

Annual General Meeting and Prizegiving

This combined event will be held on Sunday 23 May 2021 in the Lecture Theatre (upstairs) at the Te Rauparaha Arena commencing at 3:00pm.

All club members, their families and supporters are welcome.

Three things will be covered off during the afternoon.

Prizegiving - a time to acknowledge our club champions and reward those who have competed with success at the club champs and during the year. The club has over 50 Cups and Trophies to present, as well as Age Group Medals and Club Champs Certificates.

Afternoon tea. Club Members are asked to bring a plate of finger food.

Annual General Meeting. This usually takes no more than an hour.

The AGM is a time to acknowledge the work of the committee and coaches who have given many hours to the club and your swimmers over the past 12 months, and is also an opportunity for new people to join the committee for the next 12 months.

The committee would appreciate your support at this meeting.

Porirua City Aquatics is in need of some new faces to join the committee. In recent years we have been lucky enough to have a very stable committee, but now that some of the committee's children are nearly through college, they have indicated they will be stepping down.....so it time for the next group of parents to step up. If you are thinking of joining the committee and wish to know more about the commitment required, please give Viv a ring, 2347071.

Note – at the AGM only those who have been financial members of Porirua City Aquatics for at least 90 days have voting rights. A financial member is entitled to one vote. The voting rights of members under 18yrs may be exercised by that member or the member's parents or guardians. The Parents or Guardians of a member under 14 must exercise that vote on the Voting Members behalf.

Duty Roster:

The club is also looking for volunteers to staff the desk on Monday and Friday nights at Cannons Creek.

You will need to report at 5:45pm to set up for a 6:00pm session start and stay until the start of the final session that starts at 7:30pm.

Those interested should contact Becky Campbell on 021-044-8794 or email beckygrnz@hotmail.com.

PCA Values – Proud, Community, Attitude:



Proud Community Attitude - PCA at heart.

Our values are important to PCA and help to describe our expectations of everyone who makes our club so special.

Proud

We have positive attitudes and are supportive of our community

We set ourselves achievable stretch goals and are proud of reaching them.

We love to have fun and we love swimming

Community

Our swimming family is our Community at every level – lane, squad, team, coach, committee, official, administrator, supporter, whanau, friend, competitor.

We work with each other to create our successes together.

We are welcoming and inclusive toward everyone in our community

Attitude.

We are respectful of every person involved in swimming by being polite, considerate, and appreciative.

We are punctual, communicate well and are dedicated in all we do.

We celebrate our own successes and the achievements of our swimming community

All our swimmer's caregivers are encouraged to pick a time to regularly talk together about our values. For example, your discussion could start with "what does it mean to be polite and considerate in and around the pool?" or "how can we be welcoming to everyone swimming?"

Every time our swimmers wear the PCA cap or uniform, or are swimming, competing or training as club members, our values are our guide to being the best we can be as a club. So we can all be Proud of our Community's awesome Attitude - right here at PCA.

Porirua City Long Term Plan:

The Porirua City Council released the proposed long term plan in early April.

The plan included a reduction of the opening hours for the Arena Centre, including the pool complex, by opening at 6:00am instead of 5:30am each morning during the working week.

PCA does not support the reduction in opening hours due to the impact on the Senior Squad training.

The PCA submission is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Learn to Swim:

Sadly, we farewelled Victoria Ferguson at the last learn to swim lesson for term 1.

Victoria has been instructing in our programme for nearly five years.

This was a massive commitment not only made by Victoria, but also her parents who drove her to the pool each Sunday morning until she learnt to drive.

Victoria, who taught often the most reluctant children in level one brought the best out of her swimmers always encouraging them to do their best.

We wish Victoria all the best for the future.

Learn to Swim – Term 2:

PCA's next course begins on 9 May and finishes on 27 June.

Lessons will not be held at Queens Birthday weekend.

Swimmers must be at least 5 years old and 1.1m tall to take part.

A course of lessons is \$45.

Cash payment can be made at the first day (no eftpos) or on-line into account no 030547 0205093 01 using the child's name and T2S as the reference.

Classes covering all levels are at 9:30 and 10:00am.

Swimmers should arrive at least 15 minutes early on the first day to complete the enrolment process. PCA does not take advance bookings.

Porirua City Aquatics Hardcore Meet:

29 May 2021, Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie, 4:30pm warm 5:10pm start.

Entries close on 23 May 2021.

Every Wellington swimming club is allocated one meet a year to host at the Kilbirnie Pool and this is our chance to show others what a great meet PCA can run.

The meet will be held 'long course' meaning the pool will be set up with 50m lengths, which gives swimmers a great opportunity to swim in a 'big' pool.

