

# activation

## Kia Ora.

It is an exciting time of year as the winter season commences. It can also mean a dramatic spike in workload and pressure as clubs recruit players, coaches and team managers, sort equipment and uniforms, process registrations, make team selections and much more! Well done for your contribution to your club enabling our community to participate in their chosen sport.

You may be aware that Upper Hutt City Council is reviewing the Long Term Plan (LTP) that includes a community consultation process. It is being proposed that Recreation Services Activation budget be reduced by 50% with a projected savings of \$249,342 in year 1 (see page 18 of the [consultation document](#)). In this document, there are examples of the types of Activation services that may be reduced or discontinued. At this point of time, we don't know what savings will be (or not be) required until the end of the LTP process. Which also means we don't know what services might be affected. In the interim, the position of Recreation Advisor Clubs and Schools will remain vacant until the Councilors have made a final decision. I will be your primary contact until further notice.

Ngā manaakitanga.

Brent Hayward - Team Leader Activation  
Upper Hutt City Council

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# Rebel Sport Grants



Every year Rebel Sport is giving away \$160,000 via Rebel Sport Grants, a programme designed to help deserving grass roots clubs across New Zealand provide the means for more kiwis to get involved in and play sport.

Rebel Sport Grants have been designed to support grass roots clubs and communities. This includes non-professional (amateur), non-profit sports clubs or organisations that are affiliated, accept public memberships or registrations, and play regular games as part of a competition. Proof of affiliation, a certificate of incorporation and a personal ID are required on application.

Each club can apply for up to \$10,000 to put toward expenses which are required to play sport and help enable more people to participate in grass roots sport. These expenses could be items such as uniforms or equipment, health and safety essentials, ground maintenance or club facilities.

For more information and to make an online application [click here](#).

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## Webinar: Incorporated Societies Act (2022)



This webinar we'll take you through what's available to you to make the process simple and streamlined, as well as let you know what's next.

- Tuesday 14 May 12-12.45pm
- [Webinar Link](#)

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## The Big Shout Out



The month of June is dedicated to the Big Shout Out. It's a nationwide campaign encouraging people to **give a shout-out** to volunteers and celebrate the impact of volunteers across the motū!

Aotearoa New Zealand is a nation of volunteers – more than a million of us volunteer, giving our time and energy to make a difference in our communities. The vision of #TheBigShoutOut is for volunteering to be valued and celebrated as a vital part of society.

Join #TheBigShoutOut! Show your gratitude in simple ways: thank your kids' coach, event volunteers, community heroes. Be personal, share on socials, or make a video of thanks. Treat your volunteer team to a morning tea!

[Click here](#) to learn more about how you can be involved in #TheBigShoutOut.

If you want to start volunteering but don't know where to start why not join our Be Collective platform? [Click here now.](#)

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## Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards



Nominate an awesome community group in the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards and be in to WIN!

Help us celebrate the awesome mahi of volunteers across the Wellington region by nominating a community group in the 2024 Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards.

They could be in to win a share of over \$50,000 in award money and other prizes, plus you'll go in the draw to win a Bed & Breakfast package thanks to

Rydges Wellington Airport.

Find out more or nominate a group today by [clicking here](#). Nominations close 31st May 2024.

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## New Hockey Turf



Have you seen the new Poligras hockey turf at Maidstone Park?

“It’s a total game changer, as it includes the latest technology supporting the International Hockey Federation (FIH) in hockey’s transition to dry surfaces.” says Cody Linton the General Manager of Polytan NZ, the suppliers and installers.

This surface features TurfGlide, a special tech that cuts down on friction, amps up the game when it’s dry, meets FIH Innovation standards, and even slashes the need for constant watering to keep that elite hockey quality. Even a little

rain or dew can turn it into an Olympic-level surface.

For Cat Hamlin, the President of [Upper Hutt Hockey Club](#), the upgrade is a meaningful experience. “Upper Hutt has a rich history of hockey which can now continue with a state-of-the-art surface to play on in our own back yard. Maidstone turf has historically been a place to belong for our members and will be for years to come.”

Make sure you pop down to see the turf in action for yourself!

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## Youth in Governance



Sport NZ's [Youth Voice in Governance guidance](#) is designed to support boards to consider how they could engage with young people to create positive change in the sector.

Sport NZ acknowledges that every organisation/board is at a different point of their journey when it comes to engaging with young people, or having youth representation on their board. This is designed to prompt thought and action no matter where an organisation is in regards to their youth engagement journey.

Sport NZ is keen to hear how this guidance supports your mahi and welcomes questions and comments at [governance@sportnz.org.nz](mailto:governance@sportnz.org.nz).

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## The importance of child safeguarding

Recent news regarding offences committed by a gymnastics coach in the South Island highlight the crucial role of child safeguarding in sport and recreational settings.

It is an appropriate time to highlight the availability of Sport NZ's resources on [child protection](#) and [child safeguarding](#). Please take the time to refamiliarise yourself with the information and advice that is provided in this portal and share inside your organisations accordingly.

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## Why Balance is Better for ABs Coach



As plenty of rangatahi take to the field for the winter sport season, Balance is Better ambassador, All Black's coach Scott Robertson, shares some invaluable advice for all fellow sport parents.

For Razor, it's about ensuring they're having fun, learning as they go and celebrating the successes with them outside of just what's on the scoreboard.

Check out Razor's video for parents below and a lot more on our YouTube channel.

[Razor's advice to sport parents.](#)

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