



# 2020 Annual Report



**Special  
Olympics**  
New Zealand



## Purpose

To enrich the lives of people with intellectual disabilities through sport

## Vision

People with intellectual disabilities in Aotearoa are valued



*e whakaatu mai ana i te toa o roto i a tatou*  
*Revealing the inner champion in all of us*



## Who we are

Through the power of sports, people with intellectual disabilities discover new strengths, skills and success. We celebrate the courage of Special Olympics athletes and the challenges they overcome everyday.

Athletes find success, fun, confidence and fulfilment on the playing field that they take to the rest of their lives. They also inspire people in their communities to build an Aotearoa that puts inclusivity at its heart and welcomes everyone's contribution.



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**Cover Photo**

Hutt Valley athlete Jerusha Simi scoring a goal at the North Taranaki Basketball tier 2 tournament

Photo: Steve Young



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# Our Supporters

Special Olympics New Zealand is grateful to the following partners, funders and supporters who have assisted our important work and programmes including; schools programme, Young Athletes, Athlete Leadership and club programmes.



Special Olympics New Zealand is very grateful for the support we receive.

*Thank you to all the individuals and organisations who have donated to Special Olympics New Zealand through our various fundraising events, activities and communications.*

# Message from the Chair

This year has been one of Covid interruptus for all and has been challenging for our athletes and clubs. 2020 was a year like no other through all of the challenges that Covid presented. It was pleasing to see the response from both clubs and SONZ staff was always centred around the Athletes and their wellbeing.

The Board aspire to achieve an organisation capable of actively facilitating positive outcomes for people with intellectual disabilities. We want to enrich the lives of people with intellectual disabilities through sport, so that our athletes, our volunteers, our coaches and administrators were all enriched because they had belonged to our organisation.

With that foremost in our minds, the Board approved an aspirational strategic plan, vision and goals for 2020 to 2025 for the organisation, with a view to getting the Board and the organisation focusing on the “what if we could achieve this” what would our organisation look like.

Included in the vision is growing our athlete numbers, our funding and having people with intellectual disabilities in Aotearoa valued by all. I hope you join me, our Board of Trustees, and our CEO, Carolyn Young in this endeavour over the next four years.

In 2019 Sport New Zealand completed a review of the SONZ Board and provided us with an assessment on how we were performing. Following

receipt of this report the Board agreed on the importance to lead from the front and work towards attaining the Sport New Zealand Governance Mark. Even with the interruptions of Covid the Board managed to make progress against the Mark and further work will continue in 2021 with the club consultation on some recommendations of change to futureproof Special Olympics for the years ahead.

The National Summer games was given the go ahead in November and the budget (\$1.6 million) was signed off, not without some nervousness from the Board around the possibility of a Covid interrupted games, and close oversight by the board has been kept around meeting the budget and some go, no go decisions the organisation had to meet before proceeding to the next step.

The Board has full confidence that Carolyn has assembled a team, ably headed by Asti, to make these games a success in December 2021. The SONZ staff are all working hard to bring a memorable games to Hamilton, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

The relationship with Special Olympics Asia Pacific (SOAP) has been strengthened with Carolyn, Gary and Asti all working closely with SOAP across leadership, sport, health, athlete leaders and cross programme sharing of best practice. Our relationship with SOAP has ensured that some funding has been secured to support our programmes and pass on these



benefits to the wider Special Olympics family.

It is pleasing to report the strong financial position of SONZ, and the Board and CEO are actively pursuing other avenues to broaden the base of financial resources to SONZ.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carolyn Young (CEO), the staff at SONZ, and the Board of Trustees for their passionate hard work for, and on behalf of our Athletes and Clubs.

And finally, I look forward to the strengthening of our club relationships to ensure that together, we work on furthering the great work being done for people with an intellectual disability so that the achievements of our athletes, and all people with intellectual disabilities are visible and valued by New Zealand society.

**Rob Torrance**  
Chair

## Special Olympics Values



# Message from the CEO

2020 was a momentous year for everyone and, like most of you, the speed of which changes took place in March had us scrambling. No sooner had we completed a trial work from home, than we were in lockdown proper. The adjustments that everyone had to make, on both a personal and work perspective were rapid and extensive.

The first week of lock down we focused on three key areas:

1. Connection with our staff to ensure that they had everything that they needed and to establish a new work routine to keep connected with each other every day.
2. Increase our communication to our clubs and athletes to ensure that they had certainty around next steps.
3. Understand our financial viability and how we could survive the year.

We quickly got into a routine of daily staff meetings, SMT meetings, reforecasts of our budget, zoom meetings within the sector and of course lunch at 1pm to take in the daily Covid updates. The first few weeks were unsettling for everyone and required long days to meet the changing needs of our organisation, but once we got to the end of April, we were in a routine and had a greater understanding of how we were going to move forward.

The development of our Return to Activity guide and Response to the Alert levels was a piece of work that the Senior Management Team spent a lot of time on to land at the space where it felt safe and appropriate for everyone to return to Special Olympics activities. This guide proved invaluable throughout 2020 as we experienced further lockdowns.

A highlight for me was our ability to connect with each other through new modes of communication. Doing the regular club zoom updates ensured that we could keep our volunteers updated, answer any pressing

questions, and provide certainty of what the return to “normal” might look like. By far, the Facebook Live sessions were the most fun that we had during lockdown. It was great to be able to interact with our athletes and get the feedback from each other that we were missing by not being able to be together in person.

Return to level 1 in mid-June allowed us to get back to training, with some additional safety protocols in place, like the contactless thermometers (gratefully donated to each club by the Holdsworth Charitable Trust), contact tracing registers etc. And although there were some further lockdowns in the second half of the year, it was great to see a significant number of our athletes get back to training and competition.

During lockdown we were faced with the task of reviewing the school programme to ensure that we could continue to provide sporting opportunities for our school students that would be safe in the new environment and could meet our unknown financial environment. This “forced” review” was probably overdue and gave us the opportunity to think differently about how we could modernise a programme for the youth of today.

The Regional Sports Administrators, alongside Gary and David, embraced the changes and when we returned to level one they set about getting into schools to provide inclusive skills training in safe environments that enabled us to reach more students than ever. I can’t wait to see how this programme grows and develops in the future.

Despite the uncertainty of funding in 2020, we managed to secure a strong end of year performance, that will enable us to implement our reserves policy. By continuing to source new funding opportunities will ensure that we have a sustainable future.



Our clubs took on the challenges of 2020 in a variety of ways, having to learn new skills around video conferences, connecting remotely, how to stay in touch, as well as managing their own personal circumstances. Without the commitment of our volunteers we wouldn’t be able to achieve the reach and engagement within our community. Thank you.

Thank you to the board of Trustees for your ongoing support and vision on where we are heading. The finalisation in June of our strategic plan was an important step to provide clear direction and prioritisation to Special Olympics New Zealand.

Special thanks to our staff who did an amazing job in difficult circumstances throughout 2020. Together we tackled some big changes, supported each other and, as always the staff delivered amazing opportunities for our athletes.

It’s inspiring to work for an organisation that is always looking to how we can improve and provide better outcomes for our community. I am looking ahead to a positive future, working alongside our athletes, volunteers and Board of Trustees to enrich the lives of people with an intellectual disability. To everyone that has supported us in our journey and made a contribution to our community, thank you.

**Carolyn Young**  
Chief Executive



# Governance

The Board plays a pivotal role in overseeing the strategic direction of Special Olympics New Zealand and ensuring the right strategic programmes are put in place and implemented.

