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'The more swimming does together, the more together swimming will become'



## From the Chief Executive



My congratulations to our very successful team that has just competed at the IV Commonwealth Youth Games. Six gold, three silver and six bronze medals is our best ever result on the international stage. Gold medallists were Cory Main (3), Matthew Hutchins, Sophia Batchelor and Alex Hancock. This result is an outstanding achievement and it has given our young swimmers fabulous experience which will be invaluable in their future careers. Well done team.

The Swimming New Zealand AGM is being held on Sunday 25th September. All papers for the AGM can be found on the website at



<http://www.swimmingnz.org.nz/membership/legal-and-governance/agm-papers>

## Arena trivia



In the last issue of Fastlane the answer to the question '**Where was Koru, the Swimming New Zealand Kiwi chick recently released?**' was **Waimarino Forrest (outside Ohakune)**. Thanks to everyone who sent in their answers.

Congratulations to our winner, Jordan Rahurahu from Wharenui Swimming Club, who will receive a fantastic prize from Arena in the mail soon.

The question for this issue is: '**How many swimmers recently represented New Zealand at the Youth Commonwealth Games**'. Remember, you must be a 'current' SNZ member to enter and you should forward your answer to [fastlane@swimmingnz.org.nz](mailto:fastlane@swimmingnz.org.nz). Please note that you may not receive a response to your email due to the numbers received but we do appreciate all entries and can assure you all eligible ones go in the prize draw. The winner from this newsletter will be

announced in the next issue of Fastlane.



## Membership, Marketing and Communication

*Martyn Newman-Hall, General Manager Membership, Marketing and Communications*

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The 2011 Annual Report has just been produced. A copy for each club has been sent to the regions to be passed on. Also, the report can be read on-line and downloaded from the web-site. It can be found at

[http://www.swimmingnz.org.nz/uploads/files/Swim\\_NZ\\_2010-11\\_AR\\_\(WEB\).pdf](http://www.swimmingnz.org.nz/uploads/files/Swim_NZ_2010-11_AR_(WEB).pdf)

State Insurance's relationship with Swimming New Zealand as its principal sponsor has recently reached its first anniversary. During the year we've seen State's contribution develop in many ways across our sport – from the branding of the State AquaBlacks, to the support of national events including the well attended recent inaugural Secondary Schools Championships, to the growth of the very successful State Kiwi Swim Safe programme. As we move into the second year we're working closely together to expand existing activities and identify new, mutually beneficial opportunities. I'll keep you up-to-date on progress as these new initiative go live.



## State Kiwi Swim Safe

*Belinda Galley, National Learn to Swim Manager (Schools) and Chris Morgan, National Learn to Swim Manager (Swim Schools and Clubs)*

### State Kiwi Swim Safe BOP information evenings



This month two State Kiwi Swim Safe information evenings were held for school teachers in Tauranga and Rotorua. This was an informative evening for schools to find out about the State Kiwi Swim Safe programme and how they can work with Swimming New Zealand and State to implement it into their schools.

We had many schools represented at both information evenings, with schools already booking in for the programme. The majority of the schools on the night couldn't believe that access to SKSS was free and many liked the follow up poolside support. Some comments made on the night "Wow is this really free?", "I can't believe that more schools

aren't here to learn about this great programme", "It's great that all of the resources are included in the pack and that you do the professional development for us". "It's really good that you will come out and support us on poolside during the day" and "Thanks State for making this available to us'.

A big thank you to Carol and her team at the Tauranga and Rotorua State Insurance sales. Thank you for your effort and time in the kitchen, registering people and manning the phones.

