

**Objective: To acknowledge the successes and achievements of our volunteers, officials, coaches and swimmers by holding an annual Awards event after the last national meet of the season.**

## Policy:

1. The nomination period for the awards will generally run from 1 May until 30 April the following year.
2. Nominations are required to be completed on ST nomination forms and returned by the cutoff date detailed on the relevant nomination forms
3. Nominations will be reviewed and awarded by the Blazer committee where applicable.
4. Swimming Taranaki has the right to nominate additional candidates who they believe have the potential to be the recipient of these awards but who have not been nominated by their respective club.
5. All trophies remain the property of Swimming Taranaki and are to be returned upon request each year.

## Swimmer Awards

- **Taranaki Swimmer of the Year** Awarded to the highest international achievement of a swimmer eg: Olympics, World Champs, Commonwealth Games, Pan Pacific's, World University Games, World Cup Champs, and Oceania Champs. (in this order) *If there is more than one swimmer at the same level then the highest FINA points would be awarded. If there are no swimmers at any of these meets then the highest ranked swimmer at National Open champs or a swimmer gaining a National Open Record.*
- **Taranaki Age Group Swimmer of the Year** This would cover all age groups from 18 & Under at date of event. Awarded to the swimmer with the highest international result. Eg: Youth Olympics, Junior Pan Pacs (JPP), Australian Age Group Champs, Australian State Champs, Australian State Teams Meet (in this order). *If there are no swimmers at any of the international meets then the trophy will be awarded to the swimmer who is the highest ranked FINA points medalist.*
- **Taranaki Development Swimmer of the Year** - Awarded to the 12 and under swimmer with the highest placings at the Aquaknights Junior Festival. Points will be allocated as per Swimming Taranaki standard points table.

## Coaching Awards

- **Taranaki Coach of the Year** Coach of the Taranaki Swimmer of the Year would be awarded this. The swimmers coach must reside and coach in Taranaki. If this is not the case then the coach of the next highest swimmer of the year would be awarded.
- **Taranaki Age Group Coach of the Year** Coach would be the Taranaki Age Group swimmer of the year coach. The swimmers coach must reside and coach in Taranaki. If this is not the case then the coach of the next highest swimmer of the year would be awarded.

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- **Taranaki Development Coach of the Year** Coach would be the Taranaki Development Swimmer of the year coach. The swimmers coach must reside and coach in Taranaki. If this is not the case then the coach of the next highest swimmer of the year would be awarded.
- **Club Coach of the Year** To coaches who deserve recognition for their involvement in the region. Coaches who are not coaching national championship swimmers at any level. A coach who is working within a club structure and is developing in their own level of instruction. Recognise Involvement in attending the Taranaki camps. (*clubs to put nominations forward*)

## Other Awards

- **Official of the Year** Awarded to an official who works at several meets both within the region and outside our region. Also who helps improving and promoting officials in Taranaki.
- **Volunteer of the Year** Awarded to the person who works within their club for the improvement of membership, officials, and the sport.
- **Taranaki Service Award** Awarded to a person with outstanding service to club(s) and/or Centre for a minimum period of ten years continuous service or twelve years collective service during which time the nominee must have been an affiliated member of Swimming Taranaki.
- **Life Membership** Awarded to a person with extended outstanding and exceptional service to Swimming Taranaki for a minimum period of twenty years continuous service, during which time the nominee must have been an affiliated member of Swimming Taranaki. Life membership nominations would include: length of service, consistency of initiative beyond the ordinary and normal quality of service over and above routine service to club, Swimming Taranaki or SNZ, the conferring of benefits on the sport beyond those accrued by normal performance.

**Privileges:** Recipients of the following awards shall be entitled to:

### Life Member:

- Attend general meetings with the right to speak but not to vote.
- Attend free of charge any competition run by Swimming Taranaki.
- Receive a Swimming Taranaki badge to wear with a 'Life Member' title strip.

### Service Award:

- Receive a Swimming Taranaki badge to wear with a 'Service Award' title strip.

- **Gayton Trophy/Person of the Year** Awarded to a member who has excelled to the best of their ability in their particular field of swimming, has conducted themselves in the best interest of sportsmanship, has shown initiative and willingness to assist in other aspects of the sport, shows the potential to render further services to the sport.

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# Annual Awards Policy

The Gayton Trophy was presented by Mrs Lorna Gayton on behalf of the Gayton Family in January 2007. The person of the year will be chosen from nominations and/or board nominations by Swimming Taranaki Board and shall be awarded to the member who, in their opinion;

- a) Has excelled to the best of his/her ability in their particular field of this sport;
- b) Has conducted himself/herself in the best interest of sportsmanship;
- c) Has shown initiative and willingness to assist in other aspects of this sport;
- d) Shows the potential to render further service to the sport of swimming.
- e) Has been involved in the sport of swimming for at least five years and is a financial member of Swimming Taranaki.
- f) In the event of no person achieving the criteria, then the trophy shall not be awarded for that year.

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## Club Coach of The Year

Name of Nominee: .....

Club Affiliated to: .....

How many years involvement as a club coach: .....

Club Nominating: .....

Years involved with nominating club: .....

Coaching history: .....

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Coach Development: .....

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Does the coach attend Taranaki Championships and in what capacity?

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Nominated at club meeting held on: .....

Proposed by: ..... Seconded By: .....

Signed: ..... Club President Date: .....

Signed: ..... Club Secretary Date: .....

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## Official of The Year

Name of Nominee: .....

Club Affiliated to: .....

How many years involvement as an official: .....

Club Nominating: .....

Years involved with nominating club: .....

Officiating history: .....

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Officials Development: .....

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Does the coach attend Taranaki Championships and in what capacity?

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Nominated at club meeting held on: .....

Proposed by: ..... Seconded By: .....

Signed: ..... Club President Date: .....

Signed: ..... Club Secretary Date: .....

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# Volunteer of The Year

Name of Nominee: .....

Club Affiliated to: .....

How many years involvement as a volunteer: .....

Club Nominating: .....

Years involved with nominating club: .....

Volunteer history: .....

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Does the volunteer attend Taranaki Championships and in what capacity?

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Nominated at club meeting held on: .....

Proposed by: ..... Seconded By: .....

Signed: ..... Club President Date: .....

Signed: ..... Club Secretary Date: .....

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## Service Award / Life Membership

Name of Nominee:.....

Club Affiliated to: .....

Nomination for Service Award or Life Membership: .....

How many years involvement with nominating club: .....

Previous Clubs and Dates of Membership: .....

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Position(s) held in nominating clubs (including dates): .....

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Position(s) held in previous clubs (including dates): .....

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Position(s) held with Swimming Taranaki Inc: .....

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Nominee's involvement at Inter Club Meets & Regional Meets: .....

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Does the nominee hold any club award, if so please provide details: .....

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Nominated at club meeting held on: .....

Proposed by: ..... Seconded By: .....

Signed: ..... Club President Date: .....

Signed: ..... Club Secretary Date: .....

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# Gayton Trophy/Person of the Year

Name of Nominee: .....

Club Affiliated to: .....

Has nominee been involved with swimming for at least five years? .....

Is the nominee a financial member of Swimming Taranaki? .....

How has the nominee excelled to the best of their ability in their particular field of this sport?

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How has the nominee conducted themselves in the best interest of sportsmanship?

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How has the nominee shown initiative and willingness to assist in other aspects of this sport?

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Does the nominee show potential to render further service to the sport and how:

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Nominated at club meeting held on: .....

Proposed by: ..... Seconded By: .....

Signed: ..... Club President      Date: .....

Signed: ..... Club Secretary      Date: .....

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