

APES Games Team

Dave Gallagher APES 2023 – Event Director



Dave has a lifetime of being involved in sport. He has worked in education, high performance sport, sport science and sport management across several groups, including the University, Professional Sport and Services Industries. In addition to his role as an ANZPGF Director Dave has been appointed Games Director/CE for the 2023 APES Games and is very much looking forward to hosting you all in Rotorua.

Graham Perks APES 2023 – Sports Manager



Graham PERKS New Zealand Police Senior Sergeant Graham Perks has been a police officer for 29 years in Britain and New Zealand, working in operational, investigation, supervisory and management roles. He is a district deployment co-ordinator at the Bay of Plenty District Command Centre. Through his participation in triathlon events since 1998, Graham has been a member of the Triathlon New Zealand (Tri NZ) Board since 2014 and was president for three years until September. He has represented New Zealand as a competitor and in a governance role at several international triathlon events. From 2015 to 2018 he was president of the Rotorua Association of Triathletes and from 2017 to 2019 he was the event director for the two-day Blue Lake Multisport Festival.

Michelle Chapman APES 2023 – Volunteer Manager



Michelle CHAPMAN New Zealand Police Volunteer manager Michelle Chapman has worked for Police for 14 years in various Police employee roles, including as PA to Whangarei-Kaipara area commander Inspector Justin Rogers, and is a member of the Criminal Justice Support Unit at Whangarei Police Station. She has been involved with many Police Sport events, including waka ama and netball. Volunteers are an integral part of the event and Michelle says she excited to be part of a

team that helps bring people together such a large-scale and respected sports event. Michelle will recruit and train up to 400 volunteers, including local ambassadors for out-of-town visitors.

Amy Brighton APES 2023 – Event Manager



Amy Brighton has worked for Ara Poutama Aotearoa (Department of Corrections) for 10 years in a variety of roles, primarily management positions in the areas of Community Corrections and electronic monitoring. When she's not at work, she can usually be found in the gym or competing in events such as the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. Having a background of musical theatre, classical singing and film work, she is enjoying the challenge of the Event Manager role for AP&ES 2023 and relishing the opportunity to do some more behind the scenes work. Amy sees this role as a fantastic opportunity to showcase some amazing kiwi talent, as well as provide a well-earned fun event for her emergency services colleagues after a particularly tough few years.