## Role of the Board

The Board is the governing body of the organisation and is responsible for overseeing the organisation’s operations, ensuring that its business is carried out in the best interests of the members and stakeholders.

The Board’s specific responsibility is to approve strategic plans for SONZ and its affiliates and approve and review the:

- Annual Budgets and monitor financials
- Oversee risk management
- Ensure compliance – Health and Safety, internal and legal compliance
- Appointment and manage the CEO
- Ensure the organisation meets the strategic objectives

## Ethical standards

All Board members, Management and staff are required to adopt standards of conduct which are ethical and comply with all legislative requirements.

## Governance mark

In November 2019 the Board agreed to undertake the Sport New Zealand Governance Mark. In 2020 the Board has worked with John Page from Board Works and Sport New Zealand to progress the Boards development. The SONZ Board has a three monthly catch-up with Sport New Zealand and John Page to map progress against the mark, gain insights, observations and any recommendations.

Good progress has been achieved in 2020, with the focus of 2021 to be the SONZ constitution and club consultation.

## Strategic plan

In June 2020 the Board approved the 2020 – 2025 Strategic Plan which outlines the key priorities to enable us to reach our vision, which is: People with intellectual disabilities in Aotearoa are valued. The Board will measure progress against these priorities at each Board meeting and will work with the CEO and Senior Management Team to monitor outcomes.

The Covid pandemic hit right as the Strategic Plan was about to be approved, which led the Board to review and reset some priorities to reflect the environment that we were entering into. The Strategic Plan is available on our website and the 2020 – 2021 period focuses on recovery from Covid and ensuring that we have a strong platform to enable us to enter the next phase of our strategy.

## Committees

Members of the Board are allocated positions on the following committees:

### Audit and Finance Committee

Members: Robin Keall  
Peter Taylor  
Merrill Holdsworth  
Matthew Burgess

### Risk and Compliance Committee

Members: Erica Amon  
Alan Robson  
Simone Kokaua

## Trustees



**Rob Torrance**  
Chair  
Lower South Island  
Regional Chair



**Peter Taylor**  
Deputy Chair  
Independent



**Mike Ringrose**  
Upper North Island  
Regional Chair



**Jane Davis**  
Central North Island  
Regional Chair, until  
May 2020



**Simone Kokaua**  
Central North Island  
Regional Chair, from  
May 2020



**Matt Burgess**  
Lower North Island  
Regional Chair



**Jeff Waters**  
Upper South Island  
Regional Chair



**Hamish Taverner**  
Athlete



**Graeme Porter**  
Independent



**Al Robson**  
Independent



**Erica Amon**  
Independent



**Lisa Towey**  
Independent

## Attendance at Board Meetings

Trustee	19 March 2020	12 June 2020	28 August 2020	27 November 2020
Rob Torrance	Apology	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mike Ringrose	Apology*	Yes	Yes	Apology*
Simone Kokaua	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jane Davis	Yes**	-	-	-
Matthew Burgess	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jeff Waters	Yes	Apology	Yes	Apology
Peter Taylor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Apology
Lisa Towey	Yes	Via Zoom	Yes	Yes
Erica Amon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Graeme Porter	Yes	Yes	Apology	Yes
Hamish Taverner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Al Robson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*Laurinne Laing attended

\*\*Jane Davis retired and was replaced Simone Kokaua

During Covid the Board held 5 additional Zoom meetings

# Special Olympics New Zealand Staff 2020

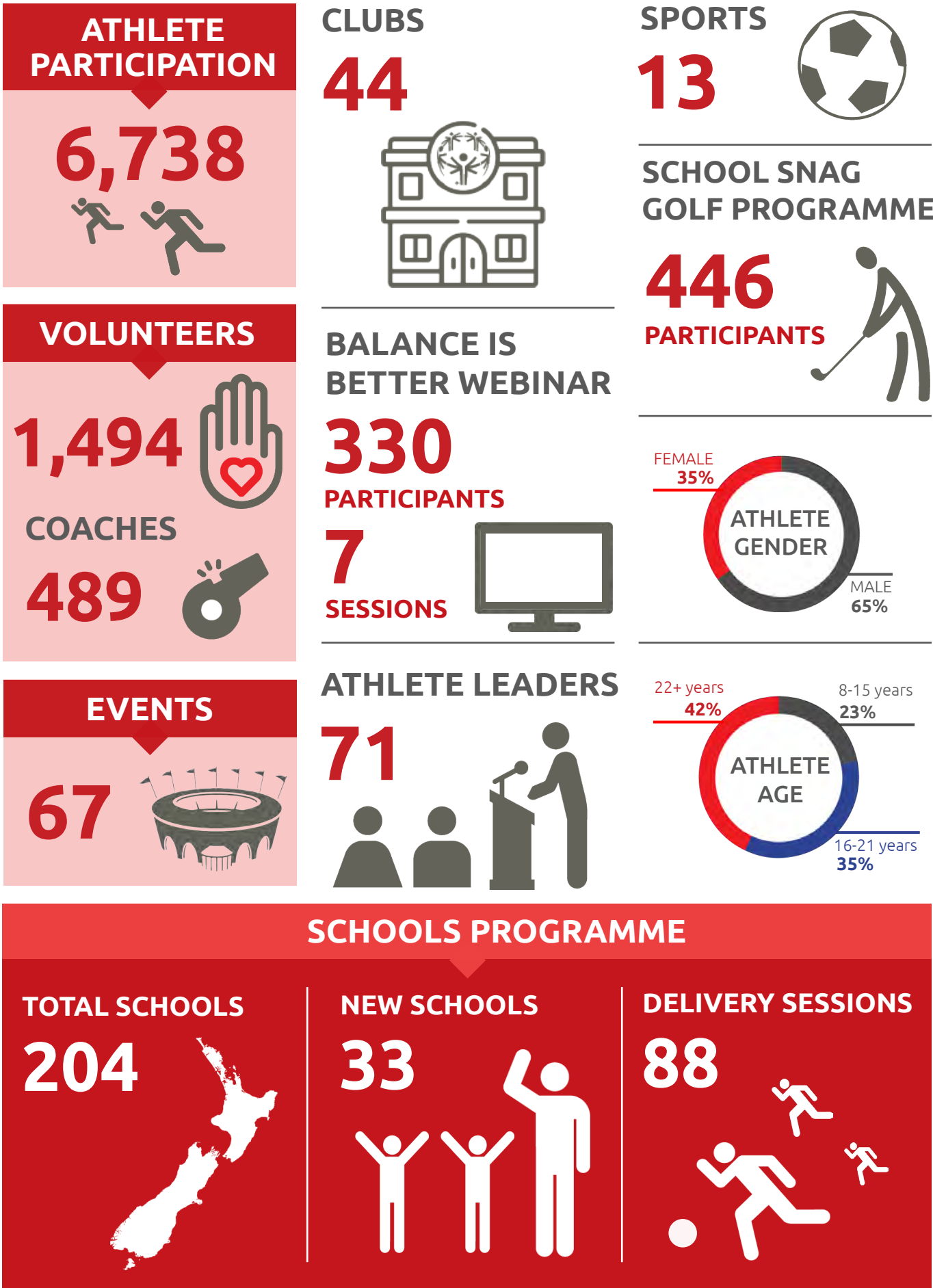


(Top row) Alan McDonald, Stacey Garrety, Jemma Drake, Tristen Mathieson, Kylie Henderson, Scott Vaughan, Zoe Braithwaite  
(Bottom row) Asti Farrell, David Hibberd, Carolyn Young, Graeme Bain, Helen Ferguson, Gary Peacham, Niall Thompson

