

PARAFED NORTHLAND UPDATE

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NORTHLAND WCBB NATIONAL LEAGUE



In May Northland hosted the first round of the Wheelchair Basketball National League. This tournament brought teams from Auckland, Christchurch, Waikato, and players throughout the North Island for two jam-packed days of fierce competition. A huge thank you goes to tlc4u2 Ltd for sponsoring the court hire and referee costs for these days. We would also like to thank Pakn' Save Whangarei & Ten4 Engineering for covering the cost of food for players and volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters who came throughout the weekend to support the teams. Thank you to Dawn Dutton Photography for the amazing photos! During the weekend we were selling team Merch and we still have limited numbers and sizes of t-shirts and hoodies left! Head along to our website to get yours!



PLAY TRAILER

Parafed Northland's Play Trailer is full of some awesome inclusive play gear and ready to go! There is so much cool gear to have an awesome time with. The Play Trailer is a community resource that we want to share. We have had lots of awesome sessions with schools and have many more booked in. If you want us at your school get in contact as spaces are filling up fast! The trailer is also available for community events so please get in touch to see if it is available.

WELCOME STEVE

We would like to welcome Steve to the Parafed Northland Team. Steve is based in Dargaville and will be working a few hours a week for us. Some of you would have already seen Steve pop up in some of our programme checking out what we do. If you see Steve around, make sure you say hi!



KAIKOHE YOUTH WEEK POP UP

In May we celebrated Youth Week with our Kaikohe Pop Up which was funded by Ara Taiohi. We had an awesome time with everyone. We held the event at Northland College and the local Skatepark, it was so awesome to connect with the young people in Kaikohe and have a lot of fun with the wheelchairs and some of our play equipment. As well as the Kaikohe Pop Up we celebrated Youth Week with a Pop Up in Raumanga along with some of the providers in the Whangarei Youth Network.



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WHAT'S COMING UP...

Kyren Andrews – Para cycling

In April Parafed Northland member Kyren Anders, pilot Kurt & Coach Kerry headed to Hokitika for the Cycling New Zealand Age Group Road National Championships. The team had a long and eventful trip down to Hokitika but the tandem and they made it down in one piece! Congratulations to Kyren and pilot Kurt placed 2nd in both the Time Trial and 65 km.



Wheelchair Turbo Touch

During May we had the Northland Secondary School Sports Association Wheelchair Turbo Touch Competition run alongside Turbo Touch. This is the third year of this awesome experience, and it is awesome to see inclusive sports in the Secondary School Calendar! Congratulations to all the teams who participated during the days and to Kamo High School who won the Senior Championship day!



Snow Sports

In April we took a small group of young members to Snow Planet in Auckland to try out adaptive snow sports. We have had lots of interest, so we are now holding two small sessions for young Parafed Northland Members to have a go. Contact us if you want your name down on the list for Saturday 13th August or if you want more info.

Inclusive Ice Skating

Thanks to Waipu Lions, Love Waipu & Whangarei District Council for this awesome Inclusive Ice Skating opportunity for all abilities. The session is on Sunday 26th June, 10 am to midday. Registration is essential- limited spots. Contact Juanita on 027 935 9808 to book your spot!

Swimming

The Swimming Development squad continues to improve throughout their swimming sessions. This programme is booked for the whole year!

- When: Term 3 runs from 30th July – 24th September
 - Time: 11am – 12pm
 - Where: Whangarei Aquatic Centre, Ewing Road, Whangarei
- The minimum requirement for swimmers is to be able to swim half a length unassisted. Due to lane space, places are limited.

Sports Development

Our Sports Development programme continues to run at McKay Stadium every Tuesday afternoon during Term time. We are running fun Boccia games as well as some Archery.

- When: Term 3 Tuesday 26th July – 20th September
- Time: 4:30pm – 5:30pm
- Where: McKay Stadium, 97 Western Hills Drive, Kensington

Wheelchair Basketball

The WCBB team hold weekly training. The team are always welcoming new players, young or old. If you don't have a chair, you can borrow one of Parafed Northland. If this sounds like something, you are interested please get in touch.

- When: Weekly training Tuesdays 5:45 pm – 7:45pm
- Where: McKay Stadium, 97 Western Hills Drive, Whangarei

Para cycling

Para cycling is held at the incredible Pohe Island Bike Park and is an awesome place for cyclists of all levels.

- When: Thursday 12th May – 7th July
- Time: 4:30pm–5:30pm
- Where: Pohe Island Bike Park, Dave Culham Drive, Whangarei.

Sessions will be weather dependent. We will contact you via text should there be a cancellation. Equipment can be provided, contact us if you wish to borrow it. Registration is essential and forms can be found on our website.

Kaikohe Sessions

Our Inclusive Sports Sessions in Kaikohe are run by Jaden. These sessions are fun for the whole whānau.

- When: Thursday 5th May – 7th July
- Time: 4:30pm – 5:30pm
- Where: Northland College Gym, 62 Mangakahia Road, Kaikohe

Contact us if you want to know more.

Halberg Games

We are taking a Northland team to the Halberg Games being held in Auckland on the 8th & 9th of October. We have limited funding available to support this opportunity so get in touch if this is something you are interested in or want more information.

Want to register?

Make sure you secure your spot by registering through either Anna, Shaz or by heading to our website and completing the registration form online.

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