There were three vouchers up for grabs from Swimjoy for the winners to spend on swimming equipment for their school. Thank you to Swimjoy in Christchurch for offering to freight the winners purchases free of charge. The winning schools were

- Gate Pa School, Tauranga
- TKKM Rotoiti, Rotorua
- Tauriko Primary, Tauranga

Each of these schools were delighted to have won such a great prize to help resource their swimming and water safety lessons. We were invited to Tauriko School assembly to present the voucher to their school. Tauriko School were grateful for winning the voucher and plan to put it to good use and can't wait to see all of the goodies on Swimjoy's website. Once the formalities were all over Tauriko School showed us their smooth swimming moves to some music and can't wait for summer so they can get back into the pool and to meet Koru our kiwi mascot.



State Rotorua and TKKM. Para Meha - school principal TKKM Rotiti and State Insurance Rotorua sales team



Erin Luce – SNZ, presenting Tauriko, Primary school with their Swimjoy voucher

## **Rangikura School**

Rangikura School have recently finished their swimming lessons as a State Kiwi Swim Safe school. The school had their professional development workshop and had swimming lessons delivered by Dash Swim School in Porirua. The teachers were very passionate about the students learning to swim and pushed the State Kiwi Swim Safe certificates as a reward for their students. This year is the FIRST year that EVERY child has participated in the school swimming programme, with no excuses being given for non participation! What fantastic news!

## **Taranaki Schools Gear up for Summer**

Taranaki schools are jumping on board with the State Kiwi Swim Safe programme. With a total of 84 primary schools in the region, 72 of these have booked in to be involved in the State Kiwi Swim Safe programme. Cecilie Elliott (Schools Swim Safe Advisor) has only been on board for 2 ½ months and already the response from schools has been incredible. Schools have been booking in from all over the region, from Waverley, Patea, Hawera, Stratford, Coastal areas around the mountain, New Plymouth city and all the way up to Mokau.

Cecilie says "I have been overwhelmed by the positive response I have received from principals in the Taranaki region for this programme". Schools have commented that, they are keen for their staff to up skill in this area, and are pleased with the free resources available to their staff and to their students. They are keen for their students to learn swimming and survival skills, particularly as Taranaki is surrounded by water, whether it is the sea, rivers or lakes. Schools believe this programme which incorporates classroom based learning as well as in pool learning, will assist both staff and students to gain more understanding and confidence in swimming and survival skills.

Thank you to the Southern Trust, Swimming Taranaki and Surf Life Saving New Zealand for your continued support in the Taranaki region.

## **Assistant Swim Teacher Award (ASTA) update**

Swimming New Zealand recommends that all swim teachers have first aid training, however from 1 September 2011 a First Aid Certificate (US 6401 and 6402) is no longer required to complete the Assistant Swim Teacher Award.

Swimming New Zealand has been working with Skills Active in the development of the National Certificate in Recreation and Sport (Aquatics) Swim Education. This has now been completed and released to the swimming industry and public.

The certificate is made up of two parts.

1. Aquatics in Action
2. Swim Education.

Swimming New Zealand's Assistant Swim Teacher Award now meets the training and assessment requirements of the Swim Education section of this certificate.

For those swim teachers wanting only the ASTA qualification the process remains the unchanged.

- For swim teachers who have already completed ASTA there is a simple process to update their existing qualification to meet the new requirements of the new certificate.
- For those in the process of completing their ASTA they will receive the updated information so they can meet the new requirements.
- For all ASTA course participants after 1 September 2011 the course content and assessment process meets the new requirements.

The Aquatics in Action portion of the certificate is managed by Skills Active.

For all enquiries regarding this new qualification please email.

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## **Special Needs Swim School Back in Business**

Miniswim is a private swim school predominantly catering to children with special needs. Unfortunately due to the Christchurch earthquakes damage was done to the swimming pool and the pool had to close their doors for a while. Owner Chrissi Tukaki said a lot of her clients didn't understand why they couldn't swim anymore and had to physically come down and look at the broken pool.

