

## Claire Wilson

For the last 10 years, Claire has run the Winter Olympics, raising huge amounts for charities in the Hawke's Bay region.

This all started a decade ago, when Claire helped organise and also hosted the Mt Herbert Winter Olympics. With 20 riders taking part on the day, they raised 1000 dollars for Flemington School and the CatWalk Spinal Cord Injury Trust. This 'little' fundraising event, now has over 250 riders taking part, with all proceeds from the day going towards charities and community support groups. In total 165,000 dollars has been raised through this annual event!

Claire is passionate about the equestrian world, and has an incredible ability to get others on the band wagon. Her excitement and enthusiasm for all things in our community is contagious.

Claire has held many voluntary positions and currently is a Riders member Rep on the NZ Equestrian Committee, she is involved in the CHB Pony Club, the Central Hawke's Bay A&P Show, and also the ESNZ board.

Claire is always searching for a new cause to support, in the last 4 years over 70,000 dollars has been distributed across Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter, Cancer Support Hawke's Bay , Hawke's Bay Rural Support Trust, and KidsCan to name a few.

Claire's ability to organise a successful event, communicate her vision and share her passion is second to none, and as Claire is so committed to giving back to her community, the benefits are felt far and wide.

