

# IGNITE SPORT REPORT

Highlights of our year

ending 31 March 2017



## A decade of inspiration worth celebrating

Ten years ago in 2007, a group of us worked on a strategy to use the power of sport to influence and effect change in the lives of young New Zealanders. Ignite Sport Trust was finally born!

This year we celebrate our 10th year anniversary and can now look back and report that 3600 young people have participated in our youth development programmes in schools, more than 7,500 in Ignite Sport-run events and we have engaged with over 18,000 people through various community events and activities.

We have grown to the point that in 2016 we engaged 11 staff, four Interns and more than 45 volunteers. We continue to press forward to capture the new many opportunities that come our way.

There has never been a greater need for strategic and effective youthwork strategies. In fact the United Nations World Youth Report states that increased consideration needs to be given to a growing need within areas such as education, employment and training and exploring new ways for young people to participate in and engage with their communities.

The report states clearly that sport is an effective tool to engage disadvantaged youth and youth at risk, many of whom may otherwise be hard to reach. It also says sport can be used to support young people with disabilities, young former refugee youth and young women.

Above: Visitors, supporters, trustees and staff celebrate our 10th anniversary, in February 2017.

So what makes sport such a powerful tool for engaging youth? Not only does sport bring a sense of joy and adventure, it is full of challenges and skills to be tackled and acquired through coordinated interaction with others.

Sport has the ability to help re-shape our young people to become great leaders, to lead not only themselves but also influence the many who walk with them.

The small ripple created back in 2007 is beginning to have an effect in the lives of many young people in the areas we work. Our challenge for the future is to expand our work to other regions, enabling more New Zealand and Pacifica young people to experience life as it was meant to be.

Thank you to all those who believe in what we do and choose to partner with us. We can achieve so much more when we work together.

We hope you enjoy reading this short highlight of our year and our impacts.... And be inspired!

Kevin Goldsbury  
Ignite Sport Coordinator

inspiring young people  
and impacting communities  
through sport

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“Ignite has taught me never to give up, strive for success and improve my interpersonal skills.”

Porirua College student, 2016

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“Im learning to turn my shoulda, coulda, woulda's into I can, I will, I must.”

Naenae College student, 2016

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## Also worthy of mention

We can't feature every activity, programme and challenge during our 2016/2017 financial year in this report. However, here are some 'also-rans' in addition to the highlights:

- Sponsorship of Character Athlete Awards continued at Naenae College and Wainuiomata High School. The award honours students who have modelled good character, respect, responsibility, fairness and citizenship during the year.
- Ignition 2016 was the 10th annual community indoor sports competition delivered to more than 400 people in the Wellington Region.
- Start Me Up 2016 was the 8th annual participation event for up to 150 women.
- Our soccer cage featured at Naenae, Taita and Newlands community festivals.
- Ignite Sport delivered sport at the Te Ora Hou Youth weekend and spoke at the organisation's national hui.
- And we purchased a 22-seater bus to transport students more efficiently!

# Oho Ake - changing lives and shaping futures

Oho Ake is a framework Ignite Sport has developed to support young people who are in danger of disengaging with school, their education and life.

Oho Ake embraces the idea that sport and recreation and positive influencers can encourage young people to aspire to greater things. We do all we can to reinforce a young person's gifting or passion, which in turn encourages greater learning, creates positive pathways and fosters community engagement.

The Oho Ake programme offers more specialist activities and workshops aimed to assist young people with specific areas of need.

In 2016/17 we worked with 15 boys from Wainuiomata Intermediate, several students from Hutt Valley Activity Centre (HVAC) and young women from Titiro Whakamua Teen Parent School (see article page 11).

Students from HVAC were provided with regular and varied sports-focused activities, which aimed to help engage these Year 9/Year 10 young people with their learning environment.

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"Ignite Sport offered us most timely support when we were thinking about alternative ways to engage a group of students with their learning and with school in general.

"The special programme Ignite developed for our students taught them some core values while building their sporting skills. The students learned about respect, self-worth, goal setting to achieve their dreams, and taking responsibility for themselves and their actions – all geared to help them form more positive relationships with peers and adults and achieving success.

"They looked forward to their weekly two-hour sessions with the Ignite Sport instructors and are buzzing on return from some of their trips away from school.

