PAPUNI BOXING ŌTAUTAHI

IMPACT REPORT 2021–2026

Building Stronger Rangatahi Through Boxing, Mentoring and Community



Papuni Boxing Ōtautahi
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OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Papuni Boxing Ōtautahi has grown from a small grassroots boxing programme into a trusted youth development organisation supporting tamariki, rangatahi and whānau across Ōtautahi. This report brings together five years of growth, programme delivery, survey evidence, partnerships and participant stories to show what has been built, what impact has been achieved, and what is needed to sustain it.

PBO uses boxing and mentoring to build confidence, resilience, belonging and leadership in tamariki and rangatahi aged 7–18, while also providing pathways into competitive amateur boxing. Its impact has been built over time through consistent relationships, trusted coaching, community partnerships, and a place where rangatahi feel safe, challenged and supported.

The evidence presented in this report shows a model that is working across wellbeing, confidence, resilience, whānau connection and community belonging. The next phase is focused on sustaining the people, place and programmes that make this impact possible.

> *"Having worked closely with the sector, I can confidently attest that PBO is in an excellent position to deliver this support. Their internal infrastructure and proven track record in the community ensure they have the capacity to manage and execute their proposed program effectively."*
>
> **Team Leader Operations, Oranga Tamariki**
> Youth Justice South · April 2026

Key Messages

A trusted youth development organisation

PBO has developed from a grassroots boxing programme into an established organisation supporting tamariki, rangatahi and whānau.

Impact built through relationships

Consistent coaching, trusted relationships, community partnerships and a safe, supportive environment are central to the way PBO works.

Evidence of positive outcomes

Survey findings, participant stories and partner feedback show improvements in confidence, resilience, belonging and whānau impact.

Sustaining what works

The report shows that the next step is not proving the kaupapa from scratch, but sustaining the model, people and place that are already delivering impact.

STATISTICS

PBO at a Glance

Coaching and delivery hours represent total annual programme delivery across all programmes and coaches.

SINCE ESTABLISHMENT (2021–2026)

450–550 Participants Engaged	**150+** Active Members	**175** Survey Submissions
5 Youth Development Programmes	**1** Competitive Pathway	**100%** Would Recommend PBO*

*Among respondents who answered the recommendation question.

ANNUAL DELIVERY

100+ Weekly Programme Participants	**400+** Programme Sessions / Year	**810** Programme Delivery Hours	**1,890** Volunteer Coaching Hours / Year
6 Coaches & Mentors	**14** Competition Events in 2024	**10–20** Participant Waiting List	**2021** Established

RANGATAHI TOA PROGRAMMES

Programme	Ages
All Star Boxing	11–18
Youth Boxing	13–18
Kōtiro Girls Boxing	12–18
Junior Boxing	10–12
Kids Boxing	7–9
Athlete Academy	12–18+

RECOGNITION & MILESTONES

- ★ 2024 Matariki Award, NZ Amateur Sport Association
- ★ Featured: Te Ao Māori News, NZ Herald, The Star
- ★ Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu, funding & profile
- ★ Rātā Foundation community development funding
- ★ 2025 NZ sibling national champions (Tohill)



VOLUNTEER HOURS EXPLAINED

The 1,890 annual volunteer hours are shared across six volunteer coaches and support volunteers, spanning coaching, programme delivery, fundraising, competitions, travel, events, administration and whānau support.

ORGANISATION

Who We Are

Our Mission

To provide tamariki and rangatahi with a safe, structured, and culturally grounded environment where they can develop confidence, resilience, and belonging through boxing and mentoring.

Our Vision

A community where every young person has access to the support, relationships, and opportunity they need to thrive, regardless of their background, ability, or circumstances.

Our People

PBO is delivered by six volunteer coaches and mentors, led by founder and Kaiwhakahaere **Reece Papuni** (Ngā Rauru, Ngāi Tahu, Ruawaipu). Reece brings over 25 years of competitive boxing experience: three consecutive New Zealand national titles (2009–2011), Commonwealth Games representation in New Delhi (2010), and World Championship competition in Baku (2011). He retired from competition in 2020 and established PBO with his partner Nadia Harney in 2021.

