

halberg news

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Westpac Halberg Awards 2009 4 February 2010, SKYCITY Auckland

IT HAS BEEN A BIG YEAR AND A GREAT DECADE FOR NEW ZEALAND SPORT – THE WESTPAC HALBERG AWARDS DINNER NEXT YEAR IS GOING TO BE ANOTHER FANTASTIC OCCASION. IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS! THIS IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN IN A CELEBRATION OF NEW ZEALAND SPORT OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS.

Don't delay book your tickets today! Make a note of this date – Thursday 4 February 2010, at SKYCITY Auckland. Sky TV will be the new broadcasting partners for the Westpac Halberg Awards.

As you will be aware, the Westpac Halberg Awards dinner is widely regarded as New Zealand's premier sporting showcase – a night when we get the chance to gather and salute the country's outstanding sporting achievers of the previous 12 months and also for the last decade.

Decade
champion
to be
announced!

There have been some outstanding results in a range of sports from Valerie Vili retaining her World Championship crown, the rowers having some wonderful results at the World Championship regatta including Gold medals from Mahe Drysdale in the single sculls, Duncan Grant in the lightweight single sculls, Eric Murray and Hamish Bond in the pair and the lightweight double scull of Peter Taylor and Storm Uru highlighted the exceptional form of the New Zealand elite team this season. Alison Shanks claimed the gold medal in the 3000m individual pursuit at the UCI World Track Cycling Championships in Poland, Sarah Walker who became the World BMX Champion.

At the 2009 Awards, the Decade Winner 2000–2009 will be announced. So there will be some tough decisions facing the Halberg Voting Academy. All will be revealed at the glittering black-tie dinner in Auckland on 4 February.

Tables of 10 \$4,500 (INCL. GST) or \$450 (INCL. GST) for each ticket. To secure your table or tickets contact the Halberg Trust office on 09 579 9931 or email office@halberg.co.nz





Kia Motors New Zealand announce associate sponsorship of Halberg Trust

KIA MOTORS NEW ZEALAND IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND CONSIDERS OUR CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY TO ALIGN WITH WORTHY CAUSES AN ESSENTIAL PART OF STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIETY. THIS DEDICATION HAS NOW EXTENDED TO ONE OF NEW ZEALAND'S MOST RESPECTED AND RECOGNISED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, AND KIA MOTORS NEW ZEALAND ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR LATEST UNION, ASSOCIATE SPONSOR OF THE HALBERG TRUST - "CELEBRATING NEW ZEALAND'S SPORTING EXCELLENCE AND CREATING AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY".

Kia believes that the high achievements of New Zealand's sporting elite, the athlete's core values, their desire to succeed, and maintain that success mirror those of Kia's. Most importantly however, Kia Motors are thrilled to be in a position where they too can contribute to a cause that sees opportunities realised for many disabled young children, who may not have otherwise had an opportunity to become involved in sport and leisure activities without the ongoing dedication of the team within the Halberg Trust, and their many supporters.

Trust Chairman, Mike Jeffcoat, said he was delighted that one of the country's leading car companies had chosen to support the Trust. Mike first came across KIA at the Australian Tennis Open where they are the key sponsor and he became more aware of the ties both organisations had with sporting excellence. "With KIA behind us we can look to the future with renewed confidence and vigour. We see it as a very exciting partnership and we are looking forward to working with them in sport especially at our grass roots level

with joining disabled people into sporting opportunities."

Kia Motors New Zealand's General Manager, Todd McDonald, believes strongly in the new association, as well as the ideals the Halberg Trust strive to achieve, "Creating equal opportunity's for all New Zealanders to participate in active lives by connecting people with disabilities to sport is an integral part of feeling part of the community and Kia Motors New Zealand are proud to help raise awareness amongst New Zealanders".



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ISAPA 2011

Christchurch New Zealand

THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ADAPTED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (ISAPA) IS HELD EVERY SECOND YEAR TO PROVIDE ADAPTED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROFESSIONALS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE. ISAPA IS THE SYMPOSIUM UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION IN ADAPTED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (IFAPA).

International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (IFAPA) is an international organisation of individuals, institutions and agencies who support, promote and disseminate information about adapted physical activity, disability sport and all aspects of sport, movements and exercise for individuals of all abilities. Please check out the IFAPA website at www.ifapa.biz become a member and receive the quarterly Journal APAQ (Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly) as well as a host of member benefits.

