



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2025

This year's AGM report covers the period of 12 months from 1 January to 31 December 2025.

In September 2025 the OAS celebrated the graduation of 12 year 2 athletes who have completed the two year athlete development programme. The guest speaker at the graduation event was Blake Affleck, an OAS motorcycle athlete in the first year development programme. He had recently returned from Bergamo, Italy, where he competed in the World Enduro Championships. The stories he told were inspirational and funny. He recalled how he had to ride for six hours each day of competition as well as the crazy experiences that involved crowd participation such as the practice of revving up chainsaws on the side of the course, and the many and unpredictable challenges he faced on the actual course. Despite Blake being injured in a fall on day three, which resulted in him dislocating his shoulder and breaking several bones, he continued to compete on days four, five and six to show respect and loyalty to the people who had helped him to get to Italy. Despite the injuries, Blake came a very creditable 108th out of a field of 700 competitors. At the graduation we also celebrated the successes of 18 year 1 athletes and 21 Excel (Year 3 athletes). Over 16 of our Excel athletes have been in the OAS for 3 years or more. This demonstrates the value the athletes place on the support they receive from the OAS programme. Congratulations to all the graduates and very best wishes for the future.

The OAS successfully ran its annual week-long Elite Motorsport Academy (EMSA) during 12-16 July, to which the NZ Motorsport Trust sent a number of talented drivers and support team members. The EMSA is facilitated by very experienced local providers and the national and international successes of many of its graduates highlight the value of the programme to these athletes.

Carmel is continuing to enjoy managing the OAS from her office at Sport Otago. The OAS wouldn't exist without her skills and dedication. For part of the year (May to July) Carmel was ably supported by Cameron Moffitt with administration tasks, working on the EMSA pre-camp tasks and assisting Carmel throughout the actual EMSA camp. Cameron is an OAS Excel athlete and has been in the programme for five years. In July Cameron resigned from the OAS to take up an offer of full-time work in the insurance industry.

Carmel spends many hours of her own time to ensure the OAS athletes get quality services. In 2025 Carmel's qualities were also recognised by NZ Curling with them appointing her as Manager of the U21 NZ Curling team that competed at the World Cup in Finland in December. My sincere thanks to Carmel for delivering a programme that facilitates the development of Otago athletes. We appreciate the support of the providers and funders, the latter include the Otago Community Trust, the Aotearoa Gaming Trust, the Grassroots Central Trust, and the Lion Foundation. Without our supporters and funders the OAS could not continue to play a role in the development of the our region's athletes. It is very pleasing to see that many past and current OAS athletes repay the investment in them by coaching younger athletes, and in doing so pass on the what they have learnt during their time at OAS.

There continues to be an excitement amongst the current Board members: James Nation (CEO Sport Otago); Anne-Marie Jackson (Ngāti Whātua, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahu o Whangaroa, Ngāti Wai); Tom Willis (Galloway, Cook, Allan), and Cameron Moffitt (Gallagher Insurance), regarding the possibilities of the OAS. Cameron joined the Board in September 2025 and brings an athlete perspective and financial skills to the Board table.

We are all passionate about sport and providing Otago's young people with opportunities for them to excel on the national and international stage. As I said in my 2024 report, 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.

For more information on the Board members please see <https://oas.org.nz/board/>.

Tania Cassidy - Board Chair 2025

PROGRAMME MANAGER

In 2025, the Otago Academy of Sport (OAS) whānau included 51 talented Otago athletes, a dedicated network of providers and interns, and a small but highly committed administrative team. What truly sets OAS apart is our strong multi-disciplinary approach, supporting athletes not only in their sporting pursuits but across all aspects of their lives. Throughout the year, we invest meaningful time with our athletes delivering educational workshops, one-on-one consultations, and in the gym preparing their bodies for the physical demands of their sport training and competition. At the heart of our programme is a strong sense of community. We celebrate successes together and provide consistent support through the inevitable challenges of both sport and life.

Our vision and purpose reflect our commitment to the holistic development and long-term wellbeing of each individual athlete. Our ultimate goal is not only performance success, but to focus on process goals which lead to improvement in their athletic ability and skill development, and to keep young people positively engaged in sport for a lifetime.

Vision

Otago athletes reaching their full potential.

Purpose

To nurture and develop athletes through multi-disciplinary sport science support.

We exist to support developing athletes by providing every opportunity to grow and thrive through education, gym-based physical preparation, and access to high-quality providers and peer support.

A defining strength of the OAS programme is its flexibility. We adapt to meet the evolving needs of our athletes as they progress through key transitions in both sport and life. We are committed to fostering a positive environment that prioritises growth, enjoyment, and sustainability.

We encourage athletes to embrace failure as a vital part of the learning process, reframing challenges as opportunities for development. The true reward is not simply results, but the lessons learned along the way. Central to our approach is supporting athletes through periods of pressure and tension, equipping them with the skills to cope, adapt, and progress without experiencing burnout.

I am deeply grateful to work alongside such driven and committed young athletes. Their determination and work ethic continually inspires me to find new and innovative ways to support and mentor them, particularly as they navigate significant post-school transitions while continuing to pursue their sporting aspirations.

