



What a fantastic weekend of Disability Sport!

Here are some highlights to share the mahi.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, donations, the Tauranga Western Bay Community Fund and our partners that helped make this an amazing, rewarding experience for all.

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"All Stars" Wheelchair Basketball



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Wheelchair Rugby



Achilles Tauranga - Run/Walk Group



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All Stars Games



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Healthvision Festival of Disability Awards 2023



Wild Lanes Music



An Awards Evening Celebration

A fun awards evening, with awesome music, our fantastic MC Amanda and a celebration of successes in Disability Sport over the last 2 years.

We had amazing nominations across a range of sports and congratulate all finalists and look forward to seeing how you progress!



Gavin Rolton - Wheelchair Rugby & Paralympian- Coach of the Year!

Gavin was a player at the festival and received Coach of the Year aswell as awarded his Paralympian Pin!



Kyren Andrew - Tandem Cycling Blind Sport - Emerging Talent Award.

Jacinta Richardson, Wheelchair Rugby player was a close finalist and one to watch!



Congratulations Caleb Evans (pictured) who won the Aspiring Youth Award. Caleb's sailing achievements are outstanding and there was a great support on the night from whanau and friends of [Sailability](#) Tauranga. Caleb was up against some tough finalists, Jaxon Wooley, from Athletics Tauranga and Bailey Conlon, Swimming superstar, all potential future [paralympians](#)!

Cameron Leslie received Sportsman of the Year and the Supreme Award for his incredible achievements on the global stage in Wheelchair Rugby and Para Swimming. Cameron usually plays Wheelchair Rugby at the festival, but was in Singapore coaching the Para Swimming team. What a guy! Read more about Cameron here;

<https://paralympics.org.nz/news/laureus-finalist-cameron-leslie-heads-to-awards-ceremony-in-paris-its-surreal/>



**NEW ZEALAND WHEELCHAIR RUGBY**



Maia Marshall-Amai (pictured above) received Sportswoman of the Year for her integral part in the Wheel Blacks team. We had 4 amazing finalists in this category - Theresa Pooley (Achilles), Sue Curran (Blind Bowls) and Kerehi Maxwell (Sailability Tauranga). All very inspirational ladies!

The Parafed Bay of Plenty Service to Disability Sport was awarded to Ross Hynds and wonderful, deserving tribute was given to him and his family were there to collect this special award (pictured right).



Congratulations to Hayden Barton-Cootes, Cody Everson and Gavin Rolton, 3 incredible Wheel Blacks players, who were formally awarded with their pins by PNZ Board Chair Jana Rangooni. It was a pleasure to have Paralympics as part of the awards evening. See more via the below link;  
<https://paralympics.org.nz/news/3-incredible-wheel-blacks-receive-their-paralympic-pins/>

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