



JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER - RECENT EVENTS

Congratulations! To Mary Fisher on being named in the finalists of the Sport Wellington Sportswoman of the Year 2016 and Sportsperson with a Disability 2016 categories. Mary won both categories in 2015. Congratulations also to Kayla Imrie, a former Club member going to Rio with kayaking, who is up against Mary as a finalist in the Sportswoman of the Year category. The Awards night is 15 June.

Congratulations! to Rachel Smart on achieving her Bronze accreditation as a coach with NZ Swim Coaches and Teachers.

GOLD COAST – Paekakariki Shield Relay Sunday 15 May at Tawa Pool. Thanks for your support of this relay meet! 51 Tawa swimmers participated, and we retained the Shield for a third consecutive year.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – Sunday 29 May at Tawa Pool. A fantastic turnout for Club Champs – 100% from our top two squads, and a very good turnout from the other three squads. We also had lots of Club night swimmers, and full lanes for the family relay. Great effort families! There were some tightly contested age groups this year. Well done to all our swimmers!



North Island Secondary School Championships, Saturday 14 May, Palmerston North. 15 Tawa Swimming Club members represented their colleges at NISS. Tyler (St Pats), Abby-Leigh, Clara, Ruby (Wellington Girls) and -

Tawa College (Danika, Cerys, Hannah, Joel and Shavee)	Danika Viskovic Cerys Lewis Joel Crampton	2 nd 50 Backstroke 3 rd 50 Backstroke 1 st 50 Fly 2 nd 200 Fly 2 nd 100 Fly
Onslow College (Max, Lachie, Joshua)	Lachlan Mudie	2 nd 50 Fly
Kapiti College (Chelsea)	Chelsea Parker	2 nd 200 Breaststroke 2 nd 50 Breaststroke 3 rd 100 Breaststroke
St Marys College (Sarah)	Sarah Downs	3 rd 200 Freestyle
Wellington College (Louis)	Louis Regnault	3 rd 200 Backstroke 3 rd 100 Backstroke

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dash for Cash SIGNATURE MEET: This **Saturday 18 June**, we will host our Signature Meet at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre (WRAC). Signature Meets are designed to be fundraising events for Clubs. We will be drawing our raffle during this meet, so squad swimmers please bring your raffle tickets back this week, or bring them to the meet. If you are attending the meet, please also bring a plate of finger food for officials. Thank you!

Club Prizegiving: Prizegiving is booked for 3pm at Amesbury School on Sunday 31 July.

Club AGM: The AGM is booked for Thursday evening, 7pm, Club Rooms, on 25 August.

Dive Clinics: Todd Morton will be coaching beginner and advanced dive clinics this month (3 sessions, extra to current lessons). Thanks to Mel for arranging this, and to Todd for volunteering to coach it.

Wellington Relays: Swimmers selected by Jason will compete at the Swimming Wellington relay event on Saturday 25 June at Naenae. Good luck to Team Tawa ☺

FY 16/17 Changes

Everyone should have received an email from Mel (Club Captain) about changes to the Club structure planned for next term. As mentioned in our March newsletter, there has been a consistent waitlist for getting into our Club and a bottleneck of swimmers waiting to begin squad swimming. These are challenges that cause frustration and can lead to kids leaving swimming before they have had a chance to see what could come next. Meanwhile, there is under-utilised lane space on Thursdays. The objectives of changes to our structure are to:

- let more kids into the Club;
- improve training for pre-squad swimmers wanting to swim 2 nights per week through introducing 2 entry-level squads with paid coaches; and to
- provide a clear pathway into squad swimming.

We appreciate that these changes will impact on a range of people in different ways. Several squad timetables are impacted, as well as Club night timetables. In the first instance, please contact Mel (Club Captain), Sandra (Treasurer) or Ash (President) to discuss your situation.

Committee training

Four Committee members are currently participating in a Sport Wellington/Swimming Wellington joint initiative - Governance and Leadership training for local swimming clubs. Wellington region clubs have the opportunity to take advantage of 4 sessions of training, at no cost to clubs. It is a timely coincidence that one thing stressed in last week's session, run by Kevin Wilson of Sport Wellington, was that clubs that are not open to change and innovation put their future at risk.

It is also worth noting that only 5 years ago, Tawa Swimming Club was operating under capacity, having been impacted by spending over a year off the premises while Tawa Pool was refurbished and earthquake strengthened. Successive committees, coaches and the inclusive attitude of our swimmers have gone a long way in a short period in re-building the Club to the point where waitlists and bottlenecks have become the new challenge!

Officials

Our very committed Officials Coordinator, Hugh Allan, is travelling overseas to Fiji this month to officiate at the Oceania Championships in June this year. Have a great trip Hugh!

Race Secretary

Ruth Humble, our Race Secretary, is planning to step out of this role at the AGM this year. We can't do without a Race Secretary – so if you have a reasonably solid understanding of competitive swimming, and are interested in taking this on, please talk to Ruth about what the role entails. You will not be unsupported, as there will be two other trained race secretaries in the Club – Ruth and Billie. Thank you Ruth for your contribution!

Trophy return

In preparation for this year's prizegiving, can those people holding trophies from last year please bring them back. Please contact Ash (president@swimtawa.org.nz) or Alex (secretary@swimtawa.org.nz).

RACING INFORMATION

Here are a few tips on who to contact, when and how, for problems entering races, and how to get information you need.

- 1) Don't leave your entries to the last days before closing unless you have to. The earlier you enter, the easier it is to resolve any potential issues. If you experience any trouble with race entries, contact Ruth as soon as possible.
- 2) **All** race meet queries, result queries, SNZ account problems must be directed to Tawa Swimming Club Race Secretary Ruth Humble (racesec@swimtawa.org.nz). Do not contact Swimming New Zealand. Ruth will do that if she needs to.
- 3) If you have an account issue, Ruth or Sandra can reset your account (racesec@swimtawa.org.nz or treasurer@swimtawa.org.nz)
- 4) On race day, **text** the **TEAM MANAGER phone 0204 070 3032** if you are withdrawing or are arriving late. Note, there is no credit on the phone so don't expect a response. Programme this number into your phone.
- 5) **Black Swimming Wellington passes** are issued for getting into Regional Meets and Signature Meets. If you don't take one, you are likely to be charged a pool entry fee (even though you already paid meet entry fees). Contact Alex (secretary@swimtawa.org.nz) if you don't have a black card and you are entered in one of these meets.
- 6) Entry for swimmers to WRAC for Signature Meets is supposed to be through the **side door** on Kilbirnie Crescent, prior to warmup.

WCC - Wacky Olympics and Youth Night

Don't forget to check out the Wacky Olympics fun event happening on Saturday 2 July at Tawa Pool for kids 8 to 12 years old, (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1212016042172306/>) and, for teenagers, there is another Youth Night being held at the WRAC on Friday 22 July, 7-8.30pm.

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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.