"Teachers reported a very positive change in some of their students, who appeared more confident, focused and motivated to learn. The students themselves told me they loved the opportunity to be involved with Ignite Sport and 'learned heaps!'"

Pearl Murti, Principal Wainuiomata Intermediate

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Wainuiomata Intermediate Oho Ake boys with Ignite Sport staff and regular volunteer Andy Aldridge (right).





“I learnt heaps of new games and new friends. These last three days have been amazing, I would love to do it next year as well.”

Porirua Fusion participant



## Fusion programmes connect and impact

Four Fusion programmes, in partnership with New Zealand Red Cross and funded by the Ethnic Communities Development Fund, were delivered during the financial year – in Porirua, Lower Hutt, Palmerston North and Hamilton.

Fusion aims to help resettlement and introduce new opportunities to young people with a refugee background. Up to 80 young people annually participate in Fusion programmes which include recreation, activities, workshops and visits.

New Zealand Red Cross Client Services Team Leader, Jenny Pepworth, says: “... it is apparent that the programme has contributed hugely towards this group's developing sense of security and belonging in Palmerston North.

“As former refugees, these young people have experienced displacement and loss and have spent many years in temporary, transitional situations. Their increased sense of belonging [following Fusion] will undoubtedly impact positively on all aspects of their health and wellbeing.”

During the year we also ran a pilot programme, Fusion Plus, in Lower Hutt. The fortnightly ‘meet up’ for activities, sport and connection was funded by ANZ Staff Foundation and led by Ignite staffer Peter Stone.

Fusion Plus is a model we'd like

to develop as a follow-up to all our three-day Fusion programmes.

Another Fusion highlight was our invitation to present at the National Refugee Resettlement Forum, run by MBIE at Te Papa in May 2016. Kevin Goldsbury and Peter Stone represented Ignite Sport, with Kevin presenting during a panel discussion on Refugee Youth Participation.

And mid-year, The Human Rights Commission asked to highlight Fusion leading up to their annual Diversity Forum, in Wellington in September.

We invited Fusion participants who have journeyed with Ignite Sport since 2013, to appear in the video. It can be seen at the Ignite Sport website.

“Meeting new people was good for me. I learned new sports and had fun with friends.”

Lower Hutt Fusion participant

“Playing all the sport has shown me that playing and socialising with friends is better than sitting in your room. This has encouraged me to go outside and try and be more fit and athletic and social.”

Hamilton Fusion participant

“I actually learned how to communicate with others.”

Palmerston North Fusion participant

Above: Fusion participants join in at game and an activity.

Below: Kevin and Peter with the display set up for the Resettlement Forum.



# Youth Development programmes in detail

Ignite Sport's youth development programmes are graduated to have the greatest impact and are tailored to suit school's needs.

## Intermediate Life Skills — Years 7 and 8

A weekly focus on life skills, junior leadership and activities to develop and encourage exercise and recreation, participation in sport and to help students' transition into the secondary school environment.

## Choices — Year 9

Transition and positive relationship programme encouraging students to develop useful life and interpersonal skills, positive educational and personal goals. Senior students (Y13) are coached to mentor junior students. Workshops and activities are delivered several times during the year.

"Amazing; Tumeke; Awesome; Inspiring; Motivating; Life-changing."

Year 9 students, Porirua College

## Ontrack — Year 10

A focus on engaging, motivating and inspiring students to reach their full potential as athletes and young people. A five-day programme for students who have shown sporting talent or are in need of focused input into their sport, education and life.

"Ontrack has encouraged me to follow what I want to do and given me confidence to try and achieve my dreams. It was so good."

Year 10 student

## Sports Ambassadors — Year 11

Developing young sports leaders to recognize that in order to positively influence and lead others, they must first learn to lead themselves, both in sport and within the school community. Activities include the Tongariro Alpine Crossing challenge and sailing. The yacht is used as an analogy to describe the importance of having good character (a good keel) in our lives.

"Ignite has helped me become the best me I can possibly be. It has taught me about balance, strength of character and leadership and the importance of the people around you and their story"

Year 11 student

## Sports Leaders — Year 12/13

Learning to lead others. Students are exposed to leadership styles and roles, the power of influence and are mentored to become positive role models. A practical project is delivered within the school community as part of the programme.

