
CELEBRATING 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Paralympics New Zealand would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their wonderful support throughout 2011.

In January we hosted the very successful 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships. 1028 athletes and 871 officials from 78 countries attended. It was the last major gathering of track and field athletes prior to the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Over the 9 days of competition we witnessed fantastic athletic competitions. The athletes competed in over 200 events, and over 600 gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded. 53 new World Records were set. These results highlight the elite performance and commitment of the world's top Paralympic athletes and are the results of years of training, determination and hard work. A huge thank you to all involved in ensuring the success of the Championships.

The Carbine Golf Day in March was a great success. Our sponsors and supporters gathered for a wonderful day of golf. Thank you to the Carbine Club and the Sir Dennis Blundell Trust for your ongoing support.

International Paralympic Day was celebrated with the First Minister of Wales Rt Hon Carwyn Jones, Sir Murray Halberg and Jon Morgan from Disability Sport Wales at an event hosted by Paralympics New Zealand and the Halberg Trust on 8 September which celebrated the developing sport relationships between New Zealand and Wales. The Welsh Government and the Oceania Paralympic Committee signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which will see all Oceania Region Paralympic nations – New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands - performing their final preparations in Wales prior to the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

The London 2012 Paralympic Games are only 258 days away. PNZ planning is well underway for a successful campaign and a close relationship has been built with the London organising committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG). Chef de Mission, Duane Kale and Games Campaign Manager, Ken Sowden have made site visits to the venues and are doing everything possible to ensure a smooth arrival to London 2012 for the New Zealand team.

On behalf of the PNZ Board and team, I would like to thank our wonderful sponsors and supporters who have assisted us in so many ways this year – SPARC, High Performance Sport New Zealand, Mitsubishi Motors, Pub Charity, Blue Star Group, The Lion Foundation, The Carbine Club NZ and Maui Jim Sunglasses.

PNZ is delighted to welcome Adecco, 2XU, Torque Business and Attitude to the PNZ family. We look forward to working with you in 2012 and beyond.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe holiday time.

Fiona Pickering
Secretary General & Chief Executive
Paralympics New Zealand



Tim Prendergast takes the Athletes Oath, 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships.

Left to right: Rt Hon John Key, Prime Minister NZ; Tim Prendergast; Greg Hartung, Vice President IPC; Xavier Gonzalez, CEO, IPC. Photo: Getty Images

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2011

2011 has seen some fabulous results from PNZ athletes. PNZ supported athletes have had 69 podium finishes at international events, including 25 Gold, 26 Silver and 18 Bronze medals. We have two World Champions – Jayne Parsons and Sonia Waddell, Tandem cyclists, and two World Record holders: Sophie Pascoe has set two new World Records and Daniel Sharp has set one World Record – congratulations!



Sophie Pascoe

Sophie won Gold and set two new World Records in the 100m Butterfly S10 and the 200m Medley SM10 at the 2011 Pan Pacific Para-Swimming Championships, held in Canada in August.

*Sophie Pascoe
Photo: Photosports*

Jayne Parsons and Sonia Waddell

World Champions Jayne Parsons and Sonia Waddell, Pilot, won gold in the Women's 3km Pursuit at the 2011 Para-Cycling Track World Championships at the Velodrome "FassaBortolo" in Montichiari, Italy.



*Jayne Parsons (left) &
Sonia Waddell
Photo: PNZ*



Daniel Sharp

Daniel is the new World Champion in the Men's 50m Breaststroke with a time of 30.87 set at the IBSA World Championships held in Turkey.

*Daniel Sharp
Photo: Hannah Johnson*

Congratulations to all Paralympics New Zealand athletes who have had podium finishes this year. As the build up to the London 2012 Paralympic Games intensifies, it is great to see so many athletes achieving outstanding results in their events.

News

ADECCO

Adecco has launched an exciting initiative that will support New Zealand athletes through their athletic careers and beyond. The Athlete Career Programme is an international programme, spearheaded by the International Olympic Committee and delivered by Adecco globally, that addresses athletes' primary concerns - job placement whilst competing and moreover preparing for life after competition. The programme covers three critical areas including education, life skills and work-place placements through Adecco's extensive employer network.

Overseas, the programme is already a huge success with more than 5,000 athletes throughout 40 countries receiving employment support and placements through this initiative. Adecco New Zealand will now deliver career planning and job placement to Paralympians, Olympians and other Elite Athletes - one of only 15 countries in the world to do so.



*Left to right: Fiona Pickering, CEO PNZ;
Mark Copeland, Chair, PNZ; Mike Davies
Managing Director NZ, Adecco; & Patrick
Glennon, Adecco Vice President.*

Photo: Getty Images

2XU

Paralympics New Zealand has entered into an agreement with performance apparel company 2XU to provide the uniform requirements for the London 2012 Paralympic Games. This agreement reaches through to the Rio de Janeiro 2016 Paralympic Games and will include PNZ teams to high level international events over that four year period.

