



***Special  
Olympics***  
*Rotorua*

**Special Olympics Rotorua Trust**

**Annual Report**

**2026**

**Special Olympics Rotorua Trust**  
**AGM AGENDA**  
**Wednesday 29th April, 2026, 7pm, St Chads, Devon St**

**Present**

**Apologies**

**Minutes of last AGM** held on 2nd April 2025

**Correspondence**

Robyn Conlon - Resignation as a trustee

**Reports**

Chairpersons Report

Sports Coordinator Report

**Financial Report**

Signatories

**Election of Officers** - Not required due to being a Charitable Trust as these are elected by the board, but for the record these are the current trustees and office holders:

Shona Gibbs - Chairperson

Belinda Herbert - Secretary

Jill Allely - Treasurer

Stella McLeod - Sports Coordinator

Kylie Stampa

Russell George

**Patron**

Mike Baird

**General Business**

**Date for next AGM**

**Special Olympics Rotorua Trust AGM 2025**

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held  
at St Chads, Rotorua, on Wednesday 2nd April 2025  
starting at 7:00pm.

**Present:** Shona Gibbs, Jill Allely, Stella McLeod, Belinda Herbert, Kylie and Glenys Stampa, Russell George, Brent George, Maxine Smith, Delarnie Smith, Greg Hyde, Nicholas van den Broek, Matthew Gibbs, Bailey Dunbar, Chris Brewer.

**Apologies:** Esther Miller, Robyn Conlon

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Minutes of the last AGM held 3rd April 2024 presented and read.

Approved as a true and correct record **Moved: Shona Seconded: Stella**

**Chairpersons Report:** As distributed. Read by Shona. **Moved: Shona Seconded: Kylie**

**Sports Coordinator Report:** As attached. Read by Stella. **Moved: Stella Seconded: Shona**

**Financial Report:** Financial report as attached. Read by Jill. **Moved: Jill Seconded: Russell**

- Resolution – to appoint Belinda Herbert as a Trustee for the Special Olympics Rotorua Trust **Moved: Shona Approved**
- Current Trustees
  - Shona Gibbs Chairperson
  - Belinda Herbert Secretary
  - Jill Allely Treasurer
  - Stella McLeod Sports Co-ordinator
  - Kylie Stampa
  - Russell George
  - Robyn Conlon
- Athlete representative for sports. Shona will meet with them once a term as a group
  - Bailey Dunbar – Swimming
  - Matthew Gibbs – Basketball
  - Brent George – Football
  - Basketball, Bocce, Bowls TBC
- Fundraising Committee

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9th March 2026

Chairperson - Shona Gibbs  
Special Olympics Rotorua

Dear Shona and Committee Members,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation from my roles as both a Committee Member and Trustee of Special Olympics Rotorua, effective from 9th March 2026.

It has been a privilege to serve alongside such a dedicated group of people who work tirelessly to support and empower athletes in our community. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have been involved with an organisation that makes such a meaningful difference in the lives of so many.

Due to my current commitments, I feel it is best for me to step aside from my governance responsibilities at this time. However, I remain very supportive of the important work being done by Special Olympics Rotorua. When I have more time available in the future, I would welcome the opportunity to make myself available again, whether in a governance capacity or by volunteering where I can.

Thank you to the committee for your support, collaboration, and the work you continue to do for the athletes and the wider community. I wish the organisation continued success moving forward.

Yours sincerely,

Robyn Conlon

## Special Olympics Rotorua AGM 29th April 2026

### Chairpersons Report

This year's absolute highlight was attending the National Summer Games in Christchurch, an unforgettable experience for all involved. Our athletes represented us with pride, were exceptionally well behaved, gave their best effort in every sport, and consistently demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship throughout the event. Their dedication and perseverance were rewarded with an impressive medal haul, bringing home many 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals.

A significant achievement at the Games was that most athletes successfully completed the Healthy Athletes Programme, thanks to the incredible organisation of Jill, our Head of Delegation, and her assistant Belinda. Their hard work, care, and attention to detail ensured the week ran smoothly, and I am sure everyone who attended would agree that they both did an amazing job.

