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Kia Ora.

Welcome to our final Upper Hutt Sports Clubs' monthly newsletter for 2023. It has been quite an exciting year for sports in Upper Hutt. This year Upper Hutt has had its fair share of events to host across sporting codes both regional and national. One of the highlights for our City was hosting the Swedish Women's Football Team at NZCIS for the FIFA Women's World Cup. A once in a lifetime opportunity for our City to be included in this amazing tournament.

Thanks for your ongoing support, and I look forward to 2024 and all the activities available in our City!

Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini - My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

Ngā manaakitanga.

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2023 NZ Sport Club Survey Results

**NATIONAL
SPORT CLUB
SURVEY**



The 2023 National Sport Club Survey (NSCS) has revealed that New Zealand's sport clubs are increasingly catering for casual members. This is in contrast to the decades-old tradition of members paying an annual (or seasonal)

subscription to belong.

Over one-third of club respondents (35%) reported that the number of members “paying to play” is increasing. This has important implications for those who manage and operate sport clubs.

Michael Naylor and the team from AUT presented the findings at a workshop at Nuku Ora on 15 November 2023.

More information on the survey insights can be seen [here](#)

D Sport Paralympic Qualification Tournament



Volunteers Wanted - World Wheelchair Rugby Paralympic Qualification Tournament

D Sport are looking for volunteers to help with the Paralympic Qualification tournament (16 March – 25 March) in Wellington. Volunteers will be required when the teams arrive and depart NZ, and they are hoping you are willing to circulate their call for volunteers through your network.

The tournament will be held at NZCIS - NZ Campus of Innovation and Sport in Trentham, Upper Hutt in March, and will give Kiwis the chance to support the Wheel Blacks in their bid to qualify. NZCIS has the most accessible accommodation and high performance facilities in New Zealand and is an ideal venue for this tournament.

For more information on the tournament and how to register as a volunteer please visit the D Sport [website](#)

Balance is Better Advisory Group



Expressions of Interest!

The Wellington Regional Balance is Better Advisory Group is made up of representatives from sports who are committed to increasing youth participation, influencing change, improving accessibility, and providing quality experiences through the Balance is Better principles.

Meeting 6-8 weekly with representatives from eight sports, three members are stepping down due to changing roles/circumstances. Expressions of Interest forms will be emailed out to their database in the new year but in the meantime, if you're interested in finding out more about the group and the work that they do email Kirstenk@nukuora.org.nz

Incorporated Societies Act

A national template has been created for NSOs to help guide the creation of new constitutions that will comply with the new Act. Created by legal experts it is designed to make the process of updating constitutions simpler and more cost-effective. You'll also find a helpful checklist to use when working through your updates. [A regional/club-specific template will be coming out soon.](#)

What does the new Act mean for your club?

In September, SNZ held a webinar to update organisations on the changes that will be enforced by April 2026 as part of the new Act. You can watch the recording [here](#).

April 2026 means there is time to get on top of this, but you do need to start looking into what changes will need to be made sooner rather than later as they'll need to be passed at an AGM and/or a Special Meeting.

Nuku Ora will share information as it comes to hand and are going to be holding workshops in 2024. We encourage you to look at these changes as an opportunity to review your purpose and overhaul any out-of-date and unfit-for-purpose existing constitutions.

Sporting Chance & Arts Participation Fund



Sporting Chance and the Arts Participation Fund are two funds set up by Upper Hutt City Council, which aim to assist young people aged 5-18 years old, where financial hardship, as a result of COVID-19, is a barrier to participation in sports and physical activity and/or in art and culture.

An easy online application, where applicants can receive up to \$500 towards participating in their chosen sport. The applications can be found on the website.

Check out the [website](#) to see if you or your whanau are eligible to apply.

Tu Manawa Funding Update

The wider Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund has been exhausted for the 2023 – 2024 financial year. There are small funds (up to \$5000) available for Play related applications, if you think your club/school or organisation may be eligible make contact with the email below to enquire. All other funding opportunities will need to wait for further funding rounds which will take place at the start of the next financial year – beginning 1 July 2024.

Discussions around future applications are still welcomed and encouraged, please contact tumanawa@nukuora.org.nz if you have any questions.

Maidstone Hockey Turf Update



The current turf was opened in 2012 and had an expected life of 10 – 12 years and is now due for replacement. Its replacement is the first of its type in New Zealand to be installed without the need for irrigation, featuring the same Turf Glide technology as the surfaces for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and upcoming Hockey 5's World Cup.

It is the world's first and only carbon zero hockey turf and has also been FIH Innovation-certified for dry hockey. Using sugarcane means the new turf saves 73 tonnes of CO2 compared to a conventional turf. The carbon footprint of the turf has even been certified as climate-neutral by Berlin-based DAkkS accredited consulting company GUTcert.

If everything goes to plan with our weather the turf will be back in operation ready for the winter season from the 1 April 2024.

2024 U-Play Summer Holiday Events



Get ready for an unforgettable holiday experience this summer as we bring more than 50 exciting holiday events to our tamariki and rangatahi!

Join us from Monday, 8 January 2024 to Sunday, 28 January 2024 to make this school holidays a fun-filled one!

From the excitement of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Teens Tactical Board Games to Summer Floorball Tournament and darts, from learning to draw comics with Sam Orchard to watching a family performance ft. The Nukes, our city-wide events promises an enriching and entertaining summer for your tamariki and rangatahi. For our curious tweens and teens, we've added a touch of mythology magic! Form a team, join our fascinating "Awesome Olympian Quiz" and embark on a journey through ancient stories and legends.

To download your own pamphlet or to see the upcoming events check out the U-Play Event [webpage](#)

Te Kupenga o Rongomai, Maidstone Sports Hub launch



The inaugural Te Kupenga o Rongomai community event marks the beginning of a united gathering for the Upper Hutt community. The primary goal is to reveal the diverse nature of the sports hub, portraying it as a shared space that extends beyond its identity as a mere sports park. Envision three hours of vibrant festivities, featuring interactive activities led by both foundation and non-foundation club members.

This event is scheduled for Saturday March 9th, 2024, with the postponement date Sunday March 10th 2024.

Keep an eye out on Upper Hutt City Council social media [pages](#) and [website](#) for updates.



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