

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPLANT GAMES ASSOCIATION

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NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES

Bryan Eckersley has recently returned from The New Zealand Masters Games with great success. The games were held in Dunedin and courted a slot on TV Ones Close Up programme. The events are run on an age basis similar to that at National and World Transplant Games, so everyone is in with people of their own age. Bryan has attended these games before and has encouraged others to join him at forthcoming games. Bryan picked up two silvers and a bronze, all for indoor rowing at 300m, 500m and 1000m. Congratulations to Bryan!

WORLD WINTER TRANSPLANT GAMES

New Zealand sent its first competitor to a World Winter Games in January. Katherine Paton, who is just 15 years of age attended the Games with her father in Sante Foy in France. They had a great time, and obviously made an impression as Katherine has been asked to write an article for the next issue of the WTGF Journal.

COROMANDEL AND THAMES SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Greg Hampton has been awarded with the distinction of being Coromandel and Thames Sports Personality of The Year. This is in recognition of his outstanding performance in securing two gold medals at The World Transplant Games at The Gold Coast, last August.

CHANGES TO OUR CONSTITUTION

Recently we have held a postal ballot to vote on changes, amendments and additions to our constitution. Thanks to all those who took the time and effort in completing and returning the forms. We are pleased to say that the proposals all reached more than 75% approval required from those who voted, so the changes will be implemented.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rotorua Marathon – Saturday 1st May 2010

European Transplant Games, August 2010, Dublin Ireland

Canadian Transplant Games, August 2010, Quebec

Australian Transplant Games, October 2010, Canberra, ACT

World Transplant Games, June 2011, Goteberg, Sweden

World Winter Transplant Games, January 2012, Anzere, Switzerland

THE 12th AUSTRALIAN TRANSPLANT GAMES

Our neighbours are holding their National Games between the 3rd and 9th of October this year and as ever are expecting the Kiwi's to take part in the fun and relieve them of one or two medals! As ever with National Games it is up to the individual to make travel and accommodation arrangements. You will also have to register on line with Transplant Australia. NZTGA will provide a uniform, should this be your first games, and you should contact Sheryl Power should you be interested in attending the Games. For more details take a look at <http://www.australiantransplantgames.com>

ROTORUA MARATHON

Two years ago a large contingent attended the above event, and all took part in the 10km fun run option. Most walked the distance although one or two took faster measures! This proved to be a great opportunity to promote organ donor awareness, and we would like as many people as possible to come and join the fun for this weekend. For more information, take a look at <http://www.rotoruarun.co.nz> where you will find that early entry by 10th March will attract a \$5 discount.

SUBS FEES – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Annual Subscriptions become due on March 31st. One of the changes to The Constitution was to reduce the payment period for subs from 6 months to 3 months. This is to save on administration, and to assist with next years World Transplant Games. With your invoice you will find an Expression of Interest for next years World Games. This is to help gauge on potential numbers only and at no stage is any commitment made to attend the games. Please assist with both of these items promptly.