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# West Auckland Boxing Academy

Billy Graham  
Youth Foundation



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West Auckland Youth  
Development Trust  
Annual Report 2021



**Champion young people  
contributing to their communities**

# WABA Theory of Change.

'Champion young people contributing to their communities'



# A letter from our CEO

I have to start by saying thank you because when I reflect on this last year, I can't help but feel grateful. Thank you first to our young people that now call West Auckland Boxing Academy home and their amazing whanau. Thanks to my incredible staff that work hard and care so much. Thanks to our incredible sponsors who without you, there would be no home or staff to do what we do. Thank you to the other amazing youth organisations in West Auckland for having our back and including us in true collaboration. Lastly but definitely not least, thank you to the Boxing gyms and associations in Auckland and throughout the country who put on great events, train top quality athletes and provide places of belonging for so many.

This year however, did not go without its challenges. The challenges Covid has brought us has been most present in this financial year. Auckland was in lockdown from 17th August to the 15th of December 2021, a total of 113 days. Then there were all the issues with vaccine passes being required in Term 1 (2022). We also had to close in February 2022 with staff and close contact notifications for 2 weeks.

As often the case however, by persevering through these challenges we were met with success. We were able to expand into the shop next door to our current space. We expanded our classes sizes and the number of classes we were able to run. We went from classes of 15 athletes per class to 20, and from 20 classes per week to over 30. It felt great to be able to clear our waitlist and bring families into our program who have been waiting to get on for months.

Trips away with for tournaments was a real highlight. We had an awesome road trip to the Hawkes Bay Champs in August 2021 just before we went into lockdown. This was our gyms first Championship tournament and it did not disappoint. We also had the opportunity to fly a group of 8 young people to Christchurch where 4 of them competed at the South Island Novice Champs in March 2022. An awesome tournament run by Canterbury Boxing Association. For some of our young people they had never been on a plane before and were so excited. The weekend was a great success in the ring but even more outside the ring. It was so great to see new friendships form and memories being created.

It is an absolute honour to be able to run this Youth Development boxing gym. The real highlight is always seeing young people enter the gym, find a place to belong, a second family, and to be challenged to be the best version of themselves.

Ngā mihi nui,

**MATT GREY**

West Auckland Boxing Academy Director & Head Coach



# Our Trust's Report

The Trust first become registered on the 19th of September 2018, with the purposes to:

- **Help and support the educational, social and physical development of West Auckland youth; and**
- **To provide support for West Auckland youth who are socially disadvantaged; and**
- **Without restricting the scope, provide facilities and other appropriate assistance to West Auckland Youth; and**
- **To foster and encourage interests enabling youth to improve self-worth and behaviour; and**
- **To promote the purpose of the Trust**

The West Auckland Youth Development Trust (WAYDT) has been established to set up and develop a Boxing Academy in West Auckland under the umbrella of the Billy Graham Youth Foundation - BGYF and is one of 6 academies across New Zealand. BGYF support the academy with boxing coach training, organisational resources (but is not a funding source). We benefit from the use of the BGYF "passport to success" programme and will be participating in the Point and Associates national evaluation project in 2020 now we are operational. Through this relationship, The Trust has developed a close connection with our local Police force and will continue to nurture this relationship.

The West Auckland Youth Development Trust (WAYDT) offers a comprehensive and holistic mentoring and values education programme centred around the sport of boxing. Focusing on young people from disadvantaged backgrounds from the ages 9-20

