



Karori Pirates

Swimming Club

Annual Report

Annual General Meeting

12 November 2012

This report covers the period 2 December 2012 until 12 November 2012.

Club Committee, Officials and Volunteers

A number of officers and Club volunteers have stepped down through the year or are changing at this AGM

- Lynda Kamstra stepped down from the committee early in the year but has continued to provide web site advice and to run Meet Manager at our own meets.
- Janine Neal stepped down from our membership secretary's role.
- Jacqui Forsythe stepped down from the Race Secretary's role.
- Sue Smart stepped down from managing the non-competitive Tuesday night programme, will be ceasing her Officials Coordination role and is resigning from the committee
- Kareen Stewart will assist in the handover of uniform ordering and sales and step into a Stingray liaison role
- Jo Stevens is moving from Treasurer to bookkeeper
- Jono Griffiths is stepping down from the committee as Club Captain
- I am handing over the Presidents role

I would like to thank all of those people for their service to Karori Pirates. But I would like to reassure the membership that where we could we have arranged overlap and handover for the proper running of the club affairs.

Volunteer/Parent Support

Swimming requires a great deal of parent involvement and I would like to thank the many volunteers through the year who have stepped up to support our club and our swimmers.

Race Secretary and Membership Coordinator Roles

As advised earlier in the year we now have a paid Race Secretary and Membership Coordinator as the role grew too large for a volunteer to take on. We conducted an open tender process, received two offers and accepted the lower of these and appointed Tony Dawbin into this role from 1 August. This will be funded in part by a levy of \$40 per competitive swimmer paid with your membership fee and part by use of Club funds. We wish to thank the membership for

your support with this initiative at a time when many other living costs are also rising. We need to vote on the continuation of this paid role later in tonight's business.

Non-Competitive Programme (Tuesday Night)

The Tuesday night non-competitive group numbers about 100 swimmers. Annie Hindle and Jenny Reid coordinate arrangements, Steve Francis is providing coaching assistance this term and Andrea Rogers organises the end of term fun nights. There is also a large team of volunteer parents and swimmers who coach and support the swimmers in the pool.

Sue Smart deserves special mention as she has stepped down from coordinating the Tuesday night swimming which she has done for many years. A big thank you to Sue and Rachel for your coaching assistance on Tuesday nights.

Competitive Club Statistics + Achievements

Competitive Squad

120 at start of August 2012.

A quick run through the past Year's programme:

Wellington Long Course Champs (January 2012)

The January 2012 Wellington Long Course Champs were a big success for the club. Karori Pirates finished 3rd out of 41 clubs. There were approximately 305 events swum which resulted in 145 top ten placings, 17 gold, 24 silver and 15 bronze medals.

NZ Junior Nationals Long Course (February 2012)

Great swimming by our team of 7 swimmers at the NZ Juniors at WRAC in February 2012. The team swam 26 p.b.'s and there were many other outstanding swims. Highlights included: Theo Holst - national bronze medal (50 back) and George Dorrington – 3 national 4th placings (100 back, 400 IM, 200 fly) and 1 national 5th placing (100 fly). Aleisha Mitchell, Andrew Loveard, Thomas Watkins & Laura Stewart all achieved regional top 10 places, and Sean Register, swimming as a 9 year old in the 10 & under age group, swam fantastically and gets the opportunity to swim again in the same age group next year. Well done!

National Age Group Long Course (March 2012)

Seven swimmers attended this meet, Abigail Dorrington, Ben Tainui, Brigette Stewart, Devlin Forsythe, Jacob Farr, Rachel Smart and Ted Taylor. The team collected 3 gold, 1 silver and 6 bronze medals. Jacob Farr did extremely well taking 2 golds, a silver and two bronzes. All of these swimmers have great careers ahead of them. The club was placed 17 in New Zealand and was the 2nd ranked club in Wellington for this meet – a fantastic result from 7 swimmers!

Opens Long Course – Olympic Trials (Auckland March 2012)

Three swimmers contested this meet, Rachel Smart, Ted Taylor and Jeff Aukuso. Ted qualified for two B finals. This was a great experience for these younger swimmers.

To swim successfully at this level they learned that everything has to be right, from good preparation through to small details in the final swim. And to swim fast in the morning and faster at night in the finals.

6 Centre Meet

Ted Taylor and Jacob Farr were selected to swim in the Wellington team at the annual 6 Centre meet held in Palmerston North. Wellington region scooped the trophies again.