Many coaches at PBO share lived experience with the young people they serve. This is not incidental; it is central to PBO's effectiveness.

GOVERNANCE

Papuni Boxing Ōtautahi operates as a registered charitable trust, governed by a board of trustees. Annual financial statements are prepared and submitted to Charities Services.



Our Approach: Te Whare Tapa Whā

PBO grounds its practice in Te Whare Tapa Whā, the holistic health model developed by Sir Mason Durie.

Taha Tinana
Physical
Fitness, strength, coordination, health

Taha Hinengaro
Mental
Confidence, focus, emotional regulation

Taha Whānau
Social
Belonging, community, connection

Taha Wairua
Spiritual
Purpose, identity, cultural connection

"What started as a small grassroots boxing programme has grown into an established community organisation with a permanent facility at 18B Clarence Street, Addington, approximately 150 active members, and growing demand for its programmes."



OUR PEOPLE

Coaching and Support Team

PBO is supported by experienced coaches, mentors and community workers who bring boxing knowledge, lived experience, youth development practice, and trusted relationships with rangatahi.



Reece Papuni

Founder / Head Coach

Founder and Head Coach of PBO. Reece brings 25+ years of boxing experience, from cadet amateur boxer through to professional competition. His work in Community Law and Restorative Justice also shapes his approach to supporting tamariki, rangatahi and whānau.



Deacon Henry

Assistant Coach

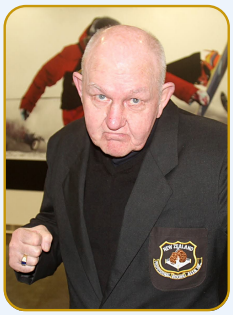
Deacon brings 20+ years of boxing as a competitor, coach and business owner. He also works as a Kaitoko Community Worker with Purapura Whetū, supporting whānau and communities.



Delon Lafituanai

Wellbeing Mentor

Delon is a Team Leader within the Youth Justice system, with strong experience supporting rangatahi facing complex challenges, building trust through structure, sport and positive relationships.



Paul Fitzsimons (Fitzy)

Junior Boxing Coach

One of Ōtautahi's most respected boxing figures, Fitzy brings 70+ years of knowledge and has trained many champions. He works with PBO's younger boxers aged 10–12.



Oceane Lafituanai

Kōtiro Boxing Coach

PBO's first female athlete, Oceane has led the Kōtiro Girls Boxing programme for three years, providing leadership and positive role modelling for young wāhine.

PBO also acknowledges former lead coaches Riki Fruean and Josh Hatherley, who contributed to the development of the programme through to 2025.

CASE STUDY

Rangatahi Leadership Pathway

From Participant to Trainer / Mentor

1 Participant → 2 Athlete → 3 Trusted role model → 4 Trainer / Mentor → 5 Kōtiro class leader



The Kōtiro Girls Boxing whānau, the wāhine community Oceane leads and inspires.

Oceane Lafituanai has been part of Papuni Boxing Ōtautahi from the very beginning, one of its earliest female athletes growing alongside the organisation.

Today she is a trainer, mentor and role model for younger rangatahi. Oceane leads the Kōtiro Boxing class, creating a safe and empowering space for young wāhine to build confidence, strength, discipline and belonging.

Her journey shows what PBO means by youth development: not only teaching boxing, but creating pathways where rangatahi grow, take responsibility, support others and become leaders within their own community.

Oceane's Journey

STARTED AS
PBO athlete

GREW THROUGH
Training, consistency, confidence and club culture

NOW SERVES AS
Trainer, mentor and role model

LEADS
Kōtiro Boxing class

REPRESENTS
Tuakana–teina, wāhine leadership and rangatahi giving back

> At PBO, leadership is not just a title. It is learned through showing up, helping others, taking responsibility and becoming someone younger rangatahi can look up to.

