

STRATEGIC SUMMARY – 2025-2028

VISION: Where water polo represents a world of opportunities in New Zealand and beyond

MISSION: Advancing water polo by creating opportunities to play, compete, and excel locally and globally

PURPOSE: To champion the advancement and enjoyment of the game, the skills and the community of water polo

Areas of focus:	National Events	Financial	Athlete Development Pathways & Performance	Community Engagement & Relations	
What is done:	WPNZ runs (or in some cases works closely with organisers of) events. A calendar with the right number of quality events to build participation, engagement and performance in our sport	WPNZ has stable and reliable income streams Management of products	Clear pathways and processes for athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers High Performance programmes and opportunities provided for international level athletes and teams Best available athletes are with best available coaches and staff when representing NZ	Build a positive, aligned and inclusive culture Promote the sport nationally and increase consumption Listen to our stakeholders Provide feedback opportunities	Supported by the WPNZ Board and sub-committees: Effective governance Strategic thinking and direction Financial management and organisation resourcing Risk management Policies and processes Keep community safe and protect their rights Advocacy – voice for the sport
How is it done:	Maintain strong event management processes and support a development pathway of excellent officials and volunteers Competition rules are clear, understandable and accessible	Member registrations Annual scheduled plans for Trust Grant applications Sport Agency funding grants Products are optimised: Flippa Ball Merchandise Events Partnerships Donors and supporters	Identify, prepare, and guide our people through appropriate and tailored pathways Provide opportunities for selected athletes to represent NZ Keep athletes, coaches and staff safe and supported Recognise success of athletes, teams and performances.	Connect, inform, educate and inspire all member groups through a variety of mediums Provide interesting and relevant information and stories about our sport and people Maintain an up-to-date website as a resource for information Hold regular update sessions with stakeholder groups on WPNZ activity and direction	

Enablers: Excellence Engagement Sustainability Integrity Wellness Inclusivity