



Nick Willis took away the supreme award in 2009, who will be this year's winner?

You can be at the awards dinner at the Town Hall on **Thursday 3rd of June** to find out. Tickets will go on sale Monday 26th April. Cost is \$115 per ticket for Sports Organisations (\$1100 for a table of ten) or \$145 per ticket for the general public (\$1400 for a table of ten). The ticket price includes pre dinner drinks, three course meal, beer and wine supplied by sponsors DB and Te Kairanga wines, as well as plenty of entertainment.

In addition to The Dominion Post Wellington Sportsperson of the Year category and supreme award winners being announced at the dinner, three more icons of Wellington sport will be inducted as Legends of Wellington. The Legends of Wellington was introduced in 2003 and recognise those who have made an outstanding contribution to sport in our region.

The awards are not only a celebration of Sport in the Greater Wellington Region but a great chance to make new connections (or reconnect) with others in the industry.

Finalists for the awards will be announced in The Dominion Post on Monday 10th May.

For more information about the awards and how to purchase tickets to the **Sports Celebration of the Year** please go to www.wellingtonsportsawards.co.nz or call Sport Wellington on (04) 380 2070.



Meda McKenzie
2009 Legend inductee

WAIRARAPA VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

Dave Turton is the Junior Cricket Coordinator for Greytown Cricket Club. He has been actively involved with Greytown Cricket for 5 years as a player and 4 years on the committee. His current role involves ensuring the smooth running of the junior cricket competition - distributing draws, recruiting coaches and managers plus organising gear. Dave is also Greytown's delegate to regional meetings. After a long and happy time in sport in earlier years, Dave is happy to give back to the community as a volunteer.

The purpose of this award is to recognise the valuable work provided by officials, administrators and managers at all levels in our sporting community.



I'M ON A SPORTS CLUB COMMITTEE - *WHAT THE HECK DO I DO?* Plus CLUB PROMOTION and MARKETING GUEST SPEAKERS!

IMPROVE YOUR COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE!



Feeling frustrated with your meetings? People ramble off the topic? Spend time looking backwards instead of focusing on big important issues? People turn up late? Constantly run over time? Chairperson doesn't listen? Meetings ruled by one parent with a bee in their bonnet?

We can help by showing you the best practice for effective meetings.

We will focus on: common errors, role descriptions, induction, rolling calendar, "crowding out" Agendas, tips for the Chair and committee evaluation. **Plus** we will have a section on Club Promotion / Marketing and plenty of time for Q&A and networking. **Bring** your committee along at the discounted group price - it's important to have as many of your committee there so you can learn together.

Choose your location below and click the link for booking details, these are also on our [website](#).

Monday 3rd May	Kapiti College	(guest speaker from the Kapiti Observer and check out the new gym!)
Monday 24th May	Greytown	(extra Q&A session instead of the marketing section)
Monday 31st May	Pelorus Trust Sports House, Seaview	(includes a marketing expert guest speaker)
Monday 28th June	Masterton	(guest speaker from Wairarapa Times Age)

Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Investment: \$10pp or \$20 per club (up to 5 people—bring the committee along!)

FRASER PARK SPORTSVILLE—FIVE BOARD MEMBERS REQUIRED

'Fraser Park Sportsville Incorporated' is seeking passionate and experienced directors to establish the first Fraser Park Sportsville Board. This group of individuals has an incredible opportunity to lead this new and innovative sports organisation.

Applications close 30th April and more details and job descriptions are [here](#).



WAIRARAPA COACH OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

This year Darren Kerr coached the MIS Softball team to the Intermediate League title. Darren has coached a number of MIS school teams in a wide variety of sports. Those attending the final commented on the skill level of both teams in a game worthy of finalist status. Darren is also the President of the Douglas Villa Football Club. The club's preseason preparation has been faultless with the senior team winning it's opening game in the Wellington competition. At the Junior level, the Club has had a huge influx of new players and much of this is a result of the organisational skills at management level.

The purpose of this award is to recognise the valuable work provided by coaches at all levels in our sporting community.



WAIRARAPA SIDELINES SUPPORTERS DAY—29th MAY

The purpose of the promotion is to encourage positive and supportive behaviour at junior sports events. Not only do we want children playing sport, we want them to enjoy the experience to ensure ongoing participation in the major winter codes. Sport not only provides personal challenges but an opportunity to be part of a team. The sports involved are Netball, Hockey, Football and Rugby. Contact Doug Bracewell on (06) 370 9325 or dougb@sportwellington.org.nz



KiwiSport is a government funded initiative to increase the number of school-age children regularly participating in organised sport.