PBO leadership pathway in action

GROWTH

Organisation Timeline

Since its establishment in 2021, Papuni Boxing Ōtautahi has grown from a small grassroots boxing programme into a trusted youth development organisation supporting tamariki and rangatahi across Ōtautahi.

2021

ESTABLISHED

· Papuni Boxing Ōtautahi established in Christchurch
· Community boxing sessions begin
· Youth development model built around boxing, mentoring and belonging

20
participants

2022

GRASSROOTS GROWTH

· Operated from a small boxing gym in Cashmere
· Athlete Academy pathway established
· Built through volunteer support and community referrals

30
participants

2023

A PERMANENT HOME

· Secured permanent facility at 18B Clarence St, Addington
· Expanded youth programmes to meet growing demand
· First Rangatahi Toa event delivered

100
participants

2024

GROWTH & RECOGNITION

· Annual PBO Charity Fight Night established
· Expanded school and community partnerships
· First Kōtiro boxing class

Programme participation and community reach continued to grow

150+
participants

2025

EVIDENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

· Five youth development programmes in sustained delivery
· Expanded outcome measurement
· Strengthened capability and long-term sustainability
· Continued national competition success

150+
participants

2026

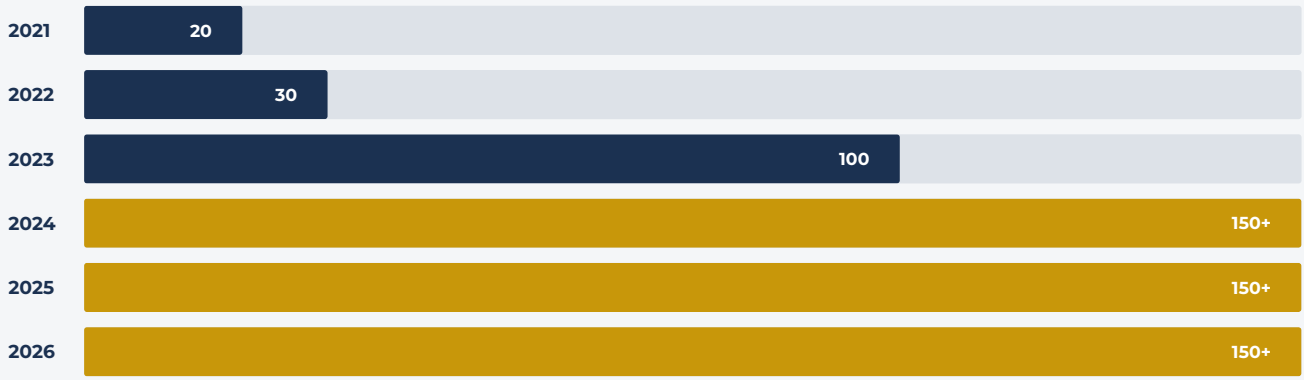
A PROVEN ORGANISATION

· Published PBO's first Impact Report
· Est. 450–550 participants engaged since 2021
· Strengthened referral pathways
· Positioned for long-term sustainable growth

150+
participants

ANNUAL PROGRAMME REACH

Indicative annual programme reach / active participation, not cumulative totals



Active participation per year. Adding these figures together would double-count returning participants and does not equal the estimated 450–550 cumulative reach since 2021.







CONTEXT

Why the Community Needs PBO

Through its work with rangatahi, whānau and referral partners, PBO regularly sees the following challenges affecting young people in Ōtautahi.

Disengagement from Education

Chronic school absence and early school leaving disproportionately affect Māori and Pasifika rangatahi in Ōtautahi. PBO provides the structure, routine, and trusted adult relationships that support re-engagement.

Youth Mental Health

Youth mental health challenges are increasing across Aotearoa. PBO provides an accessible, low-stigma hauora environment where many rangatahi engage who may not seek formal mental health support.

Cost-of-Living Barriers

Rising household costs mean many families cannot afford sport and recreation. PBO deliberately keeps fees low. Survey data confirms that fee increases would force a significant proportion of current participants to reduce or stop attendance.

