



March 2019 newsletter

NZ Division II meet, Dunedin, 13-16 March

Congratulations to our team of five (**Naomi Cooper, Ruben Wright, Miriam Kirby, Annika Yeldon and Hannah Campbell**) who travelled to Dunedin to compete last week. Division II is a national meet for teenagers achieving strong times but not quite yet the times for the premier event for 13-18 years, the AON National Age Group championships. Many DIVII swimmers - including Ruben, Miriam, Naomi and Hannah - achieved NAGs qualifying times at the DIVII meet. Well done!

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Ruben Wright			200Free 100Free

Congrats to Hannah Campbell (who made finals in 200Fly and 100Fly), Miriam Kirby (finals 100Back), Naomi Cooper (finals 50Breast), Ruben Wright (finals 50Free, 100IM). Annika Yeldon also achieved some great PBs. Thanks to Maggie Cooper, Sandra Yeldon and Carmen Wright for supporting the team in Dunedin.



PCA Division III meet, 9 March

PCA Division III swim meet, held 9 March, in Naenae, was a great day of celebration for Tawa swimmers. Many of the teen swimmers at Division III can expect to progress to Division II in subsequent years, and we can also expect to see younger club swimmers in future Wellington Junior Championships and SNZ Junior Festivals. This year, as in others, joy was evident among Tawa swimmers.

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Jessica Sutherland	13Y 100Back 13Y 50Free 13Y 100Free 13Y 100Breast 13Y 50Back		
Sienna Leilua	12Y 100Back 12&Under 100Fly 12Y 50Fly	12Y 50Back	12Y 50Free
Oliver Williams	14&Over 50Fly 14&Over 100Free	14&Over 100Back 14&Over 50Free 14&Over 50Back	
Matthew Manalili	14&Over 200IM 14&Over 50Free	14&Over 50Breast	
Sophie Ewens	11Y 50Fly		11Y 50Breast 11Y 200IM 11Y 100Back 11Y 50Free 11Y 100Free
Mackenzie Chartrand	14&Over 100Free	14&Over 50Breast 14&Over 100Back 14&Over 100Breast	
Albert Valera	13Y 50Breast	13Y 100Breast	
Ella Clarke	14&Over 100Breast	14&Over 50Free	14&Over 50Breast
Caitlin Clarke		14&Over 50Back	14&Over 100Back
Maya Hall			12Y 200IM 12&Under 100Fly



Congratulations to our first time competitors!

During Term 1, twelve Tawa Swimming Club children tried their first official swim meet. Congratulations to - Ella Hanley, Hannah Smith, Emily Eastwood, Zoe Brown, Bianca Billones, Liway Kisteria, Taylor Sutton, Jacob Neilson, Jack McPhail, Lucious Pinto, Belle Tankersley, Ash Millward - on your first official swim meets, and to Ryan Bateson, Ben Dunlop and Sayuri Beesting on your first unofficial meet (Novice Carnival). We hope to see you all competing again soon!

Thanks to all the coaches for supporting swimmers into competition. We had a really low DQ (disqualification) rate among junior swimmers at the Gold Coast Zone meet in February. Its great to see an increasing number of children finishing backstroke on their backs during training without prompting! (Disqualification for rolling off the back at the finish).



Ella, Ryan, Bianca and Sayuri at the Novice meet.
Ben and Jack (new Club members this term) also swam - under Easyswim.

Wellington Talent Identification

Congratulations to 13-year old **Amy Teekman**, who was selected for the Wellington TiD (Talent Identification Squad) for 2019 following the Swimming Wellington Regional Championships in January!

Tawa Swimming Club Dash-for-Cash, Saturday 4 May 2019
PLEASE HELP WITH RAFFLE

Tawa's annual fundraising swim meet will be held at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre (WRAC) on Saturday 4 May (may the fourth be with you...). Each swim club generally runs one fundraising meet annually, with some of the entry fees from these meets returning to the host club. We have chosen events which should appeal to a range of swimmers from junior to senior, and would really appreciate a strong turnout from our Club.

In conjunction with this meet, we will be running a raffle to assist with fundraising for the club. The raffle is open to anyone, and tickets will be sold prior to the meet, and at WRAC on this night to other clubs/families. The theme for our prize this year is Ecostore products. If every family could please donate an Ecostore product, that would be much appreciated. Cath Leilua will be at the pool on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays over the next couple of weeks, at around 6.30pm, and you can pass your donation to her. If Cath isn't around, please feel free to pass on to your swimmer's contribution to their Coach or any Committee member. Thanks for your assistance with this event.

