

Welcome to this month's edition of the **Porirua City Aquatics** Newsletter. We hope you find our swimming news both an informative and enjoyable read.

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OUR NEW LOGO!!

After months of work we have now launched our new logo. As you can see it has a swimming theme, while the two curved lines represent the two rivers that flow into the Porirua Harbour. While a number of people have worked on this, our thanks go especially to Todd O'Hagan and Sandra Bednarek for seeing the project through.

CLUB T-SHIRTS

These are now available and can be purchased from the committee member on duty on club night. Until 31st March the t-shirts will be sold at the subsidised price of \$10.00. From the 1st April the price is expected to be between \$15.00 and \$20.00.

Initially the club has ordered 80 shirts – if these or any one size sells out prior to the 31st March orders will be taken. Please remember, there will be no IOU's – cash up front whether the shirt is available or ordered.

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2010 DUE

The remaining annual membership fee instalment of \$60 for 2009/10 is due by 28th February 2010.

For those wishing to pay electronically the bank account number is 03-0547 – 0205093-00. Please ensure you include the swimmers name in the reference details.

For those who have outstanding amounts from 2009 - these will also be required to be paid by the above date. Please note that your child/ren will not be allowed to participate in swimming carnivals/events if the fees remain unpaid.

Swimmers who swim in one of our squads are reminded that membership fees are separate and additional to the monthly squad training fees.

LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS

Our next course of seven lessons begins on Sunday 14th February and finishes on March 28th. Seven continuous weeks / lessons – \$40.00. *Cash or cheque only – no eftpos.*

SPECIAL OFFER – GOGGLES – \$5.00

Limited to one pair per participant. These must be purchased at the time of registration.

Reporting times: 9.15am for the 9.30 class, or 9.45am for the 10 am class

Everyone is Welcome

FUNDRAISING

The club is offering two opportunities for people to fundraise to help with their swimming expenses.

SNZ MEDALS

For a number of years the club has sewn the ribbons to the medals for Swimming NZ's upcoming National Championships. Those interested have gathered at one house on a number of evenings. Some people have brought along their sewing machines, others have cut ribbon and/or acted as quality control – while another person has been in charge of the refreshments (hence the need for quality control!). Heather Turner has agreed to co-ordinate this project – if you would like be involved give Heather a call on 237 0270 or email her at turnerk@clear.net.nz.

The money received from SNZ is divided between those who have participated based on the number of hours each person has 'worked'. This money remains in the club's account and can be put towards your families swimming expenses (eg club, squad or entry fees, camp costs, National meet costs, or the purchase of the club new uniform).

FRIDAY NIGHT BBQ SAUSAGES

As many of you know our Friday night BBQ is very popular with those who swim at Cannons Creek, and cooking the sausages gives the 'cooks' an opportunity to fundraise for their swimmers expenses.

At the end of each term the profits are divided up between the families who have participated based on the number of nights they have taken part. To give an idea of the money made – the families who participated last term were credited with \$50.00 for each night they cooked.

Onolite Little is our BBQ co-ordinator – if you would like to go on this roster give Onolata a ring on 235 5646 or 027 6006616.

Those on the roster need to buy the sausages, one bag of 70 precooked sausages from Preston's and 4 loaves of bread. You also need to bring along some utensils. The BBQ, gas bottle, tomato sauce, serviettes etc, are all in the club's storeroom. Viv Morton will have the float ready for you, and at the end of the night you take out the cost of the sausages, leave the docket in the container and return the float to Viv.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Porirua City Aquatics is calling for expressions of interest for the following positions:

Note - For all National meets Wellington Swimming appoints a Regional Manager who liases with the officials on behalf of Wellington Clubs. In turn club manager liases with the Wellington Manager. The Regional Manager will assist Club Manager as required during the meet.

Team Manager NZ Junior Championships Wellington 21 st and 22 nd February 2010	Pool side Managers duties for all three session of these Championships. (Session times are Sat. morning 7.30 warm up, Sat. afternoon 3.30pm warm up and Sunday morning 7.30pm warm up)
Assistant Manager's NZ Junior Championships As above	Thinking on the positive side here – should we have a big team at this meet an assistant manager or managers will be required for each session.
Team Manager NZ National Age Groups Christchurch 2 nd to 6 th March 2010	The team is flying to Christchurch. Duties may include driving a van in Christchurch, cooking, washing, and all related domestic duties as well as poolside manager's duties.
Team Manager Division II Wellington 17 th to 20 th March 2010	We have accommodation booked in Wellington for this meet. Duties include driving between the motel and the pool, cooking, washing, and all related domestic duties as well as poolside manager's duties.
Team Manager Open Championships Auckland 5 th to 9 th April 2010	Duties include driving between the airport, motel and the pool, cooking, washing, and all related domestic duties as well as poolside manager's duties.

Anyone interested in any of these positions should give Viv Morton or Sarah Tait a call.

CLUB SECRETARY

Pauline Ryan has recently resigned as Club Secretary. We wish to thank Pauline for her contribution to the Club in carrying out this role.

This does however leave us with a need for a Club Secretary. If you would be interested in fulfilling this role, please contact Viv Morton on 234 7071 or Tania Donaldson on 237 9333 and they will be able to answer any questions you may have.