Youth Justice and Offending Prevention

PBO is working alongside Oranga Tamariki Youth Justice South to support rangatahi transitioning back into the community following custodial sentences. Through mentoring, structure, and a culturally responsive approach, PBO helps rangatahi build identity and purpose.

Social Isolation

Post-pandemic youth isolation has left lasting effects on peer relationships and mental health. PBO actively builds social connection and belonging for young people who struggle to find community elsewhere.

Absence of Culturally Safe Alternatives

Many rangatahi who arrive at PBO have disengaged from mainstream sport because of cost, inflexibility, or environments that did not feel culturally safe. PBO's open-door approach removes these barriers.

PBO works with tamariki from as young as seven, recognising that positive relationships, structure, and belonging established early help young people build the confidence and resilience to navigate life's challenges.



MODEL

Theory of Change

PBO's theory of change is straightforward: when young people have access to structured activity, trusted adult mentors, and a community where they belong, they develop the skills and belief to navigate life more effectively.

01 ACCESS
Low or no-cost entry. Culturally safe. No experience needed.

▶

02 ENGAGE
Consistent sessions. Trusted coaches. Peer relationships.

▶

03 DEVELOP
Mentoring. Goal setting. Skills. Self-belief. Cultural identity.

▶

04 LEAD
Tuakana–teina. Junior coaching roles. Community contribution.

▶

05 THRIVE
Positive long-term outcomes for rangatahi, whānau and community.

The outcomes PBO targets, improved wellbeing, re-engagement with education, reduced antisocial behaviour, stronger family relationships, are not achieved through a single programme element. They result from sustained engagement over time within a community that holds young people to account while genuinely caring about them.

WHAT MAKES THE MODEL WORK

- Cultural safety
- Trusted relationships
- Holistic hauora focus
- Tuakana–teina mentoring
- Accessible fees
- Lived experience leadership





PROGRAMMES

Rangatahi Toa | Youth Development Programme

Rangatahi Toa is delivered across five streams, plus the Athlete Academy competitive pathway.

11–18 **All Star Boxing**
Tuakana–teina mentoring model where experienced rangatahi support new participants, building confidence, resilience, belonging, and leadership.

12–18 **Kōtiro Girls Boxing**
A dedicated programme for rangatahi wāhine. A safe, empowering space to develop strength, self-belief, and community. Fast-growing with a waiting list.

7–9 **Kids Boxing**
Entry-level programme for primary school tamariki. Introduces movement, coordination, and PBO values in a structured, enjoyable environment.

13–18 **Youth Boxing**
Skills-based boxing for intermediate and senior secondary-age participants. Builds technical ability, fitness, confidence, and peer connection.

10–12 **Junior Boxing**
Age-appropriate boxing foundations for intermediate-school participants. Emphasis on fun, fitness, respect, and positive routine.

12–18+ **Athlete Academy**
Competitive pathway for participants ready to develop advanced skills and represent PBO at regional and national competition.

DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

- Mentoring and trusted adult relationships
- Confidence and self-belief
- Discipline and self-regulation
- Resilience and handling setbacks
- Physical and mental wellbeing
- Cultural connection and identity
- Positive pathways and future-focused thinking
- Leadership development

WHAT PARTICIPANTS EXPERIENCE

- Consistent, structured sessions with skilled coaches
- One-on-one mentoring and personalised feedback
- Peer relationships across ages and backgrounds
- Goal setting and progress tracking
- Safe spaces to make mistakes and keep going
- Recognition and celebration of effort
- Pathways to leadership roles over time

