

# eVision March 2024

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*Parents of Vision Impaired  
New Zealand Inc  
supported by Blind Low  
Vision New Zealand  
(formerly The Blind Foundation)*



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# FROM THE CHAIR

## TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ, WELCOME TO OUR FIRST eVISION OF THE YEAR.



**Above:** Judith Hyslop **Right:** Child playing with wooden toy.

We recently convened for our inaugural gathering as a newly constituted Board. A special welcome to new Board members Tirzah, Dan, and Jacque.

Not-for-profit/community organisations face significant financial challenges, including uncertainty stemming from changes in government and economic pressures. Key factors to consider are:

- **Change of government:** there is uncertainty of the future direction of Te Whatu Ora, Whaikaha, Ministry for Social Development and others that our organisation has strategic relationships with.
- **Economic and societal pressures:** there are ongoing concerns in the community about the cost of living. Many communities are hurting, creating a drop in 'disposable income'.
- **RNZFB:** we remain reliant on this organisation for a good chunk of our funding. There is never any certainty on the outcome of our applications.

As you are aware, the Board plays a crucial role in setting the strategic direction of our organisation. While our current plan spans 2020-25, it remains subject to ongoing refinement as a 'living' document. At our recent Board meeting, we reviewed the strategic plan to ensure its alignment with our objectives.

While our discussions may seem serious, it's crucial that we prioritise the interests of our stakeholders. We're fortunate to have Rebekah's leadership as Executive Officer, which enhances our collective capabilities.

On a more positive note, I am encouraged by the positive feedback from our recent conference, and I remain optimistic that we will surpass expectations in the coming year. It's a privilege to serve PVI and to have a positive impact in the lives of parents.

Nga mihi nui,  
Judith Hyslop

# FROM THE EDITOR



## KIA ORA KOUTOU

Welcome to 2024. By now everyone should be back into their routine, settling into school, readjusting to work and so forth. Easter is just around the corner, so hopefully you and your family have an enjoyable break. In the meantime, enjoy the read, the pictures, and getting an idea of what is happening around the country for our families.

Kia pai tō rā,  
Rebekah Graham  
National Executive Director, PVI  
[rgraham@pvi.org.nz](mailto:rgraham@pvi.org.nz)

**Above:** Rebekah Graham **Right:** Easter eggs.

# BANZAT REPRESENTATION



**AFTER FOUR YEARS, JUSTINE EDWARDS IS STEPPING DOWN AS THE PVI REPRESENTATIVE TO BANZAT (BRAILLE AUTHORITY OF NEW ZEALAND AOTEAROA TRUST).**

**Above:** Justine Edwards **Right:** Person touching a braille sign.

BANZAT was set up in August 2020, and PVI traditionally has a representative attend meetings.

BANZAT's purpose is to set standards and to make rulings on braille code usage within New Zealand, maintain awareness and consistency with current international developments in all braille codes, accredit practitioners involved in braille production, promote braille as the prime literacy medium for blind people and promote best practice in teaching, acquisition and distribution of braille.

Meetings are a mix of zoom and face to face meetings. Travel is paid for, as well as meetings (up to \$1,100 per annum) so you don't need to take annual leave if your employer can't afford to pay them to take time off for our meetings.

Ideally, you'd be able to read Grade 1 braille by sight or by touch. Justine notes that it really helps to have a braille user in the family.

If you are interested in this position, please email [rgraham@pvi.org.nz](mailto:rgraham@pvi.org.nz). If you want to know more, you are welcome to email Justine on [justine@pvi.org.nz](mailto:justine@pvi.org.nz) to ask her about her time on BANZAT.



WEST OAKLAND

PLATFORM

TO EAST

## MEET NEW BOARD MEMBER

## TIRZAH SHEPHERD

**I LIVE IN WHITFORD, AUCKLAND (ON A LIFESTYLE BLOCK) WITH MY HUSBAND RODGER. WE HAVE BEEN HERE FOR THE LAST 21 YEARS. OUR DAUGHTER ASHLEY HAS CVI AND RIGHT HEMIPLEGIA DUE TO OXYGEN DEPRIVATION AT BIRTH.**

Ashley now lives by herself (with lots of support from us) in Howick and is 24 years old. Our youngest daughter Juliet has just moved to Cambridge University in the UK for her Masters in Materials Engineering. We have just returned from a month's family travel in Europe.