OAS is a busy organisation, operating on a modest income from athlete contributions alongside 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; however, our unwavering commitment to our athletes, combined with a creative and solution-focused mindset, ensures we continue to deliver meaningful and impactful support.

Many of our athletes contribute as coaches, referees, or administrators, sharing the knowledge and experiences gained through the Academy. The passion they display for their sport and helping others is inspiring and is such a win for sport in our region.

On a personal level, I have thoroughly enjoyed another year of working with the athletes and have witnessed some impressive personal growth over this time. This growth has such a positive impact on their sporting outcomes, and I am immensely proud of all of them for continuing to strive towards improvement and development.

I was very fortunate to be named manager and mental skills coach for the NZ U21 team who travelled to Junior World Games in Finland in early December. The NZ Women were delighted with their solid performance, finishing fourth in their group and 10th overall in the 22-strong field. We lost to three of the teams who went through to the semi-finals only narrowly losing to Italy and Turkey. One of the team members ages out, however the rest of this team has a bright future and the rankings from this tournament are part of the qualification process for the 2028 Winter Youth Olympics.

I want to thank the OAS trustees for supporting me financially for the professional development opportunity presented and to the Skeggs Foundation who also supported me with my travel to get to Finland. I have learnt so many valuable lessons and look forward to applying these to my work with the athletes and teams I work with.



Results and Learnings

2025 has been an outstanding year for the Otago Academy of Sport. From strong performances from athletes across our development programmes, to the continued success of the elite motorsport academy camp and graduate programme, the year has been marked by selections, results, momentum and growth. None of this happens without the coaches, volunteers, families/friends and administrators across our clubs and regional organisations. Their commitment creates the environments, culture, and systems that allow our athletes to develop, perform, and thrive. This year's success is a true reflection of that collective effort.

In 2025 we accepted 17 keen athletes, across 13 different sports into our **Year 1 Programme**, from team-sports including hockey, water polo, cricket, touch and volleyball, to individual sports like athletics (3-4 different disciplines), swimming, weightlifting, golf and motor cycling enduro. Noah Brummitt (water polo), left in July on a US scholarship to attend Cypress College.

Twelve athletes continued into the Year 2 Programme from Year 1 in 2024, representing 11 different sports. Olivia Russell (curling) continued with the programme despite being based outside of Dunedin pursuing her tertiary studies at Lincoln University in Christchurch and then in Central. Aria Bannister was also based in Tauranga for much of the year to receive the coaching she required as well as train with other NZ U19 squash athletes.

The Excel program again consisted of 21 athletes. Twelve of these athletes have continued from the Year 2 programme in 2024, and the other 9 are either new or repeat athletes in the Excel Programme. Sports catered for include; surf life-saving, curling, football, swimming, hockey, netball, handball, badminton, rowing, athletics disciplines including decathlon, 100, 200, 400, hurdles, long jump, high jump and pole vault.

Outside of our 3 Academy Programmes, we also ran the Elite Motorsport Academy. We supported athletes in their graduate programme from the previous year up until the end of May then had a new intake of 8 NZ drivers for the July camp. This was followed by a graduate programme which continues on until the following May. 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.

With a "person first" approach, my role is to monitor each athlete's health and wellbeing, which I believe is of utmost importance if we are to see our athletes thrive. Health is crucial for athletes, and it can often be a determining factor in whether they achieve their goals or not. We are fortunate to have an excellent database of very skilled people who are willing to support our athletes.

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, Natalie Chapman and Craig Turner and Dan Stamp for mental skills coaching, Matt Blair and his team of interns, Kameron Masoner, Nic Davison, Riley Johnston, Brodie England, Bede Dodd-Edgar and Israel Otunuku 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 or Holly Robinson for Drug Free Sport education. Additionally, we have a network of health professionals to whom we refer our athletes to when needed.

Enjoy reading about the many athlete achievements over the 2025 year.

Carmel Leslie

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

My own role focused increasingly on individual consultations during supervised sessions and re-programming. We also had a 'vitality tent' available. The reason for this was to emphasise the importance of connection with self during session preparation, workout, and recovery. These types of practices can also be used during day-to-day life, enhancing body energy and thought clarity.

Having the S&C programme based at the Otago Polytechnic Gym in 2025 provided new opportunities for OAS athletes. Attendance outside of the supervised sessions (Monday & Tuesday 4.30-7.30pm) allowed greater flexibility – Monday to Friday 6am – 8pm and Saturday 9am – 12 noon. There was also early morning, lunchtime, and evening group classes available for athletes: Boxing, Spin bikes, and Circuit. Student S&C interns played a key role in supporting coach-led sessions, and those who were unable to attend these could organise mutually suitable training appointments outside OAS times. With this we continued having a variety of sports science equipment available to athletes. The key outcome we were encouraging here was giving OAS athletes an opportunity to have an awareness of various metrics which will be used more frequently as progress is made toward more elite athlete environments.

Below: Cam Moffitt, (decathlete and hurdler) spends time in the reflection tent during a period of recovering from injury, surgery and return to training/sport.