Below are the key KiwiSport objectives:

- To increase the number of school-aged children participating in organised sport
- Increase the availability and accessibility of sport opportunities for all school-aged children
- Support children in developing skills that will enable them to participate effectively in sport

Exciting Potential For Kids

KiwiSport

In round one of the Wellington KiwiSport Regional Partnership Fund, Sport Wellington received 16 applications for funding seeking a total of \$416,172.25. The majority of applications that were received were from various sporting clubs/organisations applying to deliver sport-specific programmes ranging from skill development to coaching in schools. All applicants who submitted applications will be notified of the outcome by Friday 23rd April as per the timeframes on the [KiwiSport webpage](#). From this, a funding investment and payment schedule will be established between Sport Wellington and the successful applicants. Results of the funding decisions will be published once signed agreements are in place, we will also be sharing project progress with the community on our website.

Round Two for KiwiSport Funding closes on Wednesday 30 June 2010.

To make an application visit the Sport Wellington KiwiSport [funding webpage](#) and fill out the on-line application. Applications for funding may be submitted at anytime of the year and are to be *electronically submitted ONLY*. All applicants will receive an email confirmation and copy of their application.

In addition, applications *must include* verification of partnerships (including schools involved), a strategic or business plan for the length of the project, evidence of financial contribution and how your project will impact on more school-aged children participating in organised sport.

For any further enquiries email: kiwisport@sportwellington.org.nz



"Sports clubs are a great way of building 'social capital' – networks of relationships and values shared between individuals – and that's something people perhaps appreciate more in hard times." Tim Lamb

LOOKING FOR OFFICE SPACE IN LOWER HUTT?

[Ignite Sport](#) is a Charitable Trust using the power of sport and recreation to make a positive difference in our community. They currently have two office suites available to rent at a very reasonable cost. They are especially keen to offer the space to other charitable and volunteer organisations. They are situated in Queens Drive right in the heart of Lower Hutt (100m from the Central Bus Terminal). Available spaces vary from 12.sqm to 39sqm.



For further information please contact Kevin Goldsbury, Coordinator - Ignite Sport (04) 920 2204 / (027) 211 2229 or Kevin@ignitesport.org.nz

SPORTS CLUB / SCHOOL LINK WORKSHOP

We are running a new workshop this year to help you develop a better understanding of the school environment and ways that your sport can contribute and add value to it.

Having strong links between clubs and schools is vital so kids develop a life-long love of sport.

21st June is the date and more details to follow soon on our [workshop page](#).



SKILLS ACTIVE SPORTS OFFICIATING FORUM—FREE—18TH MAY IN AUCKLAND

Skills Active are proud to announce the hosting of its first Sports Officiating Forum which is being run in association with the New Zealand Olympic Committee and SPARC. The forum is an opportunity to find out more about what Skills Active can offer the officiating community, current research that has been undertaken in officiating, SPARC's involvement in officiating (including Prime Ministers Scholarships), Industry Best Practice and most importantly it provides an opportunity for you to be involved in shaping the path for the development of officiating in New Zealand for the future. See their [website](#) for more details.



“Boards and Committees shouldn't try to steer the organisation by looking in the rear view mirror”

NEW BALANCE SPORT TEC T-SHIRTS... NOW ONLY \$20

We have a small number of high quality New Balance Sport-Tec t-shirts left over from the Pelorus Trust Round the Bays and New Balance Half Marathon, they are being sold at a heavily discounted price. They are the perfect t-shirt for anyone who is active or participates in sports.

To order email hamisha@sportwellington.org.nz or call (04) 389 0230.

Sizes are limited. (Female [Blue](#) or [White](#) and [Unisex Electric Blue](#))

KEY DATES, UPCOMING EVENTS AND QUICK LINKS

- May 3 Kapiti Workshop—I'm on a sports club committee—what the heck do I do? Plus club promotion / marketing
- May 24 Greytown workshop—I'm on a sports club committee—what the heck do I do?
- May 31 Workshop—I'm on a sports club committee—what the heck do I do? Plus club promotion / marketing
- June 3 Awards dinner—Dominion Post Wellington Sports person of the Year Awards 2010
- June 21 Workshop—Sports Club / School link
- June 28 Masterton workshop—I'm on a sports club committee—what the heck do I do?
- Sept 13 Workshop—how to fill in a Gaming Trust application—get the ABC's right plus insider tips
- Nov 1 Workshop—Club Planning—how to create your future

Rugby World Cup 2011—[host city Wellington website](#)

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



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