockey

- Kings United Premier Men's Team
- Otago U20 Men's Team
- Also coached the Kings United Div 2 Team who had their best season to date

William McLauchlan - Golf

- Number 1 for Otago
- MVP for Dunedin pennants season
- Played for Otago in the South Island and National Interprovincial.
- Quarterfinalist at the New Zealand Amateur



Cam Moffitt - Athletics

- Represented New Zealand at the 2024 Oceania championships in Fiji
- 4th in the decathlon
- 8th in the 400m hurdles
- 2024 track and field nationals
- 1st senior men's 400m hurdles
- 3rd senior men's decathlon
- 1st senior men's 4x400m relay
- 3rd senior men's 4x100m relay
- 2nd at the south island combined events in the decathlon

Jordan Evans-Tobata - Athletics

- Represented NZ at Pacific Games
- Placed 5th in individual 400
- Placed 3rd in 4x400m relay

Aaryan Alexander - Badminton

- Otago senior A team
- Canterbury Open mixed double semifinals
- Wellington North Open men's doubles plate winner
- National tertiary champs 4th place

Sam Flanagan - Curling

- NZ Men's Curling Championships - 4th
- NZ Mixed Doubles Curling Championships - 5th

Luke Moffitt - Athletics

- Under 20 long jump 1st
- Under 20 400m hurdles 2nd
- Under 20 pole vault 2nd
- Under 20 decathlon 2nd
- Under 20 4x100 2nd
- Under 20 triple jump 3rd
- Under 20 4x400 3rd



Lauren Paterson - Football

- Football South Female Goal Keeper of the Year
- Dunedin City Royals' Most Consistent Goal Keeper & Most Improved Young Player
- New Zealand U20 Camp
- Wellington Phoenix Trial
- Southern United Women's Squad
- Runner Up in the Women's South Island League
- Kate Sheppard Cup Semi-Finalists

Freya Partridge-Moore - Football

- Southern United Women's Squad
- Runner Up in the Women's South Island League
- Kate Sheppard Cup Semi-Finalists
- Signed contract with Sunshine Coast Wanderers NPL Queensland (to play 2025)



Emilia Finer - Swimming

- Multiple medalist and finalist at NZ Pool and Open Water Nationals
- Current female open world record holder for ice swimming in 100 fly, 200 IM & 250 free
- Selected for NZ team for Ice Swimming World Championships 2025

Jade Tierney - Kayak

- South Island Regionals - 2nd k4 200m, 6th k1 200m



ELITE MOTORSPORT ACADEMY

2024 ELITE MOTORSPORT CAMP AND 2024/2025 GRADUATE PROGRAM

The Otago Academy of Sport was once again thrilled to work with some of New Zealand's rising motorsport talent at the 20th Elite Motorsport Academy camp, held here in Dunedin from Sunday 7th to Saturday 13th July. In the middle of the Dunedin winter the drivers, trustees, Motorsport New Zealand personnel, and providers gathered, all eager to get underway. The goal of the camp is to demonstrate what it takes to be a world class driver and to educate, upskill and test the athlete's fortitude.

As always, the athletes arrived at the School of Physical Education filled with nerves and anticipation, knowing it would serve as their hub for the demanding week ahead. Throughout the week, they were put through their paces in the classroom, gaining valuable insights into the sports science behind optimising performance. They also had two fantastic days working with physiologists in the lab, testing their VO2 max and spending time on the simulators within the heat chamber, exploring the effects of heat on performance. There was plenty of time in the schedule to take them into the great outdoors, from running up sand dunes at Tomahawk beach to running to the top of Signal Hill, experiencing the sauna/ice-baths combo for recovery, a sprint to the top of the steepest hill in the Southern hemisphere and more.

Throughout the week, there was a noticeable mindset shift as the athletes gained a deeper understanding of what a performance lifestyle truly entails, and the actions required to take the next steps toward becoming an elite motorsport driver. It was incredibly rewarding to witness their personal growth, overcoming obstacles and challenges and the strengthening of relationships. Through battling mental and physical fatigue they did well to absorb and process the wealth of knowledge and advice shared with them over the week.

Day one had a big focus on public speaking, communication and media training, as well as team building. The boys were given a lesson on how to read the Lynley Dodds, Hairy MacLary books whilst practicing their delivery and skills taught in the session. A team building session for the drivers to work together in their teams is always a favourite and a great way to end day one. As the week goes on the challenges only get tougher aimed at pushing the limits and comfort zones of the drivers.

Athletes were given other challenges to enhance their skills, including a trip to the supermarket to buy the ingredients for their cooking workshop, where each team created a main meal and a dessert for the drivers, Carmel, Craig and Fi.

