



Juegos Mundiales para Trasplantados
ARGENTINA
MAR DEL PLATA 2015
23-30 August 2015

Eight organ transplant recipients represented New Zealand at the 20th World Transplant Games held in Mar del Plata, Argentina recently. The team consisted of three heart recipients, three kidney recipients, one lung recipient and one bone marrow recipient. Four family members also went to Mar del Plata as supporters. The NZ Transplant Games Association is grateful for a grant received from Infinity Foundation that assisted members in meeting the costs to attend the Games.



- First World Transplant Games held in South America.
- 1180 people from 44 countries attended.
- 49 new world records were set.
- 300 local volunteers worked at the Games.
- Vivienne Smith was our flag bearer at the Opening Ceremony.

Team members competed in a range of sports: Golf (Individual and Team Competition), Petanque (Singles and Doubles), Squash (Singles), Swimming, Table Tennis (Singles), Ten Pin Bowling (Singles and Doubles), Tennis (Singles), Track and Field.

MEDAL WINNERS

Gold:	3	Golf Best Gross	M	60-70 years	Alan Power
		Squash Singles	M	50-59 years	Laurence Smith
		Petanque Singles	F	40-49 years	Sara Ford
Silver:	1	Golf Best Net	M	50-59 years	Ray Morrissey
Bronze:	3	Petanque Singles	F	50-59 years	Vivienne Smith
		Swimming 200m freestyle	F	50-59 years	Vivienne Smith



Alan Power



Sara Ford



Ray Morrissey



Vivienne Smith

Participation at World Transplant Games is a wonderful experience, regardless whether you win a medal or not. For one team member it was his first World Transplant Games. One team member has been to six consecutive World Transplant Games, five team members have been to four World Transplant Games and one team member has been to two World Transplant Games.

Many of the team also spent additional time together getting to see more of Argentina and South America in post-games travel before returning to New Zealand.



The 21st World Transplant Games will be held in Malaga, Spain

(last week June/first week July – final dates are yet to be announced). The New Zealand Transplant Games Association would like to send a large team of adults and juniors to this event. Representing New Zealand is a privilege you can experience. The fact that many of our competitors have been to previous World Transplant Games demonstrates that it is a wonderful experience. We encourage you all to think about Malaga in 2017. Spain has had the highest organ donor rate in the world since 1992. They have performed more than 100,000 solid organ transplants during all these years.

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Australian Transplant Games for 2016 are being held in Western Sydney from 24 September to 1 October. There will be games to suit everyone, from athletics to mind games and everything in between.

For further information and to register your interest in participation at the 2016 Australian and/or 2017 World Transplant Games, contact sheryl@transplantnewzealand.org.nz

Committee Members for 2015/16

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Association, the following members offered to serve on the committee:

President:	Ken Newlands
Vice President:	Alan Power
Secretary:	Laurence Smith
Treasurer:	Kim Lawrence
Committee:	Aaron Coull Bryan Eckersley Sara Ford David Irvine Diarmuid O'Keeffe Sheryl Power (Team Manager) Nilesh Ram Sacha Wettenhall

It is the Committee's intention to hold regular meetings throughout the year with the aim of raising the profile of our Association.