RANGATAHI TOA IN ACTION





EVIDENCE

Outcomes and Evidence

SELECTED OUTCOMES ACROSS PBO SURVEYS, 2024–2026

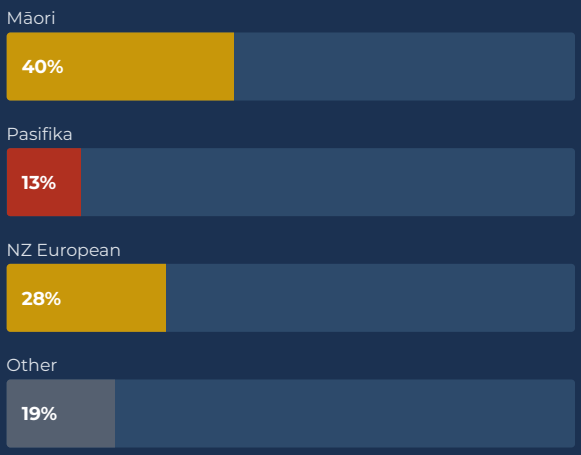
Sample sizes vary by survey and question.
Percentages reflect respondents who answered the relevant question.

Feel safe and supported at PBO	**97%**
Overall satisfaction: Very Satisfied or Satisfied	**97%**
Physical fitness improved	**93%**
Boxing ability improved	**95%**
Feel supported by coaches	**94%**
More resilient and capable of handling challenges	**94%**
Confident setting and achieving goals	**92%**
Report positive impact on whānau	**89%**
Feel part of the PBO community / belonging	**88%**
Feel more confident in themselves	**84%**
Making better choices day to day	**61%**

Results are drawn from different PBO participant and whānau survey waves conducted between 2024 and 2026. Sample sizes and respondent groups vary by question. Full methodology and limitations are provided in the accompanying Participant & Whānau Outcomes Report 2024–2026.

REACH AND DIVERSITY

Māori and Pasifika participants together make up more than half of those surveyed.



> "PBO really creates positive change in youth and has given them more drive for self-improvement. It's a safe place where all are welcome."
>
> Community member and programme observer, 2025/26 survey



IMPACT

Stories of Change



Finding a Way Through
Sarah's Story

CHALLENGE Sarah joined PBO while struggling with her mental health, feeling out of control, numb, and unable to see a way forward.

JOURNEY Over time, boxing gave Sarah structure, purpose, and a reason to show up consistently.

> *"I was in a really dark place mentally. Joining PBO has helped me change my mindset. This sport has helped me in ways I can't fully describe. They've played a major role in turning my life around."*
>
> Sarah, PBO participant



Fighting Through Grief
Florence's Story

CHALLENGE Following the loss of her father in 2021, Florence withdrew from school, family, and friends.

JOURNEY Florence's mother enrolled her in boxing, her late father's sport. With PBO coaches, she slowly re-engaged with school and whānau.

> *"PBO helped me realise I have so much potential. I still miss my Dad, but I'm doing what he trained me to do."*
>
> Florence, PBO participant

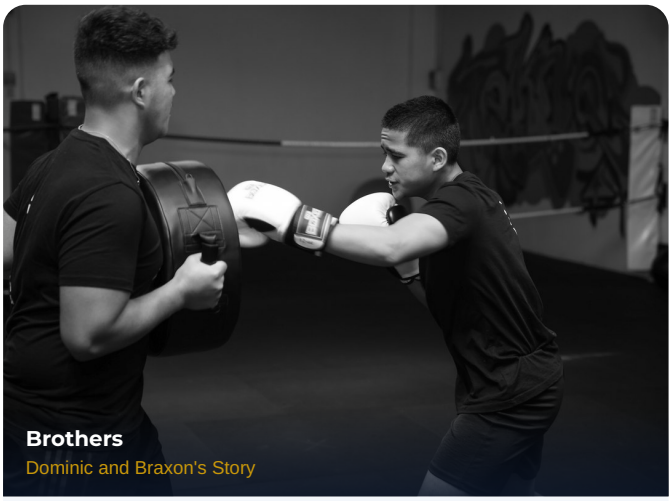


Stepping into the Ring
Stella's Story

CHALLENGE Stella had trained consistently at PBO but had never competed. She was unsure whether she was ready.

JOURNEY Through the Rangatahi Toa programme, Stella built her confidence in a safe, structured environment.

> *"The first thing I said to my dad after competing was that I wanted to get back in the ring."*
>
> Stella, PBO participant



Brothers
Dominic and Braxon's Story

CHALLENGE Brothers Dominic and Braxon were struggling with self-belief and direction when their family first connected with PBO.