The meet is targeting all club and squad swimmers.

Swimmers may enter a maximum of three events. Swimmers must have a time to enter a 50m race and can have one 'no time' entry for other events. As hosts we are expecting to have the biggest team at the meet.

PCA will be covering all the duties and will need everyone's support to ensure it is a success. Families of those entering will be called upon to provide food for the officials. Details will be emailed out the week leading up to the meet.

There will be a draw at the end of the meet and four lucky swimmers will receive \$50 in cash providing they have competed in three events and are at the pool to receive their prize.

Novice Carnival:

Eighty five swimmers, 26 from PCA, 26 from Johnsonville with smaller teams from Easyswim Swim School, Tawa, Raumati, Upper Hutt and Capital swimming clubs, took part in PCA's annual novice carnival held at the Cannons Creek Pool on 11 April.

A big thank you goes to Wholly Bagels and Pizza and all those who contributed to the Lucky lanes. This ensured everyone went home with a gift, as well as their participant ribbon.

Our thanks also goes to all those who officiated, ran the office, organised the presentations and lucky lanes, cooked the BBQ, and did the 101 duties that need to happen for a meet to run successfully. It was great to see a number of our Senior swimmers as well as those from the Orcas, Sharks and Swordfish also helping out. Congratulations to all our swimmers.

PCA was very proud of you all. For most this was their first meet and it seemed those nervous jitters disappeared once the racing began.

Swimmers to make the podium to receive first, second and/or third ribbons were Trinaya Bharath 2nd and two 3rd, Patrick Reiher three 1st, William Lin 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Lincoln Thomas 3rd, Julia Wang 3rd, Michael Winton 1st and 3rd, Tegan Vos 3rd, Cory Hamer two 3rd, Madeline Powell 3rd, Hannah Cooper 2nd, Iris Chen 2nd, Milan Vos 1st, Livvy Andrews 3rd and Jamie Overdest 3rd.

Where to from here? for our Novice swimmers:

The next meet suitable for swimmers who took part in the Novice Carnival and other newer swimmers is the Gold Coast Carnival PCA is hosting at Tawa on 13 June (Sunday at 5:00pm).

Entries for this meet are done on-line through Swimming NZ's database – there are full instructions on our website.

LATE ENTRIES will not be accepted. For all meets watch out for the closing date on the flyer.

At Gold Coast Meets, for all events new swimmers without a time swim first with others follow in time order. Swimmers are NOT grouped by age and whole emphasis of these meets is for swimmers to improve their own time to receive a personal best ribbon.

There is NO emphasis on winning or getting last in a race, it is all about personal improvement. When entering read the criteria to see which races swimmers are eligible to enter.

Meet Reports:

SNZ National Championships (Opens):

Bronagh Ryan was PCA's only swimmer to compete at the NZ Opens held in Auckland from 5 to 10 April.

As this was an Olympic Trial there were some outstanding individual swims.

Lewis Clareburt (from the Capital Club in Wellington) was the in form swimmer of the meet breaking three NZ Open records, in times that put him right up there in the world for this year.

Bronagh swam four events, making the finals in the 100m and 200m breaststroke. She was 8th in the 200m final, and finished up with the bronze medal in an extremely close the final, that saw the top five swimmers finish with less than one second between them – well done Bronagh.

PCA's Brent Harris took a week off work to officiate – thank you Brent.

SNZ National Age Groups (NAGs):

NZ top age group swimmers (13 to 16yr) gathered at the Kilbirnie Pool during the first week of the school holidays

to complete in Swimming NZ's National Age Meet, held over five days, with heats in the mornings and finals at night.

To compete at this meet swimmers had to qualify – just qualifying is quite a feat. PCA had eight boys qualify (Jarrod McKee, Dillon Raimona-Pahetongia, Ben Reiher, Joe Reiher, Cameron Wilkinson, Eric Yuan, Sunny Zheng and David Zhu) and the team did us proud!

Throughout the week the racing was fast and extremely competitive, and often only splits of a second separated the medallists.

In the final of the 200m butterfly David Zhu went into the race as top qualifier and then swam an amazing race, leading from the start, winning by just over 8 seconds. He swam 5.59 seconds faster than he had in his morning heat. Unbelievable, really when the racing that evening had been extremely close. For all the PCA supporters witnessing this swim it was absolutely a fantastic moment. David's time of 2m13.14 reduced the Wellington record set way back in 1996 by 0.82 second. On previously evening's David was second in the final of 100m butterfly and 4th in the 50m butterfly.

