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Our Waikato Paralympians Jacob, Jason, Jesse and Nikita on their return home from the Rio Paralympic Games. Read about it in this issue.

Hello and welcome to the third edition of the Parafed newsletter for 2016. This newsletter celebrates the success of our athletes and shares their stories. We would like to say special congratulations to Jacob Phillips, Nikita Howarth, Jesse Reynolds and Jason Eales for representing us so well at the Rio Paralympic Games.

In other news we held the 4th Annual ACTIV8 Lawn Bowls competition at Frankton Railway Bowling Club. It was a fantastic competition and the top disability bowlers were Chris Matthews and Mark Mitchell.

We would like to say congratulations to Kale Hunter and Yashan Singh and their team Manager Raewyn Hunter who took part in the Men's Under 23 tournament in Sydney Australia, which New Zealand won!

Our Waikato Wheelchair Rugby team continued their successful run by winning the WRC Championship on 23-24th of July in Wellington. They also came 3rd in National Championships on August 20-21st. Read the full report in this issue.

The Tichemja Trust ACTIV8 Powerchair Football Tournament was held on the 30th of July at Cambridge. It was awesome to be able to host this event and see the sport of Powerchair Football flourishing in the Waikato.

In this issue we have reports on our Casino Night Fundraiser, Wheelchair Rugby, our Paralympians, a report from Jamie Astwood and results of our ACTIV8 Tennis. I hope you all enjoy the read.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter especially our sports reporters. My email is davidk@sportwaikato.org.nz if you would like to share your sporting story in the next issue.

Do you know of anyone who would like to get this newsletter? If so please email their details to davidk@sportwaikato.org.nz

Upcoming Events...

- Wheelchair Rugby Battle, 29th October, YMCA, Hamilton.

If you need more information about any of these events please contact Carol Armstrong parafedsf@sportsforce.org.nz or 07 858 5388

A message from your Board...

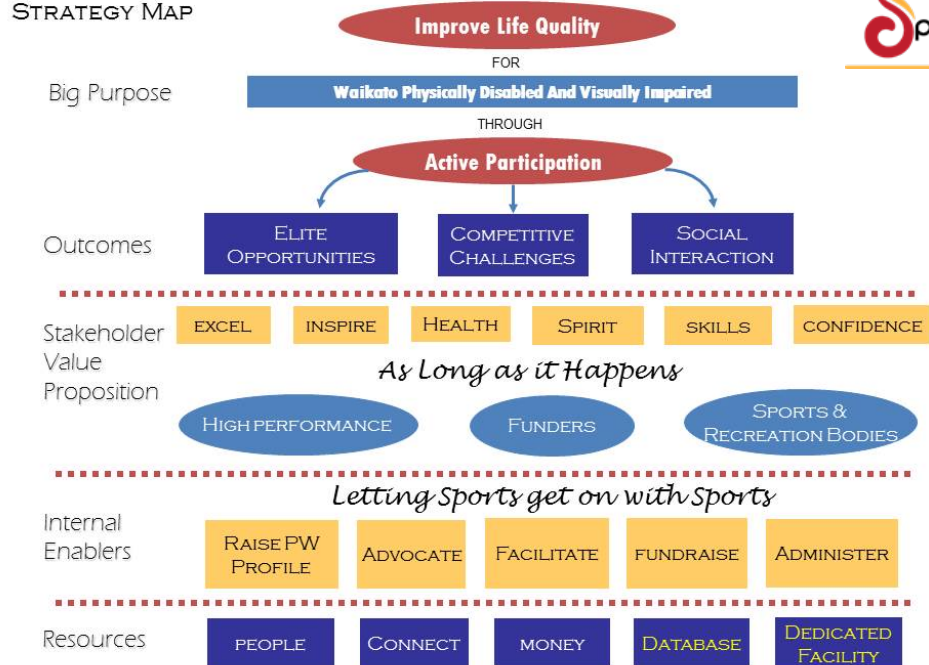
Hi there Parafed Waikato members and supporters. The Board encourages you to have a look at the new strategic plan for Parafed Waikato. We want to improve Life Quality for Waikato's Physically Disabled and Visually Impaired through Participation.