All the athletes worked so hard in their respective teams earning points throughout the camp which contributed to an overall winning team award and individual placings. Congratulations goes to Jacob Douglas, who won the overall top camp graduate trophy, the "Bruce McLaren Cup" and was over the moon.

Mason Potter was runner up followed by Jacob Begg in 3rd place. The Red team, "Team Shake and Bake, comprising of Jacob Douglas, Zach Blincoe, Will Kitching and Jacob Begg won the best performing team prize. Following camp, the individual performance plans (IPP's) were developed, and providers were sourced across NZ to deliver support over the next 10 months to the athletes in the identified areas. The athletes are underway in the graduate programme, many preparing for the upcoming season and are getting support with juggling work, school and university commitments with the many long hours required to stay fit, prepare their cars and procure sponsorship. Look out for these names at motorsport events in the future, the pool of talent in New Zealand is incredible.



ELITE MOTORSPORT ACADEMY

2024 ELITE MOTORSPORT CAMP

Jacob Douglas
USF Pro + GB3



Zach Blincoe
Formula Ford



Jacob Begg
Formula Ford



Will Kitching
Mazda Racing Series



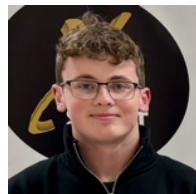
Hunter Robb
Toyota 86



mason Potter
Formula Ford



Ben Stewart
Mazda Racing Series



Bryn Jones
Rally



Elite Motorsport Academy 2023- 2024

Camp Providers

Carmel Leslie

Camp Coordinator/Post Graduate Program
Coordinator

James Munro

Assistant Camp Coordinator

Tony Gilbert Junior:

Public Speaking and Communication

Fi Simpson:

Sport Nutrition

Carly Anderson:

Athlete Life/Performance Planning/IPP's

Nat Fraser:

Mental Skills

David Turner:

Media Communication Skills/Visual Media
Training (DT and Dom George)

Pete Eley:

Team Building

Al Wootten:

SnC/Training to be an Athlete

Wayne Scott:

Rules and Regulations

Brendon Roxburgh:

Physiological Requirements

Stephen Giles:

Data Analysis

Katie Smith:

Sponsorship

Helen Littleworth:

Functional Movement Testing

Summary Statement of Financial Performance

Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust For the year ended 31 December 2024

	NOTES	2024	JUL 2022-DEC 2023
Revenue			
General grants		57,261	-
Revenue from commercial activities		90,698	-
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		830	2,319
Total Revenue		148,789	2,319
Expenses			
Employee remuneration and other related expenses		109,209	-
Expenses related to commercial activities		57,831	40
Other expenses		4,200	1,200
Total Expenses		171,240	1,240
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(22,451)	1,079

Summary Statement of Cash Flows

Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	JUL 2022-DEC 2023
Statement of Cashflows		
Operating Activities	(9,864)	91
Investing Activities	8,105	(10,000)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash held for the period	(1,759)	(9,909)
Represented by:		
Opening cash	46,651	56,560
Net change in cash for period	(1,759)	(9,909)

Summary Statement of Financial Position

Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust As at 31 December 2024

	NOTES	31 DEC 2024	31 DEC 2023
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and short-term deposits		45,113	46,651
Debtors and prepayments		120	156
Temporary Loan to Otago Academy of Sport Inc		-	10,000
Total Current Assets		45,233	56,807
Total Assets		45,233	56,807
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Bank overdraft		220	-
Creditors and accrued expenses		10,366	1,100
Goods and services tax		1,391	-
Total Current Liabilities		11,977	1,100
Total Liabilities		11,977	1,100
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		33,256	55,707
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses (or deficits)		29,470	51,921
Discretionary reserves		3,786	3,786
Total Accumulated Funds		33,256	55,707

For and on Behalf of the Board:



Board Chair



Board Member

Notes to the Summary Financial Statements

Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust For the year ended 31 December 2024

- 1) These summary financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements approved by the Board on 6th May 2025. The full statements have been prepared in accordance with PBE standards as stated in its accounting policies
- 2) The full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the stated policies of the Trust. These summary financial statements comply with the accounting standard PBE FRS 43 "Summary Financial Statements" as appropriate for a public benefit entity.
- 3) The full financial statements are available and may be obtained from 40 Logan Park Drive, Dunedin.
- 4) The summary financial statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements.
- 5) The full financial statements have been independently reviewed and an unmodified review opinion has been issued on the financial statements. In addition, these summary financial statements have been reviewed by the auditor, and their report is attached.