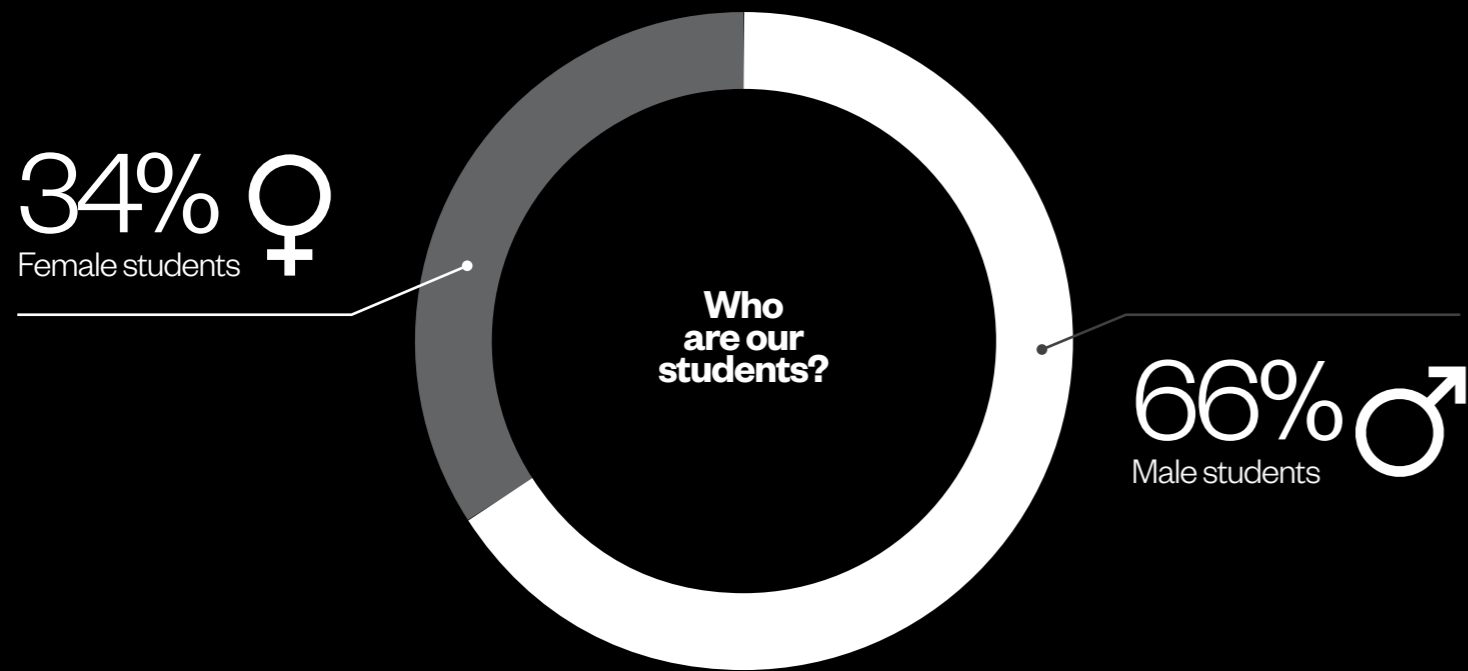
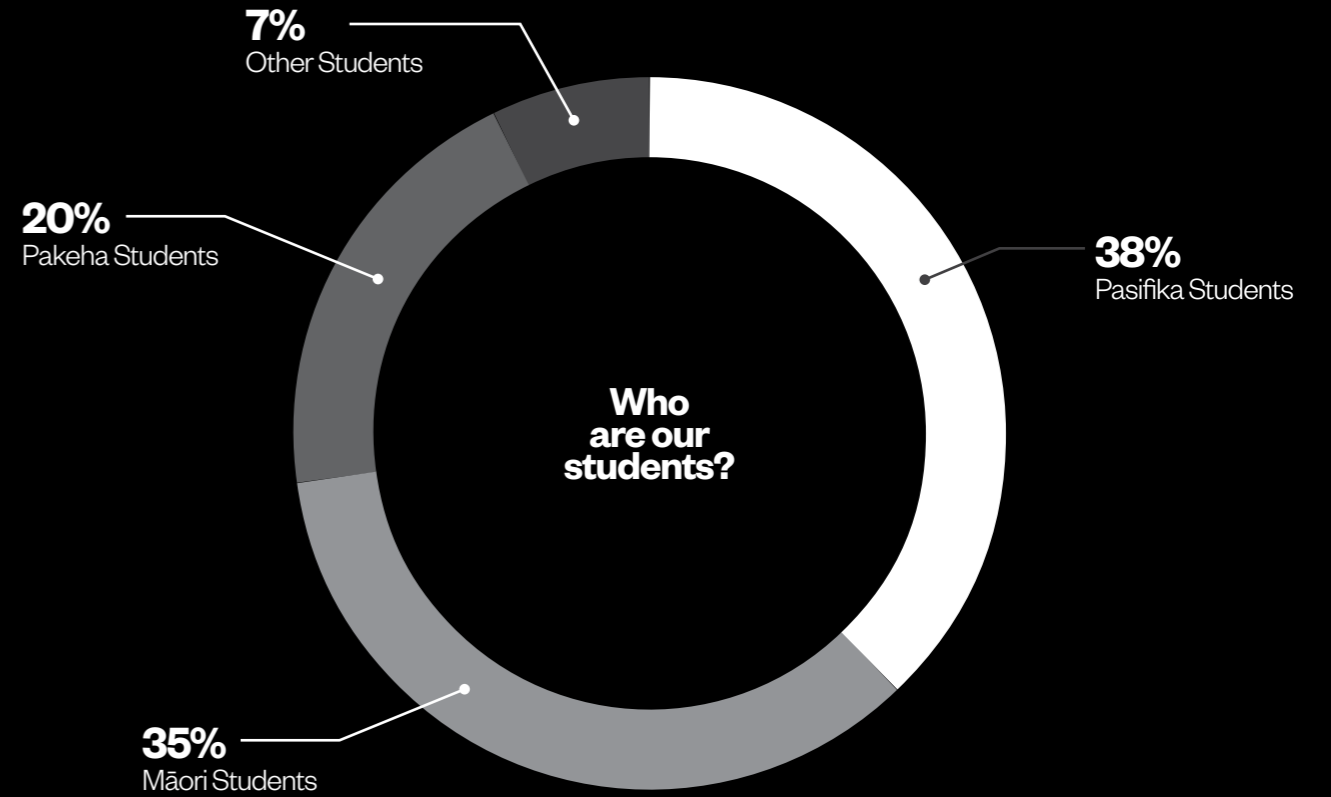
years old, coaches build rapport with the young people and over a long period of time and build a deep sense of trust and create a sense of belonging for them. This kaupapa is based on the use of a tool called the 'Passport To Success' which is used in every class to teach youth the following values: Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Consideration, Kindness, Duty, Obedience and Honesty.

