



27th August 09

## SPARC VOLUNTEER COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2009

**Nominations close 4th September!**  
**Win a \$100 sports voucher just by nominating a coach!**

The SPARC Volunteer Coach of the Year Awards are open to all non-paid, volunteer coaches including club coaches, school coaches and anyone coaching at a non-representative level. The three categories are student, general and lifetime. The student category is open to school aged coaches, while the lifetime category is for people who have devoted 25 years or more to coaching. The general category is for all other community coaches.



The format has undergone a change from last year. The nominations and categories at the regional level remain unchanged. However this year instead of one of the winning coaches attending the national final, Sport Wellington will select one winner to receive travel, accommodation and entry in to SPARC's national coaching convention. At the convention these winners will be able to learn from and mingle with regional and national coaches. The winners will also be acknowledged at the convention's gala dinner. SPARC coaching apparel and Wattie's product will be given to the three winners in each region.

Online nominations can be completed at <http://volunteercoach.watties.co.nz/>

For more info please go to <http://www.sparc.org.nz/sport/coaching/coach-of-the-year>  
Or contact our Coaching Director, Mike Walsh, at [mikew@sportwellington.org.nz](mailto:mikew@sportwellington.org.nz).

**QUOTE:** *"You are the only person in existence who can use your potential"*

## SPORT WELLINGTON "CLUB PROMOTION" WORKSHOP



### Membership, Website, Media, Open Day.....

- How does your club attract new members?
- How will your club keep existing members?
- How much should your club charge for membership?
- How will your club get an article in the local newspaper?
- What's the difference between internal and external promotion?

With summer just around the corner we can help your club with a promotional plan.

These workshops will be held at the Sport Wellington offices in Adelaide Road, [Newtown](#) on the 14th Sept then in [Masterton on the 21st](#). Click here for our [home page](#) that has the registration flyers and pay by 7th September to receive the **early bird special** for the Wellington workshop.



We know that papers have priorities and restrictions on space so we were delighted to see the winners of the Wellington Petanque Regional Awards published in the Dom Post on 17th Aug. Their awards recognised players, teams, coaches, tournament organisers, volunteers, administrators, personalities plus an Arbitré of the Year award.

Well done to Wellington Petanque for submitting the winners and thanks to the Dom Post and all the local papers for publishing sporting stories.

### SPARC NEWS — LOTS HAPPENING!

#### “KIWISPORT”



On 11 August the Prime Minister announced the introduction of Kiwisport, a new sport in schools initiative that aims to: -

- increase the numbers of school-age children participating in organised sport - during school, after school and by strengthening links with sports clubs;
- increase the availability and accessibility of sport opportunities for all school-aged children; and
- support children in developing skills that will enable them to participate effectively in sport at both primary and secondary level.

Kiwisport has two components: a direct fund that will be made available to all schools via the Ministry of Education's operational funding and a regional partnership fund that will be allocated to community projects via Regional Sports Trusts (RSTs). RSTs will develop plans for how the funding will be used, after consulting with their communities.

For more information visit the SPARC website [www.sparc.org.nz](http://www.sparc.org.nz).

### SPARC STRATEGIC PLAN 2009 – 2015

SPARC's Strategic Plan 2009-2015 is now available on SPARC's website at: -

<http://www.sparc.org.nz/about-sparc/about-us/reports/sparcs-strategic-plan>

The plan outlines SPARC's direction for the next six years, the role it will play in the sport and recreation sector and where its emphasis and priorities are.

### SPARC RESEARCH GRANTS – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

SPARC is now calling for applications for the 2009 SPARC Research Grant Funding Round. Closing date for applications is **2nd November**.

The purpose of the research grant fund is to: -

- fund research that aligns with the strategic needs of SPARC and has the potential to inform SPARC policy and planning;
- fund research that contributes to the knowledge base of the sport and recreation sector; and
- support and contribute to the development of the sport and recreation research sector.

For detailed information on who is eligible for a grant, the application and assessment process, timelines, and the types of research the fund will invest in, please visit: - <http://www.sparc.org.nz/research-grants>

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## COACHES OF THE MONTH

**Gus Smith** is the Coach of the Johnsonville Rugby Club senior team that won its way back into the Premier Division for 2010 competition. After being relegated in 2008 Gus had the unenviable task of motivating his young team to perform in Division 2 and then battle the four Premier Division teams for the promotion series. After a mediocre start to the season Gus and the team stayed committed and were rewarded with promotion to Premier Division rugby. Gus is a loyal and dedicated club man who has jelled and trained his young team to success.