Our focus this year will be to increase our membership and participation and our profile in the Waikato. We will advocate, facilitate, fundraise and administer. And we have a big dream! That dream is to build a dedicated facility for our people.

We would like to congratulate the new Board: Tiffiney Perry, Lucy Anastasiadou-Hobbs, Chris Harvey, Hamish Ward, Maree Philipps, Wayne Crosby, Larry Faaaliga and Sue Fookes. We would like to thank from our heart our departing members: Julie Griffin and Peter Martin who have dedicated most of their life to Parafed Waikato and its people. Thank you Julie and Peter!

We are so proud of our Paralympians and the support staff from Waikato who competed at the Rio Paralympic Games! Parafed Waikato love that we could support you!

PARAFED WAIKATO STRATEGY MAP



A message from your Parafed Development Officer...

It has been a great few months and I have enjoyed working with the various sports. Powerchair Football, Lawn Bowls, Wheelchair Tennis and Wheelchair Rugby have all either had or are currently in the throes of having an Activ8 event.

Many people don't realise the number of hours and the effort and commitment it takes to bring an event to life. Parents, caregivers, officials, coaches, players, equipment managers, team managers, BBQ queens, clean-up crews, scorekeepers, time keepers.... the list goes on. It is not possible to have events without these people.

Parafed Waikato is sincerely grateful to everyone who said "Yes" when they were asked or offered help when not even asked.

Wheelchair rugby continues to grow in strength and it is encouraging to see new players coming on board all the time. The club has had multiple wins at major tournaments this year. We look forward to another great season next year. Wheelchair Basketball has seen its fair share of glory and successes with the JDG trophy under their belt and two members of the club going to Australia as part of the U23 NZ winning team in recent weeks.

Everything that goes on at competitive level can only be achieved if the grassroots of the sport is functioning well. The sports committees, therefore, need to be commended on their grit, their knowledge, their commitment and their drive. Lawn Bowls Activ8 was a success and as such, the sport has requested a second Activ8 tournament to be added to the calendar for next year. This is being strongly considered and we will be announcing the 2017 Activ8 calendar in the next newsletter.

My congratulations to the Parafed Waikato Board for the work they put into the successful Casino Night. My thanks go to the outgoing members of the Board for their support of the Sportsforce role. Peter and Julie, you are both positive advocates for disability sport opportunities and your vision for the future of Parafed in Waikato will continue to develop.



It's not all a bed of roses, unfortunately, as two of our regular sporting opportunities are struggling to find the consistency that the other sports have achieved. Both Boccia and Goalball have come under some stress of late and we are looking to the Parafed Waikato family to help us find a solution. If you think you can be of some assistance to us, please contact Carol or David.

On a positive note, the Paralympic Games were exciting and we were all watching with baited breath to see how our local athletes were going to do. They all delivered spectacular performances. Jacob Phillips, Jason Eales and Jesse Reynolds all made their Paralympic debuts while Nikita Howarth competed in her 2nd Games in style. Congratulations to each of them for medals and PBs.

Not only does Parafed Waikato boast connections with the athletes but we also are very proud to be linked with Dave Sheely, NZ Para-Shooting Team Manager and Rene Eales, NZ Para-Shooting Loader. Both men work tirelessly at the Parafed Waikato Shooting club on Airport Road, often training up to 4 evenings per week.

We hope the good weather is resulting in many of you getting out and about. Looking forward to hearing more of your successes in the next newsletter!

Carol.

Parafed Waikato on the Web...

If you haven't found our Facebook page yet go to www.facebook.com and search for Parafed Waikato. "Like us" and you will be kept informed of all of the latest Parafed events and information.

All of our other information, news, photos and membership forms can be found at our website www.parafedwaikato.co.nz



Rio Paralympic Games...

The NZ Paralympic team had a very successful Rio Games with a total of 21 medals – 9 Gold, 5 Silver and 7 Bronze. Four of our Parafed Waikato athletes were part of the team.

