

# Special Olympics

## Rotorua



### 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 held every four years. This year they are being held in Hamilton from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We have a total of 51 athletes who have qualified to compete in their respective sport making it the largest team of athletes that we have ever taken. For fifteen 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 71. 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 \$80,000. 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 \$400 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.








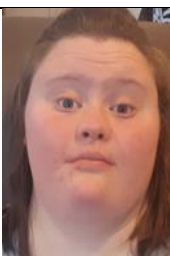



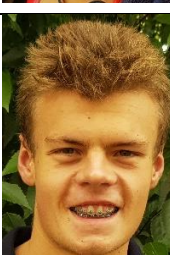
### Sponsor an Athlete.

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](mailto:rotorua@specialolympics.org.nz)

Your generosity is appreciated.

## Meet the Team

	<b>Richard Waterreus</b> Basketball  <i>This is my second games and I reckon we'll do well.</i>		<b>Corvette Walsh</b> Basketball  <i>First games. Looking forward to getting involved.</i>
	<b>James Lock</b> Basketball  <i>First games. Meeting new people at my first games.</i>		<b>Ruaumoko Pukepuke</b> Basketball  <i>Looking forward to playing against my team mates from the 2019 World Games.</i>
	<b>William Hawker</b> Basketball  <i>First games. Not sure what to expect but it's exciting.</i>		<b>Bodie Hardiman</b> Basketball  <i>First games and that makes it exciting.</i>
	<b>Kris Roguski</b> Football  <i>It's fun. Looking forward to playing with my team against others and making new friends.</i>		<b>Eden Muir</b> Basketball  <i>It's my first games. I love playing basketball.</i>
	<b>Harema Miki</b> Swimming  <i>Looking forward to doing backstroke, freestyle and a relay for the first time.</i>		<b>Tui Martin</b> Swimming  <i>Swimming my best and hopefully getting medals.</i>
	<b>Natalie Birch</b> Swimming  <i>Looking forward to having fun meeting friends. I've been in Australia. In 2009 I competed in Palmerston North.</i>		<b>Bailey Conlon</b> Swimming  <i>First games. Just swimming my best and seeing how well I do.</i>

	<p><b>Amelia Reeve</b> Swimming</p> <p><i>First games. Meeting people and swimming well.</i></p>		<p><b>Conor Allely</b> Bocce</p> <p><i>Winning another medal and having fun with my friends.</i></p>
	<p><b>Krystal McLeod</b> Bocce</p> <p><i>Playing bocce against other teams and trying my best.</i></p>		<p><b>Paige Sullivan-Hona</b> Bocce</p> <p><i>Playing Bocce and meeting new people from around NZ.</i></p>
	<p><b>Sean Morrison</b> Bocce</p> <p><i>I don't know. Ask Mum.</i></p> <p>(This will be Sean's first games.)</p>		<p><b>Te Waikura Witoko</b> Bocce</p> <p><i>Second games and so excited to go again and help others in my team do well.</i></p>
	<p><b>Emilija Berry</b> Bocce</p> <p><i>First games. Looking forward to a new experience.</i></p>		<p><b>Anthea Glasgow</b> Bocce</p> <p><i>Competing against new people. Looking forward to playing a new sport and doing my best. I played football last time.</i></p>
	<p><b>Heaven-Lea Cooper</b> Bocce</p> <p><i>Loved the last National Summer Games and can't wait to go to this one.</i></p>		<p><b>Fiona Mason</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>First games. Looking forward to a new experience, very excited.</i></p>
	<p><b>Matthew Gibbs</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Helping my team win medals and hopefully getting one for myself.</i></p>		<p><b>Gregg Hyde</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Getting into competition and bringing back medals like last time.</i></p>



	<p><b>Dominic Bowen</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Winning, getting medals and looking forward to my family watching me.</i></p>		<p><b>Shannon Cooper</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Having fun, spending time with old friends and bringing back more medals.</i></p>
	<p><b>Lionel Boielle</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Looking forward to going to Hamilton and getting a medal.</i></p>		<p><b>Jesse Snowdon</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Being able to compete and hopefully doing well.</i></p>
	<p><b>Adrian Rowe</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Meeting up with old friends and winning medals.</i></p>		<p><b>Nadia Ngeru</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Been several times to National Summer Games and hopefully adding to my gold medals.</i></p>
	<p><b>Marcel Kessels</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Bringing back medals and playing against old mates.</i></p>		<p><b>John Harvey</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Second time going to games. Playing fair and doing my best to win medals.</i></p>
	<p><b>Angela Malcolm</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Having heaps of fun and always playing my best.</i></p>		<p><b>Esther Miller</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>First games. Excited to play other teams from around NZ and hope to get a medal.</i></p>
	<p><b>Delarnie Smith</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Having fun, catching up with old mates, hopefully getting one more gold than last time, which was two.</i></p>		<p><b>Angela Francis</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>First games. Looking forward to playing my best and getting a medal, I hope.</i></p>

	<p><b>Carl Smith</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>First games. Looking forward to family coming to watch me get a medal.</i></p>		<p><b>Kelly Faulkner</b> Indoor Bowls</p> <p><i>Enjoying myself, making friends. Last games were fun to experience.</i></p>
	<p><b>Chris Ramlose</b> Indoor Bowls</p> <p><i>Making new friends and winning hopefully.</i></p>		<p><b>Troy Stampa</b> Indoor Bowls</p> <p><i>Looking forward to Indoor Bowls and hopefully getting gold.</i></p>
	<p><b>Allan Carroll</b> Indoor Bowls</p> <p><i>Going away and meeting people. Doing my best to do well.</i></p>		<p><b>Chris Thomas</b> Football</p> <p><i>It's fun. Looking forward to playing with my team against others and making new friends.</i></p>
	<p><b>Maureen McLeod</b> Football</p> <p><i>Playing against friends I met at the World Games and going with my team to compete.</i></p>		<p><b>Madison Edwards</b> Football</p> <p><i>Meeting new people, watching teams play and trying my best.</i></p>
	<p><b>Jordan Dittmer</b> Football</p> <p><i>Playing against other teams and trying my best to get a medal.</i></p>		<p><b>Simon Gillies</b> Football</p> <p><i>It was fun and amazing last time.</i></p>
	<p><b>Zane Karaka</b> Football</p> <p><i>First games. Looking forward to playing other teams.</i></p>		<p><b>Brent George</b> Football</p> <p><i>It's good to meet new people.</i></p>

	<p><b>Bailey Dunbar</b> Football</p> <p><i>Getting involved and meeting new people.</i></p>		<p><b>Keyarn Pulford</b> Football</p> <p><i>First games and looking forward to having an awesome time.</i></p>
	<p><b>Leo Coleman</b> Football</p> <p><i>Getting involved and winning.</i></p>		<p><b>Caseylee Raston</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p>(Non-travelling reserve)</p>
	<p><b>Felicity Anderson</b> Tenpin Bowling</p> <p>(Non-travelling reserve)</p>		<p><b>Angela Andrews</b> Bocce</p> <p>(Non-travelling reserve)</p>