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Kia Ora.

Welcome to our Upper Hutt Sports Clubs monthly newsletter. This is a space where we can share all the latest resources from sport and recreation organisations, including opportunities available for our clubs. The newsletter will be distributed to key contacts within the sector. Please forward this on to your club and organisation contacts.

Ngā manaakitanga.

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Club Introductions

I am pleased to have started my journey meeting with club representatives. My aim is to meet the majority of clubs by the end of March 2023, this will give me an opportunity to form relationships between myself and the clubs, then I will be able to provide specific support and guidance to the clubs to help enable them to develop initiatives to increase levels of participation.

If you haven't heard from me already, expect to soon. If your club is not active at this time, or if your details are different to what is on our [Sports Club Directory](#) please let me know.

Look forward to meeting you shortly, Teresa

Sport Research



Political

- Social well-being policy** - Shift from Covid recovery to cost of living support packages & stimulating the economy
- Status of public funding** - Inflation cost of living supply issues placing pressure on central and local government spending
- Budget 2022** reflects balancing short-term cost of living with longer-term economic, climate change & health implications
- Evolution of Treaty Partnership** - Co-governance being framed as a threat by some political parties, Mayor & councillors
- Health response** - Health system still under considerable stress due to new Covid health demands, and staff shortages
- Governance policy initiatives** - Reform across health, education and local government continue to gather momentum. But new councils may push back against transport, infrastructure, and housing policies and initiatives.

Technological

- Gaming and interactive experiences** - 73% Kiwis now play video games, boosted by the pandemic. Three quarters play socially, and similar numbers of men and women play. Facebook metaverse not impressing many at this stage, but considerable scope for future developments.
- Human augmentation** - Relatively little discussion of augmentation in this quarter, with more attention being given to alternatives to increase (rather than) life span extension.
- Digital and surveillance** - The level of data is going to potentially overwhelm participants and coaches seeking to compete at the highest levels, like and access to data will raise ethical issues.
- Increased automation** - Is the prevalence & impacts of automation being over-hyped? Rather than reducing human jobs, it may often not be cost-effective. Co-operations could just fragment existing jobs (such as AI and the continued heading to lower paid human jobs in service industries).
- Advances in health and medical drugs** - Continue progress in novel, but expensive, cancer therapies. Setbacks in therapies for Alzheimer's and other cognitive decline conditions. Costs of new therapies are likely to be high.

Social

- Increasing ethnic, age and gender diversity** - Increased support and awareness for trans gender & non-binary people and people with disabilities. Different approaches to including the non-binary gender athletes across the sector
- Changing nature of work** - Growing preference for, and adoption of, more flexible working arrangements
- Social resilience** - Resilience in many communities declining due to costs of living and severe weather events
- Changing leisure patterns** - Lockdowns accelerated embedded reshaping of work, time for activity, home entertainment
- Changing demographics** - Annual growth rate continues to decrease with births declining 0.7% year on year, although the expectation continues to climb. Immigration expected to increase against border restrictions and
- Individual wellbeing** - Considerable uncertainty about prevalence, persistence and impacts of long Covid. Poorest families severely affected by Covid and cost of living increases.

Environmental

- Climate change consequences** - Severe weather event floods, slips and fires continue to disrupt communities, and increase financial burdens on councils that may lead to reduced services and support for sports and recreation.
- Climate change response** - Emissions Reduction Plan and farm level emissions pricing proposal not pleasing many. But rather than assuming a good compromise, the polarised positions and misinformation may make developing a generally agreed, and effective, response difficult.
- Space and place dynamics** - Housing and infrastructure progress, but concerns it is a one size fits all policy. Earthquake strengthening requirements continue to increase, and some Councils are likely to implement managed retreats from some coastal areas. "Is structure of land" attracting interest.
- Active Transport** - Emissions reduction plan includes \$300 million to fund public and active transport services and infrastructure. \$30m boost to active transport safety through streets for people fund.

Economic

- National outlook** - Considerable economic uncertainty (at least nationally & internationally). Government debts in good shape. International supply chain constraints and strong competition for transport labour may slow recovery despite more open borders.
- Socio-economic inequality** - The bottom 45% of households account for just 1% of total wealth. Māori households have 15% less income than non-Māori households. Some measures indicate rates of child poverty are decreasing, but that was pre-Covid.
- Māori economy** - Approximately \$20 billion asset base, and growing and diversifying into new ventures.
- Disposable income** - Very large mortgages and high rents are significantly reducing disposable income for many. And is affordability other than cost of living and transport issues?
- Changing business patterns** - Rising demand for labour is giving some employees more influence over pay and working conditions. More flexible working conditions are likely for many.

Sector

- Social licence for sport and recreation** - The International Squash Federation established a Social Licence to Operate Commission. Duty of care afforded athletes with main spotlight due to injury concussion litigation.
- Athlete and participant wellbeing** - Athlete Leaders Network established, but still divisions within athlete community. Legal proceedings overseas against rugby bodies for brain damage suffered by players. Prominent athletes taking mental health breaks continue to highlight a like challenges.
- Workforce (including volunteers)** - Heightened competition for skilled labour. Increased pay gaps between not-for-profit and commercial sector. Older volunteers may still be tolerated through fear of contracting new Covid variants.
- Changes in geopolitical power** - Likelihood of sport being called on to strengthen relationship with Pacific neighbours to counter China's influence. LIV quit criticised for "sportswashing" human rights abuses in Saudi Arabia. Ukraine war likely to lead to further sporting boycotts.
- Sustainable financial model** - Lotto review continues. Increased focus on alcohol sponsorship. Instability of gaming funding all create uncertainty for the sector. Player's relevance (and influence) to sponsorship from food, fuel & mining companies is also increasing (e.g. Australian Netball).
- International travel** - Increased costs, and diversions to, international travel even after response tapers. International Air Travel Association working on developing a "One ID" digital identity. This would include health information and biometric data.