Summary of Grants

Otago Community Trust \$35K
- Operational Costs
Aotearoa Gaming Trust \$10K
- Wages
Lion Foundation \$10K
- Wages
Grassroots \$2.3K
- Professional Fees



INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Members of Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust

We have reviewed the accompanying summary financial statements of Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, and the summary statement of financial performance and summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes, which are extracted from the reviewed financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

We issued our independent assurance practitioner's review report on the financial statements of Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust on 6 May 2025. Our review report on Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust is unmodified.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required for full financial statements under the accounting policies adopted. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the reviewed financial statements of Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust.

Board's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with PBE FRS-43: *Summary Financial Statements* issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent in all material respects, with the reviewed financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with ISA (NZ) 810 (Revised) *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Other than in our capacity as the assurance practitioner conducting the review procedures in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) 2400, we have no relationship with, or interests in, Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust.

Opinion on the Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements are derived from the reviewed financial statements of Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the reviewed financial statements, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: *Summary Financial Statements*.

Restriction on Distribution or Use

This report is made solely to the Board of Trustees, as a body. Our review work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board of Trustees those matters which we are required to state to them in a review report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board of Trustees as a body, for our review procedures, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Southern Audit Limited
Palmerston
6 May 2025

THANK YOU / Ngā mihi nui

We extend our deepest gratitude to the major funders of the Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust. Your generous financial support is the foundation of our work, enabling us to operate and provide a wide range of invaluable services.

Our mission is to support as many athletes and community members as possible, using sport as the driving force for positive change. Through our initiatives, we assist aspiring athletes, coaches, and sporting organisations by fostering connections, offering internships that provide students with hands-on experience, and delivering expert guidance in key areas such as;

Health and Wellbeing – Ensuring athletes thrive both physically and mentally.

Mental Skills & Resilience – Helping individuals navigate the pressures of sport.

Sports Nutrition – Providing the knowledge to fuel performance and maintain overall health.

Strength & Conditioning – Equipping athletes with the tools to enhance their physical capabilities safely.

Thanks to this crucial funding, we can extend our reach, supporting more people and empowering them to pass on their knowledge and insights to their teammates, peers, and families, creating a ripple effect that strengthens our entire community.



BOARD PROFILES

Stephen Brocklebank

Chairman

Retired in October 2024

Retired Chartered Accountant and Chair of the St Clair Golf Club Board of Management. He is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand, a Life Member of Business South, (previously the Otago Chamber of Commerce), a member of the NZ Institute of Directors and the NZ Trustees Association. He has also held positions on several boards of sporting organisations in Dunedin. In earlier days he played rugby for Southern and Otago and senior cricket for Albion CC. Now its golf, mountain biking and fishing for fitness and to get into the outdoors.

Tania Cassidy

New OAS Chairman from October 2024

Professor Tania Cassidy works at the School of Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences, University of Otago. Her area of teaching and research interest is sports coaching, specifically coach and athlete development. She is the first author of two co-authored texts; 1. Understanding Sports Coaching: The Pedagogical, Social, and Cultural Foundations of Sports Practice, and, 2. Understanding Strength and Conditioning as Sport Coaching. Bridging the Biophysical, Pedagogical and Sociocultural Foundations of Practice. Tania has extensive local, national, and international networks, as well as being on advisory groups for Hockey New Zealand and New Zealand Football. At the local level Tania is the Chair of the Otago Hockey Board, is on the governing board of Football South and is the President of the Opoho Bowling Club. In her capacity of the board of Otago Academy of Sport she has been the co-coordinator of the three biennial Connecting Coaches conferences.

Helen Littleworth

Retired as a trustee in June 2024

A 2005 appointment, Helen has served as an OAS board member and is a Director and senior physiotherapist at a Dunedin-based sport and musculoskeletal physiotherapy clinic. She has worked with a wide range of sporting codes and teams, including the 1998, 2002 Women's Rugby World Cup-winning Black Ferns, Paralympic athletics team in 2014-16, 2007-2012 Athletics team to World Championships and White Ferns cricket team 2014-2021. Helen has been team physiotherapist at Beijing and London Olympics, 2016 Rio Paralympics, various Commonwealth Games and World Championship events. Helen is presently working with local women's sporting teams including Otago Sparks cricket team and Southern United Women's football. Helen is a former Black Ferns captain and was a New Zealand Black Stick hockey representative.

James Nation

James Nation is currently Chief Executive of Sport Otago - charged with getting Otago people active. He is a current selector for the Men's Black Sticks' hockey team, sits on the New Zealand Olympian Commission and has recently been a non-elected Board member of Physical Education New Zealand. Locally he supports the Orokonui Ecosanctuary as a Trustee.

