



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### JANUARY – DECEMBER 2012

2012 has been an unsettled year for Parafed Wellington particularly with contract staff. In February Dee Young finished her contract as Operations Manager and after interviews by two Committee members, Sandra Kennerley was contracted as Office Manager in April. However Sandra obtained another position and left in June. The current Manager, Catriona McBean was contracted by the committee in July.

After a review of the office accommodation by the committee, it was agreed that the offices of Parafed Wellington be relocated from Plimmerton to the ASB Sports Centre, Kilbirnie in September. This has been a cost effective move and has raised the profile of Parafed Wellington in the Wellington regional sporting community.

More positive however has been the achievements of our members in local, national and international competitions.

Members' successes included:

- Mary Fisher – Swimming London Paralympics – 1 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze medal
- Jayne Parsons selected for cycling at the London Paralympics but had to withdraw due to injury
- Gavin Rolton – selected as a Wheelblack for competition in Korea and Germany
- Paul Fallon and Marcus Thompson – Wheelchair Basketball tour to Korea & Australia
- Previous member Tim Prendergast – athletics competitor at the London Paralympics

Other activities undertaken by members include:

#### Wheelchair Basketball tournaments

- Two teams to Nelson in April
- One team to Auckland
- 2012 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships, Wellington which Parafed Wellington hosted at the ASB Sports Centre, Kilbirnie in September

Members Marcus Thompson, Paul Fallon and Karl Hobman were able to attend national squad training programmes in Auckland.

#### Wheelchair Rugby tournaments

- Players went to Tauranga
- Hosted the Wheelchair Rugby competition at Walter Nash Stadium, Lower Hutt in June
- The team went to Christchurch
- Selected members were able to compete at the national tournament in Auckland

Members Gavin Rolton and Paul Fallon attended many training camps in Auckland.

#### Boccia

- Our team attended the National Championships in Christchurch

#### Ski Trip to Ruapehu

- 10 members went on a two day trip to the Turoa ski fields. Unfortunately due to the weather, the field was closed during their trip.

There has been a number of equipment items purchased so our members are able to utilise our chairs and basketballs for their sport. This has been through the funding from several local charities and foundations.

Finally, my congratulations to those members who have had such a successful year in 2012. My thanks also to those committed members, many of whom are volunteers, who continue to assist with the successful programmes run from Parafed Wellington. Without such members, the organisation would not be in the healthy position it is today.

Colleen Dryden  
President