I am a chartered accountant, and I work part time on several small companies that we are involved with. I'm also Treasurer of two local charities/community trusts in our area, and look forward to bringing these skills to the PVI Board.

We have been part of PVI for around two decades now, we attend conference as work allows, and you may have seen me comment now and then in the Facebook group.

I feel I have the required skills and time to take on the Treasurer role and keeping the PVI accounts up to date. But also feel I have a lot to offer other parents, having been on this vision impaired/disability journey for some time now. Invaluable knowledge has been gained!

I keep a pretty active lifestyle through competitive tennis, and lots of mountain biking and walking. We also have a short haired border collie that always requires attention and walks.

My daughter Ashley has her own YouTube channel - you can see her latest podcast adventure here: [youtu.be/tYcoffGwCIU?si=k8MWCuxn2koZaKzE](https://youtu.be/tYcoffGwCIU?si=k8MWCuxn2koZaKzE)

Ashley is very interested in getting feedback and questions from parents and your children themselves. You can comment directly on her YouTube.

**Right:** Ashley Shephard's youtube podcast - Ashley's Advice



Ashley's Advice



Ashley's Advice

  @AshleysAdvice98



   
UNAPOLOGETICALLY  
ASHLEY



# 2023 AUDITED ACCOUNTS NOW AVAILABLE

**EVERY YEAR, PVI UNDERTAKES AN AUDIT OF OUR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND RELATED PROCESSES.**

This year's audit took longer than usual and the final report was not available until earlier this year. The audit is complete, all is well and healthy in the financial systems, and the PVI Board ratified the final accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 at their recent Board meeting. We have uploaded a copy of the audited accounts to our website, and you can view them online or download if you wish to read them in full:

[pvi.org.nz/documents/agm-and-board-nominations](https://pvi.org.nz/documents/agm-and-board-nominations)

We have also uploaded the updated PVI Constitution with the changes agreed to at the 2023 SGM. These changes bring our constitution in line with the legal changes required by the updated Incorporated Societies Act (2022). These changes help to make incorporated societies' structures and processes more robust, help societies govern themselves, and give societies and members more options when things go wrong.

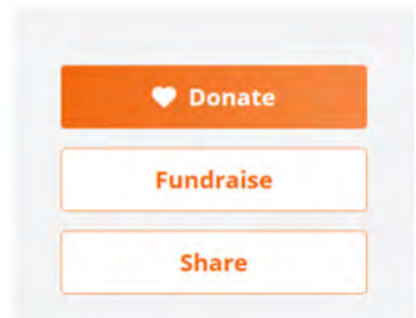
**Right:** Green classroom filled with chairs and desk.

# DONATE TO PVI



## Parents of Vision Impaired NZ Inc

PVI provides support and advocacy for parents and whānau of a blind, low vision, deafblind, or vision impaired child.



**IF YOU WANT TO DONATE TO THE WORK THAT PVI DOES, AND WOULD LIKE A CLAIMABLE TAX RECEIPT, YOU CAN DO SO VIA OUR GIVEALITTLE PAGE. PVI IS A REGISTERED CHARITY, SO ANY DONATIONS QUALIFY FOR TAX RECEIPTS.**

**CLICK HERE TO DONATE**

[givealittle.co.nz/org/parents-of-vision-impaired-nz-inc](https://givealittle.co.nz/org/parents-of-vision-impaired-nz-inc)

TE KURA PROVIDES

# FREE ECE FOR BLIND AND LOW VISION KIDS

**DISCOVER THE FREE ECE PROGRAMME AT TE KURA, TE ARA KŌHUNGAHUNGA, TAILORED FOR BLIND OR LOW-VISION CHILDREN (AGES 2-6). BENEFIT FROM COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND INVALUABLE RESOURCES TAILORED TO THEIR UNIQUE NEEDS.**

Right: Michele, Lynne and Fiona.

