



**Special Olympics**  
New Zealand

## Mark the calendar

Special Olympics New Zealand has just produced what will no doubt be regarded as the most inspirational, useful, well-designed and fun calendar that's ever hung on a wall.

Each month features a photo of one of our incredible athletes in action along with a short profile of the athlete. At the bottom of each month is a line from the Be a fan campaign, such as "If you are a fan of fun, then you are already a fan of Special Olympics."

Beautifully designed, these large (A3) calendars are spiral bound at the top with a hook for hanging. All this for \$20!!!! They are perfect holiday gifts and will look great in an office, club room, kitchen, schoolroom, workshop, gym, you name it!

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## From the CEO's desk

It was a real thrill to attend the World Summer Games Selection Camp over Labour Weekend. Our decision to select a full-volunteer management team led ably by Rob Torrance has been an excellent one. Seeing the coaches in action displaying their technical excellence in their sport of choice has confirmed that we have chosen well and that our athletes are in very good hands. The calibre of the athletes is extremely high across all sports and in this respect we know that competitively, New Zealand will be well-represented in Athens.

Managing athlete growth is both a positive and challenging process. Our numbers have grown by over 13 percent this year and at no time do we ever compromise our level of quality sports

competition and training. We have completed an extensive Resource Allocation Review as we look towards the next three to five years and we thank all our Clubs for their valued input. The findings and recommendations from the review will be presented to our Board next week.

Finally we are delighted to launch the new Special Olympics New Zealand calendar. The ability to profile 12 athletes has been very rewarding. We hope the Clubs will circulate the calendar far and wide as our first fundraising initiative towards the National Summer Games in Dunedin in 2013. It is also a valuable tool to keep raising the awareness and profile of our organisation!

*Kathy Gibson, Chief Executive Officer*

## Catch us on Attitude – two weeks in a row!

On 14 November 2010, Attitude will broadcast a television show featuring three of our Global Messengers, Andrew Boyce, Matt Aitken and Rebecca Heath and on 21 November 2010, it will show a review of Special Olympics Unity Cup that will combine footage from New Zealand and the game in South Africa. Sunday mornings, 8.30 am, TV One



## Special Olympics New Zealand announces 2011 World Summer Games Team

Special Olympics New Zealand has announced its team of 36 athletes that will represent New Zealand in Athens, Greece at the 13th Special Olympics World Summer Games, 25 June – 4 July 2011.

The team was confirmed following a Labour Weekend Selection Camp in Christchurch. It consists of 26 men and 10 women who will compete in aquatics, athletics, basketball, bowling, equestrian, golf and powerlifting. In addition, nine reserves have been named. Athletes range in age from 18 to 58 and are from throughout New Zealand.

Rob Torrance, Head of Delegation, says, "Over Labour Weekend all the athletes and reserves were able to meet each other and the coaches and management team. We were able to confirm placements on the team based not only on athletic performance but ability to get along as a group and travel overseas for a month. The selected team gelled incredibly well and the athletes, coaches and management team will all now begin the hard-core training that will last for the next eight months."

The team will leave New Zealand on 14 June and spend five days at a training camp in Loutraki, approximately 100 km from Athens. From there, it will spend five days on the island of Rhodes for a Host Town Programme.

The Opening Ceremony for the World Games will be on 25 June at the Olympic Stadium; the Closing Ceremony will be on 4 July at Kallimarmaron Panathinaikon Stadium. The 2011 World Summer Games will be the biggest sporting event in the world in 2011. It will draw 7500 athletes from 185 countries who will compete in 22 sports. Athletes will be supported by 2500 coaches, 3,000 officials/referees and 25,000 volunteers. The Games will be reported worldwide by 3,000 media representatives.

For more information on the 2011 World Summer Games, go to [www.specialolympics.org.nz](http://www.specialolympics.org.nz) or [http://athens2011.org/en/special\\_world.asp](http://athens2011.org/en/special_world.asp) See the full team roster on page two!