Membership News

Farewell to the following swimmers: Ava Li (Squad), Jemma Houston (Club), Max Wong (College Swimfit. Max is staying to volunteer coach).

Welcome to new members in Term 1: Matthew Biddington, Helen Brightwell, Sophie Graham, Brooke Kelly, Amelia Gately-Taylor, Josh Gately-Taylor, Sam Gately-Taylor, Maddie Simkin, Jack McPhail, Ella Hanley, Georgie Neal, Eden Skogstad, Ruby Conway, Calum Neal, Imogen Suttie, Liam van der Linde, Erin van der Linde, Ryan Bateson, Quinn Fenwick, Ben Dunlop.

Welcome back returning members Elise Lawrence (College Swimfit), Clara Gianos (College Swimfit) and Emma Douglas (College Swimfit).

Best wishes to College Swimfit member Stanley Riddle, who had a serious bicycle accident earlier this term. Farewell, and thank you, to volunteer coaches Dave Houston and Joshua Keegan. Welcome to new volunteer coaches in Term 1 - Charlotte Gibbs, Gavin Moon, Anuha Som.

(Note: We haven't always had a departing/new/returning members news but will try to do this from here on)

Grants

Thank you to **Hutt Mana Charitable Trust** for a \$2,000 grant towards pool lane hire fees.

Upcoming swim meets

The last two swim meets of the term are:

SW 13&Over Tier 1 swim meet, WRAC, Saturday 30 March, entries close Sunday 24 March.

Gold Coast Zone Woollahra Trophy Carnival, Sunday 7 April, 5pm Coastlands.

Entries close Sunday 1 April. Gold Coast Zone meets are suitable for all swimmers.

Term break swimming - Blackout week 2nd week

If your regular session is at any of these times - Monday or Thursday 3.30 or 6.15pm Tawa, Wednesday 6pm Keith Spry - you will have 2 weeks off during school holidays.

All other swimmers can train the first week, second week is a whole club holiday.

Club Championships, Saturday 18 May 2019



Club Championships is scheduled for Saturday 18 May, 4.30pm Tawa Pool. Club Champs performances determine the winners of age group trophies awarded at annual Prizegiving in August. Club Champs is a festive Club-only official swim meet, providing opportunity to swim up to 5 events (with no extra entry fees! Just a regular pool entry) and to see all the Club's swimmers, at every age, gathered together. Club Champs finishes with a family relay - the more the merrier! Save the date.

A reminder that 400Free and 400IM have been removed from Club Championships from 2019. Trophies for these events will now be awarded for the fastest 400Free and 400IM during the past 12 months.

Club Subscription increase 2019-2020

This is advance notification that on 1 July 2019, the annual Club Subscription rate will increase by \$25.00, to \$250.00 per annum. Some members may remember that \$250.00 was the annual subscription rate until 1 July 2016.

In a restructure of the Club swimming programme in early 2016, the subscription rate was reduced for 2016-17 to \$200.00 per person, but unfortunately over time it has become necessary to take this back up to \$250.00.

The sub was increased to \$225.00 for 2017-18. Last year the Committee decided against raising the sub again for 2018-19 because of the inconvenience and reduced programme many members experienced during the Term 3 2018 Tawa Pool closure. However, we now need to make this increase for the 2019-2020 financial year.

Squad swimming families (approximately half the club) have also had a squad fee rise this year, which took effect 1 February. It had been quite a few years since the last squad fee increase and we don't anticipate having to make further increases for some time.

We are working hard to keep costs to members as low as we can.

Committee

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Trish Comeskey (Junior Squad Coordinator), Megan Reid (Senior Squad Coordinator)
Susan Smart (H&S Officer).

Preeti Sivakumar recently stepped down from the Committee. Many thanks to Preeti. If you would like to help us with something, we welcome your support. We need help with finance assistant, uniform orders and fundraising in particular.

Thanks to Cath Leilua running the raffle in May, Natasha Kenyon, who runs Time Trials, and Olivia Wilkinson who coordinates grant applications. Also thanks to all those who help with officials duties, and running BBQs at short notice etc.