Did you know that Te Kura has a FREE ECE programme (Te Ara Kōhungahunga)? And that you can enrol your blind or low vision child (2-6 years) under high health and/or special needs? And they send you amazing resources and are super supportive?

Te Kura has a fabulous, easily accessible, individualised programme for Early Childhood Education (ECE). They can send resources to your home - or even directly to your child in hospital! You can enrol with Te Kura and still with your regular ECE - contact them to find out more.

PVI parent Fiona Shanahan works for Te Kura in their ECE within the central and northern regions. Fiona is hugely enthusiastic about how wonderfully accessible and supportive this programme is. To find out more, you can [watch this short video](#).

For more information contact -

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Michele, Lynne, and Fiona.



# RESOURCES FOR NAVIGATING EDUCATION

**AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS, FAMILIES MAY ENCOUNTER FRESH CHALLENGES. EXPLORE OUR CAREFULLY CURATED COLLECTION OF USEFUL LINKS TAILORED FOR YOU.**



## **Individual Education Plan (IEP)**

Learn all the basics of Individual Education Plans, from what they are and who might need one, to details about the process, tips on the IEP meeting and follow-up, example goals, and strengths-based language. A downloadable pdf from Parent to Parent and Care Matters can be found here:

[parent2parent.org.nz/resource-hub/individual-education-plan](https://parent2parent.org.nz/resource-hub/individual-education-plan)

**Right:** Screenshots from the websites.



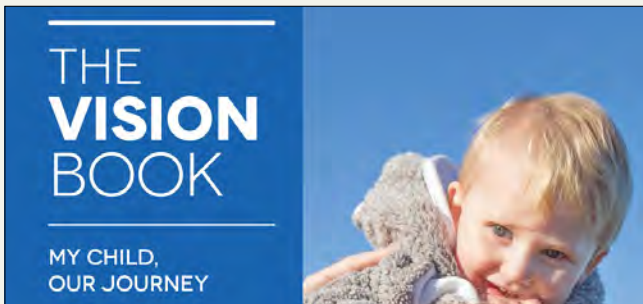
### Parents of Vision Impaired (NZ) Inc.

A readable and shareable blog about navigating visual fatigue, environmental barriers, and school attitude solutions [here](#).



### Ministry of Education

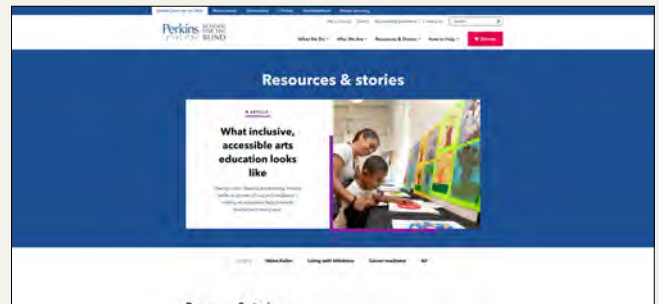
The Ministry of Education's [Inclusive Education site](#) has a list of local and national agencies that provide educational support and services.



### The Vision Book - My Child, Our Journey

An overview of services available from Blind and Low Vision Education Network NZ (BLENNZ) is available [here: overview from BLENNZ](#).

You can download the [Vision Book - My Child, Our Journey](#) from the PVI website. This is a great resource with information for families and whānau about children who are blind, deafblind or have low vision. It was published in 2014 by the Ministry of Education in partnership with the Ministry of Health, BLENNZ and Blind Low Vision, and much of the information remains useful and relevant for parents.



### Perkin's School for the Blind

The [Perkin's School for the Blind](#) has a wealth of information and teaching resources across a range of educational topics.