We were also able to provide our athletes with some truly special experiences outside of competition. For many, visiting the Antarctic Centre and enjoying a tram ride around Christchurch city were opportunities of a lifetime and memories that will stay with them for years to come. These wonderful extras were only possible because of the tremendous fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Preparing for the National Summer Games required an enormous amount of work, particularly in fundraising, grant applications, and attendance at Tier 2 competitions. A huge thank you must go to Kylie for organising our Bunnings barbecues, and to Stella and Jill for the Easter egg basket raffle, which has now become a popular annual event. Special thanks also to Jill for completing multiple funding applications. Securing grants proved more difficult this year, so we were especially grateful for the support we did receive. Towards the end of the year, we also ran a highly successful raffle. A big thank you goes to Helen Cooper, who spent considerable time contacting and following up with various tourism ventures for sponsorship support. A sincere thank you goes to Stella, who managed all athlete entries, dispensations, and one-on-one applications. This is an enormous task, and we are extremely grateful for the many hours she contributes and the way she makes such a complex process seem effortless.

The Torch Run on 25 October was once again a very popular event. We were fortunate to have some of our parents within the police force who rallied a group of volunteer police officers so we could walk through the town, with Tauranga also joining us. It was wonderful to see the community come together in support of our athletes.

Our prizegiving in January was another wonderful event and provided everyone with the opportunity to celebrate and recover after a very busy year. The disco, along with pizza and chips for lunch, was extremely well received by our athletes and always adds to the enjoyment of the day. Our patron, Mike Baird, was as popular as ever, handing out certificates and trophies while keeping up his constant banter with the athletes, which brought plenty of smiles and laughter.

A huge thank you also goes to Daniel Gibbs, who organised \$1200 worth of football gear from Interfootball NZ. The team now looks incredibly smart in their different coloured training bibs, and the addition of many new footballs has been greatly appreciated. We truly value these outside connections and the support they bring to our athletes and programme.

While the year has been overwhelmingly positive, we have had a few concerns raised by athletes regarding comments made by other athletes, particularly through social media. Unfortunately, this can be one of the downsides of modern communication. It is important that we continue to remind our athletes about our code of conduct, respectful communication, and the steps they can take, such as blocking anyone on their phone who is being unkind. Special Olympics is for everyone, and it is essential that every athlete feels liked, valued, and supported.

Our trust committee and coaches have once again dedicated countless hours behind the scenes, and we are incredibly lucky to have such a committed and passionate team supporting our athletes. Looking ahead, it would be wonderful to establish a fundraising subcommittee to help generate ideas and assist with organisation. This would help ease the pressure currently placed on trust members and coaches.

Finally, a very special thank you goes to our athletes, who turn up to training each week with smiles on their faces and enthusiasm in their hearts. This is truly the joy of the Special Olympics and the reason we do what we do.

Overall, this has been a highly successful, rewarding, and memorable year, made possible by the dedication of our athletes, families, volunteers, coaches, committee members, and wider community.

Shona Gibbs Chairperson

## **Sports Coordinator's Report – AGM 2026**

At the end of 2025 we had 76 registered athletes plus a few still needing to complete the registration process. Currently, in 2026, we have 85 athletes, including new athletes still completing their registrations. It is gratifying that we have more new and returning athletes joining than are leaving. Tragically, nearly a year ago one of our athletes, Paige Johnson, died after a road accident.

The focus last year was of course the 2025 National Summer Games (NSG) in Christchurch and ensuring our NSG athletes and reserves were qualified. We attended fewer Tier 1 (one day) and Tier 2 (two day) events in order to keep costs down. We needed to use both our tenpin bowling reserves, highlighting the importance of having sufficient qualified reserves. Also to reduce costs we only bought a few new uniform items.

The numbers attending each sport are current but the tournaments mentioned here happened in 2025. Nearly half our athletes take part in more than one sport with some taking part in up to five.

**Tenpin Bowling** has two sessions each Saturday with about 55 athletes taking part altogether. Bowlers attended a Tier 2 tournament in Tauranga and 16 bowlers competed in the NSG.

**Indoor Bowls** is our second most popular sport with up to 25 athletes taking part each week. Part way through 2025 they gained their own session separate from bocce. Indoor bowlers attended a T2 tournament in Tauranga and a T1 tournament in Ngatea. 4 bowlers competed at the NSG.

**Football** numbers have remained stable at about 23 players. Our NSG team of 11 attended one T2 tournament in Tauranga as well as the NSG where they came top of their division.

**Bocce** now has a separate session from indoor bowls and for practical reasons - we usually only use one bocce court which takes up a lot of room - we limit numbers to 12 athletes (four teams) at a time although others help out on the sidelines while waiting to take part in indoor bowls. Players attended a Tier 2 bocce tournament in Paeroa and we took one team of 4 to the NSG.

**Basketball** numbers declined to a low of 6 in 2025 so there were not enough to take to a tournament. However, numbers have increased this year back to 10.

