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Newsletter to members

QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Catriona Williams was appointed a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her services to spinal cord injury research.

Catriona is the founder of the Catwalk Spinal Injury Trust. A former New Zealand representative in both showjumping and eventing, a riding accident in 2002 left Catriona a C6/C7 tetraplegic and confined her to a wheelchair. She encouraged friends who wished to fundraise for her to create a trust that would benefit all who suffered spinal cord injuries.



The Trust was formed in 2005 and by channelling funds raised through the Neurological Foundation of New Zealand, it supports researchers find a cure for spinal cord injuries. Beyond her own efforts in raising funds through leading a handcycle trek from Tibet to Nepal via Everest Base Camp which raised \$600,000 and completing the New York Marathon on a handcycle, where the CatWalk team raised \$330,000, the Trust has raised over \$3.5 million to date for spinal cord research.

The Queen's Birthday honours follow on from her being named as a finalist in the 2014 KiwiBank New Zealander of the Year.

Congratulations Catriona on your honour.

Regards

Vicky Latta
Secretary

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