## Special Olympics New Zealand Staff

<b>Carolyn Young</b> CEO	<b>Scott Vaughan</b> Regional Sports Coordinator - Upper North Island
<b>Gary Peacham</b> Sports Director	<b>Helen Ferguson</b> Regional Sports Coordinator - Upper North Island
<b>Asti Farrell</b> Events Director	<b>Niall Thompson</b> Regional Sports Coordinator - Upper North Island
<b>David Hibberd</b> Regional Sports Coordinators Director	<b>Alan McDonald</b> Regional Sports Coordinator - Central North Island
<b>Stacey Garrety</b> Games Management System (GMS) Coordinator	<b>Colleen Black</b> Regional Sports Coordinator - Central North Island (Resigned July 2020)
<b>Kylie Henderson</b> Administration Officer	<b>Jemma Drake</b> Regional Sports Coordinator - Lower North Island
<b>Kathy Dunn</b> Finance Administrator	<b>Tristen Mathieson</b> Regional Sports Coordinator - Lower North Island
<b>Zoe Braithwaite</b> Marketing and Communications Officer	<b>Graeme Bain</b> Regional Sports Coordinator - Upper South Island
	<b>Matt McFayden</b> Regional Sports Coordinator - Lower South Island (Resigned October 2020)

# 2020 A Year in Review





# Club Update

Unsurprisingly, the impacts of COVID-19 dominated the experiences of Special Olympics clubs throughout 2020. Training and event participation were heavily disrupted, while navigating alert level changes and their associated protocols was demanding.



**The lack of normal routine was particularly significant for athletes and clubs expressed resounding appreciation for the efforts of volunteers in supporting athletes in new and different ways.**

Amidst a hugely challenging time, positive stories of support, creativity and resilience emerged. The pandemic served to reinforce and further highlight the significant role that Special Olympics clubs play in providing a sense of community, connection and belonging for members.

## Upper North

The Upper North Island endured more covid-related disruption than the rest of the country. Clubs utilised a range of methods to stay connected; zoom, social media, online workout challenges, quizzes and more. Some clubs spoke of the opportunities that came from 'slowing down' – a chance to reflect and re-evaluate as a group.

A number of athletes continued to work on the 'front line' during lockdown, adapting to new processes and helping the country to keep functioning. Chelsea Thorn, athlete leader from the Manukau club, observed a range of reactions from the public, "some people were scared, some angry and some confused, so I always remembered that new phrase that every kiwi learned: keep safe and be kind."

As conditions allowed, informal fitness sessions, walking groups and get-togethers were established, providing much needed opportunity for activity and social connection. Committee meetings moved from public venues to zooms or private homes, with even a home-cooked meal included!

In the latter part of the year, several events were able to go ahead, including Basketball, Bocce, Golf and Swimming. There was a great sense of relief to be back in action and a hope that this was the start of a fresh chapter.

## Central North

Many of the Central North Island region's clubs have stable, experienced committees with strong support, which enabled them to adjust quickly to a changing environment. A common challenge was finding suitable venues and training times with the range of health and safety restrictions in play.

Before lockdown commenced clubs were able to hold a Powerlifting event in March and in the latter part of the year several events were held including Bowling and Indoor Bowls, as well as their annual Swimming event in Te Awamutu which is always a fun and popular event.

## Lower North

Clubs in the Lower North Island region expressed pride in the resilience of athletes and the efforts of their volunteers in delivering a number of successful events under the ever-



present cloud of covid. Many of the clubs were successful and proactive in receiving COVID response grants to help protect the health of their athletes & volunteers and their own sustainability in the post Covid era. Snosports, Powerlifting, Bowling, Swimming, Basketball, Golf and Football events were all held post Covid, which was a huge relief to the clubs and their athletes.

Hutt Valley managed to increase their cohort of athletes participating, and the Kapiti club even managed to enjoy growth in volunteers over several sports. All clubs are excited and ready for a new year and the preparation for the National Summer Games is well underway.

## Upper South

The high level of communication that was demanded in navigating the pandemic, while exhausting at times, also had a strengthening effect for some clubs as volunteers and athletes had more contact outside of the normal sports setting. Committees were proactive and successful in seeking funding support from various Covid-related grants, and also in utilizing the time gained from a lack of competition, to strengthen and implement new internal club processes.

While the experiences of 2020 will not be quickly forgotten and it may take some time for the caution around travel and gatherings to ease, people generally felt hopeful and

positive for the future by the end of the year. There is a real sense of energy and excitement around the West Coast club in particular, who are gearing up to send a team to the National Summer Games for the first time in 2021.

Several events were able to be held before lockdown including a Golf event on the West Coast. In the latter part of the year Bocce, Football, Golf, Equestrian and Athletics were held giving the athletes a great opportunity to get back into the sports they love.

## Lower South

The Otago Regional Games was a wonderful end to a tough year. While trainings and preparation were impacted, the return to competition and reuniting of athletes and friends were widely celebrated. Held in Dunedin in December, six clubs and 120 athletes came together for two days of competition across basketball, bocce, bowling, football, golf, indoor bowls, powerlifting and swimming.

Starting with an opening ceremony where all of the athletes were piped-in by a local Piper, creating a traditional and also inspirational start to the two days of competition. The new Special Olympics New Zealand mascot, Kaha the Kiwi, was a big hit – the start of a busy schedule in the leadup to the 2021 National Summer Games.



# Regional Sports Coordinators

Special Olympics New Zealand's team of Regional Sports Coordinators (RSCs) based around Aotearoa support our 44 clubs and over 8,000 athletes and volunteers.

RSCs support our clubs to provide quality training and competition opportunities. They also deliver in-school sports skills and fundamental movement activities, school events and the Young Athletes Programme.

**Scott Vaughan**  
Upper North Island - North Harbour/Northland

**Niall Thompson**  
Upper North Island - Central / West

**Helen Ferguson**  
Upper North Island - South

**Alan McDonald**  
Central North Island

**Tristen Mathieson**  
Lower North Island

**Graeme Bain**  
Upper South Island

**Chris Moffitt**  
Lower South Island

Collaborating with local, regional and national sports and recreation organisations, RSCs work to improve and increase capability for inclusive sports programmes.

# RSC Director's Report

**David Hibberd:** The twists and turns throughout 2020 proved a dynamic time for our Regional Sports Coordinators (RSCs).



Special Olympics Otago with mascot Kaha the Kiwi posing with their medals at the Otago Tier Regionals in December 2020.

The Covid-19 lockdowns had a major impact on the RSC team as well as our clubs. Online communication software including Zoom, Slack and Microsoft teams was used for daily staff meetings and regular communication with our clubs.

Regular communication amongst the team with their clubs was key, alongside the introduction of different opportunities to get updates and keep in touch via zoom calls, Facebook Live sessions, quiz nights and regular emails.

At the start of lockdown there was some apprehension around the use of zoom and similar platforms, however once in lockdown everyone seemed to embrace the options that were available and access to the SONZ Zoom account meant that clubs could keep in touch with each other with relative ease.

2020 was a year of upheaval for everyone, and the impact of the changes needed to be made to our schools and club programme was navigated by the RSCs with great skill, patience and perseverance. It wasn't easy to get through the ongoing changes, but we believe that together we did great work to keep the focus on the needs of our athletes and enable us to get back to training and competition when it was safe to do so.