18-20 OCTOBER

# 2024 PVI CONFERENCE DATES





**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED 2024 PVI ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM, TAKING PLACE FROM 18-20 OCTOBER. BE SURE TO PENCIL IN THESE DATES TO AVOID ANY SCHEDULING CONFLICTS IN THE FUTURE!**

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION, WHICH WILL BE SHARED WITH YOU IN DUE COURSE**



# HOIST THE FLAG OF FUN AND MAYHEM!



**SHIVER ME TIMBERS! THE PIRATES ARE RESTLESS, YEARNING FOR A GRAND PIRATICAL ADVENTURE. “OH, FOR A PIRATE PARTY!” THEY PROCLAIM. BUT, AS ANY GOOD PIRATE KNOWS, A PROPER PIRATE PARTY MUST BE A STOLEN ONE.**

So now, get ready to set sail into the high seas of imagination as Margaret Mahy’s delightful tale, *The Great Piratical Rumbustification*, comes to life in a swashbuckling stage performance by Tim Bray Theatre Company.

Join our young hero, Oliver Terrapin, as he opens up the doors of his oblivious parents’ home for a party – a party with real pirates! Mayhem ensues in this rollicking, rumbunctious rumpus of an escapade that promises the most piratical fun you’ve had in years. Yo ho ho!

Performed live from 6 April - 11 May, 2024 at:

- The PumpHouse Theatre, Takapuna
- Due Drop Events Centre, Manukau
- Māngere Arts Centre/Ngā Tohu o Uenuku, Māngere

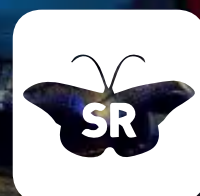
\$32 Early Bird Tickets are available for the 1pm shows on 13,15,16 & 17 April, to book them now [click here](#).

Discover more accessible performances [here](#).

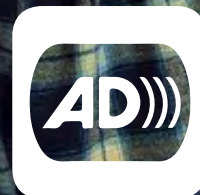
**Right:** Two actors dressed as pirates, performing in *The Great Piratical Rumbustification*.