MATT BLAIR: LEAD CONDITIONING COACH



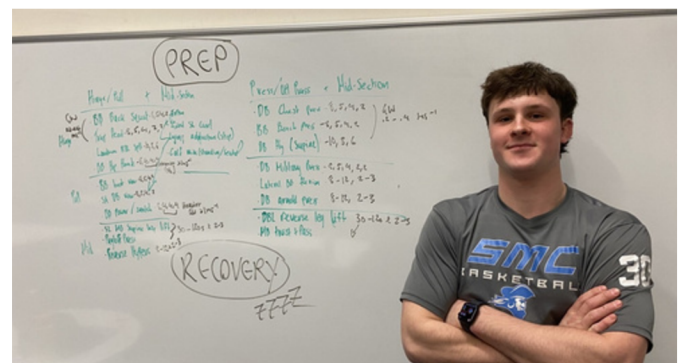
Matt Blair, our Lead Strength and Conditioning Coach, again delivered an outstanding programme, providing a safe, supportive, and performance-focused gym environment with athlete wellbeing at its core. Through careful load monitoring and individualised programme adjustments, athletes were well prepared across all stages of the season, including injury and return-to-sport management.

Managing over 40+ athletes is no small task, and the support of Otago Polytechnic and University interns was invaluable. Their professionalism, strong technical focus, and positive relationships with athletes helped keep the group healthy, progressing well, and engaged in a gym environment that was both effective, flexible and enjoyable.



With our shared values of hard work, commitment and discipline and the ultimate of all, "enjoyment" we have witnessed physical gains and some wonderful sporting achievements in 2025.

Below: Noah McDowall(basketball) goes through some programming adjustment with Matt.



ATHLETE RESULTS YEAR 1

Alfie Weatherston-Harvey - Swimming

- NZ Champs: 1500m Free -1st 17-18, 3rd open, 800m Free- 3rd 17-18, 400m Free 3rd 17-18
- Selected to for NZ team at Tri Series.
- Tri series (all results are open): 1st 16x25m relay, 1st 4x100m men's relay (meet record), 1st 4x200m free relay (meet record), 3rd 400 free, 1st 800 free, 1st 1500 free, 3rd 50 back, 2nd 100 back, 3rd 100 back, 1st 200 back (Otago record), 1st 200 back.
- NZ Secondary Schools: 2nd 400 free 17-18. NZ Short Course Champs, 1st 17-18 2nd open 1500m Free, 1st 17-18 2nd open 800m free (Otago record), 2nd 17-18 400m free, 1st 17-18 200m back (Otago record and under World Juniors qualifying time).
- Water polo and swimming blues,
- Top Sportsman at Kings High School 20-25

Ella Rowe - Weightlifting

- 1st place NZSS weightlifting championships U63kg category A grade (160) total.
- Coached step 3/step 5 gymnastics at Dunedin Gymnastics academy.
- Competed at the Torian Pro in Brisbane and came 6th place, 1st in NZ (in teens 16-17 division)
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- NZ Team 2026 Junior Commonwealth Games W63
- NZ Team 2026 Junior Oceania Champs

Sarah Evans - Cricket

- Otago U17 team 2023/24 and 2024/25,
- Bowler of the Year Otago U17 team 2024/25
- Otago U19 squad 2024/25 and 2025/26
- Te Waipounamu/Tāmaki Makaurau Cricket team: 3rd National Maori Tournament
- University Grange Women 1XI
- Taieri College Sportswoman of the Year
- Taieri College Senior A Netball MVP
- South Island Colgate Games official

Cody Gradwell - Hockey

- Hockey 1st XI & 1st XI Captain at John McGlashan,
- Regular call-up for the Premier Men's Kings United team
- Otago A U18 team that placed 2nd at nationals
- Kings United Knights Club Hockey Captain - 1st Overall
- Coached: Johnny's Yr7/8 hockey

Alex Walker - Athletics

- New Zealand Track and Field Champs U18 100m 7th.
- 6x Otago Athletics U18 Titles.
- South Island Secondary School Champs 100m 1st, 200m 3rd.
- New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Champs (Junior) 100m 4th, 200m 5th.
- John McGlashan College 1st XV Rugby.
- John McGlashan College Senior A Touch Team. Otago Premier League Touch.

Finn Apii - Volleyball

- Otago U19 team member
- Played for Otago Vikings (Open Men)
- U20 Maori Team

Charli Sinclair - Touch/Basketball

- NZ Touch Blacks – Trans Tasman
- NZ Under 18 Touch Team – competed at Asia Pacific Tournament 2nd place
- Stealers Touch Team – competing at Kaiawa tournament 1st place
- OPL Touch 1st place
- Captain Columba Senior A touch team - Captain
- Otago Under 18 Touch team – Captain
- Otago Touch Youth Player of the Year
- Otago Basketball Under 18 team – 6th at Nationals
- Columba Senior A Basketball Team – 3rd SISS, 7th NZSS
- Columba Senior A Touch – 1st SISS
- Columba First XV Rugby
- Columba College – 1st Equal Senior Athletics Champion
- Hoiho Basketball – training partner

Noah Brummitt - Water Polo

- US Scholarship to Cypress College, Central California
- Otago U18 Water Polo Team

Jade Moana Wilson - Athletics

- Senior Girls 100m hurdles NZ Track & Field Championship 2024: 2nd
- U19 Girls 100m and 100m hurdles SISS Athletic Champs 2025: 2nd
- U19 Girls 100m and 100m hurdles Otago SS Athletics Champs 2025: 2nd
- 4x100m relay Otago Senior Women NZ Track & Field Champs 2025: 2nd
- U20 women 100 m hurdles NZ Track & Field Champs: 3rd
- Athletics Blue and Sidey Medal 24/25:
- Top Senior Track Athlete award 24/25
- Otago Athletics Team and development squad.
- Netball umpire.

