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## Kia Ora.

Welcome to our first and very short Upper Hutt Sports Clubs' monthly newsletter for 2024. I hope you have all enjoyed the holiday season and were able to get out and explore our beautiful city over the break.

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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## Bike The Trail 2024



Bike the Trail is a family fun event for all ages and offers an inclusive and family-friendly experience, making it a perfect day out for participants of all generations.

Bike the Trail offers two cycling route options to all our riders. You will start at Harcourt Park, Upper Hutt, riding on the Hutt River Trail and can choose to

either finish at the Riverbank Carpark in Lower Hutt or turn around at Poet's Park, Upper Hutt, and cycle back up to Harcourt Park.

- Harcourt Park to Riverbank Carpark is 21km one way.
- Harcourt Park to Poet's Park to Harcourt Park is 12km return.

To find out more information and to register head to the [website](#).

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## 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.

If your club would like to be included in the day, please email [teresa.shailer@uhcc.govt.nz](mailto:teresa.shailer@uhcc.govt.nz) for more information.

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## 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](#)

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## 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.

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## Round The Bays Volunteers Needed



We are also seeking enthusiastic volunteers to look after the runners and walkers on event day! Have fun with friends, soak up the social atmosphere and enjoy a fun day out for all on **Sunday 18 February 2024**.

There are a range of roles on offer for volunteers, including bib allocation, pre-event set-up, marshalling, traffic management, water/food/medal handout and more!

### Community Group Fundraising Opportunity

This is also an opportunity for volunteer groups, such as sports teams, community groups, and clubs, to volunteer collectively and raise funds, as Nuku Ora offers a small donation per volunteer group.

To enquire about individual or group volunteering opportunities, please email [rtbvolunteers@nukuora.org.nz](mailto:rtbvolunteers@nukuora.org.nz).

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With over 70 clubs within Upper Hutt, the community has a lot of options to choose from! The Sports directory is still one of the popular webpages for Upper Hutt City Council, this webpage is accessed a couple of hundred times per week.

If there are any changes to your club details then please let me know, I can update the website to ensure that the correct information is available. Additionally if you have any events on, registration days, open club meets, have a go session etc, let me know and I can create an event on the Upper Hutt Council Website in the "[community events](#)" section on the [front page](#).

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*Āta whakaarohia a Papatūānuku i mua i tō tānga i tēnei Īmēra*