## Special Olympics New Zealand 2011 World Summer Games Team

Head of Delegation	Rob Torrance	Dunedin
Assistant Head of Delegation	Shayne Crabtree	Hawke's Bay
Team Doctor	Paul Johns	Dunedin
Additional Staff	Helen Johnson	Manawatu
	Margaret Baker	Hawke's Bay
Reserve Staff	Peter Makara	Waikato

**AQUATICS**

Head Coach	Dave Burrowes	Hutt Valley
Coach	Maria Smith	Wellington
Aquatics Team	Edward Borkin	Tamaki
	Sam Donaldson	Wanganui
	Almitra Langton	Hutt Valley
	Teresa Nicol	North Harbour
	Jody Sanson	North Taranaki
	Eru Whakatihi	Horowhenua
Reserves	Aaron Craig	South Otago
	Samuel Muir-James	Counties
	Rachel Oemcke	Manawatu
	Sherryl Saunders	Southland
	Adam Shatford	Marlborough

**ATHLETICS**

Head Coach	Max Brooking	North Taranaki
Coach	Paul Kirkwood	Wellington
Athletics Team	Mitchell Brown	Tauranga
	Scott Lilley	Canterbury
	Hayley Long	Canterbury
	Andrew Oswin	Canterbury
	Rowena Perston	Manukau
	Ryan Smith	Manawatu
	Kwame Williams-Accra	Wellington

**BASKETBALL**

Head Coach	Al Robson	Canterbury
Coach	Mau McClutchie	Waikato
Coach	Ken McEwen	Manawatu
Basketball Team	David Anderson	Waikato
	Neemia Auva'a	Auckland
	Michael Banner	Kapiti
	Craig Bennett	Canterbury
	Michael Friend	Canterbury
	Michael McGregor	Wanganui
	Richard Parks	Wellington
	Wirimu Pomare	Papakura
Peter Rielly	Otago	
Richard Skinner	Nelson	

**BOWLING**

Head Coach	Ian Baldwin	Hawke's Bay
Coach	Alison Saunders	Southland
Bowling Team	Cheryl Brieseman	North Taranaki
	William Burr	Howick-Pakuranga
	Naomi Jackson	Manukau
	Adrian Rowe	Rotorua
	Anna-Marie Stevens	Waitakere
	Hamish Taverner	Manawatu
	Christopher Tearle	Hawke's Bay
	Reserves	Jason Boyce
	Matthew Caldwell	Southland
	Alan Coleman	Rotorua

**EQUESTRIAN**

Head Coach	Amanda Bashford	Marlborough
Equestrian Team	Devon Tretheway-Koppers	Waikato
	Thomas Sutton	Canterbury
Reserve	Amy Batchelor	Canterbury

**GOLF**

Head Coach	Brian Telfer	Hutt Valley
Golf Team	Nigel Old	Tauranga

**POWERLIFTING**

Head Coach	Nigel Burgess	Nelson
Powerlifting Team	Dominic Crowe	Southland
	Leigh Donald	Manawatu
	Clayton Marr	Nelson





## Holy smokes!

William Burr, a bowler on the 2011 World Summer Games team, scored two spares followed by eight strikes in a row in one game of tenpin bowling on 3 October. His score for the game? An incredible 265!

William, who is a member of the Howick-Pakuranga Club is a gardener at a retirement village and he really likes that bowling is a sport for all ages. He thinks it's great that Special Olympics Clubs train at community bowling alleys. "Families come to bowl and the kids see Special Olympics athletes bowling. It gives the kids a good idea of the kinds of things people with intellectual disabilities can do," he says. "All my life, people have walked past me. Kids stare at my girlfriend. Kids may think we are a little strange but then they see us bowling, or doing any Special Olympics sport, and they see that we are just like them." Well said, William.



## Southland b-ballers get some pro help

Southland's basketball programme is trained and supported by the Southland Sharks. That tall guy in the back is Martin Iti and seated in front of him is James Paringatai. Thanks, Sharks!

## Indoor skiing!

Snowplanet, north of Auckland, was the site of a two-day regional snow sports event in October. "It went brilliantly," says Kay Harrison, Regional Sports Coordinator. "It all went very smoothly, thanks to the volunteers being on to it. We had Giant Slalom and Slalom for both Alpine skiers and snowboarders. The grades included intermediate and novice."



