AWARDS

Swimming Taranaki Life Members

Pre-1964	Mr C V Spragg*	1990	Mr Ray Hepworth
1967	M Thompson*	2007	Mr Clive Wheeler*
1967	A G Petrie*	2013	Mrs Beth Low
1975	Mr Ray Lovett (Fitzroy)*	2013	Mr Robbie Low
1979	Mr H Smith (Hawera)*	2015	Mrs Sue Southgate
1982	Mr Ian S Russell*	2015	Mr George Sibtsen
1983	Mr Douglas Gayton*	2019	Mrs Denyse Salisbury
1983	Mrs Lorna Gayton*	2019	Mrs Margaret Higgison
1986	Mr Fergie Strange*	2020	Mrs Cathrine Tippett

Club Life Members

Hawera Swimming Club		
Ian Cameron*	Rita Cameron*	Robbie Low
Beth Low	Colin S Martin*	John Simmons
Maureen Simmons	Fergie Strange*	Mr Harold Smith*
Okato Swimming Club		
Rex Neilson	2020 Fiona Lacey	
Aquabladz New Plymouth		
2019 Cathrine Tippett	George Sibtsen	Sue Southgate
David Wright		
Bell Block		
Murray N Dalton	George Sibtsen	
Stratford Swimming Club		
2022 Dianne Cooper	2023 Aimee Woodhead	
2015 Margaret Higgison	2007 Clive Wheeler	1995 Marlene Bunning
1987 Alan Hucker	1990 Nola McMillan	1989 Bruce Chainey
1987 Peter Maxwell*	1989 Bruce Chainey	1974 Mr A P Bertie
Highlands Swimming Club		
Joyce Hulburt*	Allan McConnell	Denyse Salisbury
Walter I Scott*	2020 Sue Darney	
Waitara Swimming Club		
Neale Partington	Terry Partington	Brett Smith
NP Aquatics		
Judy Ranford*	Alex Riddick	David Wright
Ian S Russell*		
Inglewood Swimming Club		
1994 Joke Reek	2004 Terry Kennedy	2003 Denise Cadman
Opunake Swimming Club		
Tony Ruakere		

Taranaki Service Awards *(1950's onwards)*

1950	A G Petrie*	1982	B L Chainey* D Hucker
1957	A J Bennett* R Carlyon* R E Lovett*	1983	D C Wheeler Mrs E C Low
1959	D A Gayton* H M Smith*	1985	Mrs J Moller* Tonga Makawe*
1960	I S Russell*	1986	Mrs J Higham A Higham
1961	D M Barker*	1987	Mrs N McMillian
1963	F O Strange*	1988	J D Trubnick
1964	Mr RJ Eager* (Stratford) R Black* (Hawera)	1990	A McConnell Mrs R Hancock
1965	Mr C S Martin* (Hawera) Mr S N Elliot* (NPOB)	1993	Mrs M Bunning*
1966	Mr L H McGonagle* (Eltham)	1994	Mrs Johanna Reek
1967	Miss M Debenham (Stratford) Mr R L Penny (Hawera)* Mrs I N Low (Hawera)* Mr B L Finch (Stratford) Mr A P Bertie (Stratford) Mrs L H Gayton (NPOB)	1997	J Simmons Mrs M Simmons
1968	Mr A G Lilley* Mrs K F Lilley* Mrs M C Diack* D A Low* C R Lister* N F Robertson*	2000	Mrs Judy R Ranford* M N Dalton
1969	J F Morwood (EE)	2002	Mrs P Willy Mrs B Campbell
1970	Mr W Birdling (Waitara) Mr L Knapman (Fitzroy) Mrs H McGonagle (Eltham)	2003	Mrs S Tamarapa Mrs D Cloke Mrs Sue Southgate
1971	Miss M Guy (Hawera) Mr L H Samuels (Highlands) Mr F Verney (Patea) Mr E Askew (Rawhitiroa)	2004	Mrs Rhonda Hollins
1972	Mrs J Mack (F)	2006	Mrs Judith Armstrong
1973	Mrs J Wiseman (Highlands) Mr W I Scott* (Highlands)	2007	Mr Kevin Glentworth Mr George Sibtsen
1974	Mrs D Mischewski (Inglewood)	2009	Mrs Cathrine Tippett
1975	Mrs Mary Boon* (NPOB) Mrs Noeline Smith* (Highlands) Mr Ray E Hepworth (Highlands) Mr Reg Taha* (Pungarehu)	2011	Sharon Arlidge Margaret Higgison Denyse Salisbury
1976	Mrs A L Sulzberger* (Kaponga) Mrs E Cooper (Waitara) K Cooper* (Waitara)	2013	Gayle Davis Julie Owen Claire Weir
1977	P F Maxwell (Stratford) I D Cameron* (Hawera)	2015	Susan Darney-Taylor Karyn Salisbury
1978	Mr J Wetzel (NPOB)	2015/16	Dianne Cooper Kevin Mace
1980	Mrs E Smith*	2018/	Sonia O'Connell
1981	Mrs M D Cameron* R A Low V D Colson	2019/20	Rowan Williams Alison Gadsby
		2021/22	Byron Reid
		2022/23	Aimee Woodhead Andrew Wood
		2023/2024	Raeleen Hancock & Sonia O'Connell
		2024/2025	Kim Agent

