

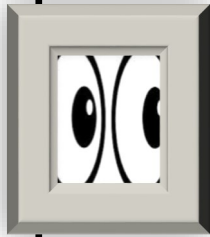
15 January 2017

Happy New Year to you all, we hope that 2017 brings you all many happy moments and that you all managed to get some relaxing time in with your family and friends as we head into a busy swimming programme.

Best of luck to the swimmers attending the NZ Open Water Champs in Taupo 14-15 January - Charlotte Webby, Jordan Gadsby, Troy Balvert, Sophia Taylor and coach, Sue Southgate. Don't forget to get your entries in for the Flannagan Cup Open Water Swim on the 6th of February, be a part of this iconic Taranaki event!

There is always a lot happening in the world of swimming so make sure you all keep me posted with things that are happening within your club, the Board and I like to know what is happening and look forward to reading you Club Reports at our Board meetings.

Lisa Cooper



Everyone please keep your eyes peeled and have a look at all of your trophies, we are missing one. It is the Aquabladz Taranaki Cup for Female 12 years points.



### Recorders Report

We had a talented group of swimmers competing at various events in December. Below are the athletes involved and any top ten results that were achieved;

#### Queensland Age Group Champs, Brisbane, 10-16 December 2016

Troy Balvert, Zarhn Collins, Joshua Gilbert, Chris Johnson

Josh Gilbert - 1st 15years 100 & 200 Breast and 200IM

Zarhn Collins - 8th 16years 100 Breast

#### Victorian Age Group Champs, Melbourne, 10-15 December

Eleanor Gilbert, Lucy North

Lucy North - 3rd 14years 400 IM and 6th 14years 400 Free

Eleanor Gilbert - 6th 13yrs 200 Breast

#### NSW Open Water Champs, December 2016

Charlotte Webby - 10km Open, 1st

Jordan Gadsby - 10km Open 7th

#### Central Swimming Tri-Series

Steven Wereta, Matthew Meuli, Tori Cox, Lauree Collins, Erin Metcalfe and Sophia Taylor.

More information and photos can be found on Central Swimming's Facebook page.

### Upcoming Events

#### **28 January**

Hawera LC Club Meet

#### **6 February**

Flannagan Cup OW Swim,  
Ngamotu Beach

#### **12 February**

Aquabladz Club Meet

#### **17 - 19 February**

Junior Festival, Rotorua

#### **24 - 26 February**

Central Swimming LC,  
Hamilton

#### **4 March**

Stratford Club Meet

#### **5 - 8 March**

DIV II Competition,  
Rotorua

#### **11 March**

Taranaki Club Relays,  
Hawera

#### **12 March**

Highlands Club Meet

#### **21 - 25 March**

NAG's, Wellington

#### **3 - 7 April**

NZ Open Champs, Auckland

#### **10 - 17 April**

Australian Age Group  
Champs, Brisbane

#### **14 May**

Swimming Taranaki Awards  
Presentation

#### **19 - 21 May**

NZSCAT Coaches  
Conference, Rotorua

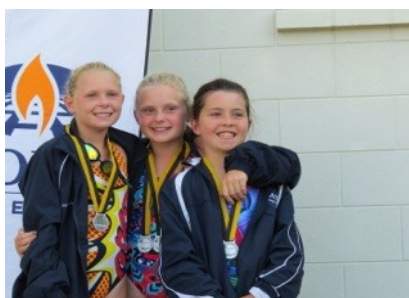
# **TARANAKI LC CLUB RELAYS**

**Saturday 11th March 2017**

**Powerco Aquatic Centre, Hawera**

**Warm up 3.00pm, races start 3.30pm**

**Get your teams organised for a fun afternoon representing your club. Trophies and ribbons up for grabs. Always an enjoyable afternoon for family, friends and swimmers.**



## **Flannagan Cup**

*Open Water Swim  
2017*

**Ngamotu Beach**

**[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#) OR VISIT  
[www.swimming.taranaki.org.nz](http://www.swimming.taranaki.org.nz) and click on  
the Flannagan Cup Page.**

### **NZ Junior Festival**

**We have over 50 swimmers competing at the Junior Festival, Aquaknights Zone, 17-19 February 2017. Best of luck to you all, have a great time, swim hard and make yourselves & families proud.**