Abby Samuels - Swimming

- Short Course Otago Champs 50M Free: 1st
- South Island Long Course Champs 50M Free: 2nd

Charlie Jackson - Volleyball

- New Zealand U20 Development squad and travelling team
- Otago U19 Captain
- Division 1 Volleyball Scholarship @ LIU
- Vikings Volleyball Club - Captain

Annie Dowling - Hockey

- Columba College & Otago U18 Captain
- City Highlanders Premier team
- South Island U18 Go Hockey
- NZ U18 Future Black Sticks squad
- Coached the Columba college 2nd XI



Blake Affleck - Motorcycling Enduro/Hard Enduro & Cross Country

- NZ Senior Enduro Championship over all classes: 2nd
- NZ Senior Enduro Championships E2 class: 2nd
- NZ teams Cross Country Champion
- Gold Schist Hard Enduro: 2nd
- South Island Gold Hard Enduro Series: 3rd
- NZ Gold Hard Enduro Series: 5th
- Member of the NZ Junior team ISDE World Enduro Italy: 112th overall in the World - 42nd Junior

Connor Howes - Golf

- 2nd Dunedin Strokeplay
- 1st Otago Matchplay
- 2nd Wanaka Open, 2nd Cromwell Open.
- Otago Men's South Island interprovincial team that placed 1st.
- Otago men's national interprovincial team.
- Otago U19 interprovincial team.
- 9th NZ U19s.
- Won the Otago order of merit for 2025.

Dan O'Brien - Hockey

- U18 Nationals for Otago: 2nd
- Rankin Cup Schools Nationals: 22nd
- Coaching U15B squad at John McGlashan College
- Knights, Club Men's Div 2 Dunedin: 1st
- Indoor:
- Selected to play in the NZ U18 squad to go to PSI tournament in South Africa.
- Placed 7th at PSI tournament in Div 1 (shield)
- Placed 3rd at Indoor Nationals for U18s (for Wairarapa)
- Placed 4th at Open Men's Indoor Nationals (Hawkes Bay)



Max Braithwaite - Hockey

- Selected for the NZ U18 indoor hockey Nkosi Cup team in South Africa.
- Otago U18s for hockey
- John McGlashan 1st XI
- Premier mens grade hockey.

Madison Lobb - Hockey & Canoe

- Bronze, silver and gold at Nationals – Open 4 boat
- Otago NHC Hockey Squad 2025
- Top goal scorer in Otago Premier Women's Hockey
- U18 Future Black Sticks Squad

"An impressive year from these young Otago athletes" Carmel Leslie

ATHLETE RESULTS YEAR 2

Alexa Duff - Basketball & Athletics (Javelin)

- National Track & Field Champs: U20 Javelin 1st
- Open Women's Javelin 2nd.
- Competed at the World University Games for NZ in 3X3.
- NZ U21 3X3 reserve.
- Amateur contract with the Southern Hoiho.
- UTSNZ Basketball Nationals for Otago Uni: 2nd
- UTSNZ 3X3 Nationals for Otago Uni: 3rd
- Coached the Otago U14 girls B team
- Refereed high school basketball competition.



Fergus Oberlin Brown - - Hockey

- Otago U18 captain: 2nd at Nationals
- Otago U21 team: 1st at Matariki Invitational
- Otago Men's team: 5th at nationals in tier 1,
- NZ U18 Future Black sticks Camp
- Dunedin Premier Hockey Competition; Albany Alligators: 2nd
- U18 Go Hockey experience south team, community coaching for Otago Hockey
- Tennis Coaching

Sophie Winter - Swimming

- NZ Ice Swimming Champs in St Bathans. 1st in 250M freestyle.
- Selected to compete for NZ for Ice Swimming Worlds



Olivia Russell - Curling

- NZ Mixed Championship: 1st place
- NZ Women's Championship: 2nd place
- NZ Junior mixed doubles Championship: 3rd place
- New Zealand Junior Women's Championship: 2nd
- Selected as part of the New Zealand Junior Women's team for the World B's Championship in Finland: 10th/22 teams (4th in our strong pool).