NZ SIGN LANGUAGE

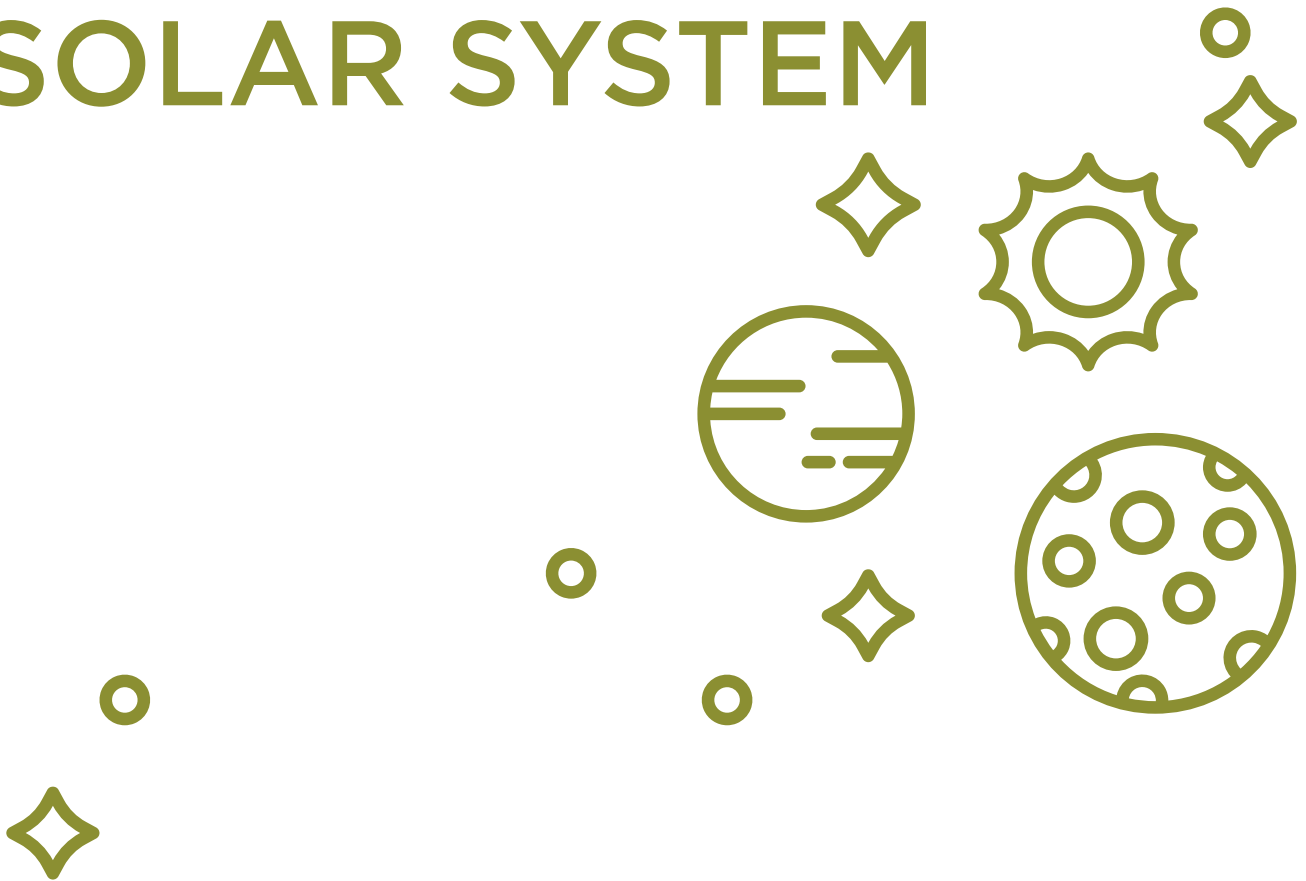


SENSORY RELAXED



AUDIO DESCRIBED

# AUDIO UNIVERSE: TOUR OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM



**STARDOME OBSERVATORY  
IN AUCKLAND HAVE A NEW  
PLANETARIUM SHOW THAT HAS  
BEEN SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED  
FOR BLIND AND LOW-VISION  
VISITORS.**

The show has been designed by a group of astronomers in the UK who wanted to make a show about our solar system that was suitable for a blind and low-vision audience, as well as a sighted audience. They have produced a film that takes all of the objects in space and represents them with rich sounds as well as with incredible visuals. The audience can listen to the stars appear and hear the planets orbit around their heads.

Stardome is screening the film on Thursday 28 March at 7pm. Tickets are just \$10 for adults or \$8/\$5 for senior/students. See the Stardome webpage for more details:

[stardome.org.nz/movie/audio-universe-tour-of-the-solar-system](https://stardome.org.nz/movie/audio-universe-tour-of-the-solar-system)

*Above:* The cover of the March PVI newsletter.

# Audio Universe Tour of the Solar System

Experience the Solar System like never before. This unique show takes you on a voyage inside a special spacecraft that can convert light into sound.



AN AUDIO UNIVERSE PRODUCTION

STARRING RACHEL LAMBERT AND NIC BONNE

DIRECTED BY CHRIS HARRISON PRODUCTION AND 3D VISUALISATION THEOFANIS MATSOPOULOS

PRINCIPAL SOUND DESIGNER JAMES TRAYFORD MUSICAL DIRECTOR AND COMPOSER LEIGH HARRISON

CHIEF ADVISOR AMRIT SINGH SCRIPT EDITOR STEVE TOASE



Science and  
Technology  
Facilities Council



Royal  
Astronomical  
Society

[www.audiouniverse.org](http://www.audiouniverse.org)

# DEAFBLIND & ARTS ACCESS



**MEET PHIL, A RESILIENT SURVIVOR OF MENINGITIS, CONFRONTING DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, AND PARALYSIS. EXPLORE PHIL'S INSPIRING NARRATIVE AND HIS COMMITMENT TO MAKING ARTS ACCESSIBLE FOR DEAFBLIND INDIVIDUALS, SHOWCASED IN RECENT WEBINARS.**

**Above:** A black and white image of Phil Thorn standing in front of a laptop. **Right:** Phil Thorn in his wheelchair in front of a garden scenery.

Amanda Stevens and Phil Thorn recently presented at a webinar for Arts For All on making the arts accessible for deafblind persons.

