

PHILLIPA GRAY

Sport:	Cycling – Road and Track
DOB:	16/02/1989
Coach:	Brendon Cameron
Resides:	Invercargill
Hometown:	Thames
Occupation:	Student
Classification:	B/VI
Disability:	Ushers Syndrome II (Visually and Hearing Impaired)



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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

4th Place, Kilo Time Trial

2011 Para-Cycling Road World Championships

4th Place, Road Time Trial

5th Place, Kilo Time Trial

Other achievements

2012 New Zealand Order of Merit

2012 Chair's Award, Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind

Ambassador Outward Bound

Ambassador Spirit of New Zealand

Phillipa's (and her pilot Laura Fairweather) 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. Prior to this Phillipa was a student who was a competitive rower and had previously competed in athletics and swimming at blind sport events.

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

Off the bike Phillipa is kept busy studying. She has completed a Bachelor of Science majoring in Nutrition at Otago University. Phillipa is currently working towards a Bachelor of Therapeutics and Sports Massage as well as a Diploma in Sport and Recreation at the Southern Institute of Technology.

Phillipa believes goal setting is vital and as a result has excelled in all areas of life. Her story is one that is inspiration and will act as a catalyst to motivate others.