Gayton Trophy

It was the wishes of Lorna Gayton to have this trophy presented for the first time at the 2007 AGM as an award for Sportsmanship to Swimming in Taranaki.

2006/07	Judith Armstrong
2007/08	Sue Southgate (Aquabladz)
2008/09	Noot Barrett
2009/10	Clive Wheeler (Stratford)
2010/11	Cathrine Tippett (Aquabladz)
2011/12	Not awarded
2012/13	Dylan Dunlop-Barrett
2013/14	Charlotte Webby
2014/15	Claire Weir
2015/16	Sonia O'Connell (Aquabladz)
2016/17	Rowan Williams (Aquabladz)
2017/18	Cathrine Tippett (Aquabladz)
2018/19	Aimee Woodhead (Stratford)
2019/20	Not awarded
2020/2021	Mr George Sibtsen
2021/2022	Rowan Williams
2022/2023	Daniel Hancock
2023/2024	Tracey Knofflock
2024/2025	Rowan Williams

New Zealand Life, Honours, Service Awards

New Zealand Life Member

Ian Russell (MBE) (ACA) 1989

New Zealand Service and Honours

1936	J F Devine	Honours	1976	A P Bertie (Stratford)	
1936	F J Eggleton*		1976	DA Low (MBE) (JP) (O St John) (Hawera)	
1946	C R F Tilley*	Honours	1976	Colin S Martin (Hawera)	
1947	W J McIndoe*		1977	Mr R J Eager*	
1948	M Thompson*	Honours	1978	Mrs I N Low	
1949	C V Spragg*	Honours	1979	D A Gayton	
1950	A S Robson	Honours	1982	Mr Ray E Hepworth	Honours 1994
1953	A G Petrie*	Honours	1982	Mrs J Mack	
1953	W J Moorhead*		1984	Mr P F Maxwell*	
1954	K J McGlashen*		1988	Mr Ian D Cameron	Honours 2001
1956	A J Bennett* (Eltham)		1991	Mrs M D Cameron	Honours 2001
1958	AT Carlyon*		1991	Mrs E C Low	Honours 2001
1958	Mr W Scott		1991	Mr R A Low	Honours 2001
1960	R E Lovett*	Honours 1972	1993	Mrs M C Diack*	
1966	Mr Harold M Smith*	Honours 1976	1999	Mr D Clive Wheeler*	Honours 2010
1967	Mr IS Russell* (MBE)	Honours 1978-79	2010	Mrs Sue Southgate	
1969	L H McGonagle*	Honours	2010	Mr Kevin Glentworth	
1970	Mr F O Strange*	Honours	2013	Mrs Cathrine Tippett	
1971	Mrs LH Gayton*	Honours	2014	Mrs Donna Bouzaid	Honours 2014
1974	Mrs M Coleman		2015	Sharon Arlidge	
1974	B L Finch				

