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Dear **Back-Up New Zealand Supporter**,

It's been several tumultuous months since our last newsletter. Like many organizations, we have struggled financially this year with more courses postponed than in other years.

The Board of Trustees are still very committed to ensuring that adventure programmes are available for people with disabilities and are doing everything possible to ensure this is a reality and not just a dream.

In an effort to consolidate spending and to refocus, all staff were made redundant in June and the focus moved from running programmes to full scale fundraising. The office space was vacated and Back-Up returned to its humble at home/garage beginning.

We were invited to present at the Institute of Strategic Leadership down in Queenstown. The advice provided by the syndicates, while not pretty in some cases, was realistic and has proven to be quite valuable – as is the 2 year sponsorship agreement with PowerCo, one of the attendees.

Even though personal finances were tight, this year saw a marked increase in the number of financial members – this is greatly appreciated and with your continued support, we are likely to be able to resume our programmes next year.

This year also saw us try a couple of new fundraising ventures... a dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Greenmeadows with guest speaker Mark Inglis and a Parliamentary Rugby Team game and auction. These were well received by the Hawke's Bay community although the rain for the rugby proved that rugby really was the winner on the day!

Our annual Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge fundraiser proved to be another success with over \$7100 raised with 32 cyclists and numerous volunteers who ensured all the calories burnt off were quickly restored! A 2010 calendar is available to purchase for \$25 which features action shots of our cyclists and volunteers at this event.

Four Back-Up supporters showed their commitment to fundraising by jumping out of a plane at Taupo – Wahoo!

If you're interested in entering the Tour de Beautiful CHB cycling event on January 24th or the Tremains Triathlon in March, please get in touch with Ivanka on admin@backup.org.nz or 0800 503 095 if you'd like more information.

As always, your messages of support, ideas and offers of assistance is greatly appreciated – please keep the positive stories coming in!



This festive season will see the office closed from 18th December and will reopen again on 18th January. Messages will be cleared regularly and any **urgent** matters responded to.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we wish you a happy Christmas and an active new year!

Kind Regards,

Barry Hislop
Acting Chairman, Board of Trustees

Our Vision

By 2015 Back Up Trust will be a nationally recognized, self-sufficient, viable organisation and be perceived by our stakeholders as the leading provider of integrated services because we deliver.

We will measure our success by our stories.

Our Mission

Know No Boundaries

Values - Our legacy

Provide pathways to ongoing development

Empower people

Encourage a Can do Attitude

Push personal boundaries

Foster leadership

Foster a challenging environment

Provide tools for personal growth

Work within a quality framework

Use best practice in all that we do.