CELEBRATING 2012!
The London 2012 Paralympic Games were the focus of the PNZ Year. For twelve days from 29 August to 9 September 2012 the city of London came to a standstill and the world watched as London delivered a Paralympic Games like never before. From early on in the organisation of the Paralympic Games the London 2012 Organising Committee committed to a Games that would deliver “sport like never before”. This promise was delivered on, as 4,294 athletes from 164 nations came together and contested this magnificent event in front of full stadia and vocal crowds.

International Paralympic Committee (IPC) have launched a short online film “London 2012 – Best Games Ever”, featuring spectacular highlights from this summer’s Paralympics. The film, which can be viewed at http://bit.ly/BestGamesEver takes viewers through a rollercoaster of emotions: disappointment, anger, relief, joy, delight and satisfaction, by telling the stories of a number of Paralympians and showcasing their sporting abilities.

New Zealand selected a strong team of 26 athletes from across 7 sports to represent their country at the event. This number was unfortunately reduced by 2 with the withdrawal of cyclist Jayne Parsons due to injury. The New Zealand team went on to deliver 6 gold, 7 silver and 4 bronze medals for a total medal haul of 17 medals. This outstanding performance placed New Zealand 21st on the medal table and in an impressive 1st place for medals per head of capita.

![New Zealand’s medal winning 2012 Paralympians](image)

Left to right: Daniel Sharp, Mary Fisher, Phillipa Gray, Laura Fairweather (nee Thompson), Fiona Southorn, Sophie Pascoe, Cameron Leslie. Seated: Mike Johnson

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WIN PARALYMPICS NEW ZEALAND SUPPORTERS GEAR

Your support of our team during the London 2012 Paralympic Games was amazing! We would like to thank you.

Simply email us at nzteam@paralympics.org.nz and two lucky winners will win PNZ supporters gear including a jacket, polo and cap. Winners will be randomly drawn and notified on 14 December 2012.

AWARDS

Following on from a fantastic performance at the London 2012 Paralympic Games many of the achievements of our Paralympians have been acknowledged in their local communities as the Sports Awards season begins. This has ranged from University Sports Awards to Regional events. Congratulations to all those who have been honoured with an award!

Attitude Awards

Adam Hall

2012 Sports Performer of the Year

The award comes after Adam’s most successful competition season to date, winning 4 World Cup titles in Slalom, Super G and Super combined.

Other Sports Awards

Adam Hall

Snow Sports New Zealand Athlete of the Year

Sophie Pascoe

Sportsperson of the Year, Canterbury Sports Awards

Roly Crichton

Sports Coach of the Year, Canterbury Sports Awards

Cameron Leslie

Male Athlete of the Year, AUT Blues Awards

Cameron Leslie

Disabled Sportsperson of the Year, Maori Sports Awards

Daniel Holt

University Sportsman of the Year, Massey University Awards

Nikita Howarth

Senior Sportsperson of the Year, Cambridge High School

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Junior Sportswoman of the Year, Waipa District Sports Awards

Danny McBride

Sportsperson of the Year, South Waikato District Sports Awards

Matthew Lack

Sportsperson with a Disability, Mataatua Sports Awards

Fiona Southorn

Sportswoman of the Year, Northland District Sports Awards

CARbine Club – 20th Charity Golf Classic

The Carbine Club of New Zealand advises the 20th Charity Golf Classic in support of the Sir Dennis Blundell Charitable Trust for Disabled Athletes will be held on Monday 4 March 2013 at the Pakuranga Golf Club, Auckland. If you wish to register a team email PNZ on info@paralympics.org.nz
**News**

**PARALYMPICS SCHOOLS PROGRAMME**
This year 135 schools across the country took the opportunity to learn about the Paralympic Games and support the New Zealand Team by registering for the Paralympic Schools Programme. More than 40 schools further showed their support by entering the Paralympic Schools Supporters Competition. The winning entries created fantastic photos illustrating their support.

As part of their prize, four schools received a visit from a Paralympian, along with a range of Paralympics New Zealand badges and wrist bands for each student in the class.

Cambridge Middle School (Year 7-8 winners) enjoyed their time with Danny McBride on 30 October as he told the students about his London experience. Opawa School (Year 1 – 4 winners) were delighted when Sophie Pascoe visited on 9 November and presented her with a special gift. Fairhaven School (Year 5-6 winners) were over the moon when Sue Reid brought along her bike to show the students on 16 November.

Kaikoria School (Year 1-4 winners) is looking forward to welcoming Holly Robinson in December.

![Laura Wright and Kristen Blumenthal with Sophie at Opawa School](image1)

![Cambridge Middle School with Danny McBride](image2)

**PNZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) held the Annual General Meeting on 24 November 2012 in Auckland with 30 people in attendance, including representatives from 13 member organisations and 6 PNZ Board members.

The following organisations have been admitted as Principal Members of Paralympics New Zealand:
- Goalball New Zealand
- Table Tennis New Zealand
- New Zealand Canoe Federation

PNZ would like to thank all those who attended and for their input into the AGM.
**Sports News**

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This is the first IPC sanctioned snow board event. Snowboarding has been accepted as a sport for the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Games. Thirty-two snowboarders from 12 nations participated in the IPCAS competition.

**PNZ STAFF**

**INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Board of PNZ is pleased to announce the appointment of Ross Halpin as Interim PNZ Chief Executive. Ross commenced in this role on 19 November 2012, covering Maternity Leave for PNZ Chief Executive Fiona Allan.

A highly experienced businessman, Ross’ most recent role was with the Bank of New Zealand as Head of Corporate Sponsorship. He brings a wide array of commercial skills to his PNZ role, including extensive strategic planning and management experience at national and international levels, including with the International Rugby Board.

The PNZ Board welcomes Ross to the Paralympic family, and looks forward to his contribution during his interim leadership period.

Ross can be contacted at PNZ from 19 November 2012 on 09 526 0761 or rhalpin@paralympics.org.nz

**FAREWELL**

PNZ farewells two valued staff members, Jason and Rosemary, and wishes them all the very best for the future.

Jason Healy had been with PNZ as the Performance Analyst. Within this time he has developed and led a world leading Paralympic Performance Analysis programme that has been clearly linked to supporting athletes to medal winning performances at World Championship events and the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Key achievements within his role have been the support to PNZ High Performance Athletes and Coaches, support to Programme Directors in the sports of Bike, Swimming and Athletics, developing and maintaining athlete performance records and leading a “GAP to Podium Analysis” strategy and Sport Performance Shift Analysis for all PNZ High Performance athletes. Jason also successfully led the athlete prosthesis project with the New Zealand Artificial Limb Board and has captured some fantastic Paralympic Specific research.

Rosemary Bradshaw will leave PNZ on 21 December. A familiar and friendly face to all, Rosemary has supported PNZ across a great variety of projects.

In her role as Administration Manager she has supported the organisation through significant change and growth and has implemented fantastic administration structures and systems, managed a variety of projects contributing to supporting athletes, coaches and support staff at domestic camps and international events, and has been fully committed to ensuring that PNZ Athletes and Coaches are recognised for their amazing achievements through preparing and submitting National and International award nominations.
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