During early stages of lockdown, SONZ developed our own response to the different alert levels alongside a return to activity guide. These documents provided certainty to clubs and schools on when we could return to training and what the pathway was back to competition.

These tools have been at the forefront of RSCs' work and has allowed for effective and transparent information across all their relationships and delivery. Feedback that we received from clubs was that this was extremely helpful to be able to confirm to athletes what the future looked like and to have a consistent message.

We had a number of changes in personnel during 2020, with some long serving RSCs moving on. In early 2020, Jayden Richards left to take up an opportunity with Hockey Manawātū and was replaced by Tristen Mathieson in March 2020, and is based in Wellington alongside Jemma Drake, to support the Lower North Island.

In Auckland Carlin Crossan moved back into a school setting and Niall Thompson joined us in March 2020.

In the Central North Island, Colleen Black left her role after many years of fantastic service. After a transitional period, Alan McDonald became the Central North Island RSC. Alan is known to many in the Central Region following many years with Sport Waikato.



# Sports Director's Report

**Gary Peacham:** Like the majority of national sporting organisations across New Zealand, Covid-19 had a big impact on Special Olympics New Zealand's (SONZ) planned activities and events for 2020. However, the following achievements are some of the highlights of the 2020 sports programme:



## Coach Education

Feedback and research continue to show quality coaching practice and quality sports opportunities are crucial components of creating an athlete-centred sports system. SONZ continues to commit time and resources into developing effective development opportunities for our coaches.

Whilst plans to deliver a series of sport specific coaching courses were put on hold, a break in Covid-19 lockdowns allowed us to deliver two face-to-face coach development workshops. Coaches from both Whangarei and Bay of Islands successfully participated in the workshops and SONZ are hoping to offer these opportunities to more regions in the future.

Online webinars became the new normal for many coach educators, and SONZ utilised these to host seven Balance is Better webinars, with a focus on adopting an athlete-centred approach to coaching. Positive feedback was received from clubs and the high interest from the SONZ community saw 330 coaches participate in the webinars.

Following on from the webinars and continued collaboration with leading industry experts around the SONZ coaching framework, SONZ have adopted a new online coaching platform which will be live in 2021.

With the continued support of Sport NZ, a catalogue of coach education modules and resources will be made available for all SONZ coaches. This is a positive move forward and will create more opportunities for local coaches to develop at their own pace.

## Relationships

Special Olympics New Zealand continue to collaborate with key partners such as Sport NZ and regional sports trusts, these relationships further developed during 2020 and have provided our programmes with various levels of support.

SONZ's commitment to work with national sports organisations (NSOs) continues. We are still in the introductory phase as we work to help support them and understand what full inclusion looks like in the context of intellectual disability. As these relationships continue to flourish, new opportunities will present themselves for our SONZ athletes and volunteers.

# Key observations from 2020

Many of the sporting activities offered throughout 2020 remained status quo except for the addition of Floorball and various active recreational opportunities which evolved post-lockdown.

Whilst Athletics and Basketball had the highest participation rates, Snowboarding had the smallest number of athletes participating. Snowsports was heavily disrupted by the Covid-19 lockdowns which led to a short winter sports season.

Covid-19 had a huge impact on many of the SONZ sports on offer for a variety of reasons. Sports such as Swimming, Powerlifting and Bocce that rely on facility hire during Covid level changes, often struggled and this is reflected in the 2020 statistics.

The data shows a large increase in golf activity due to the introduction of SNAG (Starting New at Golf) into the school sports programme. This programme was initially supported by Sport Auckland and has now grown into a national offering. It is anticipated that this number will continue to grow.

SONZ volunteers and coaches remain our greatest asset and continuing to support their needs is our focus. Coaching data shows that many coaches were active throughout 2020 even though activity was reduced, this is very positive, and we will continue to work with our coaches to ensure we are doing everything we can to support their development.

## Sports Programmes

Throughout 2020, SONZ maintained a participation focus across all sports programmes and supported schools and clubs to lead sports delivery sessions and facilitate events.

It was anticipated that the Covid-19 pandemic would reduce the total number of opportunities that were made available, and the annual census data below provides a breakdown of what was delivered. This data also highlights the number of coaches that have worked alongside our athletes in 2020.

Sport	Athletes who trained and competed	Athletes who trained but did not compete	Total Coaches (Certified)	Total Coaches (Uncertified)
Alpine Skiing	15	51	3	12
Athletics	1,207	171	10	31
Basketball	870	561	15	69
Bocce	140	145	3	28
Bowling	324	684	19	71
Equestrian	20	75	0	7
Floorball	0	5	0	0
Football (Soccer)	198	314	2	11
Golf (inc. SNAG)	63	476	9	26
Power Lifting	45	29	3	14
Snowboarding	0	17	0	0
Swimming	563	329	25	101
Table Tennis	11	32	0	3
Indoor Bowls	72	144	6	21
Active Recreation	0	177	0	0
Total Participation	3,528	3,210	95	394



In early 2020, we delivered an eight week Young Athletes Programme (YAP) in South Auckland.

Young Athletes is a sport and play programme for children with and without intellectual disabilities aged 2–7 years-old. An eight-week programme was prepared following training with RSCs, volunteers and Athlete Leaders.

**“My daughter doesn’t like sport; she doesn’t enjoy it at school but all week she has been talking about sport and looking forward to coming to Young Athletes and playing with the other kids.”**

Young Athlete Parent

In partnership with the New Zealand Institute of Sport (NZIS) we continued to work with their student volunteers to support the programme alongside their coaching studies.

Young Athletes is a fun way for children to get fit and learn healthy habits. It introduces basic sports skills like running, kicking and throwing. This helps set the stage for a life of physical activity, friendship, and learning.

**“He’s running more, is better with a ball, understands orders, tasks and games”**

Young Athlete Parent

The programme commenced in March but the national lockdown and subsequent Auckland lockdowns meant the programme did not finish until November. However, parents and children experienced great outcomes with parents saying it was fun and a great way to learn new skills.

**“We’ve had parents tell us that this is an activity that they never actually thought that their kid would be interested in and that they can actually do the same thing at home or when they’re walking down the street.”**

Young Athlete Volunteer

Young Athletes not only benefits the child but also the family. It challenges societal expectations of children with intellectual disabilities, forges relationships, fosters support networks, and builds crucial skills for young children.

It was great to get a second programme delivered for the fifteen families despite the interruptions.

Early intervention for children with an intellectual disability is critically important. We will be working hard in 2021 to provide a sustainable model to ensure we can offer this vital programme to our families.



After two months participation in Young Athletes, children with intellectual disabilities experienced a **seven month gain** in motor skills.



At 5 and 10 month follow-ups, children who participated maintained a **4 month advantage** in development on two of three areas where they improved.



## Young Athletes Outcomes

### Motor Skills



Children with ID developed motor skills more than twice as fast as those who were not in Young Athletes

### Social Skills



Parents and teachers said that the children showed improved teamwork and socialisation skills.

### Expectations



Family members say that Young Athletes raised their hopes for their child’s future.

### Sport Skills



Young Athletes helps children get ready to take part in sports when they are older.



# Staying connected over lockdown

## Facebook Lives in 2020

During a turbulent year of lockdowns and alert level changes, Facebook Lives started as a way to keep in touch with our community, answer questions, and even hold fun quizzes with athletes.

CEO Carolyn Young and Regional Sports Coordinator Jemma Drake hosted 13 Facebook Lives throughout 2020, with

Regional Sports Coordinator Helen Ferguson providing sign language interpretation.