During the year we have established the programme which is already being enthusiastically received, and through our strong community and youth connections, we have generated high interest and demand - from term 4 2019 to the end of 2020, we have around 100 youth from the following schools signed up for the programme: SENZ Alt Education; Henderson High; Swanson Primary; Birdwood Primary; as well as the after-school boxing academy.

# Our Young People

# 5188

## students enrolled



# 450

## classes run

# Our Impact

In 2022, with the help of Point Research & Associates, we surveyed all of our young people to find out how they feel about West Auckland Boxing Academy, and what impact the academy has had on their lives. Here's what they had to say.



**HEAD**  
WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT WITH WABA?

how to use multiple strategies while boxing and how to communicate more with others.

**HEART**  
HOW HAVE WE MADE YOU FEEL AT WABA?

Confident in myself and my ways as a boxer and proud to see my progress I have made.

**FEET**  
WHAT HAVE WE HELPED YOU DO?

made me more confident in myself and helped me learn different boxing strategy

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## What our Tamariki say

Most young people said that the academy:

- Going to academy was fun and they felt safe there, but it also challenged them.
- They learnt about values such as respect, discipline and kindness.
- They have become more confident, respectful, helpful and developed self-discipline and control.

**"Made me more confident in myself and helped me learn different boxing strategies."**



**HEAD**  
WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT WITH WABA?

Fulla mental of boxing, skills and tactics, how to communicate with others

**HEART**  
HOW HAVE WE MADE YOU FEEL AT WABA?

Encouraged

**FEET**  
WHAT HAVE WE HELPED YOU DO?

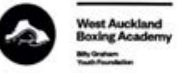
Get through a rough patch of my life.

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**"Helped me get through a tough patch in my life."**

**"[The academy] helped me to control my anger."**



**HEAD**  
WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT WITH WABA?

How to box. How to push my self when exercising.

**HEART**  
HOW HAVE WE MADE YOU FEEL AT WABA?

Happy Sometimes time flies when your having fun.