Two of the NZ medals were won in the pool by Nikita Howarth. A Gold in the Womens 200m Individual Medley SM7 and a Bronze in the Womens 50m Butterfly S7.

Jacob Phillips was on fire on the track and in his first Paralympic Games Jacob made the final in both his events placing 8th in the 100m T35 and 7th in the 200m T35.

Jesse Reynolds also made his Paralympic debut and achieved an awesome result of 7th in the 100m Butterfly S9. He was extremely happy to make two finals and come away with 7th in the world.

Jason Eales finished 17th in a very gruelling competition of 10m Air Rifle Para Shooting. It was his first Paralympics and hopefully he has Tokyo 2020 in his sights.

We are extremely proud of these four and of Rene Eales (Para-Shooting Support) and Dave Sheely (Para-shooting Coach) who took part in these games. They inspire us and we loved to see them all competing so well.



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School Visit...

by Jamie Astwood

On the 3rd of June, Parafed brought in some wheelchair basketball chairs to my school (Waikato Diocesan) and for PE my class played wheelchair rugby, wheelchair basketball and had some races in the chairs.

Maoro volunteered to come in and teach my class the games. We split into two teams and started by playing rugby. Everyone liked this game because it was inclusive and everybody got to have a go.

Next we played Basketball. This game was a bit faster and we had to think about our strategies more. It was nice for me to be part of a team, where we were all doing the same thing. The girls had been really excited about you guys coming since they found out. I think all this was a good opportunity for the girls to experience wheelchairs and to see things from our perspective.

I just want to say a big thank you to Parafed Waikato and Maoro for spending time with me and my class, we all really appreciate it.



Casino Night...

by Lucy Anastasiadou-Hobbs

The Parafed Waikato Casino Night was a celebration for our members and supporters combined as a fundraiser for Parafed Waikato but was mostly just fun for everybody who attended.

Thanks to Chris Harvey, Maree Phillips, Carla Riquelme, Murray Friend, Tiffiney Perry and board members of Parafed Waikato and Murray Friend from Harcourts. Big thanks to Carol for doing the tricky stuff with the slide show and making it all flow perfectly on the night. David also was a big help with tickets and welcoming our many guests of which 140 plus turned out on the night.

We would also like to thank of course The Perry Group for helping co-ordinate our event tickets and sales, particularly Carla Parry and Denise Nelson. It was nice to see them there as well on the night. Also a big thank you to **SKYCITY** who provided our fabulous venue, great food, service and staff. They were fantastic and also provided us with a meal at one of their restaurants La Parrilla for our silent auction. Big thanks go to Murray at Harcourts and their team of awesome auctioneers who helped squeeze lots of pennies from people. They also assisted with the planning of the event and promoting the night to their people.

Another shout out goes to The Lions who set up all the cool casino tables that enabled us to all become millionaires in one night if we were good enough! Thanks Leeanne Morris from The Event Company who snuck in on Thursday evening before slipping out of town - thank you for the great table décor and Casino Royale photo backdrop. It added a great touch to the room as well.

Other organizations this evening who made donations/ pledges and bought tables and auctions items and continue to support our cause include: Life Unlimited, Tichemja Trust, Brian Perry Charitable Trust, C1 South, Seating To Go, Westpac, Dinsdale Liquorland, Kitchen and Things, Narrellan Pools, PoolWerx, Bug Off Now, Zeenya Activewear, Waikato River Explorer,



Avantidrome, Modo Hair Design, Emma Russell, Olive Café, JadeThornby Photography, Foundation Bar, Ember Restaurant, Child Flight Charitable Trust, Ravenswood Manor Accommodation.

It was a very successful evening and a big thank you goes also to our MC, Craig Hobbs and our guest speakers: Rebecca Scown and Geneviene Behrent our rowing silver medalists of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. Also Georgia Perry for donating the Rowing Suit and getting lots of our elite high performance Rowers to sign it.





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Tennis...

The Tichemja Trust ACTIV8 Wheelchair Tennis tournament was held 10-11th of September at the Tennis Centre, Dey Street, Hamilton.