Aria Bannister - Squash

- NZ U19 Trans Tasman team
- NZ U19 World Junior Individuals and team event played in Egypt
- Top 4 in the New Zealand Junior Open
- Runner-up at New Zealand Age Group Champs
- Selected into the High Performance and World Junior squads
- Coach for the Squash New Zealand Star squads



Jorja Gibbons - Athletics

- New Zealand Oceania Cup team: 2nd 100m, 2nd mixed 4x100m relay, 9th Australian track and field Championships
- 11.94 PB, 2nd 4x100m senior 2025 NZ track and field championships.
- NZSS team: 2nd 100m NZSS. 4th Potts Classic 100m.
- Official at Otago secondary schools,
- B graded jumps official
- Level 1 athletics NZ Coaching course (CAD)



Hugh Jack - Football

- Dunedin City Royals FC: South Island League: 7th
- Chatham Cup Round of 16
- Dunedin City Royals Academy Coach: 13s, 15s, 17s

Anja Clark - Rugby League

- Returned from a serious knee injury.
- Played 3 tournaments for the Seafarers University team and looking at going to the Fiji tournament in 2026.



Roland Ozanne - Rowing

- Won Club Quad at NZ Nationals
- 2nd Club Double at NZ Nationals
- Made U19 NZ Trials
- Made top 8 for Otago University - Won NZ Universities
- Selected to compete for Otago Uni 8 in China for the Chengdu Rowing Invitational.



Jono Tucker - Football

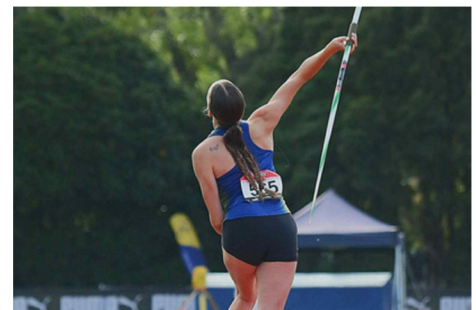
- Dunedin City Royals FC: South Island League 7th
- Chatham Cup Round of 16, Southern premier league 5th
- Southern premier league most consistent player
- U19 adidas costal spirit tournament 8th
- Otago Boys High School: High performance football academy coach.

Ava Beens- - Hockey

- 2025 New Zealand Junior Hockey League; U21 Alpiners Women; 2nd Place
- Dunedin Premier Hockey Competition; City Highlanders; 1st Place (Captain)
- England Women's Conference North Hockey Competition; Bowdon Club; currently standing 1st in competition



"Congratulations to all our year 2's for some outstanding results and determination to overcome challenges and balancing life with uni and work commitments" CL



ATHLETE RESULTS EXCEL

Jordan Evans Tobata - Athletics 200M

- 2nd Otago Interclubs
- Athletics Otago Squad Member

Lachlan Colquhoun - Hockey/Handball

- Otago Men's Indoor handball team
- NZ handball indoor wider squad
- NZ Handball beach wider squad
- RTE Otago Hockey
- Kings United Hockey club: 3rd

Luke Moffitt - Athletics

- 2025 New Zealand track and field champs: 2nd senior men's decathlon
- Cooks Classic Long jump 1st
- Athletics New Zealand Oceania Cup team
- Oceania Cup 110m hurdles 3rd , 400m hurdles 2nd
- Official at the Otago secondary schools meet.

Sophie Mateharere - Surf Lifesaving

NZ Surf Nationals

- U19 board race - 12th
- U19 surf race - 12th
- U19 iron - 15th
- U19 run swim run - 13th
- U19 Taplin relay - 4th
- U19 board relay 4th

Surf life saving Australia Nationals

- U19 board relay - 16th
- U19 rescue tube rescue - 8th

Emilia Finer - Swimming

- World Ice Swimming Championships: 1st age group; 1st open female, 200 IM (world record) and 100 fly. 1st age group and 2nd open female 250 free and 500 free (age group world record);
- Multiple medallist and finalist at NZ pool Nationals
- University of Otago Sportsperson of the Year;
- Coach for Swim Dunedin and qualified swim technical official.

Ella Southby - Netball

- Dunedin netball club competition: 1st
- Selected for Netball NZ U21 team: 2nd at Netball Youth World Cup in Gibraltar.

Carter West - Football

- Mosgiel AFC – Southern Premier League: 3rd Place

Millie Scott - Rowing

- 2025 New Zealand Rowing Nationals: 3rd Women's Senior eight.
- U22 Oceania Champs: 1st women's eight, 4th Women's quad.
- Travelled to Chengdu China and represented Otago University: 2nd in Women's quad.

Noah McDowall - Basketball

- NZNBL Debut (Nuggets)
- Dunedin Club Basketball Champs: 17-0
- University Games: 2nd

Briar Duncan - Hockey

- 2025 NZ Junior hockey league - U21 Falcons women: 3rd place
- 2025 Manawatu Emeralds (Open women) Nationals, 2nd in Tier 1
- Captain Feilding Premier Women's team – 1st in Manawatu premier women's competition.

Matt Bolter - Athletics

- 800m Otago Senior Champion
- 800m Senior Final athletics Nationals
- 800m PB - 1:56.32
- 400m PB - 51.46
- Officiated Otago Secondary Schools and Otago Primary Schools Athletics Champs.
- Board member for Hill City, race organisation
- Hill City University children's athletics coach

Billie Crowe - Hockey

- 2025 NZ Junior Hockey League
- U21 Alpiners Women, 2nd place
- Otago U21 Women Hockey Team, Matariki Invitation Tournament, 3rd place
- Dunedin Premier Women Champions with the City Highlanders.
- Co-Head Coach of the St Hilda's Collegiate 1st XI Hockey Team (NZ South Island Audrey Timlin Winners, Dunedin Women's Club Division 2 Winners.