At the end sweaty and tired.

**FEET**  
WHAT HAVE WE HELPED YOU DO?

Be fitter.

Make friends.



# Our Impact

## What our Rangatahi say

According to our members (15+), in 2021 WABA helped them with:

**100%**  
Boxing Skills

**100%**  
Fitness or Wellbeing

**80%**  
Respect for others or things

**100%**  
Self-discipline

**80%**  
Family or Home Life

**80%**  
Life Skills



## What their Whānau say

According to our young people's whānau, in 2021 the academy helped their children with:

**100%**  
Fitness/well-being

**90%**  
Self-discipline

**90%**  
Life Skills

**90%**  
Self-respect

**90%**  
Respecting people, property or things

**80%**  
Family/Home Life



"Help me achieve NCEA 1. Be more respectful at home and in the community."

"Boxing has helped me a lot with my discipline (self-discipline) and being a more respectful person."

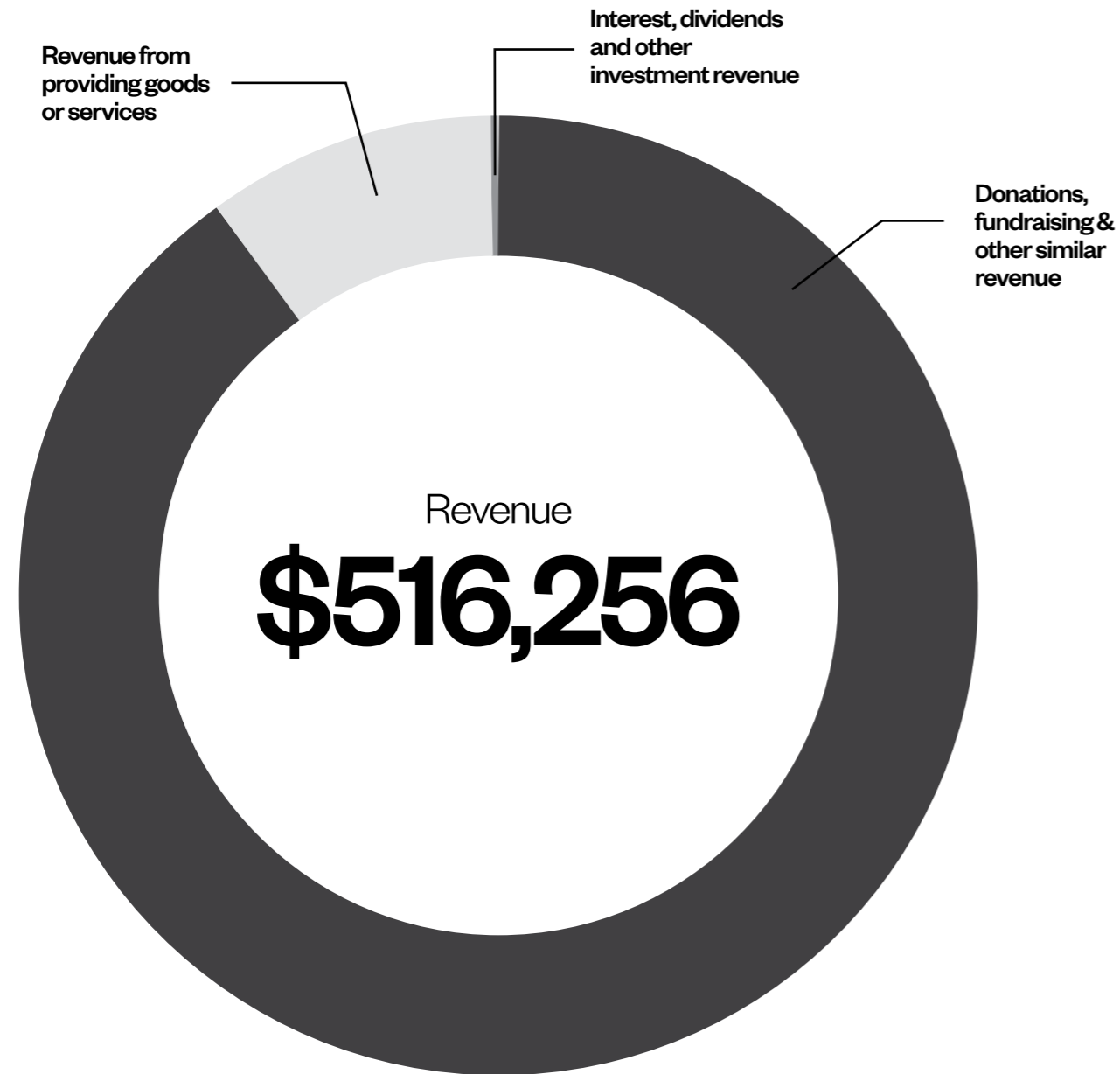


"Our daughter is a lot more confident. She is learning independency and is not hesitant to try new things. The academy has taught her she can just keep going and it doesn't matter her skill level as long as she is trying."

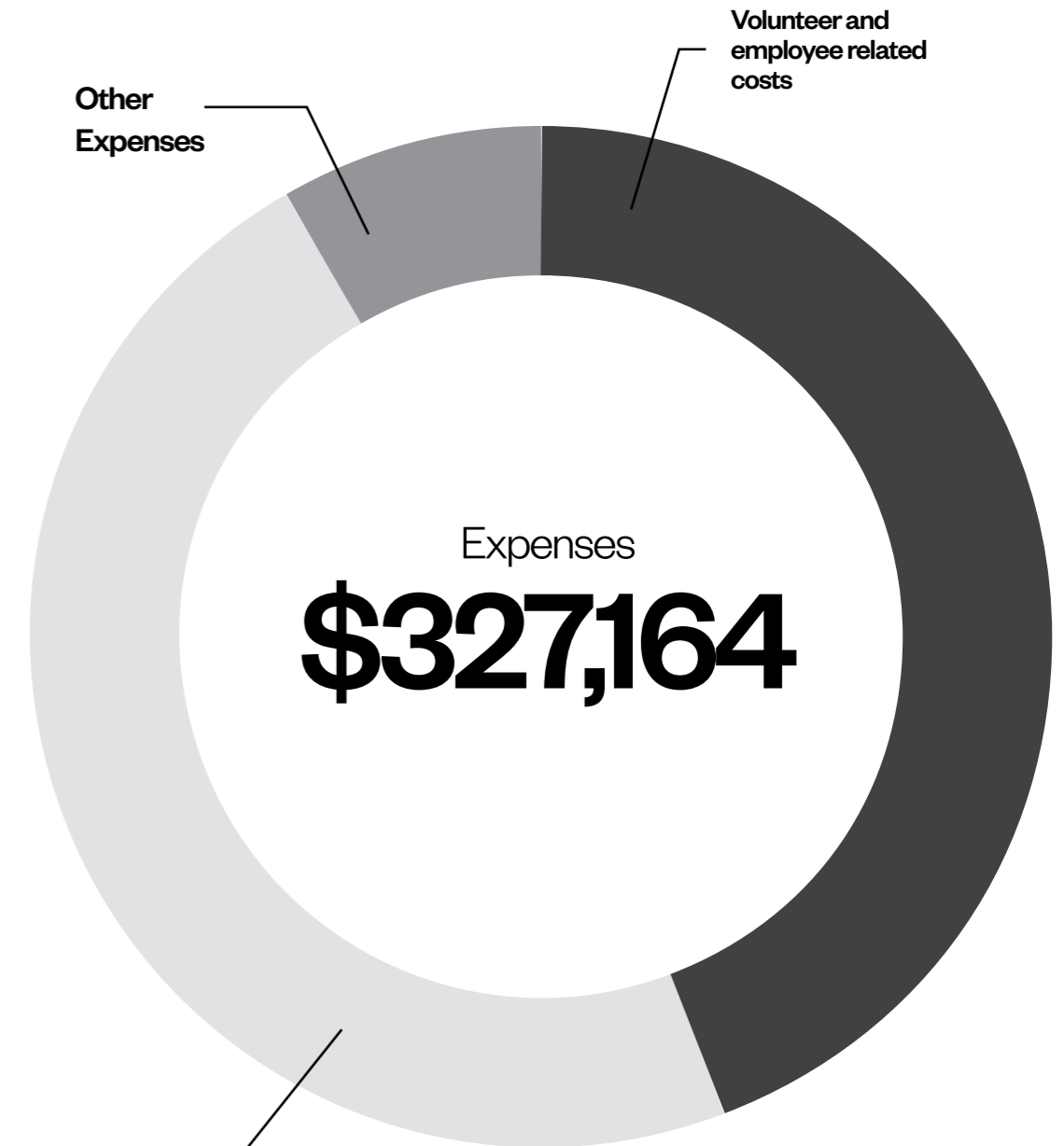
"Everything you do has helped to teach my daughters in a lot of things in life. In a lot of different ways and aspects. They are coming home after every session and are excited to tell me something they have learned or something fun they did. I love hearing about it. They love their coaches and having that bond with your students I think is very important."