**Swimming:** Swimming numbers have also increased to 10 with an even number of male and female swimmers. Swimmers attended a T1 tournament in Te Awamutu and our NSG team of 4 female swimmers enjoyed competing in the brand-new aquatic centre in Christchurch.

**Volunteers:** We have about 36 volunteers who coach, supervise, and provide transport but actually need a few more, particularly in indoor bowls as well as on our Board of Trustees

**Sporty:** We are currently still in the process of rolling over the registrations to 2026 of current athletes and volunteers as well as registering new ones and ensuring medical and police vetting is up to date.

I would like to thank our head coaches, Shona Gibbs (tenpin), Nicholas Van Den Broek (indoor bowls), Russell George (football and basketball), Chris Brewer (bocce) and David Blackmore (swimming) as well as all the volunteers who assist with coaching, make up the required 1:4 ratio, provide transport and help in other ways as needed. Thanks, Kylie Stampa, for helping with registrations and raffles.

Thank you also to all our athletes for supporting our club by taking part in our sports.

Stella McLeod – *Special Olympics Rotorua AGM, 29th April 2026*

# SPECIAL OLYMPICS ROTORUA TRUST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025

Good evening All,

My report is a summary of the full financial statements attached to the Annual Report. These accounts are not audited. The Trust Order provides that as long as a Chartered Accountant prepares the annual accounts no audit is required. This is a huge saving for the Trust.

From a financial point of view 2025 year was all about ensuring we secured enough funding for our Rotorua National Summer Games team to get to Christchurch in December 2025.

We moved into 2025 with \$98,652 in our bank accounts. We had budgeted for costs for the National Summer Games (NSG'S) of \$120,000 and hoped to secure funding to enable us to end the year with \$40,000 approximately, in the bank to enable us to meet future commitments.

### Revenue

Rotorua Trust started it off with funding of \$20,000. Followed by NZCT \$10,000, The Freemasons \$5,000, Rotorua East Lions \$3,000, Rotorua Sulphur City Lions \$2,250, Rotorua Sunrise \$500. Local business donations and Athlete Sponsorship raised \$9,000. Funding from Pub Charity of \$5,000 was received for Motion Entertainment 10 Pin Hire. General fundraising from Easter raffles, Bunnings BBQ's and NSG's Raffle, with donated prizes from local businesses, raised over \$10,000. Athletes were asked to contribute \$500 each towards the costs for the NSG's. They paid \$19,588 in total. Payment for contribution to sports i.e. ten pin bowling was \$8,996. Total revenue was \$66,576 (Last year \$9,954)

### Expenses

The major expense this year was for the NGS's of \$118,724, followed by \$15,093 for venue hire of which Motion Entertainment was the biggest expense. Venue hire costs were also for Basketball and swimming.

Affiliation costs to SONZ were \$2,024, costs for tournaments \$1,954 and uniforms \$1,810.

Total expenses for the year \$140,942 (Last year \$11,088).

**Deficit for the year** was \$42,096 compared to the previous year surplus of \$14,901. The deficit was due to costs associated with the NSG's. This reinforces the need to accumulate funds in the bank prior to the year the NSG's are held.

### Balance Sheet

**Assets** - Funds in the bank were \$50,147 (Last year \$98,652).

Plant and Equipment (Bocce Courts) have been written down to nil value.

*Total Assets - \$50,147 (Last year \$98,652)*

**Liabilities** – Creditors, being accounts payable for the year \$473 (Last year \$Nil), Hardship Grant \$329 (Last Year \$1,306) and National Summer Games Athlete Deposits \$Nil (Last year \$5,905).

*Total liabilities- \$802 (Last year \$7,211).*

**Total Equity** (what the Trust is worth- \$49,345 (Last year \$91,441).

### 2026 year

This year from a financial point of view is to consolidate and to start fundraising for future NSG's. Annual fundraising needs to be continued and has already started with our Easter Raffle. There should be minimal costs this year, except for venue hire. There is no need to incur costs to send athletes to Tier 2 tournaments.

We have been lucky that Chris Brewer from Te Maru Unit at Western Heights High School has contributed funds from plant sales to our Trust. We have held those funds in a Hardship Grant and used for athletes to attend NSG's. I would like to see this fund increase over time. Cost of living expenses has put a squeeze on families, and it would be a shame for our athletes to be unable to attend future NSG's because of costs. Regular fundraising is an important part of the Trust increasing funds held for future commitments. In the past fundraising has relied primarily on Trustees which have a huge commitment to the Trust already. We did see some families help with fundraising last year and would appreciate if more families could become involved.

Again I would like to thank my fellow Trustees on their continued support.

Jill Allely JP, CA  
Treasurer

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