

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Three times National Para Champion

BORN: Inglewood, Taranaki.

EDUCATED: New Plymouth Boys' High School; Victoria University, Wellington; London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE); Cambridge University, England.

OCCUPATION: Journalist. Presently Business Writer for NZ Herald.

HONOURS: Rotary International Foundation Scholarship to LSE; Wolfson Scholarship to Cambridge University.
Graduated with BA Degree majoring in Economics and Political Science.

BOWLS RECORD (Summary)

- Member of Tauranga and Takapuna Clubs. Also played at Carlton Cornwall, Manurewa, Tauranga South and Terawhiti.

- Played inter-centre since 1997 for Counties-Manukau, Bay of Plenty and latterly North Harbour. Also, Wellington Junior and wider Auckland squad representative, and represented zonal team in Super Eights.
- Three times national championship semi-finalist – twice in the pairs and once in the fours – and numerous last eight and last 16 finishes.
- Winner of 15 centre titles including nine in Bay of Plenty, and numerous club championships.
- Three Superbowls Singles victories.
- Three National Para titles between 2019 and 2022 – two singles and one pairs.
- In 2017, represented New Zealand Para team in the Trans-Tasman and Eight Nations contests on the Gold Coast, losing the final of the Eight Nations final against Australia.
- Inaugural board member of Auckland Bowls; President of Carlton, Chairman of Carlton Cornwall; Member of Bowls NZ Game Development Committee; Member of Zone Two Regional Advisory Council; Bowls Bay of Plenty Executive Member (present).

RECENT SEASONS' SUCCESSES

2022: National Para Singles title in Christchurch; Takapuna Club singles champion; North Harbour representative.

2021: Last 16 National Open pairs (at Auckland); National Para pairs champion in Auckland; Takapuna Triples champion; North Harbour representative; Runner-up Australian Open Para pairs; Won Bay of Plenty Interclub Sevens qualifying with Tauranga Club.

2020: National Para singles champion in Christchurch; Takapuna Singles champion; Runner-up North Harbour Champion of Champions singles and Open Triples; Won Omakau Bowls 3Five with a Para team; Para Bowls 3Five representative; NZPBA finalist; North Harbour representative.

2019: Last 16 National Open pairs (Auckland); Last eight National Open fours (Wellington); Takapuna Singles, Pairs and Fours champion; Onehunga Easter Triples winner; Runner-up Bay of Plenty Open fours championship (by one shot, again).