“As an organisation Paralympics New Zealand looks to partner with the best of the best. This is what we have achieved with 2XU. We believe that 2XU come to us with a lot of a strong athlete centred design process and a performance pedigree, these are attributes we wanted with our appare” PNZ CEO Fiona Allan said. “In associating ourselves and the New Zealand Paralympic Team with 2XU we are bringing two great brands together and we look forward to watching with pride as we see the silver fern on 2XU clothing on the podium in London”



Jayne Parsons (left) & Sophie Pascoe model the 2XU clothing.

Photo: PNZ

TORQUE

Torque Ltd has signed an agreement with PNZ to facilitate and promote a PNZ speakers group. The group will be made up of a number of New Zealand's top athletes who will be further trained in public speaking by former Toastmasters world champion speaker David Nottage. Individuals from the group will then be available to speak about Paralympic Sport and their experiences within it. For further information about the programme please contact PNZ on 09 5260760.

AWARDS

IPC 2011 PARALYMPIC MEDIA AWARDS

SKY Sport's coverage of the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Games has been hailed as the best in the world taking top honours in the broadcast category of the International Paralympic Committee's (IPC) 2011 Paralympic Media Awards. This was SKY Sport's first time covering the Winter Paralympic Games, with coverage comprising a full one hour live studio show featuring daily highlights for the duration as well as both the Opening and Closing ceremonies.

SKY Sport topped a powerful line up of broadcasters - other finalists for the award included Germany's Bertelsmann, Sweden's SVT Sport, China's CCTV, Australia's ABC TV, Germany's ZDF and Canada's CTV.

ATTITUDE AWARDS

Sophie Pascoe Sports Performer of the Year

MAORI SPORTS AWARDS

Jayne Parsons Disabled Maori Sportsperson of the Year

SIR RICHARD HADLEIGH SPORT CANTERBURY AWARDS

Sophie Pascoe Disabled Sportsperson of the Year

AIMES AWARDS

Rebecca Dubber Emerging Talent

2011 HAURAKI THAMES COROMANDEL SPORTS AWARDS

Sue Reid Sportsperson of the Year

Awards cont

PARAFED CANTERBURY AWARDS

Sophie Pascoe	Sportsperson of the Year
Holly Robinson	Junior Sportsperson of the Year
Francis Dick	Most Promising Senior Athlete
Jason Wali	Most Promising Junior Athlete
Josh South	Coach Development Scholarship
Anthea Gunner	Graham Condon Athlete Scholarship

EUROVESTECH EQUESTRIAN TRAINING GRANTS - INTERNATIONAL

Jo Jackson, Rachel Stock, Frances Dick

HALBERG TRUST NOMINATIONS:

DISABLED SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Carl Murphy (para-snowboarding), George Thomas (para-canoeing), Daniel Sharp (para-swimming), Jayne Parsons (para-cycling), Michael Johnson (para-shooting), Sophie Pascoe (para-swimming) and Susan Reid (para-cycling).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Graham Henry (rugby), Dick Tonks (rowing), John Ackland (rugby league), Steve Pellow (Taekwon-Do), Brendon Cameron (para-cycling), Roly Crichton (para-swimming), Dayle Cheatley (cycling), Gordon Tietjens (rugby) and John Wright (cricket).

Sports News

38TH MITSUBISHI MOTORS PNZ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ParaFed Waikato hosted the successful Mitsubishi Motors Paralympics New Zealand National Championships for 2011. The bi-annual event saw over 160 athletes from around the country competing across 13 sports from athletics to equestrian and Paralympic specific sports such as Goalball. ParaFed Waikato added a new dimension to the event in 2011 with a number of forums which provided the opportunity for athletes to be informed about topics such as athlete pathways, drug free sport and the upcoming London 2012 Paralympic Games. The event has also provided the local organizing committee a solid base for the future with over 100 volunteers predominantly for local high schools taking part and helping out of the course of the event. The calibre of competition was high throughout the competition with 10 new national records and a number of emerging athletes stamping their mark on their sports.

Trophy

Regional Team Trophy
Mitsubishi Motors Trophy for Outstanding Performance
Graham Condon Future Paralympian Award
Carbine Trophy
Best Performing Field Athlete
Best Performing Track Athlete
Most Promising Track & Field Athlete
Best Performing Shooter
Most Promising Shooter
Best Performing Swimmer
Best Performing Powerlifter
Handcycling Competitive Spirit
Best Overall Lawn Bowler of the Series
Best Performing CNI Athlete
Most Promising Table Tennis Player
Best Performing Auckland Athlete
Best Performing Canterbury Athlete
Best Performing Southern North Island Athlete
Best Performing Otago Southland Athlete

Winner

Central North Island
Frances Dick
Nikita Howarth
Matthew Lack
Ashley Exter
Sunil Fernandez Ritchie & Matthew Lack
Johnathan Brownjohn
Michael Johnson
Phillip Skinner
Sophie Pascoe
George Taamaru
Tiffiney Perry
Lynda Bennett & Mark Mitchell
Sunil Fernandez Ritchie
Shaktidevan Krishnan
Daniel Gaulofa
Jason Wali
Ashley Exter
Phil Hansford

Sports News (cont)

CYCLING: 2012 OCEANIA PARA-CYCLING TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS, NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand para-cycling track team competed at the Oceanias, held in Invercargill. It is wonderful to see New Zealand hosting these prestigious international events!

