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

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From the Chief Executive



Lauren Boyle, Kevin Hughes (State), Gareth Kean

Good luck State Aqua Blacks



I'm sure the entire swimming community joins me in wishing the State Aqua Blacks all the best for the 14th FINA World Championships in Shanghai, China 16-31 July. Open water State Aqua Blacks Cara Baker and Kane Radford and team leader Philip Rush left for Shanghai on Monday 11 July, as their events are early in the championships. Team leader Mark O'Connor flew to Hong Kong on Monday 11 July to prepare for the arrival of the rest of the team who will start their world championship campaign in Hong Kong with a camp.

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A farewell function for the New Zealand team heading to Hong Kong was held in Auckland on Tuesday 12 July. This was a wonderful send off for the team and speakers included the SNZ President Murray Coulter and General Manager State Personal Sales Kevin Hughes. Kevin acknowledged the hard work and long training hours that swimmers commit to and said that State was proud to support the State Aqua Blacks.

If you missed seeing the following articles about members of the State Aqua Blacks in the New Zealand Herald, Dominion Post, Christchurch Press and Daily Post Rotorua, they are well worth a read. Click the links below to read the articles:

[Boyle's overseas plunge pays off](#)

[Swimmers will have eye on the Olympics](#)

[Drive takes Sophia to world stage](#)

[Radford set to shine in Shanghai](#)

Remember you can [leave messages for the team in the competition section of the SNZ website](#) (you'll need to scroll down a wee bit) and Rebecca Turner will forward these to Mark O'Connor to hand to the team.

Continue to keep an eye on the media and on Swimming New Zealand's website for news and results from Shanghai.



2011 State Aqua Blacks team to 14th FINA World Championships



Arena trivia

In the last issue of Fastlane the answer to the question 'Where is the 14th FINA World Championships being held this year?' was Shanghai, China. Thanks to everyone who sent in their answers.

Congratulations to our winner, Lochlainn McGall from ACE Swimming Club, who will receive a fantastic prize from Arena in the mail soon.

The question for this issue is: **'Name the two swimmers who still hold open short course records that were set in the 1990s and which freestyle events are they?'** Remember, you must be a 'current' SNZ member to enter and you should forward your answer to 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

Tania Black, General Manager Membership, Marketing and Communications

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Regional Visits

Bay of Plenty

Thank you to Swimming Bay of Plenty for hosting Philippa Hadley and me at their AGM on Sunday 10 July. I appreciated the opportunity to give a brief update on some of SNZs activities. There was an excellent turn out and that shows the level of commitment and dedication of the volunteers in the sport. Thank you to Bronwen Radford and Karen Nixon for their assistance and to Steve Matthews for providing us with transport.

Otago

We are in Otago next and look forward to presenting in Cromwell and Dunedin on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 July respectively.



Project Vanguard - where are we at and what's next?

Members will shortly be asked to vote on a proposal to modernise the structure of Swimming New Zealand and how swimming services are delivered nationwide, to create a stronger organisation and a stronger sport.

This is a dramatic change for Swimming New Zealand, which has operated under the same structure for the last 50 or more years. It is also a dramatic change for the sport.

Years of reviews have all agreed that the current operating model is outdated and needs to change. The Board shares members' frustrations: the sport faces a crisis of purpose, regions are operating in silos, service delivery to members is inconsistent, our funding is under threat and there is growing pressure on our valued volunteers.

We are now at the point where we have a strong proposal for change, and the opportunity to really make a difference in our sport.

We will deliver more details of the proposal to you all shortly, to allow plenty of time to assess the rationale behind them, to ask questions, and to discuss within your community and understand how your region intends to vote.

Members of the Project Vanguard team have visited every region at least twice to discuss the project. In the next few months we will continue this dialogue. We remain firm in our commitment to improve the sport and the services provided to members, in particular to swimmers.

The vote will be held at the AGM in September.