Our Facebook Lives proved popular, and have turned into a monthly event featuring news, stories, interviews, athlete leaders and audience Q&As.



### Follow us!

Follow us on facebook to be notified of our next Facebook Live  
[facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsNZ](https://facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsNZ)

RSCs Jemma Drake (top left), Helen Ferguson (bottom) and CEO Carolyn Young (top right) in the first Facebook live in March 2020.

## James Wilson's Superhero Training Camp



Over lockdown we were all making sure our friends and whānau were okay. However, Health leader James Wilson noticed that "We've been taught from an early age to be kind to each other. But sometimes we forget to be kind to ourselves".

As part of a series of five videos produced over 2020 James made a video in March to teach us how to get in the habit of saying positive statements about ourselves.

His message of becoming a positive superhero was heard throughout the community online and reminded us to look after ourselves as well.

"I am strong.  
I am brave.  
I am unique.  
I am **James.**"

# #1000CranesForInclusion

During a Special Olympics Asia Pacific Youth Summit, Athlete Leader Grace Payne learned of a Japanese legend stating if 1000 paper cranes were made, it would form a symbol of hope during challenging times.

Inspired, Grace took over our social media in September to spread the word -

**"I want us to spread that message of inclusion, send love, hope and healing across the world, and show that we've got their backs."**

Over a week-long takeover Grace enlisted the help of athletes from across Aotearoa to send in their paper cranes and messages of hope.

The campaign took off with 221 uses of the hashtag #1000CranesForInclusion on Facebook and Instagram and athletes around the world sharing their messages of hope.

Some of the messages from athletes include:

**"Be kind and be positive"**  
Nadia Morgan

**"We are all in this together"**  
Toby Adams

**"Be strong, we have your back"**  
Gracie Annabell

**"People with intellectual disabilities already know what it's like to feel isolated, because they already find it hard to fit in at school, at the workplace, or just in the community. Now that everybody knows what it feels like to be isolated from the world, it's time to come together and support each other."**  
Grace Payne, Athlete Leader



Athletes folding cranes at a Upper North Island Athlete Committee



# Schools Programme

The delivery of school events has been a positive contribution to students with an intellectual disability for many years.

Traditionally we have offered four events in each area, each year, Athletics, Basketball, Football and Swimming. These events are a one off opportunity with each sport to begin a journey with Special Olympics and provide students with success on the sports field.

When lockdown occurred it gave us an opportunity to review the current programme and assess if it was still fit for purpose, and if it would be feasible to run a number of events in terms three and four. We set about to establish what the needs of the schools were and what they would like to participate in, given the uncertainty of the Covid environment.

We gained some valuable insights from going out to over 200 schools. We learned that schools were uncertain and they wanted to stay in their “school bubble” where possible, at least until there was greater clarity about what the remainder of 2020 would look like.

An in-schools programme was established and the RSCs worked with schools around their availability to go into school and provide opportunities in both traditional sports skills such as basketball and football and new activities, such as SNAG (Starting New At Golf) and fundamental skills and recreation activities.

The updated schools programme received positive feedback from teachers and students. We were able to access students that were not permitted or able to attend sports events, to truly deliver sporting opportunities to all.

**“Thanks again for coming in and running a Futsal session with us on Thursday. It was great! Seeing Keisha running to get to PE after a school life-time of absolutely hating sports activities is just awesome.”**

Donna Clark, Teacher Taita College

In Auckland especially, we found that following each of the lockdowns that the schools were really keen to get our staff back in and get students active. When Niall Thompson (RSC Auckland) called a school following the August lockdown,

and asked if they would like him to return to continue with the programme started before lockdown, the reply was “can you come in tomorrow?”

Whilst the changes to the school programme were largely driven in response to the environment that we were faced with, the changes were long overdue and the programme is now more reflective to the needs of our athletes and inclusive nature of Special Olympics to provide everyone with an opportunity to succeed.

The new school delivery programmes have certainly caught the imagination of schools with a 19% increase in new schools participating since 2019, a great achievement in such a challenging year.

**“The Special Olympics has done so much for me. I am a 15-year-old with Down syndrome, I go to school and come home every day with not much social and activities to do before. But since I started basketball and swimming trainings with the Special Olympics, I have enjoyed so much to have somewhere to go, I go to training and the tournaments with the team, having fun and making friends. I have found the real confidence that I can do anything just like the others, I have improved so much with my swimming and basketball, I am so proud of myself. Thank you to the Special Olympics for giving me this opportunity to be myself. ”**

Zane Gordon, Athlete

The trial of in-school deliveries has seen so much success that we will be offering a hybrid of both in-school deliveries and events during 2021. In December, all staff came together for three days of staff development, which included additional training for further new sport skills to be offered in 2021 to ensure both our students and RSCs continue to enjoy, grow and develop through our schools programme.

## Schools Programme Outcomes

Fitness

Confidence

Challenge

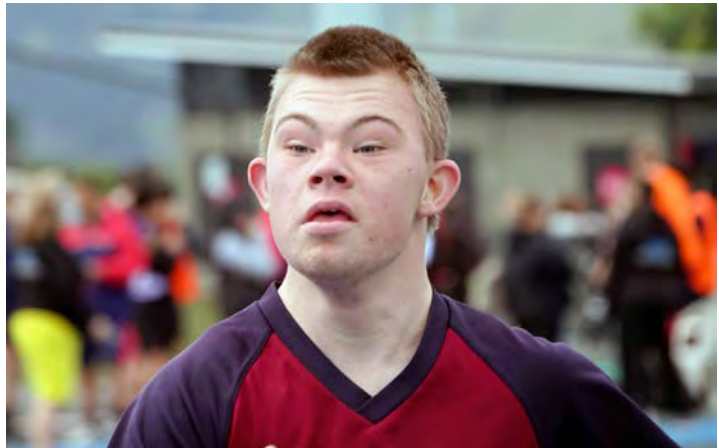
Friendship

Fun



33

new schools participating in the schools programme since 2019



88

school sessions and

23

school events delivered in 2020.





# Athlete Leaders

After a year of training and coaching, four athletes from across New Zealand graduated as Athlete Leaders at the Parliament building in November.

The Athlete Leadership programme teaches athletes to develop and demonstrate their abilities in leadership roles. Over a year of in-depth coaching, Athlete Leaders develop the confidence and skills to respond positively and proactively around issues important to people with an intellectual disability. They influence policymakers and address community groups about intellectual disability and Special Olympics.

In 2020 four athletes completed the Athlete Leadership Programme; Chrissa Pearce (North Harbour), Shanae Dean (Counties), Morgan Smith (Kapiti) and David Sullivan (Otago). Despite the many challenges and interruptions caused by Covid-19, the athletes were determined and worked hard during their training.

The results of their dedication were clear through their graduation speeches at the New Zealand parliament building in Wellington on 18 November 2020.

Facilitator Bella Ansell says the Athlete Leaders worked hard to graduate -

“This year’s athletes were outstanding, they were fully committed to the programme, worked hard to overcome their difficulties, including covid-19, and gave amazing speeches that touched the heart of all who attended. Once again it was an honour to work with such talented people.”

To date, 71 Athlete Leaders have graduated from this programme and are active in their community as public speakers, committee members, board/council representatives and SONZ program volunteers.