2024/25 Taranaki Awards
12 & Under Awards

Fergie and Barbara Strange Cup	12/U 400IM	-
Darbyshire Cup	12/U 100m Breaststroke - Female	**Blakey Stewart-McDonald**
David Wright Trophy	12/U 100m Freestyle - Male	**Toby Wales**
Highlands Cup	9/U Female Individual Points	**Michaela Riley**
Highlands Cup	9/U Male Individual Points	**Odin Warmenhove**
Stratford Swimming Club Cup	10 yrs Female Individual Points	**Sarah Venables**
Ray Hepworth Cup	10 yrs Male Individual Points	**Joel Rust**
Okato Swimming Club Cup	11 yrs Female Individual Points	**Blakey Stewart-McDonald**
NP Aquatics Swimming Club Cup	11 yrs Male Individual Points	**Reeve Coster**
Aquabladz Taranaki Cup	12 yrs Female Individual Points	**Olivia Roche**
John Blanchard Memorial Trophy	12 yrs Male Individual Points	**Toby Wales**
Swimming Taranaki (Judith Armstong)	12/U Medley Relay - Male	**Aquabladz A**
(Toby Wales, Henry Haszard, Luke Mottern, Joe Veric)		
Swimming Taranaki	12/U Medley Relay - Female	**Aquabladz A**
(Emma Davis, Izzy Walsh, Blakey Stewart-McDonald, Gabriella Grendon)		
Robbie & Beth Low Trophy	12/U Freestyle - Male	**Aquabladz A**
(Toby Wales, Reeve Coster, Joe Veric, Luke Mottern)		
Robbie & Beth Low Trophy	12/U Freestyle - Female	**Aquabladz A**
(Gabriella Grendon, Arya Pettit, Emma Davis, Hayley Lister)		
Swimming Taranaki	Family Relay	**Rust Family**
Clive Wheeler Trophy	Overall 12/U Club Points	**Aquabladz**

13 & Over Awards

Criterion Cup	Women's 800m Freestyle	**Talen Hickford**
Truman Cup	100m Freestyle - Male 14 yrs	**Jackson Rowlands**
Belk Memorial Cup	100m Freestyle - Female 14 yrs	**Lilah Eager**
Bennett Cup	Men's 400m Freestyle	**Jack Rust**
Ray Lovett Cup	13 yrs Female - Individual Points	**Kaia Prince**
Hawera Swimming Club Cup	13 yrs Male - Individual Points	**Dylan Venables**
NP Aquatics Swimming Club Cup	14 yrs Female - Individual Points	**Olive Smith**
Ian Russell Cup	14 yrs Male - Individual Points	**Jaiah Otene**
Junior Nicholls Memorial Cup	15 yrs Female - Individual Points	**Shyla Kennard**
Inglewood Swimming Club Cup	15 yrs Male - Individual Points	**Jack Rust**
Aquabladz Taranaki Cup	16/O Male - Individual Points	**Max Cave**
RH Nicholls Memorial Trophy	16/O Female - Individual Points	**Meila Gwiazdzinski**

Swimming Taranaki	13/O Medley Relay - Male	**Aquabladz A**
(Max Cave, James Wilson, Jackson Rowlands, Jack Rust)		
Swimming Taranaki	13/O Medley Relay - Female	**Aquabladz A**
(Shyla Kennard, Emma Iceton, Talen Hickford, Lily Hill)		
Swimming Taranaki	13/O Freestyle - Male	**Aquabladz A**
(Max Cave, James Wilson, Jackson Rowlands, Jack Rust)		
Swimming Taranaki	13/O Freestyle - Female	**Aquabladz A**
(Lily Hill, Claudia Brock, Shyla Kennard, Talen Hickford)		

Knofflock Trophy	**Overall Club Points**	**Aquabladz**
Petrie Cup	**Winter Champs Overall Points**	**Aquabladz**
Interclub Challenge	**Summer Series Give it a Go**	**Inglewood**

