

## Member Clubs



Ponoke Football Club Inc.  
www.ponekerugby.com



Ponoke Kilbirnie Softball Club  
pksoftball.org.nz



Wellington Darts Association  
wellingtondartsassociation.co.nz



Wellington Diving  
wellingtondiving.org.nz



SMOG Netball  
www.smognetball.org.nz



Wellington South Fencing Club  
wellingtonsouthfencingclub.com



Wellington Wolves —  
American Football  
www.wellingtonwolves.weebly.com

# hubnews

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toitū poneke community  
and sports centre

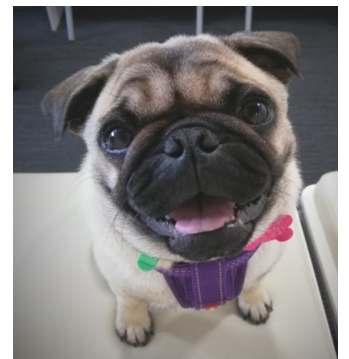
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## What kind of a year has it been...

With all the events and functions and preparations for get togethers, there seems to be an undeniable feelings of the events of this past year coming to hit all of us a little bit. As we gear up to slow down, it's almost impossible not to reflect on everything 2020 has brought us. Among the biggest learnings have been just how valuable and non-negotiable community is. We at thehub are so grateful to be able to provide for and be a part of the communities around us.

## hubcrew - Simon Dodd

The end of 2020 has seen the return of Simon Dodd, Ponoke Football Club's new Director of Rugby. Simon has taken up residence in the office of thehub, working along side Jamie, Rebecca, and Winnie. We are very happy to have him. In the seventeen years since he left New Zealand Simon has spent most of his time in Canada and Ireland. Playing rugby since the age of 7, Simon went on to play at Napier Boys Highschool and with the Ponoke Colts. He also played Gaelic football in Duneagel, Ireland, and played as well as coached for the Stillorgan rugby team in Dublin. He also split his time as a player and coach at the Railway rugby club in Dublin. Simon went on to be the strength and conditioning coach at St. Mary's rugby club in Club, as well as to coach at the Canucks Rugby Club, as well as with the Alberta Wolfpack.



Noting her recent absence from hubnews, Winnie wanted to make sure to wish you all a happy new year.



On November 30<sup>th</sup>, the New Zealand Blood ran a blood bank out of thehub and collected 32 units, 18 of which were from new donors!

Our colleagues at New Zealand Blood Services were very happy, and we look forward to having them back in March and November of 2021.

## Reflecting on the history of thehub

Since its inception the Toitu Poneke Community and Sports Centre is a venture that has committed to taking the ethos of its history, the ethos of the Poneke Football Club – “You Belong” – and bringing it to the community at large. A rugby club turned community and sports centre, thehub opened its doors to the wider community to lead more fulfilling lives through sport, active recreation and connections.



The community, as well as its six foundation clubs, are the backbone of thehub. The goal of thehub is to provide the surrounding communities with the space and resources to come together, collaborate, encourage, connect, grow, and share ideas and activities together in ways that are not necessarily possible as individual people, teams, or organizations.

The team at thehub is always on the look out for new ways to meet the needs of our community while pushing forward the possibilities of community engagement within active and healthy spaces.

In this of all years., thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to working together as enter 2021.

## Community Sports Bank

As we get in to summer and out of restrictions on gatherings we are looking forward to providing more sporting equipment from our Community Sports Bank. As always we are accepting new donations, and are happy to provide any families or school groups who could use the equipment with new supplies to keep everyone running well through the summer. Please get in touch if you have any donations to make, or would like to arrange for some equipment pick up.



## Holidays at thehub

Holidays at thehub are always a highlight. Whether it's groups that we've seen all year who are now taking the opportunity to appreciate each other, or organizations that come from the surrounding area to us for their end of year celebrations, we are very happy to be able to accommodate the needs and wants of our community during this special time. This year we have seen and even an Elvis show!

## Venue for Hire

We have a variety of spaces available for hire from 6am until 10pm, 7 days a week. We cater for meetings, conferences, parties, weddings, functions, training and so much more. Minutes from the airport and city, modern facilities with views over Kilbirnie Park. Spaces can be hired by the hour and there are special rates for community and non-profit organisations. E-mail Rebecca today to enquire at [toituhub.ops@gmail.com](mailto:toituhub.ops@gmail.com) or visit [www.toituponeke.com](http://www.toituponeke.com)

