

# CEO AND SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

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Kia ora koutou katoa, greetings to all.

It is a privilege to present the NZOC's 2024 Annual Report, celebrating an exceptional year highlighted by New Zealand's success at the Paris Olympic Games. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each athlete, coach and team member involved in this extraordinary achievement.

Our Winter Youth Olympic team delivered an outstanding campaign also, making Gangwon 2024 New Zealand's most successful Winter Youth Olympic Games ever, with a brilliant total of seven medals.

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I'd also like to draw attention to the successes off the field of play in Paris; New Zealand House welcomed 20,000 visitors, more than double what we anticipated.

Sarah Walker (Olympian #1101) was elected as an International Olympic Committee (IOC) Member and will continue her involvement as part of the governing body responsible for overseeing the Olympic Movement.

Marcus Daniell (Olympian #1264) was elected to the IOC Athletes' Commission and Barbara Kendall (Olympian #631) was named a Life Member of the World Olympians Association.

We grew our international connections and were proud to host our Patron and New Zealand Governor-General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Dame Cindy Kiro, and Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Honourable Chris Bishop, in Paris. It was also the first time sharing the Olympic Games with the Kiingitanga Movement as we welcomed the late Māori King, Kiingi Tuheitia, and his wider whānau to Paris. The world stage also witnessed New Zealand celebrating its indigenous culture and we were proud to be recognised for this contribution at the 2024 Māori Sports Awards.

In October, we were pleased to receive confirmation that Glasgow will host the 2026 Commonwealth Games. While it was great to see the Games find a home, the news was bittersweet, with a number of traditional sports not included on the programme. We shared in the disappointment of the sports that have missed out and will discuss with them how they can best advocate to be included on the programme at future editions of the Games.

Our global engagements continue to grow too, with New Zealand actively contributing to the Oceania and Commonwealth sports communities.

He waka eke noa, we are all in this together – therefore, to our long-time partners, HPSNZ, Ihi Aotearoa Sport NZ, our amazing commercial partners and wonderful donors, your support is invaluable in helping to take our New Zealand teams to the Games. To the NZOC staff, my deepest gratitude for your partnership and hard work. Your dedication strengthens the New Zealand Team and ensures our athletes have every opportunity to succeed. I am immensely proud of your unwavering commitment to this kaupapa.

This report outlines the key elements of the NZOC's build-up to and delivery of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and highlights the breadth of the people and activities that made 2024 such a resounding success. My CEO's report is presented across the NZOC's four strategic pillars.

Ka nui te mihi nā,

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