- ➔ Strengthening
- ➔ Weakening
- No change
- New item

Sport NZ Disruptor Scan monitors the 31 disruptors most likely to impact sport and recreation within a two to five-year timeframe. They investigate the social, political, economic, technological, environmental and sector related topics.

Interestingly Sport NZ are now seeing Law and order as the fifth highest household concern. Youth resentment and social media bragging are being linked to a spike in ram raids that have been occurring. This raises safety concerns for the community which can lead to increased inclination to stay home and not recreate in public.

You can view the details on each of the disruptors on the [futures webpage](#).

Funding

Community Assets and Facilities Fund

The [Community Assets & Facilities Fund](#) (CAFF) is designed to help communities create and maintain the community assets and facilities needed to meaningfully participate in community life. They to look at projects that are designed to help the wider community – for example, these can include new buildings, major renovations, playgrounds and skate parks.

Contact a Community Advisor 0800 878 720 or email at: info@ecct.org.nz

DIA Community Grants

[Granted](#) have produced an interactive table to view previous successful funding applications. A total of \$5,391,709 was funded in the Hutt community in 2021 with \$3,988,717 provided in the sport sector and over 150 clubs receiving funding.

Follow the link at the end and the file will provide you with information to help with your application - [what you need to know](#).

There are multiple organizations that provide funding, here is a list of gaming machine societies that you can apply to for funding - [Society Websites](#).

Sustainability Grant

Council has funding available to support sustainable projects in Upper Hutt. The scope for the Grant is wide; the project/initiative needs to align with one or more of the themes of the [Sustainability Strategy](#), and give advantage to Upper Hutt. Applications are open to businesses, organisations and individuals Funding is available to projects/initiatives that support the goals of the Sustainability Strategy.

If you are unsure if you are eligible email [Kylie Robinson](#)

Resources



Sport Poverty is a growing issue within our communities with three main barriers to sport participation; subs/fees, equipment costs, and transport. The aim of the Community Sports Bank Project is to reduce/eliminate the cost of equipment for those in need and increase sport participation.

In the Upper Hutt area we are looking specifically for donations of a variety of balls: rugby, football and volleyballs. Also Softball related sports equipment: gloves, shoes, balls and bats as this is a popular sport for our local community.

Please get in touch with our Community Development Lead for Active Recreation & Youth Development, [Jazz Scott](#), if you are interested in donating any used sports gear. For more information on Community Sport Banks, visit the [Community Sports Banks Facebook page](#).

Learning Portal

Sport Tutor is a self-paced learning portal for everyone involved in the play, active recreation and sport sector. Whether you're a coach, administrator,

manager, volunteer, board member, or participant, you can gain new knowledge and capabilities or refresh your skill set to be effective and confident in your role.

Access training resources from Sport NZ and other sector organisations and learn through a range of delivery options such as interactive modules, videos, face-to-face workshops, and webinars. Explore training to develop your leadership, increase your coaching skills, enhance your people relationship abilities, or learn more about keeping the sector safe, fair and inclusive.

Head over to the [Sport NZ learning portal dashboard](#) to discover these free resources.

Other opportunities



Nuku Ora, is excited to announce the [Regional Conference 2022](#), a conference for the sport and recreation sector.

Wellington on Wednesday 7 December at the Highbourside Function Centre.

The topics for the conference are **integrity and inclusion**. Key speakers will take a deep dive into disability and gender inclusion, providing you with tools to ensure your physical activity is inclusive for all, modern, and fit for purpose.

Early bird price from \$150 per person + GST.

Available until December 6th.

Sport and Recreation Complaints and Mediation Service

Webinar

How the SRCMS can benefit you or your organisation now and into the future

Wednesday 30 November 2022, 7.00-7:45pm (NZST).



Host:
Josh Margetts
Sport NZ



Guest speaker:
Henry Moore
SRCMS Team Leader

SRCMS 

Sport and Recreation
Complaints and
Mediation Service

FREE to anyone engaged with the sector – athletes, coaches, volunteers, managers, parents, caregivers, organisational leaders and administrators.

A safe and independent way for anyone engaged in sport and recreation to lodge a complaint, concern, issue or dispute and have it resolved in a timely manner.

Join the SRCMS webinar to learn about this service as well as how it can support you or your organisation with complaints, disputes or concerns.

Wednesday 7.00pm - 7.45pm [Register here](#)

Activation Update

Welcome back to Cat Hamlin, Community Recreation Advisor, who has returned from maternity leave. Since coming back from leave Cat's role has changed to be around relationship building with the community and then as we head into 2023 she will be working on a co-design project to assess Upper Hutt's wellbeing opportunities and how the community (particularly young women) interact with their wellbeing.

This is exciting as we will get some great insights on the gaps in wellbeing in our city and how we as a team can help bridge gaps for our community. It's hard to say exactly what this will look like as we will be seeking an authentic voice from local people to tell us what they want or need but we look forward to sharing the research and learnings with local providers, especially clubs. Watch this space!

The Activation team were lucky enough to attend the 8th IWG World Conference, Women and Sport. The conference had 5 themes: leadership, social change, active lives, high performance and visibility and voice. We will be sharing some of the knowledge that we learnt at the conference and this will

incorporate liasing with the community on some topics to get a snapshot of the community voice.

Final Words

If your club has any feedback on what you'd like to see in these newsletters or if you have any specific assistance such as coaching or volunteer workshops, funding assistance that you would like to be included, then please don't hesitate to [contact us](#).

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