Cam Moffitt - Athletics - 400 hurdles/Decathlete

- Cooks Classic 400m hurdles: 3rd
- Team captain for Launch Athletics (junior athletic initiative).
- Officiated at Saturday Otago Athletics Meets
- Joined the finance committee for Athletics Otago
- Trustee for Otago Academy Sport
- Returning from Injury

Seb Ferro - Athletics 100M's

- NZ Team for Oceania Cup in Tonga October 2025
- 200M: 22.27 PB
- 100M: 10.75 PB

Toby Martin - Athletics

- 2025 New Zealand Track and Field Champs: 3rd Decathlon and Pole-vault
- Coach for Hill City children's athletics

Chloe Ah Kuoi - Surf Lifesaving

NZ Nationals 2025

- 1st U19 Ski race
- 2nd in U19 Ski relay
- 3rd in U19 Taplin
- 3rd in open mixed double ski
- 1st open ski
- 2nd in U19 ski at surf lifesaving eastern regional championships
- 1st in U19 and open ski at Surf Life Saving Canterbury Championships
- NZ Team: SLSNZ battle of the Tasman team

Sam Flanagan - Curling

- 3rd in the New Zealand Men's Curling Champs
- Coached & ran the Dunedin Secondary Schools Curling Development Programme.

Morgan Henderson - Boxing/Jiu-jitsu

- 1st Nationals: Women's Boxing 75kg's.
- 1st Women's Australian Golden Gloves Championships, 75 kgs.
- World Boxing Championships UK
- Jujitsu: Won National Gi Comp
- 2nd in No-Gi Comp at Nationals
- Pending selection for NZ Boxing Team for Commonwealth Games July 2026

Finn O'Sullivan - Athletics: 200M & 400M

- 1st 400M Interclubs Otago
- 5th 200M Inter clubs Otago
- Healing from Injury

Samuel Gradwell - Hockey

- Kings Premier 1st XI
- Coached Kings 2nd Premier Team - won their division
- Otago U21 Team at the Matariki Invitational Tournament

Aaryan Alexander - Badminton

- Otago Open & South Island Championships (April 2025): Alexander secured a triple crown at this event, winning:
- Men's Singles:
- Men's Doubles: Partnered with Justin Ho
- Mixed Doubles: Partnered with Claudia Smith to win the title.

Meg McLaughlan - Swimming

Short Course (25 m):

- Competed in sprint and breaststroke events.
- Placed 6th in the 100m breaststroke final with 1:17.22.
- Raced in the 50m freestyle, (heat time noted).
- Long Course (50 m):
- Competed at the NZ Long Course Championships with Kiwi ASC (May 2025).



"These athletes have shown an unwavering commitment, working harder than talent alone to achieve their goals through immense sacrifice, discipline, and resilience, I am so proud of every single one of them." Camel Leslie

ELITE MOTORSPORT ACADEMY

2025 ELITE MOTORSPORT CAMP & GRADUATE PROGRAMME

The Otago Academy of Sport was proud to host New Zealand's rising motorsport talent at the 21st Elite Motorsport Academy Camp in Dunedin from the 6th–12th July. Drivers, Trustees, Motorsport New Zealand personnel, and performance providers came together to challenge and upskill athletes in a high-performance environment. The camp pushes physical, mental, and personal boundaries, giving participants a firsthand experience of what it takes to become a world-class motorsport athlete.

As always, the athletes arrived at the School of Physical Education brimming with nerves and anticipation, fully aware it would become their base for an intense and demanding week ahead. Across the week, they were challenged both intellectually and physically. In the classroom, they deepened their understanding of the sports science underpinning high performance, gaining practical insights into how to optimise their training and recovery. In the laboratory, they spent two outstanding days working alongside physiologists—testing VO_2 max, using performance simulators, and training in the heat chamber to examine the impact of environmental stress on output and adaptation. The programme also extended well beyond the walls of the School. From tackling the sand dunes at Tomahawk Beach to climbing to the summit of Signal Hill, the athletes embraced every challenge. Recovery sessions in the sauna and ice baths reinforced best-practice principles, while a lung-busting sprint up the steepest street in the Southern Hemisphere added a memorable test of grit and resilience.

Day one had a big focus on team building, an introduction to mental skills training including a debrief on the work done pre-camp on character strengths, as well as media training. The athletes were given a lesson on how to read the Lynley Dodds, Hairy MacLary books whilst practicing their delivery and skills taught in the session. The team-building session for the drivers is designed to strengthen collaboration and communication within their crews and is always fun; the perfect way to close out day one. As the week progresses, the demands escalate. Each challenge is intentionally designed to stretch their limits, push them beyond their comfort zones, and reinforce the resilience, trust, and composure required to perform under pressure.