The ISAPA programme includes state of the art research presentations, building sessions for the discussion of new ideas on inclusion and adapted physical activity, practical workshops for new activities and

an international film contest. In addition to the ISAPA, regional conferences are held regularly by the Asian, European, and North American regional organizations.

The Halberg Trust Sport Opportunity Programme has been developing its international links and saw ISAPA as a real opportunity to increase international awareness of what the Trust achieves in our community. Hosting ISAPA 2011 would not only increase the capability of our staff and our communities but also leave a legacy of knowledge with tertiary institutions around New Zealand.

With the assistance of CINZ (Conventions and Incentives New Zealand) the Halberg Trust presented a substantial bid to the IFAPA board.

The International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (IFAPA) handed New Zealand the honour of hosting the International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity in 2011. The Halberg Trust was confirmed as hosts by the IFAPA Executive Committee in October 2008.

We are now working with the University of Canterbury (host University) to develop the symposium details and we will keep you up to date with progress as we get closer to the symposium. Please register your interest online at <http://www.uco.canterbury.ac.nz/conference/isapa2011/index.shtml> but for now, pencil in 4-9 July to attend ISAPA 2011 in Christchurch.

Halberg Trust appoints new CEO

THE HALBERG TRUST HAS APPOINTED STEVE HALL, PREVIOUSLY HEAD OF THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL IN ANAKIWA, TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

Steve has considerable experience in sport, not-for-profit and community service, replaces Graeme Taylor who left in August.

Steve was named as one of its six Emerging Leaders by the Sir Peter Blake Trust in 2007. Steve spent eight years in Anakiwa where he led a significant change in the focus and operation of the school. Married, with three boys and the eldest about to start college, he left Outward Bound earlier this year, seeking an opportunity where education opportunities were more plentiful.

Steve took up his new role with the Halberg Trust at the end of September "very excited to be leading such an iconic New Zealand organisation which is already making such a difference as a leader in the disability sector". He says his years at Outward Bound "helped him develop an empathy and understanding for an organisation like the Halberg Trust and I really believe in the work they do".

"I am very excited. It is a big challenge personally, but at the same time an amazing opportunity."

Halberg Trust chairman Mike Jeffcoat says around 70 applications were received to fill the position. "Steve stood out amongst some outstanding candidates, and we are confident that we have found a Chief Executive with great energy, vision, and above all the skills to not only continue the work we do but also to take us to where we need to be with both of our primary objectives."



Westpac Halberg Regional



Special day in the snow for disabled young people

On Sunday 20 September, 41 disabled people from Otago and Southland had a fun day on the slopes of Cardrona, most of them experiencing snow for the first time as they took part in Snowscapade, an event specially designed to enable them to enjoy the mountain environment.

Westpac hosted the event and provided a small army of 60 volunteers, working together with the Halberg Trust, Sport Otago, Sport Southland, Cardrona Alpine Resort and their Adaptive Ski Programme.

Andrew Moreton, Westpac's Area Manager for Southland, says the aim of Snowscapade is to enable young people to have fun in the snow for their level of ability. "We're using the Cardrona Adaptive Snow Sport programme which has been specially adapted to assist anyone with a disability to get out and have fun on the snow."

Moreton says the Adaptive Snow Sport programme will be coordinating four different activities for the young people. "The programme is designed to give the young people whatever support they might need with tobogganing, or building snowmen, or having a go on the chair lifts or just to have fun in our wonderful alpine environment."

Westpac New Zealand Ltd, as a major sponsor of the Halberg Trust. The bank encourages staff to volunteer for such events, using their paid volunteer day. The bank also supplied transport and refreshments for the participants and their caregivers.

Bridget Meyer, Halberg Trust Sport Opportunity Advisor based at Sport Otago says the relationship between Westpac and the Halberg Trust is very valuable. "It is challenging to organise these kind of events for children and people with disabilities without good support, especially trained volunteer help, and Westpac provides all of that." She says the young people were really excited getting ready for the event, especially those who had not seen snow before. "I had been getting lots of calls from parents, saying that the children were counting down the sleeps till Snow Scapade!"