"Ignite Sport has taught me the importance of presenting yourself well and everything you associate with. And not just presenting yourself well but also being a well-rounded and balanced person in and out of the sports scene."

Year 12 student

## Oho Ake — Years 7-13

Positive sessions to engage and inspire 'at risk' students or those disengaged from mainstream education. Sessions are timed according to what suits students and the school - weekly or in a block each term.

"I had the best day with the people I love."

Year 10 Oho Ake student

## Service through Sport — Year 13

Students are mentored to be a person of positive influence within their school. The programme includes a sports service project within their school or community.

"I love the Ignite Sport programme. Ignite has helped to make me a better athlete and coach."

Year 13 student





# INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE & IMPACTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SPORT

## PROJECTS

- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT** In Schools
- FUSION** Refugee Background Youth
- EVENTS** Start Me Up, Ignition, Inspire, Aspire
- COMMUNITY** Festivals, Camps, Support, Youth
- SPORTS PLUS** Interns



<b>Staff</b>  <b>11</b>	<b>Interns</b>  <b>3</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>  <b>45</b>
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2016

### 1 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

128	LIFE SKILLS - year 7 & 8	20	SPORTS LEADERS - year 11/12
120	CHOICES - year 9	27	OHO AKE - disengaged
158	ONTRACK - year 10	108	LEADERSHIP - year 13
112	SPORTS AMBASSADORS - year 11	95	FUSION - refugee background youth
119	TONGARIRO ALPINE CROSSING		

946 young people      9 schools       41 programmes      206 days

### 2 EVENTS

154	START ME UP - WOMEN'S EVENT	35	THUMBS UP ACTION DAY
450	IGNITION - INDOOR SPORTS	170	SPEEDBALL - YOUTH COMPETITION
BIENNIALS: ASPIRE - Student Conference		INSPIRE - Fundraiser	

4 events, 809 people engaged

### 3 COMMUNITY

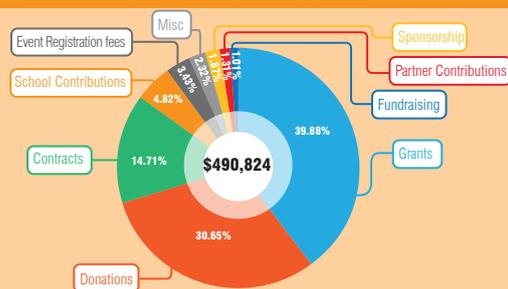
250	ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY	750	SCHOOL SPORTS SUPPORT
350	SOCCER CAGE AT FESTIVALS	1120	CAMPS/HUI
836	COMMUNITY SPORT		

27 community partnerships, 3306 people engaged

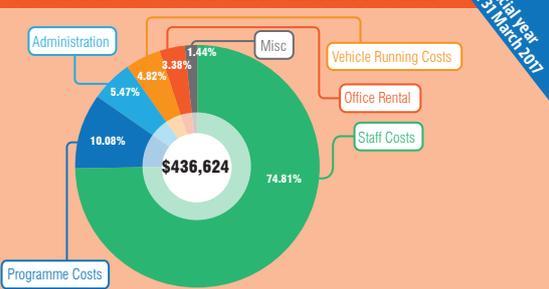
### 4 SPORTS PLUS

3 INTERNS       2 PRAXIS (Diploma in Youth Work)

## IGNITE SPORT INCOME



## IGNITE SPORT EXPENDITURE



# Leadership programmes benefit students, schools and community

Ignite Sport's senior student leadership programmes help students build confidence and capability to be leaders in their school and to 'step up' in their community.

These programmes, although tailored to each group, focus on teaching senior students how to mentor, role model and lead within their own schools.

At the end of one leadership programme, a student said she'd learnt that leaders aren't always in charge and dominating, they are best supporting and encouraging. Another said during the programme he had developed the skill of talking in front of large groups.

In term one of 2017, Ignite Sport had delivered leadership programmes to Year 12 and Year 13 students at five secondary schools – Porirua College, Tawa College, Heretaunga and Upper Hutt Colleges (joint programme) and Taita College.

