

Mrs Adams (Eileen)



It is with deep sadness I wish to share the news of the passing of our long-standing volunteer coach, Mrs Eileen Adams. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Friday 6 February 2026.

A private funeral has been held where she was farewelled by family, friends and many for our PCA whanau. At the family's request this sad news was not able to be shared until after her funeral.

Many of you will know Eileen, who has been an integral part of our swim club for decades. From the early days of the Cannons Creek Swim Club, through the transition to Mana Swimco, and now as Porirua City Aquatics,

Eileen has been there for it all, dedicating over 50 years to teaching learn to swim and coaching swimmers from throughout the region. She taught learn-to-swim classes on Sunday mornings, only recently stepping out of the water while continuing to instruct from the pool deck. She also coached club swimmers on Monday and Friday nights and Sunday mornings. She was the ultimate volunteer giving thousands and thousands of hours to the club.

Eileen was the club secretary for 32 years and had been part of the committee for over 50 years only stepping down in March 2023. Over these years she has been part of stepping up many initiatives and events we still do today.



In recognition of her service Eileen was a Life Member of the Club. In 1988 she received a Swim Wellington Service Award and Honours Award followed in 2002. In 1994 she received a Swimming NZ Service with an Honours Award following in 2008.



In 2019 she won the cup for Service to Sport at the Porirua Sports Awards. She became a Life Member of Swimming Wellington in 2021.

With her contribution, commitment, and spirit she has left an enduring legacy to Porirua City Aquatics and the wider community. She will be deeply missed.

Viv Morton

Swimming Wellington Awards 2024/2025

PCA's coaching strength was to the fore at Swim Wellington Awards presentations held at Pelorus Trust House on 10 Feb.

- Senior Squad coach **Justin Roberts** was named Swim Wellington's Age Group Coach of the Year.
- Junior coaches **Cliff Roberts** (PCA's Junior Squad Coach, based at Porirua) and **Steven Zhu** (PCA's Johnsonville's Squad Coach) were named Swim Wellington's Junior Coaches of the Year.

These Awards are the result of our swimmer's successes at National Meets and Wellington Championships Meets during the eligibility period.

Matt Harrison was named Swim Wellington's Volunteer Coach of the Year.

Blair St Just (PCA's officials co-ordinator) was named Club Contributor of the Year.

Congratulations to you all. This was great night for PCA.



Justin Roberts, Blair St Just and Cliff Roberts at the Swimming Wellington Awards

Cup and Trophies

It is time for everyone who has PCA's Cups and Trophies to get out the polishing cloths, give them a good clean – remember how shining they were when they were presented - and return them in preparation for the next prizegiving.

The best thing to polish them with is 'Silvo' and a soft cloth. Silvo can be purchased at the supermarket. Harsh clothes can scratch the cups.

Please return your cups and trophies to;

- Oliver Bennett (Ella's dad) if you are in the Porirua Junior Squads.
- Rose Crawford – Porirua Senior Squad swimmers
- Zhen Zhen Jia – Johnsonville swimmers
- Viv Morton – everyone else!

Thank you

Meet Reports:

Gold Coast Chocolate Carnival

Nearly 250 Chocolate Bars were won by those establishing a new time and/or a personal best time at the Gold Coast Meet held at Tawa on 15 February.

PCA had 47 swimmers competing with 71% recording a time worthy of Chocolate! This percentage was high compared to recent meets, but PCA was out shone by Raumati's 78%. Tawa was third on 64%. 105 swimmers attended the meet.

A big thank you to all those parents took on board, there was to be only one spectator per swimmer – as it was the meet was very cosy!

Thank you to those who officiated and time kept, and others who helped out at the meet, especially Sophie and Zhen Zhen, the team managers, coaches Cliff and Steven, and Rose who stepped in when marshalling became challenging.

Subscriptions:

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

- \$220.00 for club members. That is, those who swim in the Tadpoles squad and those who swim at the club sessions on Friday and/or Monday nights and/or Sunday mornings.
- \$220.00 for PCA's Johnsonville Squad swimmers
- \$185.00 for squad members, being those in the Senior squad, Orcas, Sharks, Swordfish, Seals 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 were due on 1 July and are now overdue.

For new members joining during the year the sub is reduced on a sliding scale from October to the following June based on the month of joining, and if the swimmer is a squad or competitive swimmer. These rates are available from the info@swimporirua.co.nz or the person 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 at treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz to make an arrangement.

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 starts at 7.20pm.

Those interested should contact Viv Morton on 027-645-1146 or email president@swimporirua.co.nz

BBQ Roster:

On Club Nights, and Sunday Mornings during Club and Lean to Swim Sessions at Cannons Creek Pool there is an opportunity for parents to raise money to help with their club expenses.

The money raised from each sausage sizzle (or whatever else you would like to cook on the BBQ) less any direct expenses is kept by the club and allocated to the family who did the BBQ.

The purchase of some items (sausages, bread etc) is required at the time.

The money raised can be used for entry fees, subs, squad fees, to purchase uniforms etc.

Anyone interested in cooking for a night should contact Viv Morton e-mail president@swimporirua.co.nz or phone 027-645-1146 for further information.

PCA Swimming Caps:

New members are entitled to a club 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:

PCA uniform is to worn by all swimmers at swim meets. We hold a stock of PCA uniform hoodies with zips, t-shirts and ponchos in various ages. To order see the web site for details, order form and bank details.

Please contact Sophie Khun-Hammond on 021548669 or e-mail uniforms@swimporirua.co.nz

Bank Account Details:

Sunday Learn to Swim	03-0547-0205093-01
Squad Fees	03-0547-0205093-02
Everything Else	03-0547-0205093-00

If you are unsure which account you should be using, please contact treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz.

Upcoming Events:

- **21 February** - Swimzone NQ Meet (LC)- Te Ngaengae Pool.
- **28 February** - Scorching Bay Challenge (Open Water).
- **28 February to 1 March** - Junior Festival – All Stars (SC), Coastlands Aquatic Centre.
- **7 March** - Capital Classic MQ Meet (LC) – WRAC.
- **15 March** - PCA Club Champs (SC) – Tawa Pool.
- **20 March** – SNZ Division II Competition (SC) Moana Pool, Dunedin -20 March 2026.
- **21 March** – Swimming Wellington NQ (LC) – Te Ngaengae Pool.
- **8 to 12 April** - SNZ Age Group Swimming Champs (LC) – Hawkes Bay Regional Aquatic Centre.

Club Lane and Squad Information:

A summary of how we structure our Club Lanes for new swimmers, and also our booklet for competitive swimmers can be found at the links below.

[Club Lane Swimming](#)
[Competitive Swimming](#)

Report of Best Times:

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

Club Contacts:

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