Phil is a Northland artist who produces beautiful, tactile pieces. You can read more about Phil's journey as a meningitis survivor here:

[survivortothrivercoaching.co.nz](http://survivortothrivercoaching.co.nz)

YouTube: [youtube.com/@philthorn6585](https://www.youtube.com/@philthorn6585)

# ACCESS MATTERS AOTEAROA & ACCESSIBILITY LEGISLATION

**AS AN ORGANISATION, PARENTS OF VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORTS THE NEED FOR IMPROVED LAWS THAT ENSURE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CAN PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.**

**Above:** A black and white image of Phil Thorn standing in front of a laptop. **Right:** Phil Thorn in his wheelchair in front of a garden scenery.

Currently, access to things like buildings, websites, and public transport can be challenging and, in some cases, even impossible.

Access Matters Aotearoa (AMA) is an independent trust, supported by PVI, and aiming to remove the barriers that stop people with disabilities from living their lives fully. AMA's goal is to ensure the government passes accessibility legislation that creates systematic change so that everything is accessible to all people.

AMA is currently working on a multi-pronged strategy for the new year post-election:

#### **Supporters to Speak to their Members of Parliament**

With many new elected officials, AMA is forming a network of supporters who will tell their stories to their MPs, and let them know how important strong accessibility legislation is to them.

#### **Petition Delivery**

A petition to have the current Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill withdrawn and a new one drafted which includes a requirement to put in place minimum standards, a regulator and an enforcement mechanism. You can sign the petition [here](#).



### March to Parliament

AMA is working alongside multiple disability groups, individuals and allies to organise a march to parliament in March 2024, where the petition will be delivered.

If you would like to know more about the Access Matters Aotearoa campaign and how to get involved, you can contact our PVI representative to AMA, [rgraham@pvi.org.nz](mailto:rgraham@pvi.org.nz), or you can request information directly via their website: [Access Matters Aotearoa](https://www.accessmatters.org.nz)

# BLIND SPORT WĀHINE



**BLIND SPORT NEW ZEALAND WITH SUPPORT FROM MANATŪ WĀHINE MINISTRY FOR WOMEN ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE ANOTHER WOMEN AND GIRL'S SPORT RETREAT (15 YEARS AND OVER) IN CHRISTCHURCH SEPTEMBER 2024.**

Over the weekend individuals can expect outdoor adrenaline activities, blind sports/activities and the opportunity to meet likeminded women and girls in a safe, welcoming and fun space. We aim for it to increase the confidence of women and more participation in sport. It's time to reset, get your motivation back and be energised.

Please contact [jemma@blindsport.kiwi](mailto:jemma@blindsport.kiwi) for more information - the deadline for expressions of interest is Monday 3 June 2024.

For ages 15 years and over.

**Where & When** - Christchurch, Lyttleton at Living Springs 20 - 22 September 2024.

**Cost** - \$80 placeholder deposit (this will be refunded upon attendance). The retreat is free, however, you must provide your own transport to camp (flights to Auckland and Christchurch are not covered). Accommodation, meals, pre-organised airport transfer to retreat, and all activities are covered during camp. Please note there are limited spaces.

**Above:** Girls running in sports uniforms on a field. **Right:** Poster for BSNZ Wāhine Sport retreats.



**\*\*15 years  
and over\*\***

**Cristchurch,  
Lyttleton  
Living  
Springs:  
September  
20-22**



**Manatū Wāhine**  
**Ministry for Women**



HĀKINAKINA KĀPŌ O AOTEAROA  
**BLIND SPORT**  
**NEW ZEALAND**

## **BSNZ Wāhine Sport retreats**

This is your chance to get out there and connect with other Wāhine aged 15+. Try some different sports and activities, outdoor escapades, and a whole ton of confidence-building in a safe and welcoming environment.

Contact for info:

[jemma@blindsport.kiwi](mailto:jemma@blindsport.kiwi)



022 599 3961



# SPORTS HAVE-A-GO DAYS



**GET ACTIVE WITH FANTASTIC SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES! DIVE INTO GOALBALL IN DUNEDIN, BLIND/PARTIALLY SIGHTED TENNIS IN WELLINGTON, AND HAVE-A-GO CRICKET IN GISBORNE. JOIN IN AND EMBRACE THE FUN - ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**

## Goalball in Dunedin

This is an opportunity to come down and give goalball a go and see what the sport is all about. We will also have a play trailer there with some fun activities to try. All abilities and ages are welcome. Bring your family or friends for a fun afternoon out. Run by ParaFed Otago.