It was a great competition with players attending from all over the country. The results were:

Singles Winner – Travis Moffat (Canterbury)

Runner- Up – Dave Venter (Waikato)

Doubles Winners – Travis Moffat (Canterbury)
Glenn Barnes (Canterbury)

Runners-Up – Dave Venter (Waikato)
Tiffiney Perry (Waikato)



Stampede League...

by David Klinkhamer

The 2016 Drake Medox Stampede League was held over four weeks in September. It was part of the Parafed Waikato ACTIV8 series which aims to encourage more local competition within our region.

The competition was held at Fairfield College in Hamilton and consisted of three teams that fought it out each week to try and win the ACTIV8 trophy. Most of the players were our Waikato locals but a couple of Aucklanders made the trip down to play.

The games were intense and there were lots of thrills and spills, Andre Balt spent quite a bit of time on the floor thanks to the big hits coming from Hayden Barton-Cootes. It was a great chance to develop our new players and a nice way to wrap up our 2016 season.

The final round of the 2016 Drake Medox Stampede League was a thrilling end to a fun competition and no one would have expected how tight the final game would be.

After fifteen games over four weeks it all came down to Yellow vs Black in the final and at the end of the game the scores were locked. Maia Amai the superstar of Team Yellow won the game by one point in double overtime. It was an awesome effort by the Yellow team and they deserved the win. The final score was 42-41.

Black team were happy with the runners up trophy. Black team would like to thank Hayden Barton -Cootes who came down from Auckland to help out.

Waikato Wheelchair Rugby would like to thank Drake Medox for the support. We would also like to thank Parafed Waikato, DG SPORT, Tony Dinnington, Peter Klinkhamer, Bevin Jenkinson and Jess Bryers.



Wheelchair Rugby...

by David Klinkhamer

Over the weekend of the 20-21st August our team the DG Sport Waikato Stampede travelled to Auckland to take part in the NZ Wheelchair Rugby National Championships.

The tournament was held at the North shore Events Centre and though it was beautiful and sunny outside the temperature inside was frigid. Thankfully on the Saturday we had 3 games to play so we didn't think we'd stay cold for too long.

First up we played Auckland White. This was a tough way to start as they were playing well and had had a practice game the day before. We were trying our best and getting used to playing with AJ Holloway from Australia. It was a fun game even though Auckland broke away with a lead. Blair Whitaker played well in this his first ever game of wheelchair Rugby. The final score in this match was 56-39 to Auckland.

We just had time to enjoy our Subway for lunch and then we were back into the action up against the other Auckland team. This was another tough battle and Auckland Blue ran away with the win 52-36. It was a good chance though for us to try our different lineups and Tim Young was doing some excellent work against the Auckland low pointer.

Our third game for the day was against Canterbury. Arms were getting tired after already playing two games but we hung in there and threw everything at the South Island team. Robbie Hewitt showed top form in this game with some solid ball carrying against their fast 2 point players. We were happy to finish the day with a win. Final score was 46-43 to Waikato!

We had a team dinner out at The Elephant Wrestler and were in bed nice and early as the bodies were feeling it after a long day of rugby. Thankfully the motel was nice and cosy and had room for everyone including our fantastic volunteers Tony and Sandy Dinnington.

Next morning we played the mysterious Hawkes Bay. It was difficult to tell how hard this team was going to be as they were made up of players from around NZ and Australia. They proved very strong and though we made some early errors we managed to tidy up our game and took the win 51-47.

This meant we were in the 3vs 4 playoff, a bit disappointing after last years win but we were determined not to go home empty handed. We played off against Canterbury and after what seemed like the longest game in history

we came through to win 57-54.

We were happy with our third place medal and there were a lot of positives from the tournament. Everyone played well and had lots of fun. AJ Holloway won the award for Best 3.5, Robbie Hewitt won Best 2.0 and David Klinkhamer won the award for Kindest and Fairest Player. Another good thing was that Blair Whitaker was classified as a 2.0R so look to see him a lot more on the court in games to come!

A big thanks to Parafed Waikato, Direct Group Uniforms and all of our other supporters and volunteers who have helped the team this season. Go Waikato!



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