Now Miniswim has opened its doors again and with the assistance of Halberg Trust students from Ferndale School are now able to take part in water confidence and safety classes. Even though Ferndale School does not have their own swimming pool they are still able to take part in the State Kiwi Swim Safe programme. Swimming New Zealand has given the teachers the tools, knowledge and resources to better prepare their students for lessons. With the classroom module the teachers have been able to extend the children's water education to other areas such as sending photo montages home to parents about water safety. Swimming New Zealand is pleased to see Swim Schools re-opening after the devastating closure of so many swimming pools in Christchurch.



## Events

*Kent Stead, Events Manager*

### Technical Officials

Congratulations to Lesley Huckins and Matt Meehan who have been appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee of Swimming New Zealand. Lesley has been reappointed to the Upper South Island post while Matt Meehan has been appointed to the Lower North Island position. Swimming New Zealand appreciates your ongoing commitment to swimming in New Zealand.

Also congratulations to Graham Seagull, Jo Davidson and Ron Clarke who have all recently returned from international appointments. Ron was in Lima for the 3rd FINA World Junior Swimming Championships and Jo and Graham were in Noumea for the Pacific Games. I am sure that your experiences were very rewarding and there will be a large amount of knowledge that can filter through officialdom in New Zealand.

Thanks to all of the officials that have given their time to officiate at the Secondary School Championships. These events are not possible without your time and energy.

Applications are now being called for, for the 2012 events. Application forms can be found here on the Swimming New Zealand website.

### Upcoming Events

#### 2012 State Epic Swim

Entries are open for the 2012 State Epic Swim. Early birds usually get the worm, but in this case they will get the discount. Don't miss out and make sure you enter before the end of September. In 2012 there will be an additional swim. The 1000m Mid Epic will be

for swimmers 10 years and over, great for the young ones needing a challenge and also the older first timers wanting to test the water.

## Secondary Schools

What a fantastic first Secondary School Championships. 320 swimmers from all over New Zealand competed to be the 1st State Secondary School Champions. Keep an eye on the Swimming New Zealand events calendar for the date of next year's event.

# Performance



## World University Games - Results & Records

The WUG's were the most successful ever for SNZ winning 12 medals in total.

5 Gold, 4 Silver, 3 Bronze medals, 3 New Zealand Records and 15 Personal Bests. These times will be considered for 2012 Olympic Selection.

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NZ Results are available on our website:

[http://www.swimmingnz.org.nz/uploads/files/Event\\_Performance\\_Report\\_World\\_Uni\\_Games\\_Day\\_1.pdf](http://www.swimmingnz.org.nz/uploads/files/Event_Performance_Report_World_Uni_Games_Day_1.pdf)

Medal Winners: Gold: Glenn Snyders 50m breast, Glenn Snyders 200m breast, Lauren Boyle 400m free, 800m free and Gareth Kean 100m back. Silver: Lauren Boyle 200m free, Glenn Snyders 100m breast, Men's 4 x 100m Medley Relay: Gareth Kean (back), Glenn Snyders (breast), Matthew Stanley (free), Kurt Bassett (fly) and Women's 4 x 200m freestyle relay: Melissa Ingram, Natasha Hind, Amaka Gessler, Samantha Lucie-Smith. Bronze: Lauren Boyle 1500m free, Kurt Bassett 100m back, Gareth Kean 200m back

## Youth Commonwealth Games Team

The Youth CWG team produced fantastic results on the Isle of Man, 7-13th September. The overall medal tally for the Games was 15 with six gold, three silver and six bronze to place New Zealand second to Australia on the swimming medal table.

Medal winners:

Gold - Corey Main (3), Matthew Hutchins, Sophia Batchelor, Alex Hancock

Silver - Matthew Hutchins (2), Sophia Batchelor

Bronze - Sophia Batchelor, Alex Hancock (2), Natasha Lloyd, Women's medley relay team

(Sophia Batchelor, Kate Godfrey, Natasha Lloyd, Emma Robinson), Men's 400x200m freestyle relay team (Matthew Hutchins, Alex Hancock, Corey Main, Michael Mincham)

Full results can be found here: <http://www.cyg2011results.com/>

## **General**

Coaching Development Manager Role – while SNZ is waiting on the go ahead from the HPGC and the new structure, we have managed to secure the services on a part time basis of former team member Arjun Haszard who will maintain the accreditation process for coaching development. When we have a full time resource back on board we will resume this component of our programme. Welcome Arjun, I know you will do a great job.

