



National Summer Games Supporters Update

Games at a Glance

Thursday 8 Dec
Opening Ceremony | 4pm

Friday 9 Dec
Basketball | Bocce | Football
10 Pin Bowling
Indoor Bowls | Swimming

Saturday 10 Dec
Athletics | Basketball
Bocce | Equestrian
Football | 10 Pin Bowling
Golf | Indoor Bowls
Powerlifting | Swimming

Sunday 11 Dec
Athletics | Basketball
Bocce | Equestrian
Golf | 10 Pin Bowling
Indoor Bowls
Powerlifting | Swimming

Monday 12 Dec
Basketball | Swimming
Unified Football
Closing Ceremony | 4pm



Summer Games Final Countdown!

Special Supporters

Thank you for signing up to our Special Supporters Programme. Two weeks from today we will be nearing the end of our first day of competition at the long-anticipated Freemason NZ Special Olympics National Summer Games! We are really excited to be welcoming over 1,200 athletes and support crew, 600 Volunteers and Officials and YOU to Hamilton.

Overleaf you will find a map of Venues for the Games. More information about each venue can be found on the NSG Website on the [Sports Page](#).

There is plenty of free parking at (or near) most of our Venues, so if you are travelling by car, please just head to the venue, park up and follow signs to the sports. Entry is free and no tickets are required.

Remember, that by signing up to the Special Supporters Package you also get access to **FREE** Public Transport in Hamilton, so if you want to leave the car at "home" then all you need to do is show your accreditation to the bus driver and they will let you hop on board (from 8 – 12 December).

Accreditation

You will be able to collect your accreditation from the Sport Information desk at Claudelands (near Entry 5) anytime throughout the event. You will just need to give us your name and we will give you all the accreditation for the group you booked.

Games Information

All programmes, results and day sheets will be published on the NSG Website during the Games, so you can stay up to date at the click of a button. The provisional schedule is available [here](#), but this will be updated with more detailed competition schedules the day before competition for each event.

You will also find a Sport Information Desk at each Venue, so if you have any questions or need help at any point during the Games, please head to the Information Desk

NSG Merchandise

Pre-Orders for NSG Merchandise have now closed, but you will be able to purchase merchandise at the Event. This will be available at the Sport Information Desk at Claudelands Event Centre where you can also collect your pre-orders.

Enabling Good Lives Family Forum

The SONZ Foundation are hosting a Family Forum at the National Summer Games on **Monday 12 December, 1.45 pm** for a 2pm start followed by afternoon tea. The Forum will finish in time for everyone to easily make their way to the closing ceremony which takes place within the same building at Claudelands.

The Family Forum will be made up of a panel of people from across the sector, providing whanau with an understanding of the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) philosophy and how whanau could benefit from the role of EGL.

The panel includes Jade Farrar, Chair of the EGL National Leadership Group, alongside Dr Carey-Ann Morrison, Chief Executive of SAMS & Care Matters and Tina Lincoln, Development Manager at Care Matters. There will be plenty of opportunities to answer your questions and provide additional information on how your family could transition to align with the EGL principles.

All families are welcome, and we would love to see you. The SONZ Foundation Trustees will be present as well so there will be an opportunity to catch up with them to find out about the work that the Foundation is doing. The venue is the **Heaphy Room at Claudelands Events Centre**, located corner of Brooklyn Road and Heaphy Terrace, Claudelands, Hamilton. Please email Catherine Stewart if you are wanting to attend so we can manage the catering – funding@specialolympics.org.nz

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

We are really looking forward to welcoming all our teams, volunteers and supporters to the National Summer Games Opening Ceremony on **Thursday 8 December** and hope you can join us. On arrival spectators will be guided to their seating area in the upper arena while our athletes and teams are seated on the Arena floor for the ceremony. Attendance is open to all and is at no cost.

Event: Freemasons New Zealand Special Olympics National Summer Games Opening Ceremony

Time: Seated at 3.45pm for a 4.00pm start
Event should finish at approximately 6.00pm

Dress: Casual / comfortable

The closing on **Monday 12 December** will be a shorter ceremony and again all are welcome to join as we celebrate what will be a special Games. Following the Closing Ceremony the athletes will go on to their Disco.

Event: Freemasons New Zealand Special Olympics National Summer Games Closing Ceremony

Time: Seated at 3.45pm for a 4.00pm start
Event should finish at approximately 5.30pm

Dress: Casual / comfortable

Visiting Hamilton

Check out the [Visit Hamilton Website](#) for ideas and helpful information to make the most of your time here.

With the support of Hamilton City Council we have been able to secure half price access to [Hamilton Zoo](#) for anyone with accreditation during the Games, which includes you.

Volunteering

As the event approaches, we are still seeking a few more volunteers to help run the event as smoothly as we would like it to. We are particularly searching for anyone that is able to commit to one or two shifts over the weekend days at Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Ten Pin Bowling, Swimming or Powerlifting.

