

# Joan Fairhall takes top award for sport administration

Special Olympics North Harbour's Joan Fairhall has been awarded greater Auckland's sporting administrator of the year.

As Harbour Sport's administrator of the year Joan was up against equivalent winners from Auckland, Counties Manukau and Waitakere for the supreme award, the Alwyn Moon Memorial Trophy.

As chairwoman of the Special Olympics North Harbour Club for the last five years Joan has doubled the club's membership and also doubled the range of sports on offer.

Under her guidance and support the North Harbour club has been able to host competitive events for teams across the upper North Island and she continues to be the go-to person for clubs and sporting organisations nationwide.

Alwyn Moon, who the award is named after, was the organising committee secretary of the British Empire Games – what is now known as the Commonwealth Games – held in Auckland in 1950.

The flame-shaped trophy represents enthusiasm,



**Supreme award:** North Harbour's Joan Fairhall has scooped the prestigious Alwyn Moon Memorial Trophy for sports administration.

selflessness and dedication to sport.

2008 Auckland sports administrator of the year finalists: Joan Fairhall, (Special Olympics North Harbour), Val Robinson (Franklin Primary School Sports Association, Counties Manukau), Rob Wakelin (Surf Life Saving, Waitakere) and Ken Sargent (Auckland Football).

North Shore Times. January 23, 2009