

LAURA FAIRWEATHER (nee THOMPSON)

Sport:	Cycling – Road and Track (pilot to Phillipa Gray)
DOB:	04/06/1987
Coach:	Brendon Cameron
Resides:	Catlins
Occupation:	Cafe owner and chef



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International achievements

2012	London Paralympic Games	Gold and world record, 3000m Pursuit Silver, Road Time Trial Bronze, Kilo Time Trial
2012	Para-Cycling Track World Championships	Bronze, 3000m Pursuit 4 th Place, Kilo Time Trial
2011	Para-Cycling Road World Championships	4 th Place, Road Time Trial 5 th Place, Kilo Time Trial

Other achievements

2012 New Zealand Order of Merit

As a sighted pilot for Phillipa Gray, Laura's outstanding performance in London saw them achieve the trifecta – gold, silver and bronze medals. To top this off they also broke the world record in the 3000m Pursuit.

Phillipa started cycling through the Paralympics New Zealand Talent Identification programme Xccelerate 2 Xcellence. Laura has a strong sporting background including being a past member of the Tall Ferns New Zealand basketball team.

As the sighted cyclist Laura rides at the front of a tandem bike with Phillipa Gray, at the back. In February 2012 Phillipa and Laura secured their first world championship medal in the 3000m Individual Pursuit on the track.

Laura works as a Chef in the Catlins, running her family café.