



## February 2017 Events/News

**Halberg Awards, 9 February** – Congratulations to Club member **Mary Fisher** – finalist in the Halberg Awards in the category for Disabled Sportsperson of the Year (which was won by Liam Malone). Three other para swimmers were among finalists.

**Zonal Championships** – Saturday 11 February in Auckland – watch Club members **Chelsea Parker** and **Joel Crampton** represent the All Stars Zone. The Zonal Championships, supported by the Brian Perry Charitable Trust, will be staged at the Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre at AUT Millennium on Saturday with the first session from 5pm and second session from 7.00pm. The event will be broadcast live on Sky Television.

**Banana Boat OceanKids Swim Prize** – Congratulations to **Briana Trewern** – and us! - on Briana winning Tawa Swimming Club a \$2,000 prize pack through her participation in the Banana Boat 200m OceanKids Swim in Wellington on 29 January. We will arrange a time soon for Briana to present the swimming-related goodies – exciting!

**More good news** - "Wellington Mayor Justin Lester said from July 1 it would be free for parents to bring their children in to swim at the council's pools. This would also include at least one parent getting to swim for free when they were directly supervising children under eight in the water. However, a spectator fee would still be charged for major aquatic tournaments and events." See [Stuff](#).

**Information Evenings** – Next **Monday 13 February** and **Thursday 16 February** from 630pm-730pm, Billie Mudie will be coordinating Information Evenings for parents of new swimmers and newly competitive swimmers upstairs in the Club Rooms. Please come along either evening and ask any questions you have about getting started in Competitive Swimming.

**Time Trials** – The next Club Time Trials event is **Thursday 16 March**. Enter on the Meet Information page. <http://www.swimtawa.org.nz/meetinformatio.php>. Time Trials is a great introduction to competitive swimming processes. If you have questions, pop in to an Information Evening and ask away!

**Future Stars coaching** – Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 630-730pm. Applications are open for the role of Junior Coach, closing 5pm Friday, 17 February. A full job description can be accessed [here](#). Should you wish to apply for this role, please forward an expression of interest to Club President Ashley Downs ([president@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:president@swimtawa.org.nz)).

**Uniform** - For those who wish to order uniform items ([view here](#)), you can do so by completing an order form which is located in the "Blank Form" wallet on the TSC notice board. Once you have completed your order, please place the completed form in the "Completed Form" wallet (located underneath the "Blank Form" wallet).

Please refer to the [size chart for sizing](#), however I recommend ordering a slightly larger size as it will take approximately 8-10 weeks for delivery. Note:

- There are no returns or refunds so please choose carefully.
- Payment details are noted on the Order Form.
- **Orders will close on Sunday 26th Feb.**
- Please be aware there is a **new item available**; this is a zipped-front hoodie (rather than a pullover hoodie).

Maggie Cooper  
Uniforms Co-ordinator

**Club Policies** – Club policies updated recently include:

- **Away Meets.** This pertains to how the costs of Club trips outside of Wellington are handled (ie sharing the coach costs etc). These meets are separate to National Meets, which fall under the National Meets Policy. We have not designated any Club Away Meets in recent years, but may look at designating one this year, as these are great fun. They are voluntary trips. Usually, a meet somewhere relatively easy to get to is chosen, and the target group is juniors.
- The **Membership Fee Policy** has been updated. This mainly pertains to requests for refunds or part refunds for leaving during the year, and a 25% reduction for those joining late in the FY and/or those known to be leaving for tertiary study before the end of the FY. There is no discount for 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent family members. This was dropped when the Membership Fee was reduced by \$50 per person (from \$250 to \$200) for FY 16-17.
- The **National Meets Policy** has also been updated. Reflecting the rising costs of national meets to the Club, the Club will now commit to paying 50% of the entry fees for swimmers attending the National Meets designated in the policy (formerly the Club paid the entire entry fee). A new charge has just been introduced by SNZ – accreditation fees for coaches and managers at specified national meets. The Club will cover 50% of these costs, swimmers will share the other 50%. This year, this fee is set at \$20 per accreditation, per specified meet.

Two of these policies are attached with this newsletter email, the third is in final stages of tidying up. All will be made available on the Club Noticeboard as soon as possible.

**Coaching Pathways** – Club Captain Mel Jones has developed a plan which illustrates coach development pathways within the Club, starting with volunteers. View the plan [here](#). All of the volunteer coaches in the Club (except the most recent recruit, who has only just started this term) have received support from the Club to undertake training relevant to their level in the past 2 years. Volunteer positions are still available. If you are interested, please contact Mel ([captain@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:captain@swimtawa.org.nz)).

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Billie Mudie and Lisa Wong are also Committee members. Help required – we are still in need of a **Junior Squad Coordinator** and a **Grants applications officer**.

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).

If you have **photos** to share with the Club, or to retain for Club records, please email them to Alex [secretary@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@swimtawa.org.nz).