“I have enjoyed training to be an athlete leader. It has taught me how to interact with people and gain confidence to speak as I am today. In the future I would like to promote the ideas of SONZ by talking to groups in the local community” **Morgan Smith**

“My biggest thing that I got out of the leadership programme was having the confidence to do public speaking at the graduation and to know that people were listening and valuing what we had to say.” **Chrissa Pearce**



“Special Olympics has made me a more confident, self-reliant person, I was able to complete tertiary training and get a job. It has changed my life and my way of coping with my disability.” **David Sullivan**

“I got confidence in public speaking from the Athlete Leadership Programme, I am a natural at speaking in front of a crowd now.” **Shanae Dean**



## Athlete Leadership Outcomes

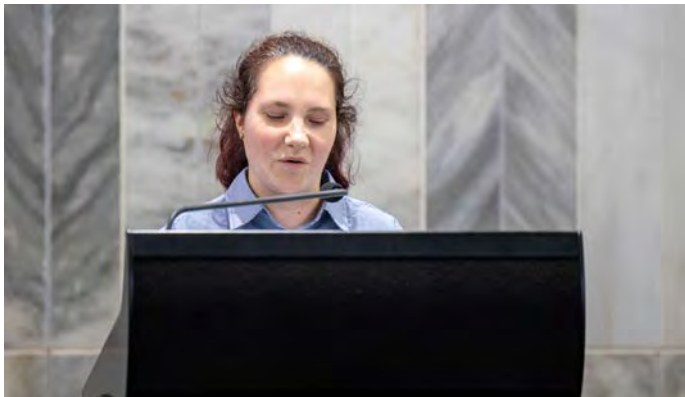
**Communication**

**Confidence**

**Advocacy**

**Engaging with Others**

**Storytelling**



**“We have learnt that our ideas and opinions are as important as everyone else’s and that we deserve to be listened to.”**  
**Chrissa Pearce**





# Our new Health Leaders

In 2020 we appointed Special Olympics New Zealand's first ever Health Leaders; Scot Jackson and James Wilson from the Special Olympics Howick-Pakuranga club.

The role of a Health Leader is to be health and wellness leaders, advocates, and role models for our community.

Since being selected, Scot and James have been providing inspiring and informative health messages to athletes all around the country.

During lockdown when athletes needed it most, James and Scot created five health and fitness videos published via our social media channels, along with promoting healthy eating and mental health advice through our Fanletter.

Health Leaders promote healthy living and Special Olympics Healthy Athletes screenings in the community to raise awareness and help us improve health outcomes for people with an intellectual disability.



(Left) James Wilson and (right) Scot Jackson at their Health Leader training.



## Using our new thermometers

When we started returning to training in July we were grateful to the Holdsworth Charitable Trust for funding new infrared thermometers for each of our 44 clubs across New Zealand.

Alongside our alert level protocols having coaches check each athletes' temperature before training helped ensure our athletes were in tip top health.

To the left athlete Tasmyn Grindlay is the first to have her temperature checked before Special Olympics Hutt Valley's football training.

# FIFA Unified Football Tournament

On 25 November, 111 students, with and without intellectual disabilities (ID), from eight schools across Auckland came together to play in New Zealand's first ever FIFA Secondary Schools Unified Football Tournament.

Unified Sports is a Special Olympics initiative where athletes with ID play alongside people without an ID. It's fun, inclusive, promotes confidence, health and fitness, and allows for barriers to mainstream sport to be taken down, and for stereotypes and misconceptions to be swept away.

The tournament included 111 students from 8 schools, playing 18 games. Originally scheduled to be outside, ongoing rain moved the tournament indoors at Bruce Pullman Park and everyone enjoyed participating at a quality facility and keeping dry and warm.

One of several mainstream students in the Pakuranga team, Unified Partner Tahlia Cleur, really enjoyed the chance to interact with all the students.

**"It's really awesome, the shy people come and talk to you, or come and help someone else when they normally wouldn't because they're in an environment that they love."**

A self-proclaimed football lover, athlete and Pakuranga student James Voykovich enjoyed the tournament:

**"My favourite moment of today was scoring the goals and defending."**

Fellow athlete and Pakuranga student Katrina Lee, following her first win of the day, was thrilled with the day's success so far:

**"I had fun, I scored two goals and I made new friends and Pakuranga College is the best!"**

Gurjeet Toor, a teacher from Selwyn College commented on why she thought the tournament went so well:

**"They might play at different levels, but they integrate so well, they've been one team and it really doesn't matter where they came from"**

With the success of the tournament, SONZ is now working to develop a Unified Sports strategy to support the programme in both the school and club space.

"It's really taking off on an international stage and New Zealand has the ability to get there as well."  
Helen Ferguson, Regional Sports Coordinator





# Celebrating one year to go until the National Summer Games

In December 2021 Hamilton will welcome over 1750 athletes and coaches from across New Zealand to compete in 11 sports across 5 days at the National Summer Games.

On 8 December 2020 we celebrated one year to go until the start of the National Summer Games at the Hamilton Gardens.

Athletes Charlotte Aroa and Matthew Smith welcomed the guests and athlete leaders Alex Johnsen, Melissa Donoghue, Portia Johnston, and Tegan Crotty provided great speeches.

**“I’ve been to two lots of nationals, so I’ve had double the fun! Before you start the competition, they have an opening ceremony which is really cool if it’s your first time going to nationals. Then there’s other fun stuff about going to the nationals like getting medals instead of getting ribbons. You make friendships, travel around the country, you get to cheer your team more.”**

Portia Johnston, Athlete Leader

The event was closed off by the Waikato band *Robert Mullen Junior and Friends*, with Special Olympics members Alex Johnsen and Glen Terry, who provided us with some epic tunes. Huge thank you to everyone that attended the event and is supporting the National Summer Games.

## Kaha the Kiwi vision

We were very lucky in 2020 to receive funding from ATC Vision for our very own Special Olympics New Zealand mascot. A Facebook competition was held to choose our mascot’s name, with the winner being Karleigh-Jayne Jones, a Special Olympics Tauranga athlete alumni, who suggested Kaha, meaning strength, courage and energy in Te Reo Māori.

Kaha is already a valued member of the SONZ team attending his very first event at the Otago Regionals, and his second appearance at the Hamilton Gardens. We all love Kaha, and we think he will bring the community many years of joy, so thank you to ATC Vision for your support.



Thank you to all of our amazing Special Olympics volunteers and supporters!



Visit our **2021 National Summer Games** website for the latest information on the games for clubs, volunteers, supporters and sponsors at [www.nsg.specialolympics.org.nz](http://www.nsg.specialolympics.org.nz)



# Financial Statements

## Special Olympics New Zealand AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

### Directory

#### Nature of Business

Special Olympics New Zealand is a Charitable Trust with international affiliations which, through year-round sports training and competition in the Olympic tradition, provides people with an intellectual disability the opportunity to strengthen their character, develop their physical skills, display their talents and fulfill their human potential.