The Halberg Trust encourages young people with disabilities to participate in sports and community events such as Surf to City, Round the Bays and Have a go at Bowls days. TVNZ's Attitude programme, promoting the positive lives of New Zealanders living with disabilities, filmed the Snowscapade event and it will be aired on TV1 on Sunday 25 October at 8.30am but can also be viewed on their website www.disabilitytv.com



Community Events

These community events are a Westpac and Halberg Trust partnership to support disabled people to participate in active sport, recreation and leisure in their communities. If you are interested in participating in these events please contact Margaret at the Halberg Trust by phone 0800 HALBERG or email margaret@halberg.co.nz

2009 Snowscapade Cardrona



HONOURING SPORTING EXCELLENCE AND LINKING PEOPLE
WITH A DISABILITY TO SPORT AND ACTIVE LEISURE

Halberg Trust Activity Funding change of guidelines for grants available for disabled children

THE HALBERG TRUST HAS JUST MADE SOME CHANGES TO THEIR ACTIVITY FUND GUIDELINES WHICH WERE EFFECTIVE FROM THE 1 OCTOBER 2009. THE HALBERG TRUST ACTIVITY FUND PROVIDES GRANTS TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORT AND ACTIVE LEISURE WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING THE ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING A DISABILITY.

Up to \$150,000 is available for these grants each year. Over the last four years the Halberg Trust has allocated more than \$550,000 in grants at an average of \$137,000 per year. There have been approximately 1700 children helped in that time. Grants are considered on a monthly basis by a grants committee made up of four Halberg Trustees. Applications are welcome year round.

The basic criteria are: that the Fund will cover the cost of an activity that will be incurred as the result of an individual having an impairment. This will only be for the cost over and above what a non disabled person would reasonably be expected to pay. The recipient must also be over the age of eight (five for lessons) and under the age of 18. It is also expected that the activity or equipment will be within or lead to inclusive participation.

The Grants committee made several refinements to the policies which form the basis for our decisions:

- Swimming lessons can only be applied for to a maximum of \$200.
- Other lessons can be for a maximum of \$250.
- Only one set of lessons can be applied for in any 12-month period.
- A recipient will only be funded for two activities/lessons in their lifetime (but it can be the same activity/lesson ie, two sets of swimming lessons).
- A maximum equipment application is \$1,500.
- Recipients can only apply for two pieces of equipment in a lifetime.
- Recipients will be expected to contribute towards the cost of a portion of the equipment (set at \$300 for trikes and at

least 20% for other equipment/lessons/camps).

- A school can apply for the support costs that a child needs to attend a school camp over and above what a school already gets by way of teacher aid hours.

An application can be made to support disabled youth to participate in physical activities, school camps or to access equipment. Examples of grants are lessons for tennis, rockclimbing, skiing, swimming, ice-skating, golf etc. Successful equipment grants have been made for sports wheelchairs, trampolines, tandem bikes, trikes, handcycles and school camp support and more.

Application Forms and guidelines can be downloaded from the Halberg Trust website: www.halberg.co.nz or to get the information posted contact 0800 HALBERG (4252374).

Summarised guidelines below: (please find full guidelines on our website).

The following are the policies to ensure our basic ideals will be met:

- Applications are welcomed from caregivers, parents, teachers and advocates on behalf of children with a disability that are under 18 years (have not turned 18).
- All applicants must contribute towards the cost of an activity/lesson or a piece of equipment unless financial hardship is identified. This is generally expected to be 20%. eg, A bike for an able bodied child would realistically expect to cost \$300.00, this is expected to be the minimum amount contributed by the applicant for this piece of equipment.
- All applications are processed by the grants committee and are subject to the discretion of the committee.

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- The committee reserves the right to approve applications from organizations on a case by case basis.

Lessons/Activities

- Two sets of lessons funded by the Activity Fund is the maximum allowable over a person's lifetime (provided they fit the age criteria).
- Minimum age to apply for lessons or an activity is five years old.
- The maximum grant for swimming lessons is \$200 for other types of lessons the maximum is \$250.
- All applications for lessons/activities must include a Physical Activity Plan.
- Only one set of lessons/activity, or a piece of equipment can be applied for over a 12-month period.
- After six months of an application being granted the recipient (or applicant) of a grant in excess of \$500 will be required to submit a report to the Halberg Trust with a review of the impact that funding has had.

Equipment

- The minimum age for all equipment applications is eight years of age.
- Two pieces of equipment funded by the Activity Fund is the maximum allowable over a person's lifetime (provided they fit the age criteria).
- The maximum grant allowable for equipment related funding applications is \$1500.00 excl GST.

School Camps

- The minimum age for all school camp applications is eight years of age.
- The maximum grant allowable for school camp related funding applications is \$1500.00 excluding GST.
- The school must show a commitment and agreement to work collaboratively with the Halberg Trust to develop School Camps Inclusion Plan.