CLUB TREASURER

Sandra Marks has advised she will be resigning from the role of Club Treasurer effective from this year's AGM. We will therefore be in need of a Treasurer to manage our club accounts.

If you would be interested in fulfilling this role, please contact Viv Morton on 234 7071, Tania Donaldson on 237 9333 or Sandra Marks on 234 8949 who will be able to answer any queries for you. MYOB experience an advantage but not essential.

JUNIOR SQUADS **coached by Alex Bennett**

As from the beginning of February the following timetable will apply for the Swordfish, Orcas and a new group to be called Penguins.

This timetable fits with the club's Competitive Squad Pathway as published in the October/November 2009 Newsletter.

Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total hours
Penguins	4.15-5pm			4.45-5.30pm		1.5
Swordfish	5pm to 6pm		4.30-5.30		5-6pm	3
Orcas	6 to 7.30pm	4.15-5.45pm	5.30-7pm	5.30-7pm		6

Penguins

This is a new entry-level group that will be coached by our professional coach Alex Bennett. Those swimming in this group must be club members and will be required to pay \$90.00 per term for coaching. The group offers an alternative for those wishing to join the club who may find the timing of our Monday and Friday night classes not suitable. Swimmers who wish to move from the Friday and/or Monday classes and become a Penguin should speak to Viv (ph 234 7071).

Swordfish

Under this new timetable the Swordfish will only train with Alex. Three sessions are now available instead of the two offered last year.

Orcas

Four weekday sessions are now offered for the Orcas, while the option to train on a Saturday morning is no longer available.

Fee increase – Swordfish and Orcas

Over the last six months the squad fees charged for these groups have not covered the pool hire and coaching costs. In an effort to reduce this loss, the fees charged for the Orcas and Swordfish have had to be increased. Effective from 1st February the monthly fees will be \$60.00 for the Orcas, while the Swordfish are to pay \$30.00. With present numbers we imagine there will still be a shortfall between the squad fees collected and the related expenses that may necessitate a small increase later in the year.

The committee appreciates that most of our swimmers lead busy lives, with other after school activities, and wish to apologise for this late notice to the change in our timetable.

If anyone wishes to discuss these changes please give me a call.

Viv Morton
President
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RESULTS

Raumati Chocolate Carnival

Sunday 6th December 2009

Porirua City Aquatics made its mark at the Raumati Chocolate Carnival. Our team of 38 swimmers swam well in the pool and were proud supporters of their peers out of the pool. The two races that stood out for me were the 50m Breast with Hayley Wilkins and Reegan Gaulofa and the 200 Breast with Keely and Brooklyn Saunders. Both races were swum hard from start to finish and showed what a lot of heart our swimmers put into their races.

A reminder for parents from this meet – swimmers are expected to stay warm and dry between events to ensure that they are able to perform at their best. At a minimum this means wearing a t-shirt and something on their feet when they are poolside between events. Please talk to your swimmer's coach if you have concerns about this requirement.

A big thanks to all the parents who officiated and supported our swimmers and to Alex for coaching.

Swim Wellington Christmas Blow Out Meet

Saturday 12th December 2009

A small group of 10 swimmers turned out to compete in the Christmas Blow Out Meet. Personal bests were achieved by our swimmers in just over half of their races. The 400 knock out events held promise but would have been more entertaining had there been a greater level of participation. The meet was well run though and the 1pm start meant that it was all over by around 4.30pm, which was nice.

A big thanks to all the parents who officiated and supported our swimmers and to Nevill for coaching.

Tania Donaldson

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	NOTES
Friday 5 th -Saturday 6 th February	Swimming Wairarapa Short Course Champs	Masterton	Flyer on noticeboard. <i>Closed.</i>
Saturday 13 th February	Capital Sprint		Flyer on noticeboard. <i>Closes Thursday 4th February.</i>
Sunday 14 th February	Gold Coast – Woolahara Trophy Meet	Cannons Creek 5pm warm up	Open to all swimmers – especially those new to competitive swimming <i>Entries will close on 12th Feb.</i>
Saturday 20 th -Sunday 21 st February	NZ Junior Champs	WRAC	Flyer on noticeboard and available on NZ Swimming website (www.swimmingnz.org.nz) <i>Closed Wednesday 27th January.</i>
Sunday 28 th February	Manawatu Summer Carnival		Flyer on noticeboard. <i>Closes Wednesday 10th February.</i>
Tuesday 2 nd -Saturday 6 th March	NZ Age Group Champs (NAGS)	Christchurch	Flyer on noticeboard and available on NZ Swimming website (www.swimmingnz.org.nz) <i>Closes Monday 8th February.</i>
Wednesday 17 th -Saturday 20 th March	NZ Div 2 Competition	WRAC	Flyer on noticeboard and available on NZ Swimming website (www.swimmingnz.org.nz) <i>Closes Monday 22nd February.</i>
Saturday 24 th April	PCA Div 3		Flyer to come but this is our club's meet so mark it in your diary now!

N.B. If you require a list of your times, please email Sarah Tait - theaits@inspire.net.nz - and they will be sent back to you.

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