# Financials

For the year ended  
31 March 2022



Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	\$465,846
Revenue from providing goods or services	\$50,343
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	\$67
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$516,256</b>



Costs related to providing goods or service

Volunteer and employee related costs	\$144,997
Costs related to providing goods or service	\$155,653
Other Expenses	\$26,514
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$327,164</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>\$189,091</b>



# 2021 Award Winners

We were unable to have our annual prize giving as we were still in Lockdown. We still awarded the three main awards at the gym in person:



POLICE COMMISSIONERS COIN  
**Crystal Kainamu**



BALLENTYNE TROPHY FOR GRIT,  
PERSISTENCE AND DETERMINATION  
**Maaka Nathan-Moala**

SELWYN GREY CUP FOR MOST  
OUTSTANDING BOXER  
**Wyatt Chang**

# Things of note from 2021

Between lockdowns and level changes, we were still able to host some fun, special events with and for our members in 2021!



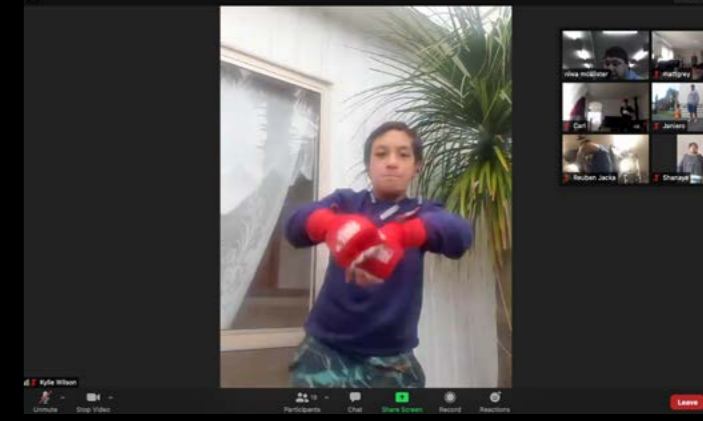
For the first time, West Auckland Boxing Academy competed at the Hawkes Bay Championships on the 14th and 15th of August 2021.

**Auckland went into lockdown from the 17th of August until the 13th of December 2021.**

During this time, we held classes online for our youth, followed by classes in the parks (outdoors) and socially distanced at the beginning of 2022 (carpark and deck). We were able to maintain contact with and support youth even though we were unable to use the gym for over 110 days.

So much so that we were able to compete at the South Island Novice Championships in March 2022.

West Auckland Boxing Academy Hosted our first "BGYF Development Bout" at our gym on the 19th of March 2022. We were super proud to have the first two female bouts on that day.



# Leadership and Staff

## West Auckland Boxing Academy Staff



**Matthew Grey**  
CEO/HEAD COACH



**Shamil Kumar**  
FEMALE COACH



**Niwa Karepa**  
COACH/MENTOR

**Cherie Brown**  
OPERATIONS MANAGER

## West Auckland Youth Development Trust Trustees

- Paula Bold-Wilson - Chair
- Sandra Stephens - Treasurer
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- Levi Hohua - Board Member
- George Gavett - Board Member
- Matthew Grey - CEO



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