#### Charities Commission Registration Number

CC32510

#### Registered Office

Pelorus Trust Sports House  
93 Hutt Park Road  
Moera  
LOWER HUTT 5010

#### Board of Trustees Members

Rob Torrance - Chairman  
Erica Amon  
Matthew Burgess  
Lisa Collins  
Jane Davis - Retired March 2020  
Graeme Porter  
Mike Ringrose  
Alan Robson  
Hamish Taverner  
Peter Taylor  
Jeff Waters  
Simone Kokaua - Appointed June 2020

### Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
<b>Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions</b>			
Community Grants	4	393,199	441,645
Government Grants	4	89,352	27,000
Fundraising & Donations	5	234,603	253,642
<b>Total Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions</b>		<b>717,154</b>	<b>722,287</b>
<b>Revenue from Exchange Transactions</b>			
Government Grants	4	600,000	600,000
Sponsorship		9,000	-
Registration Fees		0	359,297
Affiliation Fees		52,380	51,380
Interest Revenue		5,659	4,901
Other Income		189,127	46,183
<b>Total Revenue from Exchange Transactions</b>		<b>856,166</b>	<b>1,061,761</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>1,573,320</b>	<b>1,784,048</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Sport and Programme Costs		781,012	826,678
Administration		472,190	460,679
Events		149,576	430,915
Governance		26,120	17,166
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	6	<b>1,428,898</b>	<b>1,735,438</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>144,422</b>	<b>48,610</b>
Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses		-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the Year</b>		<b>144,422</b>	<b>48,610</b>

The accompanying Notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
Opening net assets 1 January	128,204	79,594
Total comprehensive revenue for the year	144,422	48,610
<b>Closing net assets 31 December</b>	<b>272,626</b>	<b>128,204</b>

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## Statement of Financial Position

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	143,281	305,569
Investments	7	265,000	15,000
Receivables from exchange transactions	8	74,317	66,181
Receivables from non-exchange transactions	8	11,550	21,169
Prepayments		63,759	15,725
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>557,907</b>	<b>423,644</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	9	8,584	14,428
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>8,584</b>	<b>14,428</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>566,491</b>	<b>438,072</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables from exchange transactions	10	72,343	40,326
Payables from non-exchange transactions	10	4,126	3,948
Employee entitlements		40,331	39,128
Deferred revenue		177,065	226,466
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>293,865</b>	<b>309,868</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>293,865</b>	<b>309,868</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>272,626</b>	<b>128,204</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated surplus		272,626	128,204
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>272,626</b>	<b>128,204</b>

The Trustees of Special Olympics New Zealand authorised these financial statements for issue on 3 June 2021.



Chairman  
Rob Torrance  
3 June 2021



Trustee  
Peter Taylor  
3 June 2021

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## Statement of Cash Flows

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from donations, grants & fundraising	1,344,850	951,542
Receipts from events & other operating revenue	174,893	508,642
Payments to suppliers	(372,762)	(690,666)
Payments to employees	(1,064,928)	(961,263)
<b>Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>82,053</b>	<b>(191,745)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Interest received from bank	5,659	4,901
Increase in term investments	(615,000)	-
Decrease in term investments	365,000	5,000
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	(11,194)
<b>Total Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(244,341)</b>	<b>(1,293)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash &amp; cash equivalents</b>	<b>(162,288)</b>	<b>(193,038)</b>
<b>Cash Balances</b>		
Cash and cash equivalent at beginning of period	305,569	498,607
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(162,288)	(193,038)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>143,281</b>	<b>305,569</b>

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# Notes to the Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

## 1. Statement of Accounting Policy

### 1.1 Reporting entity

The reporting entity is Special Olympics New Zealand (the Trust) which is a Charitable Trust. The Trust, a public benefit entity, is domiciled in New Zealand and is a charitable organisation registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and the Charities Act 2005. The Financial Statements are presented for the year ended 31 December 2020.

These Financial Statements and the accompanying notes summarise the financial results of activities carried out by the Trust. The purpose of the Trust is to provide people with an intellectual disability the opportunity to strengthen their character, develop their physical skills, display their talents and fulfill their human potential through year-round sports training and competition in the Olympic tradition.

Affiliated clubs and regional councils of the Trust, operate activities for the same purpose within New Zealand. The separate Financial Statements of the clubs and regional councils do not form part of the Financial Statements of the Trust.

### 1.2 Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements of the Trust have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand ("NZ GAAP"). The Trust has complied with Public Benefit Entities Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (PBE Standards RDR) and authoritative notices that are applicable to entities that apply PBE standards, except for the consolidation requirements under PBE IPSAS 35 (Consolidated Financial Statements), which is a new standard superseding PBE IPSAS 6 (Consolidated and separate Financial Statements), effective 1 January 2019.

Under PBE IPSAS 35, the Trust is deemed to have control over its 5 Regional Councils and 44 Clubs, and therefore is expected to consolidate their financial statements. However, SONZ are unable to obtain the information from those Regional Councils and Clubs to perform a consolidation at this time.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the accounting policies have been consistently applied.

### COVID-19

COVID-19 had an impact on the delivery of the Trust's programmes in 2020 and remains a potential risk for the Trust in the future. The potential effects of any future disruption are being planned for and mitigations are in place. Should New Zealand be subject to further lockdowns, then this creates a risk that certain donors may suspend or withdraw funding. If projected cash inflows are not obtained, the Trustees will reduce expenses appropriately in line with actual revenue. The Trust has the ability to scale its expenditure to match future cash inflows and has cash reserves that can be used to continue operations until funding sources could be re-established.

## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these Financial Statements are set out below.

### 2.1 Functional and presentational currency

The Financial Statements are presented in New Zealand dollars (\$), which is the Trust's functional and presentational currency. All financial information presented in New Zealand dollars has been rounded to the nearest dollar.

### 2.2 Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the Trust and revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received.

The following recognition criteria must be met before revenue is recognised.

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## Donations & Fundraising

Donations and fundraising are recognised as revenue upon receipt and include donations and fundraising from the general public and donations and fundraising received for specific programmes or services.

## Grant revenue

Grant revenue includes grants given by other charitable organisations and businesses. Grant revenue is recognised when the conditions attached to the grant have been complied with or the services contracted have been provided. When there are unfulfilled conditions attaching to the grant, the amount relating to the unfulfilled condition is recognised as a liability and released to revenue as the conditions are fulfilled.

## Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

## Registration & Affiliation fees

Registration and Affiliation fees are charges to clubs for event income and fees that are recognised as the services are rendered.

## 2.3 Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Trust becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

The Trust recognises a financial asset or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired or are waived, or the Trust has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired or are waived, or the Trust has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party; and either:

- the Trust has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset; or
- the Trust has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

## Financial assets

Financial assets within the scope of NFP PBE IPSAS 29 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement are classified as financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments or available-for-sale financial assets. The classifications of financial assets are determined at initial recognition.

The categorisation determines subsequent measurement and whether any resulting revenue and expense is recognised in surplus or deficit or in other comprehensive revenue or expenses. The Trust's financial assets are classified as either financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit, loans and receivables.

The Trust's financial assets include: cash and cash equivalents, receivables from non-exchange transactions and receivables from exchange transactions.

All financial assets except for those at fair value through surplus or deficit are subject to review for impairment at least at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired when there is any objective evidence that a financial assets or group of financial assets is impaired. Different criteria to determine impairment are applied for each category of financial assets, which are described below.

### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for impairment. The Trust's cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, receivables from non-exchange transactions, receivables from exchange transactions, prepayments and non-equity investments fall into this category of financial instruments.

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# Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Financial Liabilities

The Trust’s financial liabilities include trade and other creditors (excluding GST and PAYE), employee entitlements and deferred revenue (in respect to grants whose conditions are yet to be complied with). All financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value (plus transaction costs for financial liabilities not at fair value through surplus or deficit) and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method except for financial liabilities at fair value through surplus or deficit.

## 2.4 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are short term, with maturity of less than 3 months, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

## 2.5 Short term investments

Short term investments comprise term deposits which have an original maturity of greater than three months and therefore do not fall into the category of cash and cash equivalents.