Congratulations to the PNZ Bike team for the amazing results!

Event	Athlete	Placing
3000m Pursuit – Women	Fiona Southorn	1 st
500m Time Trial - Women	Fiona Southorn	2 nd
3000m Tandem Pursuit - Women	Jayne Parsons/Sonia Waddell	1 st
1000m Tandem Time Trial - Women	Jayne Parsons/Sonia Waddell	2 nd
3000m Tandem Pursuit - Women	Phillipa Gray/Laura Thompson	3 rd
1000m Tandem Time Trial - Women	Phillipa Gray/Laura Thompson	3 rd
1000m Time Trial - Men	Chris Ross	2 nd
4000m Pursuit - Men	Chris Ross	2 nd
3000m Pursuit - Men	Nathan Smith	2 nd
3000m Pursuit - Men	Stephen Hills	4 th



*Fiona Southorn
Photo: Christina Kelkel*



*Laura Thompson (pilot) and Phillipa Gray
Photo: Christina Kelkel*

2012 UCI PARA CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, USA, 10 – 12 FEB 2012

PNZ is pleased to announce the team selection for the 2012 Para Cycling World Championships.

Athletes

Jayne Parsons & Sonia Waddell
Phillipa Gray & Laura Thompson
Fiona Southorn
Nathan Smith
Chris Ross

Team Staff

Malcolm Humm
Brendon Cameron
Jono Hailstone
Justin Ralph
Peter Alexander

Team Manager
Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Physiotherapist / Massage
Mechanic

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SHOOTING - IPC SHOOTING WORLD CUP - SYDNEY

The PNZ Shooting Team competed at the IPC Shooting World Cup in Sydney 15 – 18 November. The four-strong team included Michael Johnson, Grant Philip, Greg Reid and Grant Sharman who competed at the 2010 IPC Shooting World Championships. Full results can be found on www.auss shooting.org/results.html

SAILING

Register now for YNZ Paralympic classes development camps

As promised- registrations for the YNZ Paralympic Classes Development Camps opened on 1 December. Here are the dates and locations:

January 21/22, Wellington	Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club	Open to: Liberty, Skud, 2.4 and Keelboat
March 12/13, Taupo	Lake Taupo Yacht Club	Open to: Liberty, Skud and 2.4
April 21/22, Wanaka/Christchurch		Open to: 2.4 and Keelboat
July 19/20, Auckland	Ponsonby Cruising Club	Open to: Liberty, Skud, 2.4 and Keelboat

The first training camp, in Wellington, is to pass on skills to sailors so they can have effective training in each region around NZ. The idea is to focus on starts and boat speed and to pass on the skills to sailors and coaches in the region so they can continue to develop these skills in their own training programmes. These principals of sailing will be discussed at length and apply them on the water in practice.

The camps are designed for sailors with some racing experience to further develop skills as they progress on the Paralympic pathway, including keelboat fleet/match racing. These camps will be free to attend, however sailors will need to organize their own boat for that time.



Tim Dempsey (left) & Jan Apel

Photo: Gareth Cook

Remember, registration is mandatory, so visit the [YNZ website here](http://www.ynz.org.nz) to download your registration form and submit to Kristine@yachtingnz.org.nz a minimum two weeks before the camp!

EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA DRESSAGE FESTIVAL, AUSTRALIA 8 – 11 DECEMBER

The Equestrian NZ Para- equestrian team competed at Werribee earlier this month with some good results.

Rider	Place	Event
Ilona Lawrence	3 rd	Freestyle Grade 1A
Ilona Lawrence	3 rd	Grade 1A Individual Test
Ilona Lawrence	4 th	Grade 1A Team Test
Anthea Gunner	3 rd	Grade 2 Individual Test
Anthea Gunner	4 th	Grade 2 Team Test
Rachel Stock	2 nd	Grade 3 Individual Test
Rachel Stock	3 rd	Grade 3 Team Test
Jo Jackson	4 th	Grade 4 Team Test

TICKETING FOR THE LONDON 2012 PARALYMPIC GAMES

The authorised ticketing reseller for New Zealand for the London 2012 Paralympic Games is Stars Travel International.

Stars Travel International are currently taking expressions of interest for ticketing, travel and accommodation packages for the Paralympic Games which are now than less than a year away. Be sure to get in quickly to secure your tickets for this once in a life time event.

Stars Travel International's contact details and a registration of interest form can be found on the PNZ website:

<http://www.paralympics.org.nz/documents/london2012/paralympics2012rego.pdf>

CARBINE CLUB – THE SIR DENNIS BLUNDELL CHARITABLE GOLF CLASSIC

Monday 5th March, 2012

The annual golf tournament is being held on Monday 5 March 2012 at the Pakuranga Golf Club. Registration is open and the team slots are already being booked.

Team / 4 players \$300
Hole Sponsor \$750 (includes team)
Prize / Raffle / Donations/ Contributions welcomed

To secure a place or for further information please email info@paralympics.org.nz

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