Still playing and coaching hockey James sees first hand the work that the Academy does in supporting our developing athletes to grow and challenge themselves in their chosen sport. With a couple of kids in intermediate and secondary school sport is a large part of our family's life, so knows full well the pressures that are on our young athletes, which is why the Academy of Sport is a vital part of the system in Otago.

Anne-Marie Jackson

New Trustee October 2024

Anne-Marie Jackson (Ngāti Whātua, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahu o Whangaroa, Ngāti Wai) Ahorangi Professor (PhD, Dip Pīnakitanga ki Te Reo Kairangi, MInsD). Anne-Marie is currently the Kaihautū Managing Director of Rehutai Consulting and a Co-Director at the National Centre of Research Excellence Coastal People: Southern Skies.

Anne-Marie has a university research and teaching background and is passionate about addressing the health, social and environmental issues that affect the well-being of Māori communities.

She has been a coach, manager, volunteer, trustee, chairwoman, committee member for a number of local sports organisations, clubs and schools. She is an advocate for young people in our region.

Tom Willis

New Trustee October 2024

A former All Black, Tom joined Gallaway Cook Allan in 2012 and is a member of their Agribusiness team.

Tom's area of expertise is property law. This includes residential, commercial and rural conveyancing and leasing, subdivisions and development work. A large part of Tom's work and client base also involves Trusts and succession planning.

Most of my work is transaction-based – helping people work towards achieving their goals. I take great satisfaction from helping people get their business done in a manner for them which is clear, practical and avoids all the legalese.” he says.

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Auditors: Southern Audit, Dunedin

OAS ATHLETES

Academy Otago

(Including North Otago and Central Otago Athletes)

YEAR ONE

Jorja Gibbons
 Alexa Duff
 Elise Carline
 Jack Steele
 Olivia Russell
 Jonathon Tucker
 Ava Beens
 Fergus Oberlin-Brown
 Maggie Dowling
 Millie Mackenzie
 Matthew O'Meara
 Roland Ozanne
 Josh Munro
 Anya Clark
 Emma Bain
 Sophie Winter

SPORT

Athletics
 Athletics/Basketball
 Basketball
 Curling
 Curling
 Football
 Hockey
 Hockey
 Lugeing
 Netball
 Rowing
 Rowing
 Rugby League
 Rugby League
 Swimming
 Swimming

YEAR TWO

Laura Ring
 Noah McDowall
 Molly Ballard
 Billie Crowe
 Briar Duncan
 Sam Schell
 Millie Scott
 Sophie Matehaere
 Corbin Tuwairua
 Nick Casey
 Meg McLaughlan
 Millar McElrea
 Seb Ferro
 Bridgette Sutton
 Ella Southby

SPORT

Basketball
 Basketball
 Gymnastics
 Hockey/Athletics
 Hockey
 Hockey
 Rowing/Netball
 Surf Life Saving
 Softball
 Hockey/Touch
 Swimming
 Athletics
 Athletics
 Rowing
 Netball

YEAR THREE / EXCEL

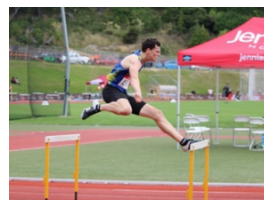
Sam Gradwell
 Jordan Evans-Tobata
 Zara Geddes
 Luke Moffitt
 Rosie Falcous
 Cam Moffitt
 Keira McNeill
 Gabe Gallagher
 Sam Flanagan
 Flynn Coburn
 Lauren Paterson
 Tom Gold
 Emilia Finer
 Aaryan Alexander
 Lachlan Colquhoun
 Charlotte Paddon
 Jade Teirney
 Finn O'Sullivan
 William McLaughlan
 Hunter Burke
 Freya Partridge-Moore

SPORT

Hockey
 Athletics
 Athletics
 Athletics
 Surf Life-Saving
 Athletics
 Athletics
 Basketball
 Curling
 Natural Track Lugeing
 Football
 Swimming
 Swimming
 Badminton
 Hockey/Handball
 Cycling
 K1
 Athletics
 Golf
 Lugeing
 Football

Motorsport Academy 2024

Jacob Douglas	USF Pro + GB3
Zach Blincoe	Formula Ford
Jacob Begg	Formula Ford
Bryn Jones	Rally
Mason Potter	Formula Ford
Ben Stewart	Mazda Racing Series
Will Kitching	Mazda Racing Series
Hunter Robb	Toyota 86, Porsche Michelin Sprint Challenge



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