TARANAKI AWARDS

Taranaki Development Swimmer of the Year	**Luke Mottern**
Taranaki Development Coach of the Year	**Fiona Lacey**
Taranaki Age Group Swimmer of the Year	**Max Cave**
Taranaki Age Group Coach of the Year	**Mariano Garcia Nani**
Taranaki Swimmer of the Year	**Max Cave**
Taranaki Coach of the Year	**Mariano Garcia Nani**

TARANAKI CLUB RELAY AWARDS

Spragg Cup (Boys Open)	6 x 100m Freestyle	Aquabladz
	Jack Rust, Nathan Whitehead, Monte Woodward, Nico Jordan, Max Cave, James Wilson.	
Aquabladz Cup (Girls Open)	6 x 100m Freestyle	Aquabladz
	Shyla Kennard, Lily Hill, Claudia Brock, Emma Iceton, Lilah Eager, Talen Hickford.	
Cottam Family Cup (Boys 10 & Under)	4 x 50m Freestyle	Aquabladz
	Sam Rust, Fraser Brown, Mac Hammond, Joel Rust	
Okato Club Cup (Girls 10 & Under)	4 x 50m Freestyle	Aquabladz
	Tiahana Midekin Schroeder, Maddison Lister, Michaela Riley, Sarah Venables	
Scott Family Cup (Boys 11-12 Years)	4 x 50m Freestyle	Aquabladz
	Toby Wales, Reeve Coster, Mason Coster, Joel Becroft	
Hawera Swim Club Cup (Girls 11-12 Years)	4 x 50m Freestyle	Aquabladz
	Olivia Roche, Macey Riddell, Georgia Myers, Gabriella Grendon.	
Owen Family Cup (Boys 13-14 Years)	4 x 50m Freestyle	Aquabladz
	Harrison Soffe, Charlie Cave, Riley Davis, Jackson Rowlands	
Lacey Family Cup (Girls 13-14 Years)	4 x 50m Freestyle	Stratford
	Olive Smith, Marnie Smith, Simone Cameron, Daisy Marshall-Kirkwood.	
Grey Cup (Boys Open)	4 x 50m Freestyle	Aquabladz
	Jack Rust, Nathan Whitehead, James Wilson, Max Cave	
D S Thompson Cup (Girls Open)	4 x 50m Freestyle	Stratford
	Anahera Martin, Meila Gwiazdzinski, Lexi Hancock, Olive Smith.	

Julian Weir Cup (Boys 10 & Under)	4 x 50m Medley	Aquabladz
	Joel Rust, Sam Rust, Fraser Brown, Mac Hammond.	
Highlands Club Cup (Girls 10 & Under)	4 x 50m Medley	Aquabladz
	Sarah Venables, Tiahana Midekin Schroeder, Maddison Lister, Kiara Midekin Schroeder	
Flyers Swim School Cup (Boys 11-12 Years)	4 x 50m Medley	Aquabladz
	Toby Wales, Mason Coster, Reeve Coster, Joel Becroft	
Wood Family Cup (Girls 11-12 Years)	4 x 50m Medley	Aquabladz
	Olivia Roche, Izzy Walsh, Blakey Stewart-McDonald, Hayley Lister.	
Ryan Cooper Cup (Boys 13-14 Years)	4 x 50m Medley	Aquabladz
	Harrison Soffe, Kairangi Trinder, Dylan Venables, Jackson Rowlands.	
Sarah Cooper Cup	4 x 50m Medley	Stratford A
	Alyssa Bretherton, Marnie Smith, Simone Cameron, Olive Smith.	
Doug Gayton Cup (Boys Open)	4 x 50m Medley	Aquabladz
	Max Cave, Monte Woodward, Jack Rust, Nathan Whitehead.	
Lorna Gayton Cup (Girls Open)	4 x 50m Medley	Stratford
	Simone Cameron, Meila Gwiazdzinski, Anahera Martin, Lexi Hancock.	
Durning Trophy (Mixed Open)	8 x 50m Medley	Aquabladz
	Fraser Brown, Kiara Midekin Schroeder, Reeve Coster, Blakey Stewart-McDonald, Harrison Soffe, Kaia Prince, Jack Rust, Shyla Kennard	
George Sibtsen Trophy	**Club Relay Championship**	**Aquabladz**