**Wairarapa winner, Cory Karatiana** (left), was the coach of the Masterton Red Star Rugby team which won the Wairarapa Bush senior competition. The previous year the club did not have a senior team and this was Cory's first year as coach of any sport, at any level, which makes the championship title all the more meritorious.

Cory's undoubted strength was his ability to call on a variety of people with the appropriate skills to help out when required. From the advice received Cory put in place an effective game plan and the results speak for themselves.

Nomination forms can be found at <http://www.sportwellington.org.nz/communitycoachofthemonth>

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## SPARC COACH ONLINE WINTER ISSUE



The latest issue of Coach Online is now available at <http://www.sparc.org.nz/sport/coaching/new-zealand-coach>

Coach Online gives coaches access to information and interviews on coaching in a user friendly e-magazine format.

Articles include: -

- information on SPARC and the NZAS's Coach Accelerator programme;
  - an interview with SPARC's General Manager Community Sport and Recreation – John Reid, about his views on grassroots sport, its influence on young people and the need for quality coaches at this level; and
  - reflections on SPARC's Winning on the World Stage event by Sports Psychologist, Ken Ravizza
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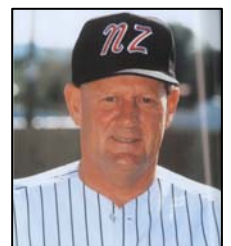
## COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS FOR OUR STAFF



**Doug Bracewell**, our Sport Development Advisor for the Wairarapa has been selected as coach of the Central Districts Hinds senior cricket team for the 2009-10 season. The team includes five White Fern players and two in the national Emerging Players team. Well done Doug and we wish your team every success!

Contact Doug on 06 370 9325 or at [dougb@sportwellington.org.nz](mailto:dougb@sportwellington.org.nz)

Our Coaching Director, **Mike Walsh** (left), has just returned from winning the International Challenge Series in Sydney with his Te Aroha Softball Club team from the Hutt Valley. The team also won the Club Team of the Year Award at the Dom Post Wellington Sports Person of the Year Awards. Contact Mike on 04 389 0223 or at [mikew@sportwellington.org.nz](mailto:mikew@sportwellington.org.nz)



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## WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

**Indoor Community Sports Centre**—all systems go! Building consent has been issued with anticipated construction commencement in November 2009.



**Parks and Gardens stakeholder engagement**—All stakeholder requests are to be sent to Clare Landon at [clare.landon@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:clare.landon@wcc.govt.nz) or 389 0258. Clare will work closely with Trevor Jackson, Sportsfields Manager and Wendi Henderson, Operations Manager to work through all requests and provide responses.

**Karori Park**—The current irrigation and drainage work should be completed about now. The Council will be closing Karori 1 Senior Pitch and Karori 8 Junior Pitch two weeks before the end of the winter sports season for further work.

**Get Set Go Community Events Training Calendar**—this includes workshops on Event Management and Promotion plus FREE Push Play Games training. Contact [esther.bulkholt@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:esther.bulkholt@wcc.govt.nz)

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## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY BLUES—NOMINATIONS CLOSE 4TH SEPT



A 'Blue' is an annual award given to students who have excelled in their chosen sport. This prestigious award dates back almost 100 years and includes a number of high profile and high achieving athletes. All Blues recipients are considered for the 2009 Victoria University Sportsperson of the Year. Contact Brent Hayward for more details at [clubs@vuwsa.org.nz](mailto:clubs@vuwsa.org.nz)

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## PRACTICAL IDEAS TO HELP DURING THE DOWNTURN



Its time for greater collaboration, diversifying income sources and improving effectiveness. This page offers some guidance in these key areas.

<http://www.ocvs.govt.nz/work-programme/building-capacity/help-through-the-downturn.html>

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## LAW COMMISSION REPORT – SELLING ALCOHOL ON CLUB PREMISES

The Law Commission has reviewed the law on the sale and supply of liquor and is included in a substantial report *Alcohol in our Lives*. The Commission considers that the law requiring clubs to have a manager on duty at all times when liquor is sold, could be reinforced in relation to club premises where more than 10 members are present. This would require larger clubs to adhere to the same management requirements as other types of premises where alcohol is served, while not imposing undue costs on small clubs.

The report can be downloaded at either [www.talklaw.co.nz](http://www.talklaw.co.nz) or [www.lawcom.govt.nz](http://www.lawcom.govt.nz)

If you would like to submit articles or information for the next Sport Connector newsletter, or you have questions or comments regarding the publication please email [markc@sportwellington.org.nz](mailto:markc@sportwellington.org.nz)



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