## 2.6 Property, plant and equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Where an asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its cost is measured at its fair value as at the date of acquisition. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis over the useful life of the asset. Depreciation is charged at rates calculated to allocate the cost of the asset less any estimated residual value over its remaining useful life, which for Plant & equipment is 20% - 33%. Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and are adjusted if there is a change in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset.

## 2.7 Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the entity at the end of the financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

## 2.8 Leases

Payments on operating lease agreements, where the lessor retains substantially the risk and rewards of ownership of an asset, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

## 2.9 Employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognised in surplus or deficit during the period in which the employee provided the related services. Liabilities for the associated benefits are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

## 2.10 Income Tax

Due to its charitable status, the Trust is exempt from income tax.

## 2.11 Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except for receivables and payables, which are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Inland Revenue Department is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a net basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the Inland Revenue Department is classified as part of operating cash flows.

## 2.12 Net Assets

Net assets is the community’s Interest in the Trust, measured as the difference between total assets and total liabilities. Net assets are made up of accumulated comprehensive revenue and expense, which is the Trust’s accumulated surplus or deficit since its formation, adjusted for transfers to/from specific reserves.

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## 2.13 Cashflows

- The following are the definitions of the terms used in the Statement of Cash Flows.
- Operating activities include all transactions and other events that are not investing or financing activities.
  - Investing activities are those activities relating to the acquisition and disposal of property, plant and equipment and of investments.
  - Cash is considered to be cash on hand and current accounts and investments at the bank, with original maturity less than three months.

## 3. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

There have been no significant accounting judgements, estimates or assumptions made by management in the preparation of the Financial Statements.

## 4. Revenue from government and community grants

	2020	2019
Sport NZ	689,352	627,000
NZ Community Trust	225,000	250,000
Pelorus Trust	48,903	57,693
Lion Foundation	40,000	50,000
Pub Charity	10,907	21,940
Four Winds Foundation	16,584	16,704
Otago Community Trust	15,000	-
The Southern Trust	5,000	16,596
KiwiSport	15,608	7,546
Foundation North Ltd	2,954	5,906
Infinity Foundation	5,000	5,109
Grassroots Trust	5,000	-
NZ Racing Board	0	4,833
Mainland Foundation Ltd	2,393	3,579
Eastern & Central Community trust	850	-
Invercargill Licensing Trust Ltd	0	983
Manukau Counties Community Facilities Charitable Trust	0	756
<b>Total Revenue from government and community grants</b>	<b>1,082,551</b>	<b>1,068,645</b>

## 5. Revenue from fundraising and donations

	2020	2019
Holdsworth Charitable Trust	196,375	208,500
Charity Treats Chocolate Fundraising	15,665	18,634
IHC Foundation	-	8,772
Lodge Te Puni	-	7,040
Other fundraising and donations	22,563	10,696
<b>Total revenue from fundraising and donations</b>	<b>234,603</b>	<b>253,642</b>

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## 6. Expenses by nature

	2020	2019
Employee benefits	1,018,050	956,417
Depreciation	5,844	5,248
Other operating expenses	405,004	773,773
<b>Total expenses by nature</b>	<b>1,428,898</b>	<b>1,735,438</b>

## 7. Cash and cash equivalents and investments

	2020	2019
Cash at bank and on hand	143,281	498,607
Term Deposit - Investments	265,000	20,000
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents and investments</b>	<b>408,281</b>	<b>518,607</b>

## 8. Receivables from exchange and non-exchange transactions

Note	2020	2019
Related party receivables	-	-
Other receivables	72,885	81,641
GST receivable	12,982	5,709
<b>Total receivables from exchange and non-exchange transactions</b>	<b>85,867</b>	<b>87,350</b>

## 9. Property, plant and equipment

	2020	2019
Cost after disposals	38,631	45,206
Accumulated depreciation	(30,047)	(30,778)
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>8,584</b>	<b>14,428</b>

Reconciliation of the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period:

	2020	2019
Opening balance	14,428	8,482
Additions	-	11,194
Depreciation	(5,844)	(5,248)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>8,584</b>	<b>14,428</b>

## 10. Payables from exchange and non-exchange transactions

Note	2020	2019
Related party payables	4,126	3,948
GST payable	-	-
Other payables	72,343	40,326
<b>Total payables from exchange and non-exchange transactions</b>	<b>76,469</b>	<b>44,274</b>

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## 11. Related party transactions

The Trust is affiliated to the International body Special Olympics Inc. Accredited Clubs and Regional Councils of Special Olympics New Zealand throughout the country. The Clubs are organised under five Regional Councils and are considered to be related parties.

### Transactions with related parties

The club recoverables of \$0, are related party receivables. (2019: \$0).

The chocolate funds payable to Regional Councils and clubs of \$4,126 are related party liabilities. (2019: \$3,948).

### Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel, as defined by PBE IPS 20 Related Party Disclosures, are the members of the governing which is comprised of the Board of Trustees, Chief Executive Officer and Sports Director, which constitutes the governing body of the Trust. No remuneration is paid to members of the Board of Trustees. The aggregate remuneration of key management personnel and the number of individuals, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, receiving remuneration is as follows:

	2020	2019
Total remuneration	\$269,247	\$259,894
Number of personnel	2	2

## 12. Leases

	2020	2019
<b>Operating Leases</b>		
<b>Non-cancellable Lease commitments</b>		
Less than one year	80,575	76,027
Between one and five years	95,168	59,834
Greater than five years	-	-
<b>Total operating leases</b>	<b>175,743</b>	<b>135,861</b>

The significant leases are for premises and vehicles.

## 13. Capital Commitments

Capital Commitments at 31 Dec 2020 are Nil (31 Dec 2019 Nil).

## 14. Contingent assets and liabilities

The Trust has no contingent assets or contingent liabilities as at 31 Dec 2020 (31 Dec 2019 Nil).

## 15. Events after reporting date

There are no significant events subsequent to the reporting date which would materially impact the financial statements.

The accompanying Notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements





## Independent auditor’s report

To the Trustees of Special Olympics New Zealand

### Disclaimer of opinion

We do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements of Special Olympics New Zealand (“SONZ”). Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

SONZ’s financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020;
- the statement of comprehensive revenue & expenses for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in net assets for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information

### Basis for disclaimer of opinion

SONZ has affiliated 44 Clubs and 5 Regional Councils (the “affiliated organisations”), each formed under and operating in accordance with the Rules of SONZ. Pursuant to these Rules, SONZ has both power over, and obtains benefits from, the activities of these affiliated organisations and is considered to have control over them under Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime. Accordingly, SONZ should have consolidated these affiliated organisations in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Trustees are unable to obtain the information required to consolidate the affiliated organisations as explained in note 1.2 of the financial statements and, as a result, we were unable to determine the effects on the financial statements of the failure to consolidate.

### Independence

We are independent of SONZ in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* (PES 1) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Our firm carries out other services for SONZ in the areas of grant compliance assurance services. The provision of these other services has not impaired our independence as auditor of SONZ.

### Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon. The annual report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor’s report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the other information not yet received, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to the Trustees and use our professional judgement to determine the appropriate action to take.

### Responsibilities of the Trustees for the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible, on behalf of SONZ, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing SONZ’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate SONZ or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the External Reporting Board’s website at: <https://www.xrb.govt.nz/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-7/>

This description forms part of our auditor’s report

### Who we report to

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor’s report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than SONZ and the Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor’s report is Christopher Ussher.

For and on behalf of:

*PricewaterhouseCoopers*







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let me be brave in the attempt.

**Kia toa ahau,** ki te kore ahau e toa,  
kia māia ahau ahakoa ka hinga.

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