Athletes were also set practical challenges to broaden their skillset beyond performance. One such task saw them head to the supermarket to source ingredients for a cooking workshop, working within teams to plan, budget and collaborate effectively. Back in the kitchen, each group prepared a main course and dessert, serving their creations to their fellow drivers. They were also involved in a scavenger hunt around the Otago Uni Campus, team games in the gym, a healthy takeaway challenge on a small budget to name a few..

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 Jack Stokes**, who won the overall top camp graduate trophy, the “Bruce McLaren Cup” and he was truly over the moon.

Cameron Hill was runner up, followed by Corban Sprague in 3rd place. The Red team, “Team Apex” consisting of Jack Stokes, Izaak Fletcher, Toby McCormack Jack Groenewald, won the best performing team prize across the multiple team challenges. Post camp, individual performance plans (IPPs) were provided for each athlete, with specialist providers engaged from across NZ to deliver targeted support over the next 10 months.

I was so fortunate to be hosted by MSNZ at the recent NZ Grand Prix at Highlands Motorsport Park, getting behind the scenes and speaking with some of our ex and current athletes. It was so valuable to see how race days work and where we can enhance our current programme to provide for their needs, in particular dealing with pressure. Keep an eye on these names at motorsport events in the season ahead; the depth of emerging talent in New Zealand is exceptional.



ELITE MOTORSPORT ACADEMY

2025 CAMP & GRADUATE PROGRAMME

Jack Stokes
Rally



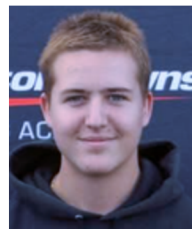
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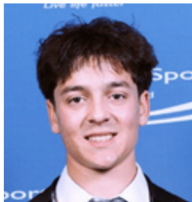
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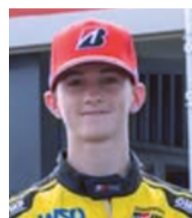
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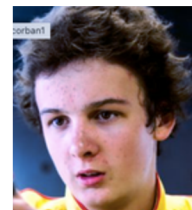
Blake Dowdall
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Arthur Broughan
Toyota GR86



Corban Sprague
Mazda Pro 8 Series



Cameron Hill
Toyota GR86



Elite Motorsport Academy 2025-2026

Camp Providers

Carmel Leslie

Camp Coordinator/Post Graduate Program Coordinator

Cam Moffitt

Assistant Camp Coordinator

Tony Gilbert Junior:

Public Speaking and Communication

Stephen McIvor

Visual Media Training and Practical Workshop

Fi Simpson

Sport Nutrition

Carly Anderson

Athlete Life/Performance Planning/IPP's

Nat Fraser

Mental Skills

Pete Eley

Team Building

Matt Blair

SnC: Training to be an Athlete

Wayne Scott

Rules and Regulations

Brendon Roxburgh

Physiological Requirements

Stephen Giles

Data Analysis

Annabel Roy

Sponsorship

Helen Littleworth

Functional Movement Testing

Dragon's Den

Richard Giltrap & Annabel Roy

Cam Moffitt

Activities and Challenges

Graduate Programme Providers

Athlete Life

Carly Anderson

Anna Simcic

Carmel Leslie

Sport Psychology/Mental Skills

John Quinn

Daniel Stamp

Craig Turner

Strength & Conditioning

Matt Blair (Lead)

Athletes personal trainers

Media and Sponsorship

Jordie Peters

Stephen McIvor

Annabel Roy

Sports Nutrition

Fi Simpson

Summary Statement of Financial Performance

Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust For the year ended 31 December 2025

	NOTES	2025	2024
Revenue			
General grants		15,000	10,000
Non-government service delivery grants/contracts		40,760	47,261
Membership fees and subscriptions		10,983	10,555
Revenue from commercial activities		81,834	80,143
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		-	830
Total Revenue		148,577	148,789
Expenses			
Employee remuneration and other related expenses		109,621	109,209
Expenses related to commercial activities		42,105	57,831
Other expenses		6,837	4,200
Total Expenses		158,562	171,240
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(9,985)	(22,451)

Summary Statement of Cash Flows

Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Statement of Cashflows		
Operating Activities	(5,221)	(9,864)
Investing Activities	(3,410)	8,105
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash held for the period	(8,631)	(1,759)
Represented by:		
Opening cash	44,893	46,651
Net change in cash for period	(8,631)	(1,759)
Closing cash	36,262	44,893

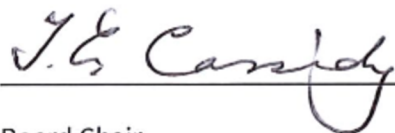
Summary Statement of Financial Position

Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust

As at 31 December 2025

	NOTES	31 DEC 2025	31 DEC 2024
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and short-term deposits		38,584	45,113
Debtors and prepayments		1,085	120
Total Current Assets		39,669	45,233
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment		2,548	-
Total Non-Current Assets		2,548	-
Total Assets		42,217	45,233
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Bank overdraft		2,322	220
Creditors and accrued expenses		10,326	10,366
Goods and services tax		729	1,391
Grants Received in Advance		8,069	-
Total Current Liabilities		21,446	11,977
Total Liabilities		21,446	11,977
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		20,771	33,256
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses (or deficits)		20,771	33,256
Total Accumulated Funds		20,771	33,256

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 2025

- 1) These summary financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements approved by the Board on 8th April 2026. 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 independent assurance practitioner, and their report is attached.

