

## **CENTRAL SWIMMING NEWSLETTER**

## Central Swimming Tri Series Aquaknights Development Tour

The team will be selected straight after the conclusion of the CNI meet.

The selection panel at springs decided on the following:

- 1. Top 48 swimmers, 3 teams of 165
- 2. Age 15/u as at the first day of meet.
- 3. Selections based on the four strokes plus IM, so top fina points in back, breast, fly, sprint free, distance free, IM, plus 2 wild cards to cover.
- 4. Coach selection based on FINA points and numbers on team. Remembering we have 3 coaches already away at Vic age.

This will be a great experience for our younger swimmers to travel, train and compete over 4 four days, with the aim of being a stepping stone to higher honors in the future.

## **CLUB UPDATE INFORMATION**

Aquabladz Taranaki Swimming Club (formerly Bell Block Swimming Club) and New Plymouth Aquatics Swimming Club have amalgamated to become Aguabladz New Plymouth. Coaching this new Taranaki 'mega-club' is head coach Sue Southgate, joined by Stan Tekotai-White, (ex head coach of Hillcrest Swimming Club in Hamilton). In an interview with the local press, Sue says that "The merger of the two clubs means that both teams now have a stronger foundation. Our swimmers will benefit from training and competing together both locally and at away meets. The new club had very successful results at the Bay of Plenty Championships recently. The team of 52 swimmers travelled to Baywave at Mt Maunganui and claimed 11 new Taranaki records, as well as multiple medals across all age groups. Six squad members were also selected to be part of the new 1-day Zonal competition held after the NZ Short Course Champs. The recent merger has also meant that the squads now have the use of three pools. With 180 swimmers across all levels, new programmes and squad structures have been developed. There has been strong support for the merger. "It's really exciting. It's another new page and a new chapter in our history." says Sue Southgate

Ryan Cooper (Stratford) has been accepted into the Wellington Regional High Performance Centre and will be coached by Gary Hurring. Well done Ryan this is a great achievement. ©

Zonal Competition was hosted by Swimming New Zealand the day after their Short Course Champs. Proud to say that our Junior Aquaknights Teams came second and the Senior Aquaknights Team came third. Mako's from Southland came first for both teams. Please see our "Central Swimming" facebook page for photos and further results and information and our full named team.

## Congratulations to the following swimmers who have secured their spot to attend the Victoria State Champs in Melbourne as an Aquaknight.



Paige Flynn
Ellie Britton
Ruby Adsett
Bertie Bassett-Foss
Blake Horne
Chelsea Ouwehand
Matthew Scott
Jack Weston

Benjiman Rowe

Daniel Caldwell Maddie Mason Jasper Murphy Bruin Maunder Christopher Johnson Vanessa Ouwehand Joshua Taylor Martin Georgia Harris Matthew Hyde Max Stubbs
Calum Gilmour
Claudia Capp
Hone-Paora Scott
Michael Woods
Joshua Pickett
Joshua McCormack
Ruby Matthews
Annika Brennan

Congratulations to the Management for this team.



Carl Gordon *(Left)* from St Peters who is the Head Coach, Stefan Swanepoel Assistant Coach, Gary Martin *(Right)* Team Manager and Claire Bayliss *(Far Right)* Assistant Team Manager.





Please let us know about what is going on in your regions - we'd love to share success stories etc with the wider Central Swimming community. Please contact Lynelle Flynn (Administrator)

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