Below, students from Heretaunga and Upper Hutt Colleges hear from programme coordinator Dan Olive during their three-day programme at the beginning of 2017. Insert right, Dame Susan Devoy with the Wainuiomata programme, 2016.



Former world squash champion and now Human Rights Commissioner Dame Susan Devoy addressed students from Wainuiomata High School in 2016. She told the young people that not everyone could be a world champion. "But we can all be champions in our own grade, at our own sense and our own level. Many people I know who haven't been world champions are champion people," she said.

Dame Susan encouraged the students to be leaders, show leadership to their peers and to do the 'right thing'. It's a message our programmes emphasize.

"Ignite has helped me realise that everyone has an extremely unique story and that no-one's life/story is more or less important than someone else's, it's just different. It's our differences that bring us closer together."

Year 12 student, Naenae College

## Ignite office a popular visit

The beginning of 2017 saw Ignite Sport move to Petone. Negotiations with Hutt City Council resulted in our taking over the top floor of the former council building attached to Petone Library.

"We love our new space and find the location easier for transporting young people to and from our programmes," says coordinator Kevin Goldsbury.



During the past 12 months, Ignite had numerous visitors to its former office in Queen's Drive:

- In January, then Minister for Youth, Nikki Kaye visited to announce a Youth Fund grant to Ignite Sport.
- Former Minister of Finance and current Prime Minister, Hon Bill English visited in May.
- Both were accompanied by National Party List MP Chris Bishop - an ardent supporter of Ignite Sport.
- Labour MP Jacinda Ardern visited in June to address students from Wainuiomata Intermediate (see right).
- Ginny Anderson - Labour Party candidate for Hutt South - also met with staff late in 2016.
- These are just a few of the many who visited Ignite Sport to find out more about programmes or to volunteer their help.
- Our door is usually open, so why not visit!



## Tongariro trips continue to inspire

The beginning of 2017 again saw our team take four school groups to National Park to complete the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

Year 11 Ambassador students from Heretaunga, Porirua and Naenae Colleges and Wainuiomata High School experienced the magic of our country, the challenges of journeying with others and learnt more about themselves during these trips.

We believe there's something unique about standing on top of Mount Tongariro. The hike to 1886m gives students a new perspective and appreciation of the world in which they live. For many young people the 19km, eight-hour alpine tramp is both a physical and emotional challenge.

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"I've learnt how to build my future. How to achieve my goals. How to communicate with others. I've also learnt how to do my schooling well and my sports."

Year 11 Student, Porirua College

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To date, almost 200 students have experienced the trip with Ignite Sport as an introduction to their participation in our Ambassador's programme.

We believe the trip helps change students as they become positive influencers among their peers and role models to younger students.

Thanks to the Taylor Memorial Trust for funding the Tongariro trips to give young people a taste of leadership in the outdoors.

A three-year partnership between the Trust and Ignite Sport ensures 100 students a year are able to tramp the Tongariro Alpine Crossing and stay at the Taylor Memorial Lodge at Pokaka.

In addition, Ignite Sport purchased tramping gear for students to use.

Above left: students from Naenae College celebrate their hike up Mount Tongariro. Left is trip leader Elieta Taito.

Above right: Wainuiomata High School students participate in an activity during their trip to Tongariro.

## Young people benefit from collaborative funding

Hundreds of young people in the Wellington Region are benefitting from Ignite Sport receiving government funding through the Partnership Fund. In January this year Ministry of Youth Development invested \$87,000 in youth development programmes through Ignite Sport.

The investment provides 780 youth development opportunities to be shared among the schools in which we work.

"We are thrilled to receive the funding. It will go a long way to support our ongoing work with local young people. In addition, it will also enable us to grow our influence in new schools", said Ignite Sport coordinator Kevin Goldsbury following the announcement by Minister for Youth Nikki Kaye.

By August 2017 we had already engaged with 615 young people.



National List MP Chris Bishop and Minister for Youth Nikki Kaye talk to HVHS student Asanthini Sasikumar during the announcement.

# Students rate conference as 'epic'

More than 250 senior students from 30 secondary schools throughout Wellington and Wairarapa attended our second Aspire conference early in April this year.

