



### Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Club member **Mary Fisher**, who was awarded Swimmer of the Year, the Billie Fitzsimmons Trophy, at the Swimming Wellington Awards night in November. Mary also won Swimmer with a Disability. Congratulations also to **Joel Crampton**, awarded the Selectors Trophy, and to **Hugh Allan** – Club Contributor of the Year. What awesome achievements!

### WHAT'S COMING UP

Dates to remember (also posted on Home Page, and a copy on Noticeboard):

15 December	Swim camp meeting for Junior Camp at 615pm, upstairs in the Club Rooms. The meeting is for swimmers and parents.
17 December	Last Club Swimming night. Committee putting on BBQ for all Thursday night swimmers. Kids, please have a sausage and chocolate to celebrate the end of the year.
24-28 December inclusive	All Squads BLACKOUT
29, 30, 31 December inclusive	All Squads training 1000-1200
1-4 January inclusive	All Squads BLACKOUT
5-6 January inclusive	All Squads training as usual
7-13 January inclusive	All Squad swimmers not at Senior Swim Camp. Note – times TBC, subject to coach availability.
14 January	All Squads BLACKOUT
15-21 January inclusive	DEVELOPMENT/PERFORMANCE back to routine timetable
15-21 January inclusive	STARS/JUNIOR DEV - TBC
22-26 January inclusive	All Squads BLACKOUT for Summer Champs weekend. Note: Tuesday 26 January – BLACKOUT is for the AM training session only, PM training is back on for all squads.

## Wellington Summer Champs –January

More than 65 swimmers are eligible to go to Swimming Wellington Summer Champs! Congratulations to all of you. With the last meet of the year finished on Saturday 5 December, a new list of Tawa's eligible swimmers has been uploaded to our Meet Information page, under SW Summer Champs. Please check eligibility before entering events. Qualifying times information can be found in the Summer Champs flyer, also on the Meet Information page. If you have any questions about this, please seek clarification from your coaches before the end of the year. A reminder that Summer Champs entries close 17 January, and are online. Please contact Ruth [racesecretary@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:racesecretary@swimtawa.org.nz) or Sandra [treasurer@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@swimtawa.org.nz) before 15 January if you have any problems with your online entry.

Summer Champs is at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre (WRAC). From now on, swimmers, coaches, officials and team managers are to enter via the side entrance on Kilbirnie Crescent. This entrance is further along Kilbirnie Crescent than the Main Entrance, on the corner by the carpark. Swimmers will need their black Swimming Wellington pass for entry. Please contact Alex, [secretary@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@swimtawa.org.nz), if you don't have one. Spectators are to enter through the Main Entrance. If you have a young swimmer new to Champs and daunted by going in alone, you can meet up inside to help them connect with the Tawa team. Spectators then have to go to allocated areas, not sit with the team. A seating plan will be issued before the meet, and is taped to walls around the venue on the day. The Team Managers will also have one, and can advise you where the spectator seating is.

Wellington Champs sessions can be quite long so be ready for some waiting around. Remember to check in with the Team Managers 15 mins before warmup. Swimming Wellington will issue a Session Report (which tells you what time your child's event is likely to be) after entries close and they can calculate start times. If it looks like a very long time between warmup and your child's event and you want to arrive late, please discuss this with your coach or team managers. Hugh will have Officials duties rostered in advance, and these are also posted online on the Meet Information page when confirmed, so you can look up who the team managers are.

### TEAM MANAGER MOBILE TEL NUMBER - 0204 070 3032

Please note team managers now have a mobile phone for swimmers/parents to notify them on **race day only** if you are running late or unable to attend a meet. Please text any messages as voicemail will be unavailable. The mobile phone will be turned on an hour prior to meet and during the meet.







### Thank you

We would like to say 'thanks!!' to Todd Morton, one of our volunteer coaches at Club nights, who is not continuing next year due to work commitments. Thanks also to all of our volunteer coaches who are continuing, and to all the parents who have helped to run events this year. Thanks to Cliff, Rachel and Jason for their hard work and commitment. We hope you all have a great rest over Christmas.

### Merry Christmas and safe holidays, from the Committee

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Billie Mudie, Lisa Wong, Sue Smart and Denise Roberts are also Committee members. Please feel free to talk to Committee members anytime, or come to a Committee meeting. If there is something you would particularly like to hear about in the newsletter (which generally follows Committee meetings), please let Alex know on [secretary@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@swimtawa.org.nz).

**"I found something I love... and never gave up" - Michael Phelps**