JOURNEY Both joined around the same time and their parent observed consistent, meaningful change as they settled into club culture.

> *"The change in my two boys has been amazing. The club has made my kids feel safe and like they belong."*
>
> Parent of Dominic and Braxon

Names, quotations and images are included with participant and whānau permission.

ACHIEVEMENT

Leadership and Sporting Pathways

Sporting achievement and leadership development are two sides of the same journey at PBO.

Athlete Academy

The Academy exists for participants who want to take their development further through amateur boxing competition. Many Academy athletes progress through the Rangatahi Toa programme, demonstrating PBO's youth development pathway strength.

The Academy develops advanced technical skills, competition strategy, physical conditioning, mental preparation, and leadership through example. Academy athletes represent PBO at Canterbury, South Island, and national level.



CUMULATIVE COMPETITION ENTRIES 2023–2025

Competition	Entries
South Island Novice Championships	60
South Island Golden Gloves	50
Canterbury Championships	30
New Zealand Championships	12
National Representation	2 NZ Reps



★ SIBLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

In 2025, **Taylah Tohill (15)** won the NZ Junior Female title and **Xavier Tohill (14)** won the NZ Cadet Male title, a landmark achievement for PBO and Ōtautahi boxing.



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Siblings making their mark in the ring

BY SAM COUGHLAN

Brother and sister Xavier and Taylah Tohill are on the rise in the boxing world after claiming national titles in Porirua.

Taylah, 14, took her second consecutive national crown, winning the 52kg junior female title, while Xavier, 15, bounced back from defeat in last year's final to claim the 54kg cadet male title.

The pair, who now train at Papuni Boxing, first learned the sport at home, with grandfather Gary Berg giving tips on an old punching bag.

"He was always showing the kids what to do and things like that," said their mother Michelle Berg.

"One day Xavier was punching on the boxing bag and he was like, 'we should get him into boxing, get him down to the gym and whatnot', so it sort of stemmed from there."

Xavier started training at Rangiora Boxing, with Taylah coming along to watch before eventually trying it herself.

"She never looked back," Berg said.

After starting at Rangiora, they moved to Papuni Boxing to train under former New Zealand professional boxer Reece Papuni for the past two years, after Xavier met him at a Canterbury training session.

"It's really good. We've both improved so much since we've come here," Xavier said.

Xavier and Taylor Tohill, who are trained by Reece Papuni, each brought home national titles from the New Zealand boxing championships. PHOTO: GEOFF SLOAN

That improvement paid off at the national championships two weeks ago, where Xavier beat Manawatū's Boston Hempel on a split decision, and Taylah defeated Emma Deegan, also from Manawatū, by unanimous decision.

"I thought I'd done enough, but sometimes it's kind-of hard with the judges. Sometimes they see stuff that we don't actually notice," Xavier said.

Said Taylah: "I felt like I did really well because I've listened to what my coaches recommended me to do, and it's shown in my fights."

She said it was special to win alongside her brother for the first time.

"It's pretty cool, not many siblings do that."

Smiling Tigers boxers Ava and Lea Newman also claimed gold, winning the 54kg youth and 50kg junior female titles respectively.

Meanwhile, Riverside boxers celebrated their club's first national titles in a decade – and the top prize in New Zealand amateur boxing.

Thomas Harford overcame Woolston's Edward Richards in an all-Canterbury lightweight (60kg) final to lift the Parisian Cup by split decision, in what what many regarded as one of the most exciting bouts of the tournament.

Jonty Ourschot, grandson of Thomas Harford was presented with the Jameson Belt, while his trainer, Devan Campbell, took home the Joe Thwaites Shield at the national championships.

Riverside founder and former New Zealand trainer Phil Shatford, claimed the 62kg cadet male title.

Harford also received the Jameson Belt, awarded to the most scientific elite boxer at the national championships – considered the pinnacle of New Zealand amateur boxing.

