

## Jimmy's Puck Off 2 Cancer

To our National Inline Hockey community,

This is a very special, urgent request from the Stingrays (Northland Club). Please read

Jimmy Hawes and his wife Aurora have only been in Kerikeri for 2 and a half years, but they have made a big impact on our small inline hockey community. Jimmy became a part of the Stingrays family and travelled with his teammates to the Nationals at the beginning of October – no small feat for a relatively new hockey player.



Only weeks after his return from the Nationals Jimmy and Aurora received some heart-breaking news. Jimmy was diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer, a tumour in his colon and cancer on 95% of his liver. The outlook is not great but if chemo helps, there are some unfunded treatments that can improve his life expectancy.



Here at the Stingrays, we want to give Jimmy and Aurora every shot at more quality time together, by raising a monumental \$20,000 for unfunded treatments and to help with the general struggles

they will face. They are both so young (32 and 31), got married in 2021 and were thinking of starting a family.

So we are holding a very special fundraiser but we need so much help. We have asked our local community but we also need our national inline hockey community to really get behind what we are trying to achieve.

The plan:

On the 3rd of December we will hold Kerikeri's longest-running hockey game - an epic, six hour, rolling grade inline hockey battle. Puck drop will be at 12.00pm. There will be yummy food, competitions and prizes, raffles, a silent auction, cool merchandise and more.

**We would like to invite any other clubs' players to come up to play with us.** Some of you will have played against Jimmy in the Nationals. Some of you ARE Jimmy... Young - with your whole lives ahead of you. If you think you can come up, we have many families offering beds, mattresses, whatever they can to help make this work. This is a great opportunity for our clubs to come together, make new friends, and to all be on the same side supporting one of our players.

**Businesses, we need your help too!** Locally, we have asked businesses to support us, and to display something Blue or White outside their shops to help us inspire the community. But we need lots more help to get to our total. We know that your business may not benefit as much from your generosity as you would if you were local – but why not do it anyway? We can all do with the Brownie Points! Support could be a \$ sum, a prize for raffles or our skills comp, or an item for our silent auction. We are also looking for some \$1 per goal scored type sponsorship from businesses too. We'll also be running a Givealittle page so you can back Aurora White or Jimmy Blue individually.

We are aware that there are many requests for charity; we know that it is short notice, that the timing is not great. But we are running out of time. Jimmy – is running out of time. We also know that our hockey community is full with amazing, generous, beautiful people who would want to wrap around Jimmy and Aurora and let them know we're here. Anything helps.

Thank you very much, Stingrays...