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Board Overview of the year from 2024/25

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Your SBNZ Governance Team

Board Chair & Treasurer
Sonia Griffin

Board Secretary
Amber Clyde

Board Member
Izy Mutu

Board Member
Bowman Hansen

Board Member
Damian Doyle

Board Member
Simon Thorp

Board Member
Georgina Matthews

Board Member
Sophee Hills

A voice for the skateboarders of Aotearoa

Chairperson’s Message

2024/25 has been another landmark year for SBNZ. We successfully delivered the 2025 Nationals at Mount Maunganui’s new skatepark - our biggest to date. With over 130 athletes competing across street, park, and vert disciplines, and a packed crowd across the two days, the event confirmed just how strong Aotearoa’s skateboarding community has become. We're grateful to Tauranga City Council and the local crew whose support helped bring the event to life.

Our partnerships with local councils remain central to our momentum. Working alongside Councils we continue to advocate for better infrastructure, fairer pathways, and stronger recognition for skateboarding at all levels.

Looking ahead, 2025/26 promises to be just as exciting. We’re proud to confirm the return of our Secondary School Street competition in August 2025, giving young skaters a dedicated national platform. Nationals will return in 2026, with plans to split street into its own standalone event, while park and vert return to Mount Maunganui.

This year also marks a shift in leadership. After stepping into the Chair role in November 2022, I’ll be standing down as Chair post the AGM. It’s been an absolute privilege to serve this community and help grow the sport through some transformative years. We’ve got some great candidates ready to step up, and it feels like the right time for fresh leadership to guide SBNZ into its next chapter. I’ll still be around to support the mahi and to wrap up a few projects that are still in progres.

I also want to acknowledge the contributions of Board members Georgina Matthews and Izy Duncombe, who are retiring this year. Their energy, insight, and care for skateboarding have shaped so much of what SBNZ is today. Thank you both for everything.

See you all bowlside.

Sonia Griffin
SBNZ Chairperson

What have we achieved: Our ‘wins’ for 2024/25

This is a brief overview of the success we have achieved:

- Nationals 2025 was our biggest event yet, with over 130 skaters competing across street, park, and vert. Hosted at the new Mount Maunganui skatepark, the two-day event drew strong crowds, excellent local sponsorship support and national media coverage.
- Our athletes competed in multiple international World Skate events, gaining valuable experience and momentum. Notably, three New Zealand skaters secured top-35 results—an encouraging sign as we build toward LA 2028.
- We successfully ran a judging mentorship programme during Nationals, helping to upskill local judges and provide consistency across competitions.
- We secured ongoing investment from High Performance Sport NZ at similar levels to previous years—an important endorsement of our high-performance strategy, and a significant outcome in a challenging funding environment.
- Our Long-Term Strategy 2024–2034 continues to guide our direction, with implementation actions now underway across community, performance, and infrastructure priorities.
- We maintained strong relationships with local councils and worked closely with Tauranga City Council to deliver Nationals—setting a precedent for future council partnerships across the country. Planning is already in motion for 2025/26, with the return of our Secondary School Street competition in August 2025 and Nationals 2026 featuring a split format—street will become a standalone event, while park and vert return to Mount Maunganui.

What have we achieved: Athlete achievements

Congratulations to the riders who have proudly represented New Zealand on the world stage, it's essential to recognise the unwavering dedication and commitment exhibited by these athletes in pursuit of excellence in their sport. Frequently, these occasions are entirely self-funded by the athletes themselves, underscoring the sacrifices they make, and we duly acknowledge this fact.

Female Street
Jessica Ready

Men Park
Zedyn Fellows
CJ Hawker
Niwa Shewry

What are our: Challenges and risks (and how we can fix them)

- Operational support remains stretched. As SBNZ's reach and activity grow, we continue to operate with limited staffing and administrative resource. This creates pressure on volunteers and increases delivery risk, particularly for major events and strategic projects.
- Ensuring skateboarding's voice is heard within SkateNZ. SkateNZ holds Aotearoa's representation with the NZOC, IOC, and World Skate, but skateboarding is only one of the sports under its umbrella. Ensuring our needs, perspectives and priorities are effectively represented remains an ongoing challenge.
- Sustaining high-quality event delivery. As expectations grow—both from athletes and communities—maintaining consistency and quality across events is essential to our reputation and pathways. Securing experienced event delivery teams, funding, and local partnerships will remain a focus.
- Long-term funding resilience. With national sports funding under pressure and new investment pathways increasingly competitive, building a sustainable funding model—across government, commercial, and philanthropic sectors—remains critical.
- Pathways beyond participation. While interest in skateboarding is strong, building out clear and supported pathways for athletes, coaches, judges, and volunteers across all disciplines is essential to long-term growth.
- Infrastructure equity. Access to quality skate facilities varies widely by region. Continued work is needed to influence councils and funders to invest in facilities that meet current and future needs, including vert and adaptive skating options.

Review: Financials April 2024 - March 2025

To The financial statements for Skateboarding New Zealand Incorporated show a net deficit of **$70,482** for the year ending 31 March 2025. This result was expected and reflects a planned shift in the funding model, rather than overspending.

In 2023, SBNZ received a large one-off block of funding from HPSNZ to support multi-year programme delivery. The 2025 financial year reflects a return to a year-on-year funding cycle, resulting in lower reported income ($63,345 in 2025 vs $147,766 in 2024).

Key expenditure areas include:

- **Event delivery**: $57,247
- **Travel and accommodation**: Airfares, per diems, and accommodation totalled approximately **$30,000**
- **Coaching**: $19,304

General sales and partnership support provided supplementary income, but external grant funding remains essential to sustaining programme delivery.

Equity has decreased from $94,707 to $24,225, with a corresponding drop in cash reserves. Accounts payable increased during the year, indicating some short-term liquidity pressure, but there are no contingent liabilities.

The current financial position underscores the need to continue efforts to diversify income streams.

These accounts were prepared as a Special Purpose Report and are unaudited, compiled to meet Incorporated Societies requirements.

Closing remarks: Our gratitude goes to...

- We extend our heartfelt thanks to Georgina Matthews and Izy Duncombe, who are stepping down from the SBNZ Board this year. Izy has served since November 2022, contributing significantly to our governance processes and events. Georgina joined the Board in 2024 and brought a strong voice for the wider skating community. We're deeply grateful for their time, energy, and commitment to the kaupapa of SBNZ.

- We'd also like to acknowledge Tauranga City Council for their outstanding support in hosting the 2025 Nationals. Their commitment to skateboarding infrastructure and events has been crucial in delivering a national-level competition in a world-class facility.

- Finally, thank you to the many individuals across the motu who give their time, passion, and energy to grow skateboarding in Aotearoa. A special acknowledgement goes to Aaron Marton of EastSkate Club, whose dedication extends beyond his local community and continues to positively impact skateboarding across the country — most recently through his work with Auckland City Council to secure funding for the preservation of the city's vert ramp.

Thanks!