Riverside and Canterbury trainer Devan Campbell was awarded the Joe Thwaites Shield for training the Jameson Belt winner.

Campbell said he felt "honoured" to win the shield.

"I'm only 31, I've worked my ass off with Thomas these last few years, knowing what he's capable of," he said.

Harford is among a shortlist of boxers competing for a spot at next year's Commonwealth Games, with national trials scheduled for December.



PARTNERS

Strategic Partnerships

PBO does not work alone. Its impact is strengthened through trusted partnerships with social services, government agencies, clinical practitioners, and community organisations.

STRATEGIC PARTNER

Oranga Tamariki Youth Justice South

PBO is working alongside Oranga Tamariki Youth Justice South to explore and deliver structured support for rangatahi transitioning back into the community. Through structured boxing, mentoring, and positive youth development, PBO supports rangatahi to reconnect and rebuild.

> *"PBO's culturally responsive approach provides essential guidance that resonates with our young people, helping them navigate complex challenges with identity and purpose."*
>
> Team Leader Operations, Oranga Tamariki Youth Justice South, April 2026

CLINICAL ENDORSEMENT

Manawa Psychology

Manawa Psychology is a private clinical practice focused on rangatahi and pākeke hauora through a te ao Māori lens. Their endorsement reflects PBO's standing as a genuine therapeutic environment.

> *"PBO offers a safe space for rangatahi to build their physical strength and improve their hauora tinana, while allowing the development of whanaungatanga, kotahitanga, and manaakitanga."*
>
> Clinical Psychologist, Manawa Psychology, December 2025

COMMUNITY REFERRAL NETWORK

Government
- Oranga Tamariki
- Te Puna Wai ō Tuhinapo

Community Orgs
- Rerenga Awa Youth Collective
- Purapura Whetu
- Te Ora Hou

Health
- Manawa Psychology
- Clinical practitioners

Education
- Schools across Christchurch
- Pastoral care teams

Sport
- Canterbury Boxing Assn
- NZ Boxing

Whānau remain PBO's strongest referral pathway. Together with community partnerships, they strengthen access to support across education, health, justice, community, and sport.



Community and referral partners supporting rangatahi across Ōtautahi.

FINANCIALS

Financial Snapshot: Year Ended 31 March 2025

PBO's programmes are sustained through a combination of grants, sponsorships, donations, programme fees, and community fundraising. This investment helps keep boxing, mentoring, and youth development accessible for tamariki and rangatahi across Ōtautahi.

INCOME SOURCES

Grants, Sponsorships & Donations	$100,563	62%
Charity Boxing Event	$32,106	20%
Programme Fees	$27,609	17%
Other Income	$2,159	1%
TOTAL REVENUE	**$162,437**	

WHERE FUNDING WAS INVESTED

Programme Delivery & Coaching	$54,881	32%
Facility & Operations	$57,002	33%
Community Events	$28,032	16%
Equipment & Resources	$14,680	9%
Travel & Participant Support	$7,506	4%
Governance & Administration	$8,538	5%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**$170,639**	

Expenditure exceeded revenue by $8,202 during the reporting period and was supported by available organisational reserves.

* Categories have been grouped from the organisation's accounting records for reporting purposes.
Percentages are rounded and may not total 100%.

KEY FINANCIAL FIGURES

$162,437 Annual Revenue	$170,639 Annual Expenditure	$56,251 Cash Available
$73,015 Net Assets	$9,608 Equipment Assets	2021 Established

EVERY $100 INVESTED SUPPORTS

★ $32 Coaching, mentoring & youth development	◆ $33 Safe facility & operations	● $16 Community events & engagement
■ $9 Equipment & resources	▶ $4 Travel & participation	◇ $5 Governance & sustainability

WHERE FUNDING GOES

Every dollar is directed into the people, place and programmes that support rangatahi.



Coaching & Mentoring



Safe Facility



Community Events



Equipment & Resources



Travel Support



Governance & Admin



LOOKING AHEAD

Future Vision: 2027 to 2030

PBO has spent five years building something real: established programmes, trusted community relationships, a growing evidence base, and a model of practice that Ōtautahi says it values and needs. The next phase is about consolidation and growth.

