

## **AUCKLAND ACTIVITY FUND**

## MEET THIBAULT DUROYON BEETHAM

Ten-year-old Thibault from North Harbour is hoping to enhance his skills in fencing thanks to the Activity Fund Grant. Thibault has a visual impairment which impacts his physical activity and independence.

He has a passion for fencing and loves the fun and technical side to the sport, he says "I love to Fence! There is nothing like holding a sward in your hand and knowing you can attack your opponent without hurting them."

Thibault has a rare eye disorder called Congenital Glaucoma, with the help of the Halberg Activity Fund Grant he is able to have someone help him when he attends his fencing classes, which means he can take part in all activities and also be safe.

Additionally, Thibault has attended the Halberg Games 3 times and loves competing against others just like him.





## **LOCAL HALBERG ADVISOR**

Rachael Batters is the Halberg Regional Advisor for North Harbour and West Auckland.

She has a background in education and disability sports having worked within the Youth Sport Trust in the UK as part of their Inclusion team, delivering inclusive projects across the school sector.

Joseph Dan-Tyrell is the Halberg Regional Advisor for Central and Counties Manukau.

He loves sport and recreation with a passion for football. Joseph has been with Halberg for 3 years and previously has been a school sports coordinator working with youth.

For more information on their regions, get in touch with Rachael and Joseph.

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