

The Middleton Grange Hillary Challenge Team

Middleton Grange was the first South Island team to compete in the Hillary Challenge competition, first entering in the 3rd year of the competition and have become increasingly competitive since their first competition. Over the last few years Middleton have become title contenders, consistently up in 3rd or 4th place as well as gaining the highly regarded synergy award several times. This year Middleton has assembled an elite group of athletes from many different backgrounds including several individuals who competed in the 2009 competition and another one who participated in the 2008 Get2Go finals. This year the team is being coached by Ryan Thompson - placed 3rd in last years 2 day coast to coast, and Huntley Adamson currently in his last year studying Outdoor Ed at polytechnic and well experienced in the outdoors. The team has been training since last July and have big aspirations for this year's competition. They have already been to several multiday training camps in the port hills and Mt oxford region with many more yet to come. They have competed in many local rogaines and adventure races and have gained some top placings in these events. This year's team is: Anna Buter, Elisha Nuttall, Erika Stark, Joel Smith, Jessamy Armstrong, Jess Collingwood, Josiah Lilburne, Simon James