Making a final places the swimmer in the top ten in the country for their age. Well done to Joe Reiher (14) 10th in both 50m and 200m breaststroke. Cameron Wilkinson (14) 9th in 50m and 100m butterfly. Eric Yuan (13) 4th in both the 200m and 100m butterfly and 6th in the 50m fly. Sunny Zheng (13) 5th in 200m fly and 9th on 200m freestyle.

A big thank you goes to PCA coaches Nevill Sutton and Steven Zhu, and Andy Wilkinson the team manager.

Thank you to all the parents and supporters who covered our duties, and to Brent Harris for taking yet another week off work to officiate.

SWIMMING NZ's Division II meet begins in Dunedin on May 9th. This is another five day meet with heats in the morning and finals at night. You can follow the swimming on the live steaming through SNZ website. Lucy Campbell and Dannielle Rule will be there presenting PCA – we wish them well.

Subscriptions:

The membership year begins on 1 July, and subs for the year are:

- \$195.00 for club members. That is, those who swim in the Eels and Tadpoles squads and those who swim at the club sessions on Friday and/or Monday nights and/or Sunday mornings.
- \$150.00 for squad members, being those in the Senior squad, Orcas, Sharks, Swordfish, Seals, Penguins and those who swim in PCA's Johnsonville squad.

Subs can be paid directly into the PCA bank account 030547-0205093-00 – please use the swimmers name as a reference, or can be paid at the duty desk on a Monday or Friday night, or left in a named envelope in the black letterbox on our storeroom door.

Annual Subs are due on 1 July and should be paid as soon as possible.

For new members joining during the year the sub is pro-rated based on the month of joining, and if the swimmer is a squad or competitive swimmer. These rates are available from the Treasurer or the Committee Member on the desk on Monday and Friday club nights.

Swimmers are required to be financial members to enter swim meets and attend training nights (club and squad) and to attend and vote at the AGM or other club meetings.

Some leeway will be provided for the attendance at training as long as the annual sub is paid by 31 July, within four weeks of joining if a new member, or are on an agreed payment plan and no payments have been missed.

There is no leeway for entering swim meets or being able to vote at club meetings. You must be a paid up member to participate in swim meets and club meetings.

Any family wishing to spread their payments should contact our treasurer on 021-247-7730 or e-mail treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz to make an arrangement.

PCA Swimming Caps:

New members will be given a cap on receipt of their first subscription payment.

Caps are replaced free of charge if they split, on presentation of the damaged cap.

The cost of caps are \$10 each if a swimmer requires another cap.

It would not normally be expected that any swimmer would need more than 1 or 2 caps each year.

Caps can be obtained from the sign-in desk at Monday and Friday night club sessions (at Cannons Creek) or the Team Manager at swim meets.

Club Uniform:

The club orders uniform items several times a year based on the demand. The items that are available for order (and order forms) are on the notice board at Cannons Creek Pool and on the Website.

Items ordered must be paid for before the items will be included in an order sent to our supplier.

The delivery of any order we place takes about eight weeks from the time of ordering.

We also have a limited amount in stock of PCA uniform hoodies with zips, T shirts and shorts in various ages.

Please contact Veronica Rule on 021-0255-3366 or e-mail uniforms@swimporirua.co.nz if you would like to purchase any PCA uniform items - see the web site for details, order form and bank details.

Bank Account Details:

Subs/Uniforms etc	03-0547-0205093-00
Squad Fees	03-0547-0205093-02

If you are unsure which account you should be using, please contact our Treasurer, Murray Pugh, at treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz

Upcoming Events:

9 – 13 May – SNZ Div II – Dunedin

22 May – SWN Long Distance (SC) – Coastlands – Entries Close 16 May

29 May – PCA Hardcore (LC) – WRAC – Entries Close 24 May

12 – 13 June – NI Secondary Schools (SC) – WRAC – Entries Close 18 May

13 June – Gold Coast Ribbon Carnival (SC) – Tawa – Entries Close 7 June

Report of Best Times:

If you require a list of your times, please email Keri Martin the Race Secretary at race@swimporirua.co.nz and they will be sent back to you.

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Porirua City Council

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Dear Council

RE: Long Term Plan Submission – Item 8 Reduction in opening hours at Te Rauparaha Arena

Porirua City Aquatics Incorporated (PCA) is a non-profit community-based swimming club with 300 members from all areas of Porirua city. Including parents, caregivers, and supporters, our community extends to over 1,000 Porirua residents.

We have a proud history spanning 50 years of teaching literally thousands of Porirua children to swim and then coaching them through club, interclub, regional, national and international competition levels.

PCA does not support the proposed reduction in opening hours at Te Rauparaha Arena, which includes the Arena Aquatic Centre, as set out as item 8 in the proposed Long Term Plan.

