



September 2017 newsletter

Annual Prizegiving

We held Annual Prizegiving on Sunday 6 August. Thank you to **Jill Day**, Wellington City Councillor - Northern Ward, with the portfolio for Children and Young People, who presented some trophies this year. Thank you to the Trott/Bednarek family who donated a new trophy, the Murray Trott Memorial Trophy for Officials, awarded this year to Hugh Allan. Murray Trott made a huge contribution to the Club - as a father of two swimmers, partner of our Treasurer Sandra Bednarek and as an official. The trophy is a beautiful, poignant gift to the Club, and Hugh Allan is going to be hard to beat as a worthy recipient of it. Another new trophy was presented this year - the Roberts Family Trophy - awarded to Most Improved Senior Boy. This year won by Tyler Florance. Thank you to Justin, Cliff and Denise Roberts for this generous donation.





These are just a few of the photos taken by Neville Wong (thanks Neville). The whole collection can be viewed under [Galleries](#) on our website.

Merit Award recipients: Alina Mai, Rosie Jones-Rawstorne, Hannah Smith, Jasmine Cornes, Olivia Hendry, Andy Maklakov, Maxwell Penhey, Giovanni Matai, Janayah Whatarau, Miguel Martinez, Aidan Eastwood, Hannah Campbell, Isabella Willets, Naomi Cooper, Stanley Riddle, Hannah Craven, Cerys Lewis.

Dunlop Trophy for Club Spirit: Lisa Wong

Mervyn Kemp Trophy for Services to Tawa Swimming Club: Ashley Downs

Prizegiving: Age Group Winners

8 years & U Matilda Presling/Isaac Tua
9 years Bianca Yeldon and Neve Dunlop/Ollie Robinson
10 years Sienna Leilua/Cooper Presling
11 years Charlotte Gibbs/Nathan Butchard
12 years Phoebe Riddle/Nathan Wong
13 years Jenna Rolston-Larking/Matthew Cooper
14 years Danika Viskovic/Max Wong
15 years Olivia Healey/Joel Crampton
16 years Chelsea Parker
Senior Katie Trott Shavendra Somaweera
Family Relay The Downs Family



Note: Certificates were awarded for placings 1-3rd at Club Champs. The following people (age in brackets) have certificates in a bag pinned to the Noticeboard to collect when convenient: Jaimie (15), Joseph (14), Carl (10), Ryan (8), Josh (10), Tino (8), Abby (14), Lily-Anne (14), Kate (8), Amy (11), Sebastian (13), Caitlin (13), Brenna (13), Anuha (13), Neve (9), Jemma (9), Abbie (9), Mishayla (13), Justin (15).

Volunteer Officials

Four parents of junior swimmers have recently offered to begin training as Inspector of Turns (IOTs - the people wearing white shirts who check the technique used on turns). **Thank you** so much! This meets a critical Club need, as our senior swimmers and their IoT parents are often not at the same meets as juniors and some will leave swimming in coming years.

If you'd like to train with this group, please contact Hugh (officials@swimtawa.org.nz) for more information or talk with him at Time Trials.

Winter Championships

The next two weekends are SW Winter Championships. SW Black swimmer entry passes are required for access to the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre (WRAC). Passes are available in an envelope on the Club Noticeboard for those new swimmers who don't have one.

There is no need to panic if for any reason you don't have a pass or if you forget it. The worst case scenario is that you have to pay a pool entry fee to get inside.

No training Sat **AM** or Mon **AM** of champs weekends.

October 2 week School Holiday Blackout

Usually, most of our squads swim through the school holidays with one 2-week Blackout period designated each year. This will be during the next school holidays. No squads, and no Club sessions (1x60mins) will swim during the period 2-14 October inclusive.

Some of our senior swimmers, with Jason, will be in Auckland 3-7 October competing at the NZ Short Course Championships during this period.

Club Time Trials

The next Club Time Trials will be Thursday 14 September. Warmup 6.15pm. Time trials is a great way for new swimmers to have a go at learning to race. It's a supportive environment and ribbons are awarded for personal best times.

For more information see the Meet Information [page](#), and you can always talk with your coach about this.

Thank you!



Pelorus Trust has granted us \$8,200 - for Pool Hire, which is huge!

Thank you to Ashley Downs for work on this grant application.

Committee contacts

Ashley Downs
Alex Craven (interim)
Sandra Bednarek
Vicky Gibbs
Hugh Allan
Alex Craven
Maggie Cooper

president@swimtawa.org.nz
secretary@swimtawa.org.nz
treasurer@swimtawa.org.nz
racesec@swimtawa.org.nz
officials@swimtawa.org.nz
captain@swimtawa.org.nz
uniform@swimtawa.org.nz

Lisa Wong, Trish Comeskey and Lisa Thomason are also Committee members following the AGM held last Thursday evening. Welcome to our two new Committee members Trish and Lisa, and a huge thank you for your efforts to the two members stepping down, Billie Mudie and Mel Jones.

Please feel free to talk to Committee members anytime, or come to a Committee meeting.