01 Secure sustainable, multi-year funding that supports facility costs, programme delivery, staffing, and operations, **reducing reliance on annual grant cycles.**

02 Expand programme capacity to support more than 200 tamariki and rangatahi each year, while maintaining PBO's relationship-based approach.

03 Employ dedicated youth workers, mentors, and programme staff to strengthen support available to participants and whānau.

04 Develop a rangatahi leadership and junior coach pathway, **creating structured roles that transition participants into** community contributors.

05 Expand and enhance PBO's permanent facility to meet growing programme demand and provide additional space for youth development and community events.

06 Strengthen partnerships with schools, government agencies, and community organisations to improve early intervention and referral pathways.

07 Deepen PBO's role as a youth development hub where boxing develops not just athletes but stronger, healthier, and more resilient young people.

08 Continue measuring and demonstrating PBO's long-term social impact through robust data, research, and continuous evaluation.

INVESTMENT

Why Invest in PBO

PBO enters its sixth year at an inflection point. Demand is growing. The evidence base is strong. The model is working. Investment now is about resourcing something that is already working at scale.

Growing Demand

From 20 members in 2021 to approximately 150 active members in 2026. The Kōtiro Girls Boxing programme has a waiting list. PBO cannot currently meet all the demand it receives.

Early Investment Strengthens Protective Factors

PBO's work supports protective factors associated with stronger wellbeing, positive relationships, community connection and reduced risk. Future evaluation will examine the longer-term social and economic value generated by the programme.

Proven Outcomes

Six survey waves across 175 survey submissions. Consistent results. Supported by Oranga Tamariki, endorsed by Manawa Psychology, and recognised by the NZ Amateur Sport Association.

Cultural Alignment

Māori and Pasifika respondents together represented 53% of respondents with recorded ethnicity. PBO's culturally grounded approach supports an environment where rangatahi feel seen, safe and valued.

Access Depends on Funding

Survey data confirms that fee increases would cause a significant proportion of participants to reduce or stop attendance. Funder support is structural to the model.

Strong Leadership and Governance

PBO is led by a founder with national and international sporting credentials, personal lived experience, and deep community trust. The organisation has the infrastructure to scale responsibly.

FROM INVESTMENT TO IMPACT



Funding doesn't just pay the bills, it protects the people, place and support system that make PBO work.

THE NEXT PHASE

Investment Priorities

Turning Proven Impact into Sustainable Delivery

The evidence from 2021–2026 shows that PBO's model works. The next challenge is not proving the impact. It is sustaining the people, place, and systems that make the impact possible.

Investment in the next phase will help PBO protect what has been built, keep programmes accessible, and grow responsibly without losing the relationship-based approach that makes the model effective.



Inside the PBO facility in Addington: the place, people and programmes that investment sustains.

01

Core Operations and Facility Security

Support for rent, utilities, insurance, administration, cleaning, compliance and safe day-to-day operations.

02

Programme Delivery and Coaching Capacity

Support for consistent delivery across Youth Boxing, Junior Boxing, Kōtiro Boxing, All Star Boxing and the Athlete Academy, while reducing over-reliance on unpaid labour.

03

Mentoring and Rangatahi Support

Support for youth worker / mentor capacity, whānau contact, referral pathways and extra guidance for rangatahi who need more than a weekly class.

04

Access and Participation Support

Support to keep fees affordable, replace gear, assist with transport, and reduce cost barriers so tamariki and rangatahi can keep showing up.

> Investment protects the things that make PBO work: trusted people, a safe place, accessible programmes, and consistent support around rangatahi.

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Our Funders and Supporters

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Conclusion

Five years on, Papuni Boxing Ōtautahi has become more than a boxing club. It is a place where tamariki and rangatahi are challenged, supported, and given the opportunity to build a positive future.

> **"The rangatahi of Ōtautahi deserve every opportunity to thrive."**
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> **Tū atu, tū mai. Stand up, be counted.**

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