Finally, we would like to extend a very big thank you to Cathy Hemsworth, who has worked tirelessly to get the project through the study phase. As this phase is now nearly finished, she has asked to step back from the project, to focus her efforts and attention on her family and her damaged home in Christchurch.

As chairman of the project, I give my heartfelt thanks to Cathy for her friendship and support; we will certainly miss her determination and dedication to Vanguard and her passion for swimming in New Zealand. Cathy, our thoughts are with you and your family over the coming months as you rebuild your lives.

A last word from Cathy: "It has been an exciting ten months and I have been privileged to have participated in establishing a new future for the sport. I hope that the membership see the value in the change needed to move ahead and that those driving it have the true interest of the members and the sport at heart".

Mark Berge
Chair Project Vanguard Committee

Notice of SNZ AGM

Papers giving notice of Swimming New Zealand's Annual General Meeting have been sent out and are [available on SNZs website here](#).

South Island Masters Games



Thousands of competitors will converge on Nelson to take part in the South Island Masters Games from 15 - 23 October 2011. The masters games is a celebration of sport with both fierce and friendly competition and a jam-packed entertainment programme. Swimming is just one of 50 sporting codes on offer during this nine day festival of sport. Participants compete in their own age group, with no qualifying standards to enter and don't need to belong to a club. The only criteria for entry is a minimum age for each sport and for swimming that is 20 years of age (most other sports are 30+). Participants are accepted from any area of New Zealand or overseas, not just the South Island. Simply put, anyone can enter as long as they're old enough! Online Games entry is now open at www.simasters.co.nz. If you would like a hard copy entry form please phone 03 688 5531



Region and Club News

Bay of Islands Special Olympics Swim Team



Back: Barbara Linton (Coach), Adam Horsfall, DarcyBurkhardt, William Barber, Ari Ballantyne-Schollec, Nicole Grimme (Manager) Front: Lola Kain, Rachel Harvie, Chris Newhouse, Alex Goldsack, Yvonne Wilson, Aerian Broughton Absent: Tijani Ellis

The Bay of Islands Swimming Club has opened its doors to the Bay of Islands Special Olympic swim team and both parties see it as a win-win situation. Barbara Linton, who has been a technical official and a back-up coach for BOI Swim Club since moving to Paihia in 2007, took over the coaching of the Special Olympics team last year and encouraged them to join in with the "mainstream" swim club.

The S.O. team uses some of the club's equipment and as registered members of a Swimming New Zealand club, the S.O. athletes are able to compete at BOI club race nights and at some mainstream meets. With the IPC again including athletes with an intellectual disability our swimmers will have more opportunities to compete in Swimming New Zealand & Paralympic programmes in

the future.

At the recent BOI Swim Club Championships three S.O. swimmers gained overall placings in the B-Grade championships. They were: 1st 16&O Boys: Alex Goldsack; 2nd 16&O Boys: Chris Newhouse; 2nd Under 14 Girls: Rachel Harvie.

Last month the team welcomed additional swimmers from the MINDS Trust in Moerewa as well as a second coach, Paul Linton.

The next meet for the team is the Waitakere S.O. Ribbon Day on June 26 with the Whangarei S.O. Ribbon Day in August. Subject to funding, the team heads to Kapiti for a S.O. Certificate Day in November. This is the first step in preparation for the Special Olympic National Summer Games in Dunedin in 2013.



Christchurch swimming pools update

Tracey Hickman attended a forum to see what the plan is for recovery of sport and recreation in Christchurch. These are some of the outcomes that may be of interest.

Seventy five percent of school pools are damaged and the Christchurch City Council is working with the ministry to get these up and running. The feeling is they won't fix every pool but will look at improving a few pools so several schools can use, as opposed to just the one. The timeline is unknown.