Aimed to 'shape sports leaders of tomorrow', Aspire 2017 again featured input and inspiration from top athletes, coaches and sports people.

Students participated in break-out sessions as diverse as 'Winning through adversity' with Parawimmer Mary Fisher, 'Keys to success' with Athletics NZ High Performance Coach Steve Willis and 'Balance' with Hastings Giants Boxing coach Craig McDougall.

Former NZ Maori Rugby team captain and All Black, Norm Hewitt, addressed male students during Building Sportsmen and Kelly Curr from Sport Wellington facilitated interviews around Building Sportswomen.

Other athletes as diverse as Parawimmer Mary Fisher, Skycity Breakers forward Mika Vukona, Wellington Phoenix captain Andrew Durante, Paracyclist Katie Horan and Wellington Pride forward Alice Soper, among others, addressed the students. They told 'their stories' to help influence the students make wise choices in their sports leadership.

Good Clean Sport – Youth was also presented by Drug Free Sport New Zealand. This newly-introduced programme supports and educates young athletes on clean sport within the secondary school environment.



Students participate in an activity during the 'Balance' session led by Craig McDougall.

Overwhelming feedback from students rated Aspire as 'epic'. That's the same description our first Aspire conference, in April 2015, was rated.

Presenters also loved the day. Mika Vukona said he loved the team atmosphere and culture among the Ignite team and enjoyed engaging with students. He also loved the positive messages throughout the day and looked forward to participating in future events such as Aspire.

Katie Horan said Aspire brought together a great group of athletes, students and organisers. "I even came away with lots of gems of information myself!"

This year we had 10 senior Naenae College students serve at Aspire as part of their Service through Sport leadership programme and a discipleship group helped as conference volunteers. Thanks to College Sport Wellington and ESG Foundation for helping fund Aspire.

"We absolutely loved the day and could have stayed longer and done more. Student feedback was that it could have been a bit more interactive. But they were very buzzy when they got in the van and said they got heaps out of it."

One of several sports coordinators who provided great feedback



Personal student reflection: 'I learnt ...

- To pick yourself up, let the past be the past
- Don't be afraid to aim for your dreams
- Be more open minded and less selfish
- To be motivated
- Endure to the end. Every negative thing is just another reason to be great.
- That team culture is a massive thing to help win in a team
- Be yourself on the sports field and in life
- Aim high and work hard for yourself and family, make wise decisions.
- It's not what life throws at you, it's how you deal with it
- Be confident as a woman and strive for everything.
- Hard work beats talent.
- Don't let anyone tell you, you can't.
- Learning what makes you a man.
- Your purpose will drive your performance.



## Serving young people in the community

Ignite Sport staff again led the warm up and marshalled at the annual Athletics with a Disability regional athletics day, at Newtown Park in February.

We love serving these 200-plus young people and always try to take a large group to help at this event, which is delivered by College Sport Wellington.

Ignite Sport also fielded a team for the 4x100m relay and had fun competing as well as looking after various athletic tasks (finish line right)!

Our programme at Brookfield Camp in Moore's Valley for clients at Thumbs Up in February was also an enjoyable day – as usual.

A highlight of our year, the Thumbs Up activities day this year featured lots of mud and laughter. Thumbs Up is a charitable trust which supports the needs, aspirations and ongoing development of young people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

At Ignite Sport, we have a heart for serving all these young people and provide these connections as one of our many community services.

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“We love Brookfield, where we have a full-on day of physical activities building confidence, skills and pushing boundaries for everyone involved. It's such a great day of fun and laughter. I've noticed over the years how we all keep growing and empowering our young people to do more and giving them more choices.”

**Thumbs Up Charitable Trust**

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At Ignite Sport, we also believe in having a lot of fun! Our Youth Speedball Tournament is designed to bring young people together for a night of speedball - a fast-paced sport combining many aspects of other more traditional sports.

At the 3rd annual tournament in 2016, 14 teams participated, from a variety of church, community, school and youth groups. Almost 150 young people came together for a night of fun and sport.

The Youth Speedball Tournament also provides a great opportunity for Ignite Sport to serve, support and engage with others working with young people.

Youth Speedball Tournament 2016



Above (both): The Ignite Sport team leads warm up at Athletics with a Disability day and officiates at the finish line.