Youth Camps are confirmed at MISH with the female camp scheduled for 8th – 11th October and the male camp scheduled for 11th – 14th October. All swimmers and coaches have been notified in writing and team leader, Philip Rush will be managing the camp on his return from the Youth Commonwealth Games.

To make it fair for all to attend, no matter where they are living, SNZ has subsidised this camp \$6k and all other costs are shared equally between the numbers of attendees.

Breaststroke Camp – which was originally confirmed for January 2011 was postponed and Australian Breaststroke coach, Rohan Taylor, coach of Leisel Jones (Number 1 Australian Breaststroker) has agreed to run our breaststroke clinic during November/December 2011. Dates to follow. We have asked Brigitte Mahan to help facilitate this. Brigitte will advise best dates and Rohan will confirm.

The calendar for HP has now been updated and is available on the website. It is very important for everyone to check out the national events before planning regional events.

Carding process updated and aligned with SPARC podium pathways (approx. 30 carded athletes with 8 coaches) Gold/Silver/Bronze Levels (website) See update on website following the international pinnacle events.

The 2012 Competition Calendar is up on the website. The Oceania Championships have been moved to 28th May – 2nd June 2012. Noumea, New Caledonia.

Selections – The HPGC have approved selections for 2012 London Olympics (Pool and Open Water), we are waiting on acceptance of these from NZOC.

Carding – Carding selections have been made following the World Championships 2011 and further information can be found on our website:

<http://www.swimmingnz.org.nz/competition/high-performance/carding-protocols>

PM Scholarships – Recommendations for 2012 have been made in consultation with HPSNZ Athlete Life Manager (Susan Thomason) and GMPP. Further information on PM Scholarships can be found on our website: <http://www.swimmingnz.org.nz/competition/high-performance/policies>

TYM – Take Your Marks (tracking programme) is available to all coaches (contact Kent Stead).

Coach Accreditation Programme - (Australian partnership & model) and certification continuing (ACA Junior Skills, Bronze, Silver) Contact Arjun Haszard.

Coach Seminars and Clinics will continue once a new CDM is appointed.

Kiwi rankings utilising TYM (Swimmers ranked by age, times, events, gender) now with Kent Stead and the Events team.

RAGD (Regional Age Group Development) & TAG (Top Age Group) Camps for Age group swimmers aligned with possible new positions once restructure is settled.

The database of all coaches and their current accreditation and membership with the NZSCTA will now be held by Arjun.

### **Coach Changes**

Mat Woofe departed TAWA for Melbourne, Australia – we wish him every success for the future.

### **Final Note from GMPP**

I would like to thank the NZAS support team for their ongoing specific service provision to all of our Performance & Pathways swimmers and coaches.

I would also like to thank each of the High Performance Team for their continuing work and commitment to ensure that our SNZ Performance and Pathways programme continues to thrive. The systems and structures have been put in place so we can do our best to support each swimmer and coach to achieve their goals. Working together, we are able to make swimming in New Zealand great.

Thank you all for the great journey I have many wonderful memories.

Jan

# Swimming Media

Community newspapers in NZ cover local swimming news in the regions. SNZ collects these stories along with news from the larger newspapers and posts them on our website in the "News/Media" section.

[Read the most recent swimming stories on the SNZ website](#)



## Fastlane Feedback

We hope you enjoyed reading Fastlane. Please feel free to send any comments to us - note that you can't respond to the email you receive, as it's come from our database but if you'd like to send an email regarding the newsletter, just create a new email and type in [fastlane@swimmingnz.org.nz](mailto:fastlane@swimmingnz.org.nz)



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