Christchurch City lost 60 per cent of its water space with no 'official' word on the status of QEII or Centennial, although it is generally thought they have no future. The Graham Condon Centre, a new complex, is due to open in Term 4 and is already fully booked with schools. A new complex for the central city will be in the big plans. Four out of the six outdoor council pools have no damage with the other two closed. These pools are used by schools in summer. Jellie Park also has an outdoor lap pool which the council has kept open for lane swimmers because the indoor facilities are jam packed with Learn to Swim. The outdoor pool officially closed yesterday due to heating costs, not the lack of swimmers, and is due to open again Labour Weekend.

AquaGym, which is a major private facility, is still closed until further notice. They hope to open for term four but things keep changing with each aftershock.

Waimakariri District has two main facilities and one remains closed until further notice - this could be up to a year.

Beach Education – at the moment the sea and the sand is contaminated so the surf clubs can't be used either. Fingers crossed that the water will be clear by summer which is looking positive at this stage. If not, alternatives have been put in place such as Surf to Schools and opening up more surf clubs north of Christchurch.

Selwyn district has good news which is quite exciting after mostly doom and gloom! They have had plans in place for a new indoor facility, 8 lane, 25 metre pool with a separate 18 metre Learn to Swim and also a hydrotherapy pool. This is due for completion January 2013. Fantastic news for the district.

Pools in Schools is coming to Christchurch! Two pools so far are waiting to come to Christchurch in Term 4. The locations are yet to be confirmed but it's great news for the kids. If you have four schools, the cost is around \$12,000 per school, which when you work out how much the buses cost on top of lessons is a great price, especially considering how much time in water they will have. Water Safety are pushing for these schools to hire professional instructors to come in and take the lessons as well, but at the end of the day no school can afford professional instructors every day for every child for a term, and that is where we come in.

Thank goodness for State Kiwi Swim Safe having such a fantastic classroom module, as for some children in Christchurch that is all they are going to get this year.



State Kiwi Swim Safe

Belinda Galley, National Learn to Swim Manager (Schools)



Nelson/Marlborough Schools Swim Safe Advisor

The SNZ education team welcomes Brenda Goulter to its team. Brenda has come on board as the schools swim safe advisor for the Nelson/Marlborough region. She has lived in Nelson for six years and worked as a swim teacher, swim school co-ordinator, head instructor and head coach in the region. Brenda has run her own learn to swim programme and has a passion for teaching children learn to swim and water safety.

Brenda is really excited about the new schools initiative and looks forward to the challenges associated with this role.



Welcome Brenda

Education Team Building

Recently, the SNZ Education team got together in Wellington for three days of professional development training and team building. We had a fantastic two day adult education course run by Skills Active which gave the team some fresh new ideas to implement into their courses and workshops. We would like to say a big thank you to John and Donna from Skills Active for facilitating such a great course. The team building provided a great opportunity for all of the education staff who are remotely based to get together as a team and get to know each other. A great three days had by all.



*Back row L - R: Cecilie Elliott, Chris Morgan, Fiona Hurley, Wendy Smith
Middle row L- R: Sarah Gibbison, Erin Luce, Tracey Hickman, Belinda Galley
Front row: Brenda Goulter*



Learn to Swim

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

SNZ Education Forums

Swimming New Zealand is excited to invite you to our first series of Education Forums

Christchurch - Chris Morgan and Tracey Hickman

Date: Monday 18 July 2011

Time: 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Venue: Belfast Rugby Club, 18 March Place, Belfast, Christchurch

A light supper will be provided.

The purpose of this forum is to bring you up to date with the latest in Learn to Swim education with Swimming New Zealand. Swimming New Zealand's CEO Mike Byrne will be present along with SNZ National Education Managers Chris Morgan and Belinda Galley & Canterbury Schools Swim Safe Advisor Tracey Hickman.

As part of our ongoing initiative to assist the learn to swim industry in New Zealand, we have invited Nathan Mikaere-Wallis to speak at this forum on brain development and learning.