Above: Thumbs Up young people with Ignite staff at the end of a fun day. Below: YOUth Inspire intern Joey Rawiri-Petelo encourages a Thumbs Up client through a mud challenge.



# YOUth Inspire interns boost programmes

After negotiations during the previous year we welcomed five YOUth Inspire young people to the team early in 2017, for six months.

All from Wainuiomata, they are employed for 30 hours a week by Ignite Sport and funded by other agencies. YOUth Inspire supports young people to be engaged in meaningful education, training or employment. The local charitable trust is part of the nationwide Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs initiative.

Our five interns are valuable team members who participate in programmes, activities and give everything a go. They are Teremoana Davoren, Siobhan Kahaki, Joey Rawiri-Petelo, Cheayan Toko and Sam Johnson.



Above: Chaeyan, Siobhan, Joey, Teremoana and Sam.  
Below: YOUth Inspire interns with young people during an activity they organised and delivered.

"I have learnt how to set goals in my life and how to achieve them. I have learnt to never give up on dreams and strive for what it is that you want to achieve in the future." **Joey**

"I have learnt to have balance in everything that I do. I have discovered what my barriers are and also my strengths." **Teremoana**

"I have learnt how to be more confident in myself." **Sam**

"I have learnt a lot of skills in my life that I can implement in the future." **Chaeyan**



## Honoured to win business excellence award

We were both humbled and honoured to win the Not-for-Profit section of the Wellington Region Business Excellence Awards for 2016. This category recognises 'an enterprise committed to enhancing the quality of life of the wider community'.

The impressive trophy (right) was awarded to Ignite Sport Coordinator Kevin Goldsbury at the awards evening late in the year.

In his acceptance speech Kevin challenged those from business, local government and other organisations, to invest in Ignite Sport. "By working together in partnership, so much more can be achieved for young people," he said.



## ESG Foundation accepts corporate challenge

A great example of investing in young people is that from ESG Foundation. The Foundation supports projects globally which create educational opportunities to develop future leaders.

We were excited to announce this new partnership in March. ESG Asia Pacific and ESG Foundation's sponsorship and support will strengthen the work of Ignite Sport and our leadership development programmes throughout the Wellington region. We share a common belief, passion and drive to make this world a better place.

The ESG Foundation also sponsored our Aspire conference.

ESG Asia Pacific is a leading manufacturer and supplier of environmental washroom products to educational facilities - including Ignite Sport's. We welcome similar partnership opportunities with other corporates!



Kevin Goldsbury and Andrea Bolton with Alice Allen (ESG Foundation) and Jason Logan (ESG Seaview Coordinator).

## Footy camp reinforces Ignite strength

The Ignite Sport model of engaging and journeying with young people through sport was reinforced as an effective method during the year - in Australia.

Youth Development Programme Coordinator Dan Olive and worker Nate Robinson spent a week in the Gold Coast as volunteers at Scripture Union Queensland's Footy Camp 2016. They found the Ignite Sport way of getting alongside the 10-14 year-old boys was tried and true.

Dan and Nate used the same games, activities and 'hanging out' as they do while engaging with young people in the Wellington Region. "Our strength is in the way we engage with young people. Kids will be kids and you've got to let them be kids. However our leadership is important. I found out what we do and our style, is great wherever," said Dan.

They both saw positive change in the 56 boys attending camp during the week and especially enjoyed seeing their growth of confidence.

Footy camp participants with Dan (left) and Nate (second from right).



## New staff on the Ignite team

We welcomed Charmaine Ah-Ken as a new youth development worker in February 2017.

Char joined the team to help develop our work at the Intermediate level (Year 7 & 8). She coordinates our programmes at Wainuiomata and Maidstone Intermediates and will look to grow opportunities in other schools in the region.

Char also coordinates our work at the Teen Parent School. She had wide experience of working with young people as well as supporting and coaching sports teams.

David Goldsbury joined the team working 15hrs/wk on Ignite Sport projects and the rest of his week with 24/7 providing youth work support at Hutt Valley High School.

David coordinates our programmes at Wainuiomata High School and HVHS. His youth work experience is a real asset and is providing added strength to our team.

