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Chairs Statement

It is an honour to be writing the inaugural Chairs statement for Disability Sport and Recreation Hawkes Bay (DSRHB).

It has been an exciting, challenging and rewarding year working our way through the set up and initial activities of this new group with a great team of people that bring a wide range of capabilities and experience.

DSRHB has been very fortunate to have the wisdom and experience of Cal Huddleston to guide us through this establishment process. It is fair to say we could not have managed without him, and we are all incredibly grateful, and take this opportunity to acknowledge Cal for his contribution.

Alongside our initial programme activities and Halberg Games successes, the governance team have engaged in Parafed Network Meetings, a nationwide Disability Hui and a workshop led by Paralympics New Zealand. We were also represented at a recent Napier City Council Community Network Meeting.

We have also been incredibly well supported by the team at Sport Hawkes Bay and Sport New Zealand. These partnerships are the basis for our ongoing growth and progress.

There are a great many opportunities for future collaborations and partnerships with local, regional and national sporting and community organisations and we look forward to seeking out, developing and strengthening these relationships next year.

Finally, we wish to extend out thanks to our members and their whanau for your enthusiasm, participation and patience as we try to steadily build our organisation. We hope you have had fun, great experiences, made friends and challenged yourselves or maybe been inspired to try something new.

We look forward to providing more opportunities in 2023.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa – great acknowledgments to you all.

Marcia Leslie - Chairperson

Our Commitment

The Society is established and maintained exclusively for charitable purposes (Including any purposes ancillary to those charitable purposes), namely to:

- Encourage and support participation in, and the development of, play, active recreation and sport in the Region, from community to performance, for disabled people;
- Promote the interests and the welfare of disabled people wanting to participate in play, active recreation and sport in the Region;
- Support disabled athletes and teams in the Region including but not limited;
 - To, logistic and administrative support, grants, sponsorship and funding,
 - Physical and mental training;
- Provide programs and services to Members including, but not limited to, Para sports programs, adaptive equipment, as well as play and active recreation programs.



The Year to Date

We are grateful for your enthusiasm and participation in our events (up to 15 participants per event) over 2022 which included:

- Open Day and games
- 10 pin bowling
- Swimming
- Athletics training
- Soccer training
- Halberg Games

The Year Ahead

DSRHB is looking to recruit an employee early in 2023. Following this it is our aim to engage with other organisations to expand our membership base and collaborate for more exciting sport and recreation opportunities in 2023. We hope to develop a more expansive calendar of events, including our own opportunities and those offered by other organisations in the disability sport and recreation arena.

Paralympics New Zealand has invited us to be involved in a pilot of Boccia to try and get a regular group running in Hawkes Bay. This is an exciting opportunity, and we will have more information once the details have been finalised.

2022 Board

Chairperson – Marcia Leslie

I have a 16 year old daughter, Liv, who has Cerebral Palsy. She requires an aid to walk, and so many sports have been difficult for her to engage in through normal school opportunities. Liv has been a participant of the Halberg Games since she was 9 years old and has always enjoyed trying new physical challenges and meeting other young people with impairments through sport. My vision is to support and provide people with disabilities and their whanau to be involved and try out a variety of opportunities, and maybe even find an adapted sport that they wish to pursue to a higher level.

Board member – Sharlene Taylor

I became involved in DSRHB during 2022 as I was frustrated with the lack of sports opportunities available to my 13 year old son who has cerebral palsy. As a parent of a child that has different needs and can't use his legs in the same way as other kids it has been fantastic to see him able to take part in different events that DSRHB has held and been part of this year.

I am passionate about looking for ways we can continue to build on the work done to date and look for opportunities in which we can help promote getting active, having a go and forming a community where our members can connect with other people.

Board member - Bryce Brown

It was seeing my daughter Mia and the other kids participating at the Halberg games in 2021, that saw a group of like minded parents put their heads together to think about how we could give our children with different abilities more regular opportunities to participate in sports. It was from these discussions and seeing the amazing work being done by other regional charities, that DSRHB was born! We've achieved a great deal in a short space of time, and I look forward to seeing our athletes pursue their sporting goals in future events, and make lifelong friendships along the way.

Board Member - Jessie Hawkes-Pearce

I became involved with the group through the Halberg Games in 2020. The display of comradery and sportsmanship at the games inspired me when I saw the confidence of everyone involved grow as they explored their abilities. I have always enjoyed sports and am passionate about the value it adds to people's lives, being born with a limb difference myself I understand some of the challenges that come with that. I am looking forward to the future connections and opportunities we can create within our community.

Board Member - Celia O' Driscoll

Over the past 10 years, I have worked in the design and delivery of inclusive programmes and opportunities for people with disabilities in outdoor recreation and sport settings. Through these opportunities, I have seen first hand the limitless benefits that recreation, sport and active play can bring to individuals, whānau and communities alike. This experience has proved invaluable for my current role as Disability Advisor for the Halberg Foundation. It has been a pleasure watching DSRHB grow and prosper this year - watch this space!

Board Member - Katie Owen

I have been involved in enhancing and providing opportunities for disabled people to be active in play, active recreation and sport for the last 5+ years in different roles within the sport and disability sport sector. It has been a pleasure supporting the development of DSR Hawke's Bay, which has grown from a real community desire and locally led approach. I am currently the Disability and Inclusion Programme Manager at Recreation Aotearoa, and look forward to drawing on my knowledge and experience of the sector to continue the growth and development of DSR.

Board Member & Treasurer - Cal Huddleston

It's been a pleasure to serve on the inaugural board of this much needed fledgeling organisation. My history includes being a member of the informal parent-lead Hawke's Bay group that enabled children to attend the CCS Independence Games in the early 2000's. My daughter, Pippa, attended over several years and gained a great deal of confidence from these events. I was then a founding trustee of the Independence Games Trust that took the Games from separate North Island & South Island events to a national one. The independence Games Trust eventually passed the baton to the Halberg Foundation and the Games have gone from strength to strength. I will be stepping down from this board at the 2022 AGM.

Financial Information

From a concept to a fully functioning charitable organisation, DSR HB has come a long way in a short space of time. We are a registered charity recognised by the IRD, have a banking relationship with BNZ and have our financial records online with Xero.

Seed funding was received in the form of an anonymous donation of \$1,000. This enabled the more formal setup to begin and the development of our brand and online presence.

In May we applied for & received Tu Manawa funding of \$16,860 from Sport Hawke's Bay. In May and June we entered discussions and filed an application for 3-year funding from Sport NZ. The first instalment of \$9,500 was received in June. The second instalment for the current year of \$38,000 received in September. There is a third instalment due on 1 July 2023.

Pub Charity was generous with \$4,500 of funding for the 2022 Halberg Regional Games.

We run a 1 July to 30 June financial year, so some of this funding will be included in the current year rather than the 2021/2022 year being reported on here. Spending has been limited to logo development and some event catering.