

9. WORLD WHEELCHAIR AND AMPUTEE GAMES 2003

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The purpose of this report is to support our Annual Plan bid for \$50,000 over two financial years (2001/2002 and 2002/2003) for the World Wheelchair and Amputee Games 2003, various venues, end of January – early February 2003, 8-day event.

Christchurch City Council Leisure and Paralympics New Zealand have successfully bid for the right to host the World Wheelchair and Amputee Games in January-February 2003. Bob McCullough, President ISMWSF, asked Christchurch to bid for the 2003 Games after the success of the 1999 World Wheelchair Games.

The games will be bigger than the 1999 World Wheelchair Games now that amputee athletes have been included in the games. Christchurch would expect approximately 900 participants from 37 countries to come and compete in 12 sports over the course of eight days.

Christchurch has a history in successfully hosting international disability events, the most recent events being the 1998 International Paralympic Swimming Championships (450 competitors, economic benefit of \$1.8 million) and 1999 International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Foundation Games (717 competitors, economic benefit of \$1.36 million).

The Council financially supported the 1998 IPC Swimming Championships to the level of \$70,000 over two financial years and the 1999 World Wheelchair Games was granted \$35,000 over two financial years.

We would recommend that the 2003 Games be financially supported to the level of \$40,000 over two financial years (2001/2002 = \$20,000 and 2002/2003 = \$20,000).

Leisure Unit Ranking 1