This submission addresses three objections to the proposed reduced opening hours:

1. The demise of PCA as Porirua's only competitive swimming club.
2. Flawed financial analysis underpinning the proposal.
3. Negative community impacts.

Should the opportunity arise we wish to speak to this submission.

1. Competitive Swimming

PCA's competitive senior squad of up to 16 swimmers train at the Te Rauparaha Arena Aquatic Centre (AAC) up to 8 times per week for 1 ½ hours per session, swimming 20-30km per week each year round (except for a short Christmas break). Morning sessions commence at 5.30am and conclude by 7am Monday to Friday to enable the mainly college age students to prepare for and attend school. Early evening sessions complete the senior squad training schedule.



Reducing pool availability for competitive training by opening at 6am, as proposed in the Long Term Plan, rather than the current 5.30am, will significantly undermine the competitiveness of club members and their ability to achieve previously seen performance levels.

Current PCA club member Bronagh Ryan appears in the Porirua City Hall of Fame for representing New Zealand at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and has been the recipient of numerous awards, including Porirua Sports Awards and Maori Sporting Awards for her swimming achievements. Former club member Ben Walsh represented New Zealand at the 2016 Pan Pacific Championships and held a number of regional and national age group and open records. Numerous other current and former club and senior squad members have held regional and national records and have regularly represented Porirua – all from their training base at AAC.

Such achievements require consistent year-round training as is currently accomplished at AAC. One hour sessions (say 6am-7am) are insufficient to build the physical and mental endurance and strength necessary for a high performance competitive sport. There are no other available training pools in Porirua. Cannons Creek Pool, as a programme pool, is maintained at a temperature that exceeds training standards for college age competitors. The Police College pool is not available for such use.

If the proposed reduced opening hours proceed, PCA would be unable to offer a full training programme for swimmers past junior age groups (who train at Cannons Creek Pool). It is foreseeable that competitive swimmers who wish to advance in their sport will move to other Wellington clubs who offer full senior development programmes.

A senior squad will become unviable at PCA, with our international level Head Coach becoming redundant and the club withdrawing from providing a full range of swimming opportunities for the youth of Porirua. Without a clear development pathway to senior age groups, our junior squads will also likely shrink as swimmers travel outside Porirua city to join other clubs.

If this occurs, Porirua will not feature at national (or international) level swimming competitions again.

2. Financial Analysis

PCA pays ~\$30,000 per annum in pool hire to Porirua Council for all our activities at Cannons Creek Pool and AAC. Of this, ~\$10,000 is for hire of lanes at AAC. AAC entrance fees paid by senior squad members total a further ~\$10,000 per annum.

PCA notes that savings anticipated from opening the complex later in the morning are either \$20,000 or \$42,000 (it is unclear in the Long term Plan consultation document which figure is intended). Withdrawal of PCA from our patronage at AAC, if that occurs, will result in a loss of revenue to Porirua Council of ~\$20,000 per annum.

We would suggest that other patrons of the gym with a need to commence their workouts at 5.30am will simply attend one of the many 24 hour gyms nearby, with a corresponding further loss in revenue to Porirua Council.

Up to 15 non PCA swimmers are known to frequent the AAC at 5.30am (as sampled on 23 April 2021). It can be anticipated that some of these at least will simply not swim due to their own

circumstances if they can only commence at 6am, resulting in additional revenue loss to Porirua Council.

The cost saving rationale for the reduced hours is therefore flawed, with the net financial effect likely being negligible or even a net loss.

3. Community Impacts

Facilities such as Te Rauparapha Arena are available and maintained to encourage active well-being and recreation as well as to build and maintain our sense of community. Reducing hours of availability will see a facility sadly stand idle when there are users ready to pay for and motivated to make use of it.

Sporting clubs such as PCA provide a crucial community function by engaging young citizens in activity that teaches commitment, respect, leadership and discipline, as well as keeping them fit, active, and challenged. Our Clubs' values, represented by the concepts of 'Proud' 'Community' and 'Attitude', can only flourish and lead the development of our next generations if we are strongly carrying out our full function across the breadth of the Porirua community.

A demise in the strength of PCA will undermine the strength of the Porirua community.

Such an outcome, we suggest, would be far more costly than the likely negligible net savings or net loss, realisable by implementing the Long Term Plan proposal.

For these reasons, PCA submits that the proposed reduction in opening hours at Te Rauparaha Arena must be rejected.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. If you have any questions arising, please contact me.

Yours faithfully
Porirua City Aquatics Incorporated

Viv Morton
President



Proud

Positive and encouraging
Focused and committed
Passionate for swimming



Community

Our Whanau
Working together
Caring for each other



Attitude

Respectful of all
Achieve our goals
Celebrate all successes