

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPLANT GAMES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2009

The 17th World Transplant Games The Gold Coast, Australia

As promised by our hosts, one day is great, the next perfect. That can also describe New Zealand's performance at the games, which was simply awesome. Not only did the team overhaul the previous record medal count, it did so in great fashion, with a total of four world records being broken in the process, to add to the 30 medals. Our under 18 athletes paved the way with a total of 16 medals between them, with three of the four world records being claimed by Katie Hodge in the ball throw, and Julia Woolf in the long jump and 50m sprint. Not to be outdone, Matthew Mokoroa, and the effervescent Jayten Tairua brought home a gold and two silvers each. Jane Towers broke the 200m freestyle swimming record, to add to her 4 gold and one silver medal. Congratulations to Jane on an outstanding performance, and a worthy winner of New Zealand's athlete of the year award. The medals were one thing however, the atmosphere amongst the New Zealand athletes, team physio, supporters, family and friends was fantastic, and made for a memorable time at a hot and sticky winters week at The Gold Coast.



Its podium time again for Katie Hodge, and the gold was accompanied by the world record for the ball throw.

Upcoming Events

- Mount Manganui walk on October 4th – see link below for registration

http://www.donor.co.nz/donor/wdod_registration.php

- Round the mountain relay in Taranaki to walk/run around Mt Taranaki/Egmont on the 13-14th November.
- Canadian Transplant Games – August 2010 – see link herewith: www.canadiantransplantgames.ca
- European Transplant Games, August 2010, Dublin, Ireland
- Australian Transplant Games, Canberra, October 2010
- 18th World Transplant Games, June 17-24 2011, Goteberg, Sweden
- North and South Island fund raising events, dates and venues TBA

Our Sponsors

Thanks to all our major sponsors for this years Transplant Games. The economic climate that led up to the games was a contributory factor behind our team not being so large as we hoped for, but were it not for our generous sponsors, then the team may have been smaller still. Our sponsors, in no particular order;

- Lung Health, Auckland
- Cue Sports Foundation
- Geraldine Lions
- The Southern Trust
- Manchester Unity Lodge
- Organ Donor Awareness Trust
- Master Trade, Rotorua

20/20 TV Programme

After much head scratching, frustration, and pulling of hair, media coverage of our team and two athletes in particular, at the recent World Games has come to fruition. The article will feature Jayten Tairua, and Jane Towers. The cameras were at Auckland Airport to see us leave, very early on the Saturday morning, and followed us the next day, making it just in time for the opening ceremony. The crew stayed in touch with both Jayten and Jane for the next three days. As soon as a date is advised for screening of the article, we will let you know by email, and videos and DVD's will be programmed to record for anyone who misses the broadcast. 20/20 is screened on channel 2 on a Thursday evening, time to be advised.