

PORIRUA CITY AQUATICS 2014/2015
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Year ending 31st March 2015

I have pleasure in presenting the club's 44th Annual Report.

While Porirua City Aquatics has had a successful year at many levels, Ben Walsh's successes both in and out of the pool have been taken the club to a new level.

Ben was named Dominion Post's 2014 emerging Athlete of the Year, Porirua's Under 19 Male Sportsman of the Year and the Greater Secondary School's 2014 Male Swimmer of the Year. Ben also received a Porirua Youth Award in September 2014, was named as Swim Wellington National Age Group Swimmer of the Year and won Swim Wellington's Selector's trophy for breaking the most Wellington records during the year (Ben's tally was 40 Wellington records and nine NZ records.)

PCA is very proud of his many successes in the pool including his selection to Swimming NZ's "Pathway to Podium development" programme. Ben represented NZ at the 2014 Oceania Champs and won Gold in the 50 and 100 breaststroke, and Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for various relays. He was selected in the NZ Team to swim at the Junior Pan Pacific Games, in Hawaii, where he was given the honour of carrying the flag at the open ceremony. Ben also swam exceptionally well at various National Championships, winning numerous open and age group medals, as well as breaking many NZ and Wellington records.

On the competitive front many PCA swimmers enjoyed success during the year

These included

- A Bronze Medal and 4th placing for Bronagh Ryan at the NZ Open Championships
- Three Silver Medals for Max Drummond, and a Bronze relay medal for Max and Bronson Lloyd as part of the Wellington relay team at Juniors Nationals.
- Swimmers selected to represent Wellington in the Fairbrother Cup and Six Centre Meet
- Swimmers Bronagh Ryan and Ben Walsh, and coach Nevill Sutton's selection in the ALL STARS Team, SNZ's Zonal Competition.
- A club trip to Levin
- PCA's win in Swim Wellington 2014 Metro League Competition
- Selection for Max Drummond, with coach Alex to attend SNZ Development camp in June 2014
- Swimmers competing at many levels including Novice Carnivals, Gold Coast meet, our Div III meet numerous inter-club events as well as Regional and National Championships

Coaching: Nevill Sutton has continued to coach our Senior Squad at the Te Rauparaha Arena Pool, For the second year running Nevill was named Coach of the Year at the 2014 Porirua Sports Awards and was selected as one of New Zealand's coaches for the 2014 Junior Pan Pac meet in Hawaii. Nevill has continued to mentor Junior Coach Alex Bennett, who is now working towards his Silver Coaching Accreditation.

PCA's volunteer coaches have continued to be the backbone of our club. Their dedication and commitment to our swimmers is unquestioned. Peter Gibbs was named Swim Wellington Volunteer Coach of the Year for 2014. Thanks to Peter, Eileen Adams, Viv Morton, Tony Lloyd and Richard Petersen who all give hours and hours freely to the club. Also thanks to Todd Morton who has run a transition group at the Arena to ease the graduation of swimmers his swim school to our swimming club.

Learn to Swim: Courses of seven lessons were held each term attracting approximately 100 participants. Learn to Swim provides a steady stream of graduates ready to enter the club programme, and valuable income stream. PCA is grateful to the eight older swimmers who have assisted our adult instructors in the pool. PCA supported four of these instructors to attend a coaching course in January 2015. The success of this programme can be directly attributed to the passionate volunteers who give up their time freely to instruct the swimmers and to Maria Tierney and Pam Greig, our volunteer administrators who monitor attendance, track swimmers and prepare term certificates.

Thanks to the efforts of Terry Laws, PCA's pool of officials has continued to grow. The club has continued to enjoy the support of senior officials, Rhonda and Bryan Graham, Gillian Kalafatelis, Graham Seagull and Matt Meehan on Race nights, at club champs and club carnivals.

The Club organised a successful Novice carnival in March 15, and ran our annual Div III and Hardcore Carnivals at Naenae and WRAC respectively. These carnivals were very successful and continue fill a need on Swim Wellington's programme.

PCA, together with Swim Wellington, Swimming NZ and the Dash Swim School ran both the Parumoana and Porirua primary interschool swimming sports at the Cannons Creek Pool in September. These meets were hugely successful and will now be a regular event on the schools calendar.

In house the club ran our annual 100m handicapped trophy meet, race nights, official Club Championships, In House League and our Christmas Family Fun night. All of these events proved to be as popular as ever.

In closing I would like to thank

- Porirua City Council for their continued investment in the Cannons Creek Pool, and the pool staff for working with us through challenges faced with a shared facility.
- The parents and supporters who have managed teams, officiated at meets, and covered the many duties/jobs required to ensure a swim meet runs smoothly.
- Keri Martin, our race secretary for coping with a huge workload to ensure all our swimmers are correctly entered in appropriate meets for their level/ability.
- Brent Harris who maintains our website and ensures our responsibilities to the SNZ database are met.
- The committee for all their work. There are a huge number of tasks that need to be covered off to ensure a club of our size runs smoothly. PCA is very fortunate to have had a committee of experienced people who are passionate about the club and what we can offer to our members.

Viv Morton, President