Saturday 9 March, 3:30pm-5pm  
40 Logan Park drive (Rugby field 6), behind the Sport Otago Building

Contact Paris Skipper  
022 043 3768  
[SDO@parafedotago.co.nz](mailto:SDO@parafedotago.co.nz)

Above: A goalball player takes his shot on court.

**HAVE A GO DAY!**

## Wheelchair & Blind/Partially Sighted TENNIS

Come give tennis a go at our very first **INCLUSION**

**HAVE A GO DAY!**

- Equipment provided
- No cost
- Qualified coach
- No experience necessary
- FREE sausage sizzle
- Lots of fun!

**For more information**

**Blind/Low Vision Tennis**

Jeremy Brown (022) 014 7094

[jebrown@blindlowvision.org.nz](mailto:jebrown@blindlowvision.org.nz)

**Wheelchair Tennis**

Emma Mulhern (021) 302 115

[spport@dpsportnz](mailto:spport@dpsportnz)

**Sunday  
10 March  
10am-1pm**

**Renouf Tennis Centre  
60 Brooklyn Road**

Kindly supported by:



**Blind Low Vision NZ**

**BLIND SPORT  
NEW ZEALAND**



**FREE FUN  
FOR ALL!**

Northern Districts Cricket & Parafed Gisborne Tairāwhiti

**HAVE-A-GO  
CRICKET  
DAY!**

**SUNDAY  
24TH MARCH  
9AM-12PM**

**LYTTON HIGH  
INDOOR CENTRE,  
GISBORNE**

**FREE LUNCH  
PROVIDED  
AFTER THE EVENT**



Register at  
<https://forms.office.com/r/KkJE2bzF8J>  
To get involved email  
[louise@parafedgisborne.co.nz](mailto:louise@parafedgisborne.co.nz)



### Tennis in Wellington

Time to try one of the fastest growing blind sports around the world with blind/partially sighted tennis, alongside wheelchair tennis for an inclusion Have-a-go day.

- equipment provided
- free
- qualified coach
- no experience necessary
- sausage sizzle
- and FUN!

Sunday 10 March, 10am-1pm  
Renouf Tennis Centre, Brooklyn Rd, Wellington

**Register here:** [forms.gle/Y5vua8ERG6ttzzk4A](https://forms.gle/Y5vua8ERG6ttzzk4A)

Contact Jeremy Brown  
022 014 7094  
[jebrown@blindlowvision.org.nz](mailto:jebrown@blindlowvision.org.nz)

### Cricket in Gisborne

Come join in on some, adaptive, modified and blind cricket skills, drills and games at Have-A-Go Cricket day. Thanks to Northern Districts Cricket Association Parafed are able to host this amazing opportunity.

Fun · Free · Open to all abilities

Sunday 24 March, 9am-12pm  
Lytton High Indoor Centre, Gisborne

**Register here:** [forms.office.com/r/KkJE2bzF8J](https://forms.office.com/r/KkJE2bzF8J)

Contact  
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[louise@parafedgisborne.co.nz](mailto:louise@parafedgisborne.co.nz)

# MARATHON RUNNING



**BLIND SPORT NZ HAVE A LOVELY WRITE UP OF THREE BLENZ STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE AUCKLAND MARATHON LAST YEAR.**

One of the students, Roman, states: "The night before the marathon probably is the worst because you want to get good rest, and then if you don't, it's not good. And then the marathon day you get a boost; you get a massive natural high." Roman goes on to declare that "if three blind students can do it, anyone can". Roman's father, Phil, is the Tangata Whenua rep on the PVI Board and we are all cheering Roman on!

Read the full story on the Blind Sport website here:

[blindsport.kiwi/news/2024/2/15/spotlight-a-journey-of-three-blind-athletes-conquering-the-auckland-marathon](https://blindsport.kiwi/news/2024/2/15/spotlight-a-journey-of-three-blind-athletes-conquering-the-auckland-marathon)

Above: Group of runners in a marathon.

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*Right:* Girl decorating Christmas cookies.

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