Peter Stone completed his Diploma in Youth Work and joined the Ignite Sport team full-time, as Fusion coordinator.

Manan Acharya and Chanelle du Preez joined us as Praxis Interns beginning of this year, working towards their Certificate in Youth Work. As their agency, Ignite Sport provides opportunity for them to complete the practical youth work component of their course.

We also welcomed Josh Cody to our team as a Volunteer Intern. Having recently left secondary school, Josh decided to give a year to Ignite Sport as part of his gap year. We love the youthfulness, enthusiasm and commitment Josh brings to the team. He is a major asset this year as a worker and mentor to the younger students we engage with.

This year we farewelled youth worker Matt Goldsbury, who married Laura Gordon in January. Laura, having recently completed her nursing degree received a opportunity to further train at Auckland's Waitakere Hospital. Laura was also a long-time volunteer at various Ignite Sport events. Matt now works with the YMCA and we're sure the organisation will benefit hugely from his experience with Ignite Sport.

## Encouraging teen parents

It's been a privilege working with students at Titiro Whakamua Teen Parent School and we look forward to our continued association with this very special school.

We have found during our initial sessions (late 2016 and into 2017) that students are excited to be participating in sporting and recreational activities and this boosts their confidence, self-motivation and self-esteem.

As new parents we can offer support to help them cope with the demands of their new role as well as encourage them to be active, develop positive practical life skills and support their physical, mental, social and spiritual wellbeing.

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"Our students have a tendency to not turn up if they are nervous or unsure about activities we have for them, but attendance has steadily increased on Fridays and the word has spread – so now the girls look forward to Ignite - some words they used to describe the team were energetic easy to talk to, good energy, happy, comfortable to be around, amazing."

Assistant head teacher Neroli Field

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# Coming up ...

## Just SHIFT it!

We were thrilled to partner with Shift (Wellington) in May this year to introduce and deliver the 'Shift' project in the Hutt Valley. Shift is a project that helps improve the wellbeing of young women, with an emphasis on increasing physical activity, wellness and leadership opportunities for 12 – 24 year olds. SHIFT was developed in response to recent research in Aotearoa, that shows young women are participating less in physical activity and have less understanding about their wellbeing. Watch this space as this new and exciting opportunity begins to take shape and effect! For more information visit [www.shiftnz.org](http://www.shiftnz.org)



## Serve the sporting community!

Our partnership with Sports Chaplaincy New Zealand continues, with training for people interested in serving the sporting community through providing pastoral care and mentoring. Training is being held in October at the Ignite Sport offices. Contact us if you are interested in becoming a Sports Chaplain or check out [sportschaplaincy.co.nz](http://sportschaplaincy.co.nz)



## Thanks to our funders and supporters

### Thanks to those organisations that supported the work of Ignite Sport in 2016/2017:

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Nikau Foundation  
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Taylor Memorial Trust  
Ann Sinclair Charitable Trust  
Frimley Foundation  
Settling In  
Ethnic Communities Development Fund  
Wellington Community Trust  
John Ilott Charitable Trust  
Tai Shan Foundation  
New Zealand Red Cross  
College Sport Wellington  
Petone Working Men's Club  
Wallis Trust  
ANZ Staff Foundation  
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Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce

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### Also thanks to the following partners and providers:

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College Sport Wellington  
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Hewsons Office Products Depot  
Cancer Society  
Banks Group  
Crowe Horwath  
Vogel Motor Services  
Horleys  
Wellington Hospitality Group  
Sports Den  
Shoe Clinic  
Copywrite  
Muzzy Shirts  
Strike Entertainment  
Entertainment Publications  
New Zealand Coach Services  
Meridian Energy  
... and the many others who help by sponsoring Aspire, Start Me Up and Ignition.



## Check out our new website

Ignite Sport has a new website. Naturally the same address - [www.ignitesport.org.nz](http://www.ignitesport.org.nz) - but with a whole new look and feel.

The new website is much easier to navigate and still provides information on programmes, community work and staff.

It contains references from schools we work with and also introduces Ignite Sport Ambassador Lara Andrews – Current New Zealand White Socks Softball player. Lara was also the first New Zealand women to play in the United States Professional League (Pennsylvania Rebellion).



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