Kay says the event – the first held at indoor resort Snowplanet, where there's snow 365 days a year – attracted 38 athletes from all over the North Island including Horowhenua, Manawatu, Tauranga, Auckland, Tamaki, Hibiscus Coast, Waitakere and Manukau.

"There was brilliant skiing from all athletes," says Kay. "It's always amazing to see how quickly athletes step up their ability during a competition. We had a couple of the coaches run the slalom at the end of the day and a few of the athletes beat their time."

## Data mining

We indicated at the start of 2010 that we would release a new database management tool, GMS Lite. This was dependent on Special Olympics ability to complete this tool and release it to us. This product has been more complex than first envisaged and there is a further delay in its availability. When it is released, GMS Lite will be a simpler, smaller version of the GMS programme we currently use. Clubs will be able to use it to record and store information on their athletes, participants and competitions.

Once GMS Lite is available, we hope to be able to simply transfer this year's census information electronically, eliminating the need for Clubs to manually conduct future census work. In the interim, we have been refining our manual process to make the year-end census easier to complete and Angela Day and Lyn Ryan are working at the national level to enter all results from 2010 into GMS.

We thank those Clubs that have asked for progressive data as we have completed the quarterly audits to streamline the year-end process. We will encourage more Clubs to be proactive in 2011 so that we can keep refining the process.



## WOWIE WAITAKERE!

Special Olympics Waitakere recently won the Sport and Leisure section of the Waitakere City Council Infratril Awards. The 2010 awards were the last under the Waitakere City Council reign prior to the merge into the new Auckland Council.

Volunteers are at the heart of Special Olympics Waitakere. A number of volunteers dedicated a tremendous amount of time and energy to help make sporting opportunities happens for the athletes in Waitakere.

Special Olympics Chairperson Kylie Hill says "This award recognises and celebrates the generous work undertaken by all our volunteers. It is an acknowledgement of the dedication, passion and commitment that has been displayed by all our volunteers (past and present) so sporting opportunities can be offered to our athletes. The reality is that if we didn't have volunteers, athletes would simply not have these opportunities".

Special Olympics Waitakere is currently devising a volunteer plan which will assist in the recruitment and retention of all volunteers within the club.

## Patron as Deputy Super Mayor

Special Olympics Waitakere's very own patron Penny Hulse has been chosen as Auckland Mayor Len Brown's Deputy Mayor in the new Auckland Council.

Penny has been the Patron, an avid supporter and advocate for Special Olympics Waitakere and the disability sector in general for a number of years.

Penny is admired by athletes, parents and volunteers within the Special Olympics Waitakere family. As an organisation we wish her all the best in her new role.

## And that's not all!

May Langely, Special Olympics Waitakere athletics coach was named a Waitakere regional finalist in the recent Sport Waitakere Volunteer Coach of the Year Awards. The annual awards are jointly sponsored by SPARC and Watties.

May has been coaching athletics for Special Olympics for 8 ½ years. She is admired by all her athletes for her commitment, inspired way of working and good sense of humour and patience especially with parent help from other sports.

## Thanks, Pub Charity

### The Heart of Community Funding

In October 2010, Pub Charity became a partner of Special Olympics New Zealand with its generous grant to help fund the 2011 World Summer Games team.

As a Charitable Trust, Pub Charity focuses on supporting communities all over New Zealand. It makes a huge difference to a wide range of local causes each year by returning millions of dollars in gaming machine proceeds to New Zealand communities. Pub Charity was the first organisation in New Zealand licensed to operate gaming machines and is one of the largest national trusts operating gaming machines, with venues spread across the country.

Pub Charity was established in 1987 by the then-named Hotel Association of New Zealand (HANZ), now the Hospitality Organisation of New Zealand. Throughout its 20-year history, Pub Charity has raised, through the support of Pub Charity venues, more than \$350 million in donations for a wide range of community organisations including community groups, sports clubs and organisations, cultural groups, emergency services, youth and education, and health.



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