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## THE DOMINION POST WELLINGTON SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS

It is your last chance to get a ticket to The Dominion Post Wellington Sportsperson of the Year Awards dinner which is being held at the Wellington Town Hall on Thursday 11th June. The Awards provides the forum for recognising excellence and achievements of athletes, coaches, officials, clubs, teams, volunteers and administrators, encompassing all sport ranging from the local sporting hero to the elite professional in the Wellington region.

Finalists of the awards include Stephen Kearney, coach of the world cup winning Kiwis rugby league team; Olympic 1500m medalist, Nick Willis; Paralympic medalists Kate Horan, Jayne Parsons and Paula Tesoriero; New Zealand cricketers Jesse Ryder and Lucy Doolan; Beijing Olympic officials Wiremu Tamaki and Peter Wrigley; Capital Swim Club, the world champion Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club's University Match Racing team, the Ranfurly Shield winning Lions and their coach Jamie Joseph.

For a full list of finalists or to find out more information on how to get your tickets for this prestigious event phone Sport Wellington on (04) 380 0270 or go to [www.wellingtonsportsawards.co.nz](http://www.wellingtonsportsawards.co.nz)



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## SPORT WELLINGTON GAMING TRUST "ABC" WORKSHOP – 22nd June

### How do I fill in a Gaming Trust application?

You asked us to put on this workshop so here it is!!

Get the ABC's right by attending this workshop aimed at people who are preparing an application for the first time or have prepared a couple of applications and want to improve their chances of success.

Due to space restrictions we are capping the numbers at 35 on a first come first served basis.

Click here for our home page that has the registration flyer.



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## FUNDING WORKSHOP— Thank you!

The Sport Development team would like to thank all of those who attended our workshops and on 25th May we had a full house!

We gave information on capital funding, using the internet, how to create a "hook" for next year and sponsorship. Our handout with 100+ fundraising ideas ranged from the "Big Bite" to "Daisy Dung Drops".

Thank you for attending and making a contribution to your sport. We wish you well in your fundraising endeavors.

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## THE COMMUNITY TRUST OF WELLINGTON STUDENT SPORT AMBASSADORS



### VISIT TO MAKARA MODEL SCHOOL—15TH MAY



Our Ambassadors were invited to give a coaching lesson on how to play badminton. Ambassador Josh Lee was keen to visit the school as he was an U17 & U19 Wellington Badminton rep plus the 2008 College Sport Wellington Badminton player of the year. Also in attendance was Jess Lea who was the 2007-8 Netball Waikato Student Umpire of the Year and is studying for a Diploma in Sport Science and Exercise Science.

best feeling I've had from helping out primary school children through the Ambassador program. It was a great afternoon of teaching the kids the basics of badminton and outlining a few rules with one child saying *I love badminton* which was a real highlight”.

Jess says: “Visiting Makara Model School was an incredibly rewarding experience. It was important to make sure that everyone involved enjoyed themselves and we had shuttles flying all over the place. Thank you to Sport Wellington and Makara Model School for allowing me to be part of something so special”.

Josh says.... “The time I spent at Makara Model School was the



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### KID’S BIKE JAM AWARD TO ADVENTURE SCHOOL IN WHITBY



Sport Wellington was delighted to be asked to present Adventure School in Whitby with the award for greatest participation numbers at the Meridian Kid’s Bike Jam.



Ashleigh (left) had the privilege of accepting the award on behalf of the school from Ambassador Jordan Mills who plays for the Century City Saints and is studying for a BCA in Management & Maori Business at Victoria University.

If you are interested in having a Student Sport Ambassador visit your school or organisation for a role model session on; tips on sport, coaching, goal setting, being active, motivation, overcoming barriers and more, please contact Mark Coburn at [markc@sportwellington.org.nz](mailto:markc@sportwellington.org.nz)

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### RSO LUNCHEON with GEOFF BARRY—17th June

Free invitation to come and listen to the Surf Life Saving NZ CEO.

Over the past nine years Geoff has guided Surf Life Saving NZ to its best health of its almost 100 year history, and yet they have chosen to research, review and restructure under Project Groundswell—Guaranteeing the Future of Surf Life Saving

RSVP To: [info@sportwellington.org.nz](mailto:info@sportwellington.org.nz) by 11th June.



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## SPORT WELLINGTON VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS

Focusing on how to recruit, support, retain and reward our most valuable yet under valued resource. The workshops will be held at Pelorus Trust Sports House on 13th July and 27th July at the Sport Wellington offices in Adelaide Road.

Remember, it's volunteer awareness week 14-20th June—what are you doing to support your volunteers?

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## VOLUNTEER of the MONTH



John Hodren is the Wellington Volunteer of the month for May. John is the Secretary and “cog in the wheel” for Wellington Diving, applying a thorough and sunny attitude to all the club activities, from organising competitions, IT, equipment, schedules and even getting involved in adult diving.

For several years he has given enormous time and energy to the sport. He epitomizes the culture of the diving community: ready to take the plunge with a daredevil optimism and great style.

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## COACHES BREAKFAST—THANKS GORDIE!

On 26th May we hosted Gordie McLeod, head coach of the Century City Saints. He gave an excellent presentation that is applicable to a sports team or a business organisation to be successful. Focusing on the basics and fundamentals of his sport along with strong individual and team values of trust, commitment, loyalty and involving everyone from the stars to the rookies in all activities. His coaching philosophy is all about “WE” and not “ME”, everyone contributes to the team's vision and goals.



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## COACH of the MONTH



Graham Duffy is the Wellington Coach of the month for May. Graham has been the Head Coach for Water Polo at Sacred Heart College for the past 10 years. In 2009 he coached the premier team to win the College Sport Wellington Premier title as well as the National Secondary Schools title at the recent national championships; his third national title for Sacred Heart College. His dedication to the sport of Water Polo and the students he coaches has been outstanding and he will be very hard to replace as this is his last year coaching at the college.

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