



*PARAFED AUCKLAND*

# Para Athletics Project 2015-16



**OWAIRAKA**  
ATHLETICS



# All about me!

- 10+ years in Sport Sector
- BBA, Lamar University
- Last five years in Regional Sports Trust
- Former runner (very average)
- Athletics NZ & IAAF coach educated
- Mentors
  - Chris Williams
  - George McConanchy

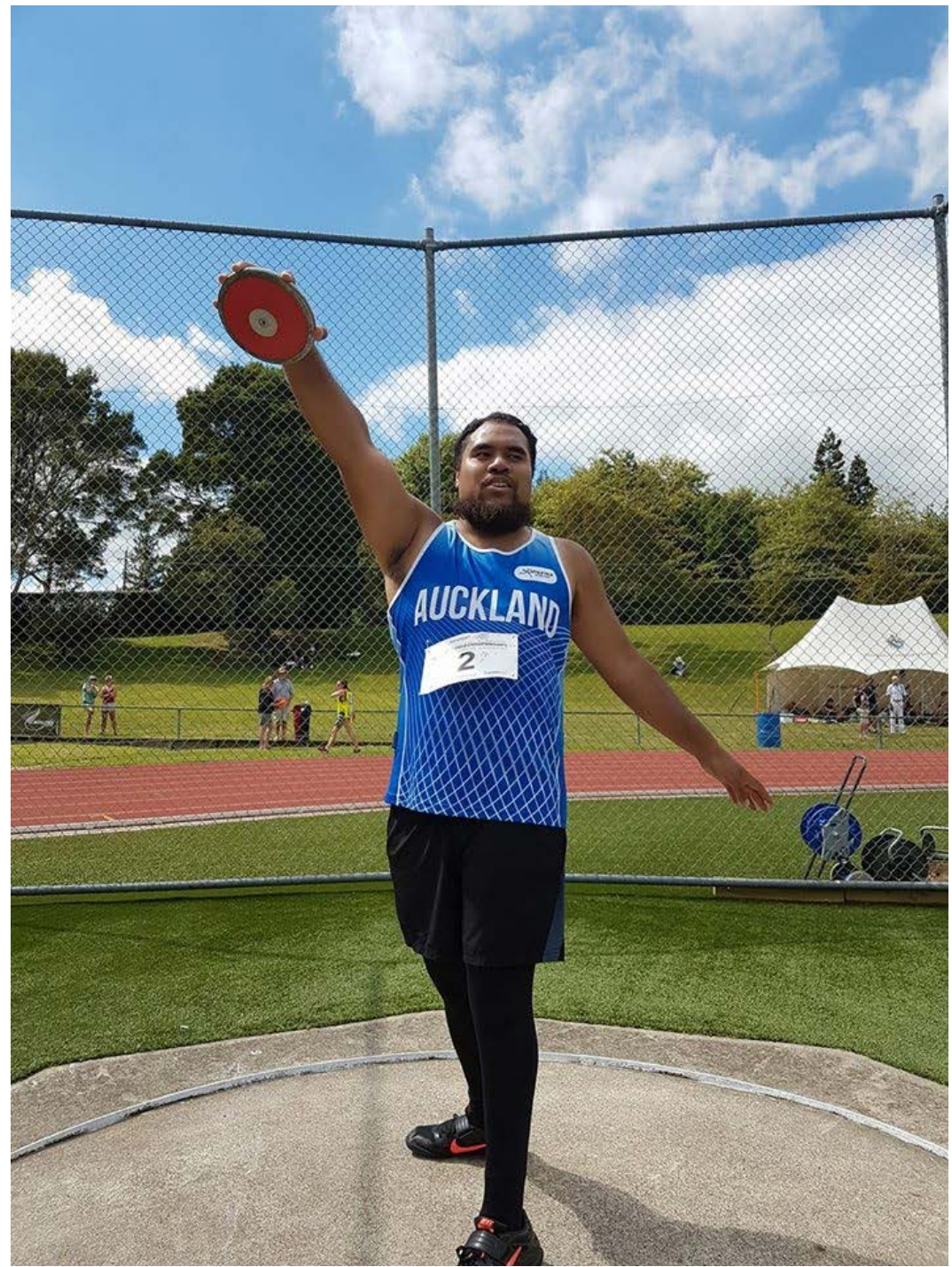
# Tamara Gotty

- Injured in a 2015 Cheerleading accident
- No Athletics background
- NZ Records in F57 Shot, Discus, Javelin



# Jaydon Ahi Perez

- Brain injury as a young child
- Competed well in school, but lost to the sport after that
- NZ Record in F37 Discus



# Sionann Murphy

- Cerebral Palsy
- Only athlete who competed previous season
- Well coached by Steve Erkkila
- Running and throwing close to world junior standards as a 12 year old



# Ben Tuimaseve

- Cerebral Palsy
- No previous sports experience
- NZ record in F37 Shot Put



# Anna Steven

- Lost leg due to cancer in 2014
- Had previously played Tennis and soccer
- Currently travelling to compete in World Junior Para Athletics Championships



# Keegan Pitcher

- Cerebral Palsy
- No previous sports experience
- Two Bronze medals at World Para Athletics Championships





# Why Parafed



- Intervention was required
  - High performance house of cards
- Equipment
- Some additional support for Para athletes

# Why Owairaka

- They said yes!
- Great venue
- Volunteer time



# What we did



- Centralised fortnightly trainings
- “in house” competition
- Support to compete in events
- Liaison with Athletics Auckland and Athletics NZ

# Results



- 15 new Athletics New Zealand records
- Four New Zealand reps
- Two World Championship Medals
- Multiple lives enhanced

# Challenges



- Trying to work within the system
  - Inclusion is better, it just doesn't work unless you make it work
- Coaching!
- Equipment
- The athletes (sometimes)

# What's next



- Funding has followed
- New lead coach
- More structure / better quality
- Junior programme starting tomorrow(!)



Questions?