

Special Olympics Rotorua Trust



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Who are we?

Special Olympics Rotorua provides an opportunity for our intellectually disabled athletes to train and participate in athletic competitions locally, nationally and internationally. We offer six sporting codes for our athletes to train in – Soccer/Football, Tenpin Bowling, Swimming, Basketball, Bocce and Indoor Bowls. We have a Facebook page and a website. <https://www.specialolympicsrotorua.co.nz/>

What do we do?

Provide training on a weekly basis which develops their physical fitness and enhances their skills. It allows our athletes to realise their own potential within their chosen sport and grow their friendships within the Special Olympics community.

Why do we need your help?

The National Summer Games (NSG) are usually held every four years, but the 2021 games were postponed to 2022. This year they are being held in Christchurch from Wednesday 10th December to Sunday 14th December; we travel home on the 15th December. We have a total of 39 athletes who have qualified to compete in their respective sport. For seven of them, this will be their first NSG. As all of our athletes have differing intellectual disabilities, the number of carers required to travel away with the team alongside coaches means our team total is 55. Our volunteers will take time off work and time away from family to ensure the success of our team.

What can you do to help?

In order to travel away our team is required to raise a total of approximately \$100,000. This covers registration fees, transport and accommodation costs alongside new uniforms for our growing team. Many of our athletes rely on a benefit as their source of income so are unable to fully fund this trip. Each athlete contributes \$500 and where possible they help with fundraising. We need your help to raise the fees required. One way of doing this is to 'Sponsor an Athlete'. These funds are used for the team as a whole. Profiles of the athletes, including why they are looking forward to the NSG, are on the following pages.

Sponsor an Athlete.

If you wish to Sponsor an Athlete, donations can be made to Special Olympics Rotorua via Direct Credit to **ANZ 06-0996-0153831-01**. Please put your **name, "NSG Sponsor" and the athlete's name** as a reference. Please email the details of the donation and a receipt will be forwarded to you. Donations are eligible for a tax refund.

Email Jill Allely rotorua@specialolympics.org.nz

Your generosity is appreciated.

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Meet the Team

And what each athlete is looking forward to at the games.

	Jessica Sherborne Swimming <i>First games. Going to Christchurch to race people from around NZ, making new friends and trying my hardest.</i>		Tui Martin Swimming <i>I have been to several games. Competing in swimming.</i>
	Bailey Dunbar Swimming <i>Getting involved and meeting new people.</i>		Krystal McLeod Swimming <i>Swimming and going to the disco.</i>
	Tyrone Banfield Bocce <i>First games. Playing bocce.</i>		Paige Sullivan-Hona Bocce <i>Interacting with other people and teams and going to Christchurch as I haven't been before.</i>
	Emilija Berry Bocce <i>Competing against the other teams.</i>		Anthea Glasgow Bocce <i>Going to Christchurch and playing in a new environment. Enjoying playing and having fun.</i>
	Corvette Welsh Tenpin Bowling <i>Going to Christchurch.</i>		Amelia Reeve Tenpin Bowling <i>Playing with different people..</i>

	<p>Matthew Gibbs Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Seeing friends from other areas and achieving medals.</i></p>		<p>Gregg Hyde Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Competing with the other players.</i></p>
	<p>Maureen McLeod Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>I'm so excited to go to Christchurch and see my sister who lives there and play tenpin bowling.</i></p>		<p>Shannon Cooper Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Having fun and enjoying ourselves.</i></p>
	<p>Allan Carroll Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Meeting all the people, eating all the food and having a good time.</i></p>		<p>Kris Roguski Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>It's fun. Looking forward to playing with my team against others and making new friends.</i></p>
	<p>John Harvey Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Going to Christchurch and playing fair.</i></p>		<p>Nadia Ngeru Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Adding to my gold medals.</i></p>
	<p>Caseylee Raston Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Travelling to Christchurch and playing against other teams.</i></p>		<p>Simon Gilles Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>I'm excited to go to Christchurch because I haven't been there before.</i></p>
	<p>Kelly Faulkner Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Looking after other people and getting high scores.</i></p>		<p>Esther Miller Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>I'm excited about going to Christchurch.</i></p>

	Delarnie Smith Tenpin Bowling <i>I like meeting new teams and new people coming into the sports and having fun.</i>		Angela Francis Tenpin Bowling <i>I'm excited to go on a plane.</i>
	William Hawker Indoor Bowls <i>Excited to travel and play against other people.</i>		Madison Edwards Indoor Bowls <i>Competing, having fun and hopefully winning.</i>
	Conor Allely Indoor Bowls <i>Playing well for my team and seeing my friends.</i>		Troy Stampa Indoor Bowls <i>Going to Christchurch.</i>
	Heremaia Hohaia Football <i>First games. Playing to win.</i>		Chris Thomas Football <i>It's a lot of fun. I look forward to meeting and talking to new people.</i>
	Bodie Hardiman Football <i>Playing football.</i>		Rahul Khatri Football <i>First games. Meeting new people and meeting NSG ambassadors Scott Barrett and Jason Gunn</i>
	Jordan Dittmer Football <i>Enjoying the time and playing as a team.</i>		Lachlan Dawson Football <i>First games. Playing soccer.</i>

	Zane Karaka Football <i>Running around the football field</i>		Brent George Football <i>Meeting everyone.</i>
	Chris Taylor <i>First games.</i> <i>Playing football.</i>		Keyarn Pulford Football <i>Kicking a soccer ball, running and playing soccer.</i>
	Leo Coleman Football <i>Seeing Christchurch because I haven't been before and the contact with other teams.</i>		Reuben Pooley Bocce (Non-travelling reserve)
	Te Waikura Witoko Indoor Bowls (Non-travelling reserve)		Chris Ramlose Indoor Bowls (Non-travelling reserve)
	Montana Taylor Tenpin Bowling (Non-travelling reserve)		Lionel Boiella Tenpin Bowling (Non-travelling reserve)
	Jake Marshall Indoor Bowls (Non-travelling reserve)		