

## Murreys ramp rehomed in Titahi Bay

For those that knew Murrey Dette before his accident, he was a stuntman and rodeo cowboy. Bare-back bronc, saddle bronco and bull rider. In 1996, Murrey had a bucking horse accident. As he fell, his leg was caught in a stirrup and hit on the forehead by a flying hoof. This was on April the 14<sup>th</sup>, 1996. He suffered broken legs and arm, was dead for 2 minutes, died 5 times, spent 7 weeks in a coma and had to re-learn physical tasks from scratch. His speech remains unclear but he laughs easily and often. Since his accident Murrey Dette has remarried and is a new father while learning to talk and walk again.

Titahi Bay Lions helped their member Murrey by building a ramp so he could mount his horse. Murrey has since left Titahi Bay Lions but we still see him from time-to-time.

Murrey recently approached us to ask if the club could help once more. His horse and dog have passed away due to old age, he is in the process of getting another horse and dog, he has asked for the clubs help to relocate the ramp that was so kindly built for him many years ago. We agreed to help. The ramp was relocated from Terewhiti Station, South Makera Road, Wellington to Titahi Bay & City Riding Club, Pikarere Street, Titahi Bay, Porirua. The ramp went in as whole in a truck and was transported to its new resting place.

We at Titahi Bay Lions wish Murrey the best in finding a new horse, knowing that the ramp he needs is there waiting for him, and for others that may use it. With all that has happened to Murrey he has something very important to say to those that have had a similar and devastating accident - DO TRY.

