

## SPARC VOLUNTEER COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2009

Thank you greater Wellington region  
for over 300 nominations!

SPARC Chief Executive Peter Miskimmin says the hundreds of nominations registered across the country tell fantastic stories about parents, teachers and club coaches making amazing contributions to sport and recreation in NZ. "At SPARC we believe that volunteers are the heart of sport. The nominations coming through really are testament to the goodwill these coaches create through their selfless commitment to grassroots sport" Miskimmin says.



The Wellington regional category winners will be announced on the 23rd September and receive SPARC coaching apparel and Wattie's product. The overall regional winner will receive travel, accommodation and entry to the SPARC national coaching convention in March 2010. At the convention these winners will be able to learn from and mingle with regional and national coaches. Winners will also be acknowledged at the gala dinner.

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).

## SPORT WELLINGTON "CLUB PROMOTION" WORKSHOP—Masterton Monday 21st Sept



### 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 lots of promotional ideas.

Click here for our [home page](#) that has the registration flyer or ring 06 370 9157 asap.

## SPORT WELLINGTON HAS OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

Our sports house at 113 Adelaide Road, Newtown has an office available for lease; if you are interested please contact [Catherinen@sportwellington.org.nz](mailto:Catherinen@sportwellington.org.nz)

## INDOOR COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE



The project has overcome many obstacles over the past decade but project commencement is now in sight. Tenders for the construction will be received by the end of September with a decision expected soon after. It's anticipated that building work will get under way before the end of the year with completion by approximately Easter 2011.

Anyone wanting further project information, tenancy opportunities or future use is welcome to contact Jamie Delich of the Wellington City

Council, on 04 803-8353 or [jamie.delich@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:jamie.delich@wcc.govt.nz)

## 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>

## Active NZ Survey 2007/08 — New sport profiles have recently been added

In 2007/08, SPARC implemented a new survey called the Active NZ Survey. This survey monitors physical activity, in particular sport and recreation participation among New Zealand adults (16 years and over).



The scope of the 2007/08 Active New Zealand Survey differs from the previous New Zealand Sport and Physical Activity surveys, in that it adopted a broader definition of physical activity and assessed the intensity with which people do activities.

See more details at <http://www.activenzsurvey.org.nz/>

## EVENT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP—Upper Hutt 15th Oct

**activation**  
ACTIVE RECREATION

This is an event management training relevant to anybody organising sports, cultural, arts or other events or programs for the community. A great chance to have fun while learning about event management and going through the planning process. Come along and gain confidence in running your events and programs! It's on from 6-9pm; your investment just \$30.

Bookings are essential through H2O Xtream on 04 527 2113 or [h2oxtream@uhcc.govt.nz](mailto:h2oxtream@uhcc.govt.nz)

## COACH OF THE MONTH



Andrea Barnes is the Coach of the Month for August. Andrea coaches five adult teams in the Kapiti twilight netball league and she is always available to assist everyone. Most of the participants are “Mums” who play for recreation and physical activity.

Andrea’s Netball knowledge and passive personality encourages all the ladies to be competitive while having fun.

Nomination forms can be found at:

<http://www.sportwellington.org.nz/communitycoachofthemoth>

## FREE COACHING SEMINAR WITH CHRIS BOYD IN PORIRUA

The current South African Super 14 Sharks backs coach Chris Boyd will be delivering a 'coaching seminar' at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua on Monday 28th September from 6.30-8pm. Chris's coaching pathway has taken him from club rugby in Tawa to Wellington Bs, Wellington Lions and to his current position with the Sharks. He has also coached college and junior rugby. During the off season he is back in NZ where he is currently helping to develop the next generation of high performance sports coaches with the NZ Academy of Sport.



The evening will begin with a discussion on the balancing of 'performance outcomes' with the 'values and philosophy' of an athlete or team. This will be followed by a Q&A session. The seminar will be applicable to coaches of all sports who coach at all levels. There is no cost to attend, however places are limited and booking is essential. To reserve a place please email Paul Assur, Sport Development Officer on [passur@pcc.govt.nz](mailto:passur@pcc.govt.nz).

**CLUB PLANNING WORKSHOP**—pencil in the 9th Nov at Pelorus Trust Sports House in Seaview or the 16th Nov in Masterton for this critical workshop on how to set a clear direction for your club, details soon.

## THE COMMUNITY TRUST OF WELLINGTON STUDENT SPORT AMBASSADORS IN ACTION AT THE COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON ROAD RACE CHAMPS—12TH AUGUST



Ambassador Fraser Colson (left in the orange vest) acted as the lead runner for the Athletes with a Disability (AWD) section of the road race champs. Fraser had to be quick as it was a quality field including Kwame Williams-Accra (right) who races with the Wellington club and will be at the Nationals later in the year.

Fraser says “It gave me great pleasure to run alongside some of these students with disabilities just seeing the enjoyment and smiles on their faces once they had completed the run. I believe events like these should be available to school students everywhere, as I believe it gives them confidence to try new things. You just have to look at their faces.”



Marguerite Christophers is our Sport Opportunity Advisor and can be contacted at:

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Athletes with an intellectual disability can find out about various sporting opportunities at [www.specialolympics.org.nz](http://www.specialolympics.org.nz).

Athletes with a physical disability can contact Parafed Wellington. They are proudly hosting the National Champs 13—15th November, the link for more info is: <http://www.parafedwellington.co.nz/pnznationals.html>.

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## THE TRISH MCKELVEY LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognises a person who has provided outstanding leadership in the sector over the preceding and/or recent years as an administrator, coach, official, player or a combination of these. The recipient will have demonstrated leadership qualities which “made a difference”. The Trish McKelvey Leadership Award will be presented to an outstanding leader in the Wellington region later this year. Closing date 19th Oct.



If you know of a deserving recipient who should be considered for this award please contact Catherine Norton on 04 389 0213 or email [catherinen@sportwellington.org.nz](mailto:catherinen@sportwellington.org.nz).

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## WELLINGTONIAN AWARDED LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO HOCKEY NZ



**Dayle Jackson** of Wellington Hockey Association was recently awarded Life Membership to Hockey New Zealand at their recent AGM awards dinner in Wellington on September 5th. Dayle has represented Wellington as a player for a number of years through the 1970's and has coached all grades of Representative hockey in Wellington from Under 11's through to Senior. Dayle continues to coach junior hockey in Wellington and runs the Lower Hutt mini-hockey competition each season.

On a personal level, Dayle is a completely unassuming character – and extremely modest about her contribution to the Association and hockey in NZ. A friendly, enthusiastic and outstanding member of the Wellington Hockey Association, Dayle has a very bubbly personality and always goes the extra mile.

Dayle's practical and constructive approach to the work of the Association is greatly appreciated.

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## SPORT WELLINGTON VACANCIES

### Event Co-ordinator (1) and Event Administrator (2)

Sport Wellington are looking for an Event Co-ordinator and two Event Administrators to join their Round the Bays team for the summer. All positions will be on a temporary full time contract, however there is the possibility of the Event Co-ordinator role becoming permanent. If you are interested in the roles please contact [info@sportwellington.org.nz](mailto:info@sportwellington.org.nz) for full job descriptions.



Applications for the Event Administrator positions close on Friday 25th September and Event Co-ordinator on Friday 2nd October.

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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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