Taranaki Volunteer of the Year

Kane Bretherton Stratford Flyers

Swimming Taranaki proudly award Kane Bretherton 'Volunteer of the Year' in recognition of his four years of dedicated voluntary service. Kane began as a timekeeper and has become both chief timekeeper and marshal at both local and away events, also supporting the club on trips. He regularly attends Taranaki Championships, contributing to multiple roles. Kane's consistent commitment and reliability have made him an invaluable volunteer and a key part of The Stratford Flyers success.

Ali Hickford Aquabladz

Swimming Taranaki proudly award Ali Hickford 'Volunteer of the Year 2025' in recognition of over 10 years of outstanding voluntary service. As Club President, Ali has been the driving force behind Aquabladz, dedicating countless hours to supporting swimmers, parents, and the wider Taranaki swimming community. She leads with energy and compassion, organising club nights, coordinating operations, and managing logistics at local and national meets. Ali also creates a strong team culture, encourages parent involvement, and is always ready to help wherever needed. A proud Waitara local, she actively supports community swimming initiatives and the Waitara pool. She is a constant presence at Taranaki Championships, volunteering in multiple roles including timekeeping, marshalling, team managing, and enthusiastically supporting all swimmers.

Taranaki Club Coach of the Year

Brooke van Eijk
Okato Swimming Club

Swimming Taranaki is proud to award Brooke van Eijk as 'Taranaki Coach of the Year 2025' in recognition of her six years of outstanding voluntary service as Squad Coach and Learn to Swim Coordinator. Brooke has transformed our Learn to Swim programme, expanded and trained a team of capable young coaches, and created a supportive, innovative, and fun environment for 50–60 children each season. Her personalised coaching approach builds confidence and skill, while her leadership strengthens club resources, events, and community presence. Brooke's passion, expertise, and humility have left a lasting positive impact on our swimmers, coaches, and the wider community.

Taranaki Official of the Year

Fiona Craig
Stratford Flyers

Swimming Taranaki proudly awards Fiona Craig 'Taranaki Official of the Year 2025' in recognition of her dedication and commitment as an official over the past three years. A club member for five years, Fiona began as a timekeeper at club nights and quickly progressed to assisting with event operations. She has gained IOT knowledge and is now training towards JOS, demonstrating her eagerness to upskill and support swimming at higher levels. Fiona regularly officiates at local inter-club meets, regional championships and Taranaki Championships as an IOT, and is always one of the first to volunteer her time to ensure events run smoothly.

Service Awards

Kim Agent
15+ years of service with Stratford Flyers

Swimming Taranaki proudly awards Kim Agent a Service Award in recognition of over 15 years of dedicated voluntary service. Since joining the club around 2010, Kim has supported swimmers and families at all levels, from club nights and local carnivals to national meets such as Division II Championships and NAGS. She has carried out multiple roles including team manager, timekeeper and Chief Timekeeper, and has frequently travelled with the team to provide support. Kim remains an active and invaluable member of The Stratford Flyers, always ready to assist with events and ensure swimmers are well cared for.

Gayton Award

Rowan Williams
Aquabladz

Swimming Taranaki proudly awards Rowan Williams the Gayton Award in recognition of over 15 years of exceptional service to swimming in the region. A highly respected official and long-serving member of the Swimming Taranaki Technical Committee since 2017, Rowan holds national qualifications as an IOT and Starter and is a Regional JOS and Referee. Rowan is highly respected for her fairness, professionalism, and dedication to maintaining high standards at competitions. Rowan is also a mentor and trainer of new officials, sharing her broad knowledge and ensuring events run smoothly. Her leadership, reliability, and passion for the sport continue to make her an invaluable asset to Swimming Taranaki and the wider swimming community.