Bowlers support Halberg Trust

ONE OF SEVERAL LAWN BOWLS EVENINGS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WAS HELD IN TARANAKI IN JULY AND WAS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH JOHN SIGURDSSON (HALBERG TRUST SPORT OPPORTUNITY ADVISOR, SPORT TARANAKI) REPORTING THAT "EVERYONE HEADED HOME WITH A SMILE ON THEIR FACE".

Halberg Trust is Bowls NZ's official charity and was involved in organising several bowling clubs in various regional venues as hosts for the bowls evenings for Halberg Trust participants.

The Taranaki "Have a Go at Lawn Bowls" evening was the result of collaboration between Halberg Trust, Bowls NZ, Westpac Bank and Sport Taranaki. 35 people with disabilities and their families enjoyed a fun evening at the Paritutu Bowling Club. The evening involved socialising, games of bowls and later prizes were presented. Players from organisations such as the RNZFB (Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind), Parafed, Idea Services, Toucan, and also from schools around the region attended. Each person brought along their family and support with the total number of participants around 80. 16 teams competed over three rounds in bowls and also boccia to experience both sports and opportunities will be available to continue with these sports. Although there wasn't an overall champion on the night, one team won all three of their games.

Westpac and Bowls NZ have partnered with Halberg Trust to help more disabled New Zealanders get access to sport and leisure. Westpac is encouraging staff to use their paid Volunteer Day to volunteer for Halberg Trust by supporting novice bowlers with a disability. The volunteers go through Halberg Trust's No Exceptions Training, which qualifies them to support people with disabilities at community sporting events such as this. The Westpac and local Paritutu volunteers were excellent and the feedback from people within the disability organisations was very complimentary.

Dunedin

18 participants from Halberg Trust were treated to a wonderful evening with their caregivers at the Westpac Bowls Stadium in Dunedin. The event was hosted by Westpac Bank and staff, who volunteered their time to assist in the evenings activities. "It was wonderful to witness the camaraderie and support provided by everyone including members of the Westpac Bowls Stadium where the event was held" said Jim Scott, Bowls NZ Community Development Officer for the region. There is also no doubt that they will all be back on the bowling green again soon, honing the skills gained from their first experience.

Pukekohe

16 participants from Halberg Trust were involved in a bowls evening at Pukekohe Bowls Club. Stacey Roche, Halberg Trust Sport Opportunity Adviser for the region says "Bowls is such an accessible sport that it lends itself nicely to what Halberg Trust and Westpac are trying to achieve. The aim is to get more disabled people to experience different types of sports that they may go on to do regularly."

Mairangi Bay

Over 20 disabled participants took part in the Have a go at bowls at Mairangi Bay Bowling Club. Luckily the rain held off and everyone had a very enjoyable day. Some of those participating came away with a different view on bowling than they did when they signed up and are very keen to continue. Mairangi Bay Bowling Club was very welcoming and supplied a wonderful lunch...thanks to their club members who volunteered on the day.



THE HALBERG TRUST WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOWLS NZ AND ALL THE BOWLING CLUBS AND CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE HELPED WITH THESE EVENTS.

New Zealand's 'Knights of Running' share stage



THIS WAS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE AN INTIMATE DINNER WITH THREE OF NEW ZEALAND'S MOST OUTSTANDING AND RESPECTED SPORTSMEN ON THE CIVIC THEATRE STAGE. EACH ONE HAS ACHIEVED THE UNIQUE MILESTONE OF ATTAINING OLYMPIC GLORY.



Together this trio set world records, won Olympic gold, thrilled New Zealanders who rejoiced in their achievements and broke the hearts of countless competitors.

It was almost 40 years ago at the 1960 Rome Olympics that Peter and Murray made history sharing one hour of golden glory in the 800m and 5000m respectively. Four years later Peter went on to complete the 800m/1500m double in Tokyo.

Then in 1976, a year after becoming the first man to ever break 3m 50s for the mile, John Walker won gold in the 1500m final at Montreal.

Over the years their paths have crossed, but until now they have never sat down together at any event and shared their outstanding achievements with the public.

This evening has been made possible thanks to the support of SPARC and the NZOC.

The three took part in a charitable dinner for 200 guests benefitting the charities linked to the trio – all proceeds from the evening were shared by the John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams Foundation, Parkinsons Auckland and the Halberg Trust.

Among the select crowd at the Civic was a table dedicated to "friends of the knights" featuring people who had played key roles in the careers of the trio of honour.

Among the crowd were many other Olympians including Les Mills, Peter Miskimmin, Mike Stanley, Alison Roe, Barry Maister, Hamish Carter and Barbara Kendall, the latter three all gold medallists themselves.