Nathan is an amazing speaker who has presented at several NZSCTA conferences. Swimming New Zealand wanted to give Canterbury swim teachers who were unable to attend NZSCTA this year the opportunity to hear Nathan speak.

Numbers are limited so please RSVP as soon as possible to confirm your attendance.

RSVP : Tracey Hickman

tracey@swimmingnz.org.nz

Ph: 021 534 388

Waikato - Erin Luce and Wendy Smith

Date: Thursday 28 July

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: Hamilton Working Mens Club, 20 King Street, Frankton, Hamilton

Items included on the agenda are:

- State Kiwi Swim Safe
- What can Swimming New Zealand do for you
- Voice Strain, what is it and how to minimise it
- Your items of interest ...

Bay of Plenty - Erin Luce and Wendy Smith

Date: Friday 22 July

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: School House, Historic Village, Seventeenth Ave West, Tauranga

Items included on the agenda are:

- State Kiwi Swim Safe
- What can Swimming New Zealand do for you
- Voice Strain, what is it and how to minimise it
- Guest speaker Angela Petrocco, Masters in Speech Therapy and 25 years experience

- Your items of interest ...

Nelson - Belinda Galley and Brenda Goulter

Date: Thursday 21 July

Time: 6.00 - 7.00pm

Venue: Nelson Golf Club, 38 Bolt Road, Tahunanui, Nelson

Items included on the agenda are:

- State Kiwi Swim Safe
- Update on SNZ courses
- What Swimming New Zealand can do for you

Wellington - Belinda Galley and Sarah Gibbison

Date: Monday 25 July

Time: 6.00 - 7.30pm

Venue: Pelorus Trust Sports House, Hutt Park, Gracefield, Lower Hutt

Items included on the agenda are:

- State Kiwi Swim Safe
- What can Swimming New Zealand do for you
- Update on SNZ courses
- Your items of interest ...

Hawkes Bay - Erin Luce and Fiona Hurley

Date: Monday 25 July

Time: 1.00 - 2.30pm

Venue: Deco City Lodge Motel, conference room, 308 Kennedy Road, Napier

Items included on the agenda are:

- State Kiwi Swim Safe
- What can Swimming New Zealand do for you
- Update on SNZ courses
- Your items of interest ...

If you would like to include any items that you would like to discuss, please email these and I will add them to the agenda.

Please contact Erin to register your attendance erin@swimmingnz.org.nz at any of these forums

Brainwave Trust presentation

Brainwave is a charitable trust which exists to educate New Zealanders from all walks of life about the latest research in neuroscience. We now know that a child's experiences from conception to three largely determine how their brain develops, and whether they will become capable, contributing, well adjusted adults. We have a great deal of information we'd like to pass onto parents, educators, health professionals, social workers and anyone who works with children! <http://brainwave.org.nz/>

There will be two presentations during the July school holidays:

Tauranga

Date: Friday 22 July
Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Venue: Theatre Room, Historic Village, 17th Ave West, Tauranga
Cost: \$30 per person

Hamilton

Date: Thursday 28 July
Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Venue: Hamilton Working Mens Club, 20 King St, Frankton, Hamilton
Cost: \$30 per person

Please promote these presentations throughout your team as this is a worthwhile and very beneficial workshop to anyone that teaches learn to swim. To enrol please go online to www.swimmingnz.org.nz or contact Erin directly erin@swimmingnz.org.nz. There are a limited number of places available so be in quick.

If you require further information about any of these courses, please contact Chris Morgan, Swimming New Zealand, chris@swimmingnz.org.nz, 0272409627 or Mike Fitzgerald, Moving Smart, mike@smartmoves.co.nz, 021811314.

Events

Kent Stead, Events Manager

Merchandise

2011 Div II merchandise will be for sale on pool deck at the Div II Competition, State Insurance New Zealand Short Course Championships and the State Insurance New Zealand Secondary School Championships. This

will include swimming caps, t-shirts, togs, hoodies and towels, get in quick while stock lasts!