Summary of Grants

2025	Purpose	Grant Received	Unspent at 31 Dec 2025	Revenue recognised for year 31 Dec 2025
		\$	\$	\$
Otago Community Trust	Operational Costs	35,000	-	35,000
Aotearoa Gaming Trust	Wages	15,000	-	15,000
Lion Foundation	Wages	7,500	2,055	5,445
Grassroots	Professional Fees and Rental Expenses	6,329	6,014	315
		63,829	8,069	55,760



INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Trustees 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 2025, 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 2025.

We issued our independent assurance practitioner's review report on the financial statements of Otago Academy of Sport Charitable Trust on 8 April 2026. 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 2025.

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
8 April 2026

BOARD PROFILES

Tania Cassidy: Chairman

Emeritus Professor Tania Cassidy worked 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 and is on the governing board of Football South. In her capacity of the board of Otago Academy of Sport she has been the co-coordinator of the three biennial Connecting Coaches conferences.

Tom Willis: Trustee

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.

James Nation: Trustee

James is currently Chief Executive of Sport Otago. He is 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 his 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.

Cameron Moffitt: Trustee

New Trustee: June 2025

Cameron holds a Bachelor's degree in Sport and Exercise Science with a minor in Finance from the University of Otago, along with a Level 5 Certificate in Financial Services. He currently works for Gallagher Insurance in the life and health insurance sector, supporting individuals and families to protect their long-term financial wellbeing through practical and personalised advice. Cameron has represented New Zealand at two Oceania Championships, achieving a best result of fourth place in the decathlon. In 2024, he was crowned New Zealand Champion in the 400m hurdles and has earned numerous national medals and titles throughout his age-group and senior career. Cameron was an athlete within the Otago Academy of Sport from 2021 to 2025, where he experienced first-hand the demands of balancing high-performance sport alongside academic and professional commitments.

Anne-Marie Jackson: Trustee

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.

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Solicitors: Preston Russell Law

Bankers: ASB

Auditors: Southern Audit, Dunedin



TANIA CASSIDY: OAS CHAIR AND NZ WOMENS 60+ HOCKEY REPRESENTATIVE

OAS ATHLETES

Academy Otago

(Including North Otago and Central Otago Athletes)

YEAR ONE

Alfie Weatherston-Harvey
Noah Brummitt
Ella Rowe
Jade Moana Wilson
Sarah Evans
Cody Gradwell
Dan O'Brien
Charli Sinclair
Annie Dowling
Finn Apii
Charlie Jackson
Madison Lobb
Abby Samuels
Max Braithwaite
Alex Walker
Blake Affleck
Connor Howes

SPORT

Swimming Athletics/Basketball
 Water Polo
 Weight Lifting
 Athletics
 Cricket
 Hockey
 Hockey
 Touch, Basketball
 Hockey
 Volleyball
 Volleyball
 Hockey
 Swimming
 Hockey
 Athletics/Rugby
 Motorcycling Enduro & CC
 Golf

YEAR TWO

Jorja Gibbons
Alexa Duff
Olivia Russell
Jonathon Tucker
Ava Beens
Fergus Oberlin-Brown
Roland Ozanne
Anya Clark
Emma Bain
Sophie Winter

SPORT

Athletics
 Basketball
 Curling
 Football
 Hockey
 Hockey
 Rowing
 Rugby League
 Swimming
 Swimming/Ice-Swimming

YEAR THREE / EXCEL

Sam Gradwell
Jordan Evans-Tobata
Luke Moffitt
Cam Moffitt
Sam Flanagan
Emilia Finer
Aaryan Alexander
Lachlan Colquhoun
Finn O'Sullivan
Seb Ferro
Meg McLaughlan
Noah McDowall
Ella Southby
Billie Crowe
Briar Duncan
Millie Scott
Sophie Matehaere
Toby Martin
Matt Bolter
Chole Ah Kuoi
Carter West
Morgan Henderson

SPORT

Hockey
 Athletics
 Athletics
 Athletics
 Curling
 Swimming
 Badminton
 Hockey/Handball
 Athletics
 Athletics
 Swimming
 Basketball
 Netball
 Hockey
 Hockey
 Rowing
 Surf life-saving
 Athletics
 Athletics
 Surf life-saving
 Football
 Boxing/Ju-Jitsu

MOTORSPORT ACADEMY 2025

Jack Stokes
Jack Groenewald
Toby McCormack
Izaak Fletcher
Blake Dowdall
Arthur Broughan
Cameron Hill
Corban Sprague

MOTORSPORT CLASS

Rally
 Formula Ford
 Formula Ford
 Formula Ford
 Formula Ford
 Toyota GR86
 Toyota GR86
 Mazda Racing Series

NZ REPRESENTATIVES

Seb Ferro
Luke Moffitt
Jorja Gibbons
Chloe Ah Kuoi
Sophie Matehaere
Sam Flanagan
Ella Southby
Morgan Henderson
Alexa Duff
Olivia Russell

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Charlie Jackson

