

## **2010 NZ Tri-Series Tour Event brief**

### **25-31st January 2010, Masterton/ Taupo/Wanganui**



The Age Group Development Programme led by Age Group Programme Manager Trevor Nicholls will culminate in the NZ Tri-Series Competition from 25 to 31st January 2010.

Fifty Nine top ranked 14-17 year age group swimmers will be split into three teams to compete against each other in a six-round competition format over short course (25m), which mirrors the Trans Tasman Tri-Series competition usually held annually in Australia where New Zealand take on two Australian teams each July. However this year New Zealand will be hosting this competition in Mt Maunganui/Taupo/Masterton from 4-10<sup>th</sup> July, with the aim to host every 3 years, which will give us a chance to showcase our country and talent in the grass root regions.

The three teams will arrive in Palmerston North and be allocated into their teams. Head coaches, managers and assistant coaches from around the country will be assigned their teams.

The teams will then travel to Masterton for two competitions, then on to Taupo for the next two competitions, finishing in Wanganui on the 30<sup>th</sup>, and heading back to Palmerston North for departures.

The competition is an opportunity to expand the base of age group talent, provide strong race competition and give the developing age group swimmers the chance to improve standards before tackling the might of Australians best Age Group Swimmers in July. Teamwork will be the key element throughout the whole tour, encompassing not only competition in the pool, but strategic/mental and physical activities that will take everyone out of their comfort zone, and therefore make us all a stronger unit.

Swimming New Zealand is pleased to bring this competition to Masterton, Taupo and Wanganui with the assistance of the regional swimming organisations.

#### **Competition Meet dates and Start times:**

There will be two competitions in each venue with start times as detailed below

<b>Meet 1</b>	<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Genesis Energy Centre, Masterton</b>	<b>9-11am</b>
<b>Meet 2</b>	<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Genesis Energy Centre, Masterton</b>	<b>5-7pm</b>
<b>Meet 3</b>	<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>AC Baths, Taupo</b>	<b>9-11am</b>
<b>Meet 4</b>	<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>AC Baths, Taupo</b>	<b>5-7pm</b>
<b>Meet 5</b>	<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Splash Centre, Wanganui</b>	<b>5-7pm</b>
<b>Meet 6</b>	<b>Sat 30<sup>h</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Splash Centre, Wanganui</b>	<b>9-11am</b>

The full competition schedule is detailed below along with coaches, managers and swimmers attending.

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