Technical Officials

Welcome back to Dave Beattie and Ross Bragg who have recently returned from Athens, where they officiated at the Special Olympics World Summer Games. It's a shame you couldn't bring some Greek weather back with you.

Don't forget to get your nominations in for the 2011 SPARC Sport Volunteer awards. Follow this link to lodge your nomination <http://www.sparc.org.nz/volunteers>.

Upcoming Events

2011 New Zealand Division II Competition

We look forward to seeing all of you Div II swimmers in Rotorua 20-23 of July. A huge thank you to the Rotorua Aquatic Centre and the Rotorua District Council who have really supported this event. A special thank you also to Bronwen Radford and Swimming BOP for their support of this event.

State Insurance 2011 New Zealand Short Course Championships

The combined short course this year will provide some fantastic swimming. A number of the Aqua Blacks squad will have recently returned from Shanghai and the 14th FINA World Championships and will be straight into action at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre.

State Insurance 2011 New Zealand Secondary School Championships

This is the first time that Swimming New Zealand has run this event. What a great opportunity for a New Zealand school to become the first New Zealand secondary school champion! This is the first time the new recreational membership has been used and will be a great opportunity for us to encourage non competitive members to get in the pool with a club and take up the challenge.

A reminder that the 2012 Competition Booklet will be released prior to the 31st of July.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sophia Batchelor, Corey Main, Callum Sinclair and George Schroder for breaking South Australian All Comers records at the Australian Age Championships. What a fantastic week it was for all the New Zealand swimmers present.



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Performance

Jan Cameron, General Manager Performance and Pathways

Regional visit to Greendale Swim Club Napier

My most recent regional visit was at the request of Head Coach Noel Hargraves Booth and the Greendale Swim Club in Napier. My objectives were to see first hand the people and the programme at Greendale club, to observe and comment on the club structure and systems, to provide mentoring and feedback on the programme and also to be available for questions on behalf of SNZ.

Noel has been at Greendale over 20 years and with his team of Jill Kelly and Mel Macredie has a high level of enthusiasm and a strong focus on skills. This group meets weekly and all utilise a holistic approach to the development of each club member on their pathway to success.

They train at Taradale primary which has a pool with four lanes and is covered and heated. Local schools come into the Taradale Primary school for lessons to ensure all children in the area have the opportunity to learn to swim. What great leadership from Dene Gichard (Club president) and the committee. They are a great bunch of people, passionate and committed not just for their own kids but for the club and its future.

This club has structures and systems in place for ongoing development. It's also great to see that the parents bind together to help everyone in the team be the best they can be. This ethos lends strength to the programme. My visit included three swim sessions, watching all the squads, discussions with Noel about the programme and pathways and how these could possibly improve and align with the SNZ pathways. It's all about providing the opportunities and tools for each swimmer to have the best chance to succeed. Their swimmers are independent and involved in the process and well prepared to be independent and accountable.

This programme at Greendale, once known solely as a hard headed distance programme, now provides for individuals and their various events including distance events. Demonstrated caring and processes for a swimmers long term development within the regional constraints are evident and working. It is apparent that this programme will provide swimmers with the needed skills to progress no matter what their choice long term. My suggestion is that Greendale partner with other coaches who are demonstrating their swimmers are continuing past 20 years of age.

Five Hawke's Bay swimmers are doing just that with two recent Olympians William Benson and Daniel Bell (Hawke's Bay Olympians from Sundevils) who moved to Auckland. Emily Thomas and Laura Quilter are based with Daniel at the SNZ High Performance centre, and Ben Gillies from Aquahawks is with North Shore in Auckland. We are all part of the process contributing to the long term development of our swimmers. Just as Dean Kent and Moss Burmester came from small towns and great programmes to continue their development in the University cities, so it is possible to all be partners in that journey. The base determines the potential and the environment determines the longevity. Let's all pull together and ensure all our swimmers become the best they can be. Keep up the great work Greendale.

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



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