

Newsletter 5th November 2022

This is our final general newsletter for 2022 but we will have a more detailed update shortly for those going to the NSG. **All our Sports are ending for the year** during the last days of November/early December and restart in February after Waitangi Day, i.e. 7th Feb etc.



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BASKETBALL: Saturdays 9am –10am at Lynmore Primary School gym **Last Day 3rd Dec**

INDOOR BOWLS and BOCCE Wednesdays 5pm – 6.30pm WHHS **Last Day 30 Nov**



SOCCER: Tuesdays 6pm – 7pm at Lynmore Primary School gym, **Last Day 29 Nov**



SWIMMING: Competent swimmers: Mondays and Thursdays 6pm -7pm in the deep 25M pool, moving to the outside pool from 21 Nov. **Last day 5th Dec** for competent swimmers **and Learner swimmers** Thursdays 6pm -7pm in the learner's pool, Aquatic Centre, **Last Day 17 Nov** due to the indoor pool closing for renovations. Venue for swimming in 2023 is yet to be decided.



TEN PIN BOWLING: Two sessions, 9.15am and 10.15am, Saturdays at Strike Zone, Motion Entertainment, **Last Day for both sessions 3rd Dec**. NB Please check with Shona if you are up to date with payments (\$5 per game). If you owe money please pay. Games are subsidised by Special Olympics Rotorua so athletes pay us and we pay Strike Zone. We prefer payment via Direct deposit or Internet banking to Special Olympics Rotorua, ANZ account 06 – 0996 - 0153831 – 01. For our reference. please put the athletes **name** and **Tenpin**.



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National Summer Games (NSG) Thursday 8th to Monday 12th December 2022 in Hamilton



There is now a page on our website specifically for NSG information related to our team, <https://www.specialolympicsrotorua.co.nz/page/624197> as well as the official NSG website, <https://nsg2021.specialolympics.org.nz>. Our team will leave from the Lakefront car park at 9am on the 8th and return after 9pm on the 12th. I will include in the email and on our website a special NSG Supporters update that we received at the end of September. This is a good opportunity to go and watch our athletes compete in all or part of the games, as well as watch the opening and closing ceremony. **N.B.** There will be a **final meeting for NSG volunteers and athletes** (plus a support person) on **Saturday 26th November at 11am**, after tenpin, in the **upstairs meeting room at Strike Zone**. We need every NSG volunteer, athlete and support person to come to receive information on accommodation and receive the athletes' travel bags and uniform. We will give out additional information with our next NSG update. **Uniforms** – Most have been returned but we still have a few missing so if you still have a uniform item at home, please return it. For those going to the NSG, please make sure you have three pairs of black socks and if you are taking part in bocce or indoor bowls you will also need a pair of flat soled shoes. Basketball players should ideally have shoes they only use on the indoor basketball court.



Law Enforcement Torch Run Monday 21st November 3.30pm

This is part of the lead up to the NSG. Everyone is invited to take part, not just those going to the NSG. We are still awaiting further details but will probably be meeting at the Fenton St end of the Lakefront and wear our Special Olympics Rotorua polo shirts.

NSG 2025 in Christchurch Any tournament from next year can potentially count toward qualification for being selected for the 2025 NSG Team. We cannot enter athletes into a Special Olympics tournament if they are not registered or their four-yearly medical has expired, so please ask Stella if you need forms.

End of Year Prizegiving at the Agrodome Saturday 17th December *Please see page 2 for details.*

End of Year Prizegiving at the Agrodome Saturday 17th December 1.30pm – 5pm

<https://www.agrodome.co.nz/> NB The actual Prizegiving starts at 3.30pm.



This will be our first prizegiving since 2019 due to the cancellation of the last two so we have combined it with the outing that we promised in place of last year's prizegiving. Thanks to David Blackmore, who is not only one of our swimming coaches but also the Manager of the Agrodome, for arranging a special deal for us. You are welcome to come for the whole afternoon or just part of it, but the farm tour is only available if you also attend the farm show. **Athletes and Volunteers will be paid for by Special Olympics Rotorua; other family and supporters are asked to pay** but this is a great opportunity to attend this iconic tourist attraction at a very affordable price. We are assuming that if you are coming for the Farm Tour and/or Farm Show you will attend the prizegiving but we need to know names and numbers attending for each of the three main events so please fill out the form below and return it by the 26th November. Payment is in advance to Special Olympics Rotorua by cash or via Direct deposit or Internet banking to Special Olympics Rotorua, ANZ account 06 – 0996 - 0153831 – 01. For our reference, please put your **name** and **Agrodome**. Per person, you will be paying either \$25 (Farm tour, farm show and food), **\$20** (Farm Show only plus food) or **\$10** (food only). **We need to provide a list of attendees that includes both paying and free attendees so please fill in and return the form below and note any special diets e.g. gluten-free, diabetic, allergies etc.**

Arrival times and cost. NB Those who go on the farm tour must also pay for and watch the farm show. Agrodome staff will issue tickets when people arrive and direct the visitors to where they need to go. The Agrodome is open to the general public on that day so both the farm tour and farm show may have other people taking part at the same time.

- 1) **1.15pm** arrival time for people in our group who are doing **both the Farm Show and the Farm Tour**. Farm Tour departs 1.30pm. **\$15 for both.**
- 2) **2.15pm** arrival time for people in our group just doing the Farm show. Farm show for both groups starts at 2.30pm. **Farm show only: \$10.**
- 3) **3pm** arrival time for people in our group only attending the **prizegiving, including food**. At 3.15pm all three groups move across to the Bowen Barn for prize giving which will start by 3.30pm and finish by 5pm when everyone can depart. **Food will be \$10 pp** (pizza, fries, salad, cake and fruit).

The Agrodome can't have everyone bringing their own food instead of paying for the food provided as we have been given free venue hire and the staff will be going to some trouble to prep food. They will do their best to meet dietary requirements including gluten-free but if they can't meet a dietary requirement, they will let us know and those people can bring their own food. Please fill in this form, one name per line, and return to Stella at one of our training sessions or via email.

Name	Farm Tour & Farm Show \$15	Farm Show Only \$10	Prizegiving food \$10	Athlete or volunteer (free) Please tick	Amount per person	Diet*
Total number attending/ total amount paid:						