**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR ENTRIES IN BY WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY.**

## **BEHIND THE SCENES...**

The Board has enjoyed a short break from swimming over the holiday period but it is now time to re-gather and put our heads together to make sure that swimming in Taranaki continues to thrive. We have a very dedicated and driven Board which oversees the running of Swimming Taranaki. Our Agenda for the month ahead includes ratifying the monthly financial reports, a review of the 12 & Under Champs, planning of the Club Relays and ST Awards presentations, continued planning and funding for DIV II, NZ Opens and NAG's, policy and strategic planning along with the various General Business issues to consider.

As a Board we meet once a month, our AGM is in July where we can have new members elected. We are always interested to hear from people that are keen to become Board members, join our Technical Committee or assist in any other way. Please contact Lisa at [taranakisswimming@gmail.com](mailto:taranakisswimming@gmail.com) or approach any of our existing Board members if you are interested. We always need more volunteers to help, if swimming is important for you or your family and friends then join us in making sure that swimming in Taranaki it is as good as it can be.

# TECHNICAL TALK

There are concerns about the succession planning of our regions technical officials. A lot of our key officials (IOT and above) have older swimmers and may be moving on from swimming in the next few years. Clubs must take steps now to ensure that we are training other parents to take over from those that leave the sport.

It is not only these key officials that are essential to the future of swimming but also many other positions such as Time Keepers, Recorders, marshals, announcers and more. Without people to do these things there is no possibility that we will have the meet approved and therefore it is really just a swim for fun and not an opportunity for our swimmers to gain qualifying times for other events.

Some families have both parents officiating/volunteering at meets so it is very frustrating when we hear “but we already have someone helping so I’m just going to watch”, or “well I see that my club is already helping out enough so why don’t the other clubs do more”. Yes some days one club will do more than another, or one family will pull it’s weight more but other days it will be the reverse and besides that’s not the point - if everyone just did what they could to help this newsletter would only be three pages long and we wouldn’t have to keep harping on!

We are still looking for more people interested in stepping on to the Technical Committee, if you are wanting to ensure the future of swimming in Taranaki this would be a great place for you.

## RECORDER WORKSHOP

We will be holding a workshop to introduce and upskill people on the position of Recorder to record at meets and to assist clubs with their database and membership.

We will require the clubs current Recorder to attend along with two others that can assist or be able to take over when needed.

Further information will be sent out when I have it available, but please discuss possible people to attend.

### *“Why be a volunteer?”*

*It’s not for money, it’s not for fame, and it’s not for any personal gain.*

*It’s just for love of fellow man.*

*It’s just to lend a helping hand.*

*It’s just to give a little of self.*

*That’s something you can’t buy with wealth.*

*It’s not the medals worn with pride.*

*It’s just for that feeling deep inside.*

*It’s that reward down in your heart.*

*It’s feeling that you’ve been a part of helping others far and near.*

*That’s what makes you a VOLUNTEER.*

## UPCOMING LOCAL CLUB MEETS

**Hawera LC Meet, Saturday 28th January.**

Entries close Friday 20th January.

**Aquabladz NP Meet, Sunday 12th February.**



Lucy North & Eleanor Gilbert in the Aquaknights Team at the Victorian Age Group Championships



**SUPER EFFORT!**

Zac Reid named Taranaki's Young Sportsman of the Year 2016



Tri-Series , Green Team



Tri-Series, Red Team



Troy Balvert, Zarhn Collins, Josh Gilbert & Chris Johnson in the Aquaknights Team at the



Tri-Series, Blue Team

## **SWIMMING TARANAKI OFFICE CLOSED**

### **14th - 18th January & 2nd - 7th February**

I will occasionally check my e-mails during this time, except between 16-18 January where I will be away from all internet/phones. If you require urgent attention that can not wait until my return from leave, you may e-mail Maree Collins at [mareecollins1@gmail.com](mailto:mareecollins1@gmail.com) or phone 027-6645140

Please keep in mind that Maree works full-time, she will reply as soon as she is able. If it is a technical query your Club Recorder or Kent Stead from SNZ may be able to assist.