



## June (2) 2017 newsletter

### Club Champs and Prizegiving

This weekend we run our annual Club Championships, which is the basis for many of the trophies/certificates awarded at Annual Prizegiving. Club Champs looks like it will be a great afternoon/evening, with 90 swimmers registered to compete. Note the earlier start time this year, warmup 3.15pm.

Please **bring back your trophies** from last year (cleaned first) and leave them in a large box that will be at the door at Club Champs and in the Clubrooms thereafter.

In addition to criteria listed on the flyer for the hotly contested Family Relay event - a family relay may consist of a sibling who is not a member, a member, and a parent. At least one of the three relay participants must be a current swimmer.

### Next 12 months - Swim meets

We were notified at a Members' Meeting on 10 May that the Swimming Wellington Events Committee has made changes to the meet structure for 2018 and the second half of 2017. Key changes are as follows:

- Wellington Champs: Summer Champs will be changed to **13&Overs** in 2018; a new Junior Championships will be brought in for **12&Unders**, the first of these to be held on 9 December **2017**. Winter Champs 2018 will be the same as at present; Relay Champs will be as is;
- SW plans to run four 'Tier 1' meets throughout 2018, prior to National meets. Competitors will need to meet qualifying times to participate at these meets.
- Metroleague (12&Under relay events) scheduled for the latter half of 2017 have been cancelled and replaced by:
  - 20 Aug: SW Chocolate Fish Dash
  - 23 Sep: SW Hello Daylight Saving
  - 15 Oct: SW Back to School Splash
  - 29 Oct: SW Halloween Hundreds

The 2018 calendar is still being finalised, but will be posted to the website once available. However in the meantime you can see a calendar of events (although no flyers are yet available) on the SW website, at <https://wellington.swimming.org.nz/meets-calendar.html>.

Please contact Vicky, Race Secretary [racesec@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:racesec@swimtawa.org.nz) if you have any questions on this.

### Next 12 months - financial

As FY16-17 closes, please note that there will be an increase in the annual Club Subscription rate by \$25, to \$225 per member for FY17-18. The reasons for this are:

- SNZ is increasing levies on all financial members;
- donations received through grants towards pool lane hire and coaching fees were lower this year than the previous year
- pool hire costs have increased
- Club swimming (1x60mins) numbers are under-capacity due to shortage of volunteer coaches for 3.30pm

Those who were here prior to FY2016-17 are aware that the Club Sub was \$250 for quite a number of years, so although this represents an increase, we are not back to \$250 (yet).

As end of financial year is 30 June, all outstanding invoices have to be cleared by that date. Club Subs for the new FY will be invoiced shortly, and need to be paid prior to any competitions after 1 July, and in order to secure your Term 3 bookings for Club lanes (ie the 1x60min sessions).

### Club management team

In the context of looking ahead to next year, we welcome expressions of interest in joining the Committee. The Management Committee is currently over-represented by parents of senior squad swimmers and under-represented by parents of young/novice swimmers. We need to hear a range of views in order to represent Club members' interests equitably, and we also need to prepare for some 'retirements' in the future. Please come and join us!

Contact Alex, Secretary [secretary@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@swimtawa.org.nz) if you would like to learn more.

**Four Winds**  
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Huge thank you to Four Winds Foundation, which has approved a \$2,000 grant towards pool lane hire costs.

### Volunteer coaches

**Volunteer Coaching:** Many thanks to our volunteer coaches, who provide the Club's core service of swim coaching to over 50% of the Club membership. Almost all of our volunteers have either completed, or are working on, the NZ Swim Teacher Award and are committed, reliable people. We are **very** fortunate to have you - thanks Volunteers!

We currently have **2 vacancies - 3.30-4.30pm on Mondays or Thursdays**, working alongside another coach. This is a good opportunity for a local college student or a parent of a 3.30pm swimmer to develop coaching experience. Students could use such an opportunity to work towards a Duke of Edinburgh Award and/or the NZ STA qualification. Please contact Mel, Club Captain [captain@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:captain@swimtawa.org.nz), if you, or your teen, is interested. There may be other volunteer positions available too, depending on interest, so please talk to Mel if you are keen.

A special mention too of the efforts Club Captain Mel and Coach Andrew Evans have made to develop their ability to support swimmers with special needs. Mel and Andrew have recently undertaken the SNZ Teaching Swimmers with a Disability course (one place Club-funded) and have put considerable effort into accessing and making use of other external advice and guidance (ie Paralympics NZ) to support all Club members to reach their full potential.

**Oahu wine fundraiser:** Just a reminder of a fundraiser to assist Wellington swimmers including Tawa member **Joel Crampton (15)** and former member Justin Roberts to attend the Victoria State Championships as part of the Sport Wellington Talent Identification (TiD) programme. For every 6 bottles of Oahu wines purchased online, the winery will donate \$10 to Swimming Wellington to be shared amongst the swimmers. As a supporter, you will receive a discount on your order and free delivery. The promotion runs for another few months. Thank you!

Follow these four simple steps:

1. ) Go to [www.oahuwines.co.nz/buy-wine-online](http://www.oahuwines.co.nz/buy-wine-online).
2. ) Make your wine selection and proceed to check out.
3. ) Enter the promotional code word below, before proceeding to payment.
4. ) Receive wine, and enjoy!

**PROMOTIONAL CODE WORD: SWIMMING**

### Dates for your calendar

**Annual Prizegiving**  
**Sunday 6 August 2017**  
**Amesbury School**

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday 24 August 2017**  
**7pm, Club Rooms**

### Committee contacts

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Billie Mudie and Lisa Wong are also Committee members. Please feel free to talk to Committee members anytime, or come to a Committee meeting. If there is something you would particularly like to hear about in the newsletter (which generally follows Committee meetings), please let Alex know on [secretary@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@swimtawa.org.nz).

If you have **photos** to share with the Club, or to retain for Club records, please email them to Alex [secretary@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@swimtawa.org.nz).