If you know of anyone coming to the Games that may be interested in helping out for those days, please ask them to sign up via: <https://specialolympicsnz.rosterfy.co/register>


NSG Social media

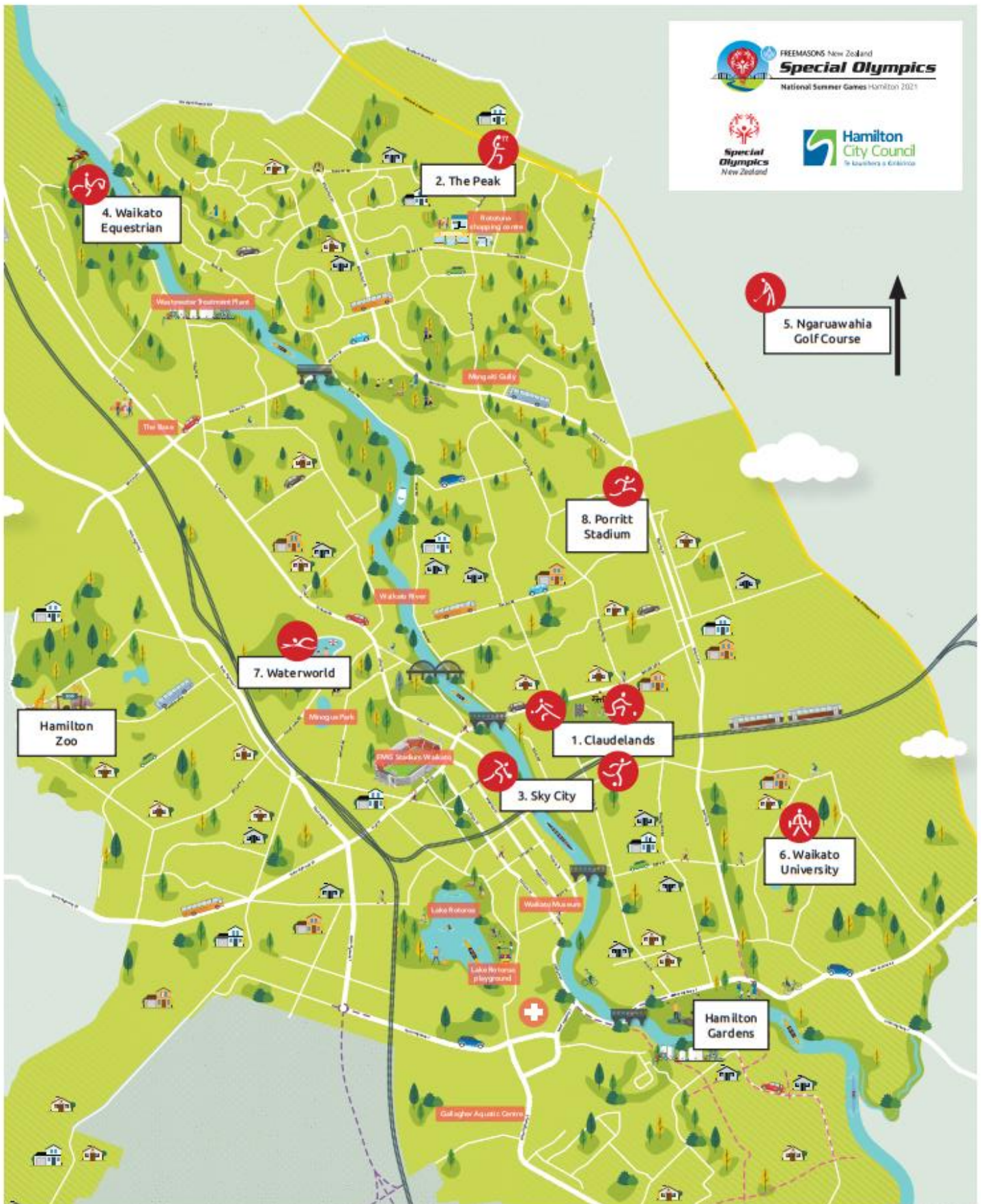
We would really like to spread the message about our incredible athletes, and everyone involved in the National Summer Games and so will be using social media to help promote this. If you are not already following us, then please check out our [Facebook](#) account and encourage others to follow as well.

As part of the social media plan, we have created some special banners for us on personal Facebook pages. Click [here](#) to access the banners and below are some instructions on how you can change out your top banner on Facebook.

To change your profile picture:

Save your banner from the attachment in the email to a folder.

1. Tap  in the top right of Facebook, then tap your name. This will take you to your own personal page
2. Tap your profile picture or cover photo
3. Choose to **Upload Photo**.
4. Tap **Save**.



- 1. Claudelands Events Centre - Corner Brooklyn Road and Heaphy Terrace
- 2. The Peak - Kimbrae Drive, Rototuna North
- 3. Sky City - 346 Victoria Street, Hamilton 3204
- 4. Waikato Equestrian Centre - 1340 Pukete Road, Hamilton 3288
- 5. Ngaruawahia Golf Club - 5925 Great South Road, Ngaruawahia
- 6. UniRec - Waikato University - Gate 1 Knighton Road
- 7. Waterworld - 35 Garnett Avenue
- 8. Porritt Stadium - 78 Crosby Road