



SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Paralympics: Watch Mary Fisher compete at the Paralympics from this Saturday (local time) through next week. View the Paralympian team schedule [here](#). For TV coverage information, [here](#). Good Luck Mary!

Wellington Winter Champs: Congratulations to everyone who took part in Winter Champs, and especially to our 16 medallists - Jenna Rolston-Larking, Joel Crampton, Elisia Wong, Shavendra Somaweera, Louis Regnault, Phoebe Riddle, Matthew Cooper, Renee Luo, Danika Viskovic, Chelsea Parker, Lachlan Mudie, Charlotte Gibbs, Katie Helm, Katie Trott, Sarah Downs and Gavin Moon.

Gold Coast Zone meets: All official meets must now be managed through the SNZ database. This means all Gold Coast meets from now on will be entered through your SNZ database accounts. The GCZ Long Course at Naenae, originally scheduled for 10 September, has been postponed to 24 September. Enter by 17 September.

SNZ database – Membership Benefits Swimming New Zealand is proud to announce a partnership with Avis, we would like to offer all our members a 5% discount on all rental cars when booking with Avis. To get this offer members will need to quote the discount code (AWD number) J989203 and can use this at www.avis.co.nz

Adding a School to Your Profile (Colleges and Intermediates) You can now add your school to your profile through your MyPage login. This will enable all swimmers who are competing at events, such as AIMS Games and Secondary School Championships to add their school to their profile so that when they enter the meet via the database they will automatically be attached to their school. A 'How To' guide can be found [here](#). Good luck to all the Tawa Swimming Club members representing their colleges this weekend in Wellington at the NZ Secondary School Championships!

Swim Camps 2017 – A Junior Camp (Jun Dev and Rising Stars) is being planned for 13-15 January. This will involve some sessions at Tawa Pool, fun stuff during the day and swims at other pools including WRAC. We are not planning an overnight camp this year. For now, please book the dates. More info will follow soon.

Swimming Wellington 2017 Calendar has been uploaded on the Meet Information page (up top). A second, **updated flier (17/08) for NZ Short Course Champs** has been uploaded to the Meet Information page. **2016 Prizegiving photos** have been uploaded to Galleries on the web. Thank you to Neville Wong, who has taken some great shots. If you want a High Resolution copy of a photo, please contact secretary@swimtawa.org.nz.

Some reading from the **Active Wellington newsletter** about approaches to athlete development:
<http://www.sportnz.org.nz/assets/Uploads/SportNZ-BalanceIsBetter-v01.pdf>

<http://www.sportnz.org.nz/assets/Uploads/SportNZ-TalentPlan-v01.pdf>

News from the AGM/Committee

Message from Life Member Ian Greenwood to the AGM, “To all those swimmers who were successful in the past year congratulations for your efforts. To those not so successful, keep striving to achieve your personal best and for sure you will succeed if not always in the way you might have imagined”.

Thank you to Denise Roberts, Ruth Humble, Menique Somaweera and Sue Smart, who stepped down from the Committee at the AGM. We really appreciate your contributions to the running of the Club over the years, and the huge number of hours you have put in.

We extend a warm welcome to new Committee members, Maggie Cooper and Vicky Gibbs. Maggie will be taking on uniforms, and Vicky is our new Race Secretary. Race Secretary in particular takes some time to learn, so please support Vicky in her new role and give her as much lead time as possible for resolving any problems with meet entries etc.

Our Committee numbers are at the minimum required by our Constitution currently, so if anyone else would like to join, please let us know. Here are some jobs we need done, and which we would love someone to take on. You don't have to join the Committee to do this.

Project Manager - website upgrade and establishing a social media presence The Committee would like to press ahead with upgrading our website and establishing a social media presence. If there is anyone willing to coordinate this, or who has website skills/contacts/ideas for how to improve the website, please contact Ashley Downs (president@swimtawa.org.nz).

Grants- Denise has been very successful in acquiring grants to support our objectives in the past year. Without these grants, the costs to families would be higher. We need someone to take up coordinating Grants submissions for the 2016-17 year. Denise is happy to help someone to learn the role which involves about 6 applications per year. Please contact Ashley Downs (president@swimtawa.org.nz).

Squad Coordinators - We are establishing some coordinator roles, similar to the Team Manager function of sports teams, to help with communications/administration and organising events for squad groups. Lisa Wong will be taking on Squad Coordinator for Senior Squads (Perf/Dev). You can reach Lisa on nevlisa@actrix.co.nz. Squad Coordinator for Jun Dev/Rising Stars/Future Stars is TBC. There is no plan for a Squad Coordinator for Rebels and Vipers at this stage.

Technical Officials - Hugh is still looking for volunteers to train as Inspector of Turns (IOTs). Please contact Hugh officials@swimtawa.org.nz for more information. Congratulations, and a huge thank you, to Tawa parents who qualified at Winter Champs as Regional IOTs (Chris Gianos and Clyde Rolston) and National IOT (Greg Cooper). Your contributions are indispensable to our competitive swimmers, so thanks!

Rachel's farewell



Jason's birthday



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 Vicky Gibbs (racesec@swimtawa.org.nz). Do not contact Swimming New Zealand. Vicky will do that if she needs to.
- 3) If you have an account issue, Vicky 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/SW events is supposed to be through the **side door** on Kilbirnie Crescent, prior to warmup.
- 7) The [Meet Information page](#) has been updated with meets throughout 2016.

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Billie Mudie and Lisa Wong 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.