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2015 President's Report

This is my first year as Parafed Wellington President and I am pleased to be able to continue the work Colleen led while she was President.

2015 started with a BANG! With the Youth Group attending a Nitro Circus rehearsal.

This year was action packed.

- We went fishing, participated in Round the Bays, had 4 Youth Group members attend the Junior Disability Games in Cambridge.
- Our wheelchair basketball players trained each week and competed in the North Island champs which we hosted at ASB Sports Centre in July. At the National Champs in Auckland later in the year, our team finished 4th in Division 1, a great improvement on the previous year when we were in Division 2.
- Again we hosted the WRC wheelchair rugby tournament at Te Rauparaha Arena. We also headed to Auckland for the second round of the competition. Our team finished 5th in the series.
- Our Youth Group was really active all year with events such as weetbix tri, Wellington Zoo, rock climbing, indoor softball, indoor football and arts & crafts, just to name a few.
- Along with 2 other members, I was fortunate enough to go skiing at Cardrona during the Adaptive Snow Festival hosted by Adapted SnowSports NZ.
- Finally our Boccia team, who took home medals from the North Island Champs, and then wow, what a performance this year from Hyran taking out the NZ title for the BC3 class.

We can't forget our other members who have been active in their sporting pursuits this year competing in the NZ Hansa Class national para-sailing champs, the World Disabled Bowls tournament, London Marathon, World Wheelchair Rugby Challenge, the Military Games, IPC Shooting World cup and the NZ wheelchair basketball tour to South Africa.

I would like to thank our partners and funders, who without their support we would not be able to achieve everything we have done, in particular – Infinity Foundation, Pelorus Trust, Lottery Grants Board, COGS, Pub Charity, NZCT, Mana Community Grants Foundation, Four Winds Foundation and For Everyone Foundation.

Financially, Parafed Wellington continues to be financially sustainable, thanks mainly to the funders I have just mentioned.



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This year we have posted a surplus of \$14,000 compared to \$1,600 last year.

I would like to thank Colleen and Greg for their hard work and commitment on the Parafed Wellington Committee. We have a strong committee who are committed to making Parafed Wellington an organisation which provides for all our members.

Lastly, I would like to thank Catriona our Manager who continues to ensure our organisation functions on a daily basis and keeps our team's and player's sports and recreational opportunities alive.