



WAIKATO ACTIVITY FUND

MEET LUCAS PEDERSEN

Fifteen-year-old Lucas from the Waikato region is hoping to enhance skills and competitiveness in wheelchair racing thanks to a Halberg Activity Fund Grant. Lucas was born with spina bifida and is a full time wheelchair user.

Training and competing in wheelchair racing has helped Lucas not only physically but mentally, it gives him confidence as well as a sense of independence. The Activity Fund Grant gives Lucas the opportunity to be able to train and exercise in winter where the track outside is not an option.

Lucas recently participated in the Bay of Plenty and Waikato Secondary Schools Athletics competition which was a great opportunity for him to showcase his sport and abilities.

Alan McDonald has been coaching Lucas for 4 years and is excited to see him progress with the new equipment.



LOCAL HALBERG ADVISOR

Lawrence Wilkinson is the Halberg Regional Advisor for the Waikato region.

Lawrence joins Halberg after 20 years teaching where he developed strong ethos for creating inclusive learning environments.

Lawrence is passionate about supporting young people with physical disabilities to experience moments of joy through sport and recreation.

If you have any questions regarding the work Lawrence does in the region, get in touch with him today.

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