

Mere Roden

Mere has been in a wheelchair for 13 years (since 2006) after an abscess on her spine lead to T6 paraplegia.

In 2014 a friend invited her to a "Smashdown Barriers" program where she tried table tennis for the first time, and loved it! From that first day she wanted to be a champion and a year later she was travelling to Australia to play for Fiji where she defeated the Australian number 1.

Mere is an Oceania Gold Medalist for Table Tennis and also attended the Rio Paralympics and in 2016 was named Fijian Sportswoman of the Year. She is ranked number 1 in Oceania for class 5 Table Tennis.



All of Mere's chairs over the past 13 years (there have been 3) have been reissued chairs kindly donated by the Latter Day Saints in Utah.

Mere's current chair is far too big for her, the backrest is too high and she is unable to move her shoulders. The armrests are too high and she is unable to rest her arms comfortably. The seat is very low making it impossible for her to access some of the desks at her workplace.

The amazing thing is despite all the shortcomings with her current chair she still managed to compete and win GOLD imagine what Mere could do with a lightweight chair that fits!

Mere is an inspiration to others, showing that life is not over just because you are in a chair. She uses her sport to break down barriers and encourages others to get out and give it a go like she did.

Mere is very humble and wants to be nothing more than a great role model for others with disabilities. We need to raise funds to provide a chair for Mere. Donations can be sent to: Pacific Rehab Foundation
Westpac Bank a/c

COST TO FUND A CHAIR AND SEATING SYSTEM FIT FOR PURPOSE FOR MERE

Ki Wheelchair \$

Ki Cushion \$

Backrest \$



Help us transform Mere's life..