Fairbrother Cup

Marcella Klap, Tess Hindle-Daniels, Alisha Mitchell, Andrew Loveard, George Dorrington, Isabella Paotonu were all members of the Wellington Team to the Fairbrother Cup.

Wellington Short Course Champs (September 2012)

54 swimmers entered.

Achieved 18 gold medals, 26 silver medals, 22 bronze medals and 132 other top ten placings. 3rd ranked club overall.

NZ Short Course Champs (October 2012)

10 swimmers swam for the Pirates at the SNZ Short Course meet in Wellington during the first week of the school holidays. They were Jeff, Bridget, Rachel, Daniel, Ted, Abigail, Ben, Liam, Devlin and Jacob.

Collectively they swam 105 races (heats and finals), resulting in an astounding 48 Top-Ten placings, of which 8 were bronze, 3 were silver and 3 gold. Congratulations! On points, Pirates finished as 2nd Wellington Club and 16th overall out of 32 Clubs attending – 2 placings higher than last year!

Wellington Records since December 2011 to 4 October 2012

Devlin Forsythe	Male 13 yrs 1500m Freestyle	LC 17.24.57
Jacob Farr	Male 13yrs 1500m Freestyle	SC 16.59.33
Jacob Farr	Male 13yrs 100m Butterfly	SC 1.03.34
Ted Taylor	Male 16 years 200 Freestyle	SC 1.51.54
Ted Taylor	Male 16 years 400 Freestyle	SC 3.55.73
Ted Taylor	Male 16 years 200 Butterfly	SC 2.05.03

2012 Oceania Swimming Championships

The Club wishes to congratulate two of our swimming parents for appointments as officials to this important meet.

Greg Forsythe Swimming New Zealand, was appointed recipient of the Prime Minister's Scholarship and officiated at the Oceania Championships.

Jacqui Forsythe Swimming New Zealand was appointed an official to this meet also. Both travelled to Noumea.

Club Champs

Our Club Champs were well attended and there was a great atmosphere of fun and competition. The Club polished up the historic trophies (including quite a number that turned up at Karori West School destined for their school fair – thanks to Paul and Margaret Wallis for spotting these and alerting us), so these additional trophies plus medals for best swims on the night meant there were lots of awards made. It is definitely worth the effort having trophies and prizes when you see the delight this gives to the younger swimmers particularly.

Summer Camps

The 2013 summer camp organisation is in full swing with many swimmers signed up. We look forward to hard work by the swimmers which will pay dividends in the Wellington swimming champs scheduled for January 2013.

I would like to thank next year's camp organisers Shayne and Brigitte Plunkett and Fleur Nicholas with her many parent helpers for taking this on again.

Pool Closure

For the 6 week period starting in the July school holidays we reconvened at Thorndon Pool for our 5 yearly pool maintenance shutdown. The response was very positive from the swimmers, enjoying the novelty of swimming through steam on very cold mornings, breathing fresh cool air and old fashioned lengths of 33.3yards. Steve looked a different man in puffer jacket and long trousers with his tattoos covered up.

Grants and Sponsorship

Late last year we received for the summer camps grants from the New Zealand Community Trust of \$3,000 and another \$5000 from the Winton and Margaret Bear Charitable Trust. We are very grateful to these two organizations for their support of our swimmers. This money meant we were able to offer a significant subsidy/refund to the swimmers attending camps.

Paul Wallis has kindly assisted again this year in applying to these two trusts for financial assistance for the 2013 camps.



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We are also grateful to Hell Pizza who provided a small pizza voucher to the coach's swimmer of the week.

Coaches

I would like to acknowledge our head coach Steve Francis, and his assistant coaches Mark Heath, Olivia Melbourne. They are reliable and committed. Earlier in the year we all saw Steve hobbling onto the pool deck nursing a very painful back, leg and foot. Coaches suffer injuries and ailments like the rest of us but continue to be poolside. It's that level of commitment that allows our swimmers to excel. A big thanks to the whole coaching team.

Steve reported at the recent squad meetings that from his perspective the club is in great shape, the squads are working very well together, and are definitely moving forward. There are a lot of youngsters coming through as well.

Swimmer Conduct

Again this year I have only seen and heard about the good behavior by our swimmers at the pool. Apart from one reminder from the pool staff about not dominating the spa and disturbing those who pay to use it, we seem to have maintained a great relationship with the staff and management at Karori Pool. Swimmers please keep that up.

Looking Ahead

I am stepping down as president at this AGM to put a bit more effort into my business where there is a change of Directorship occurring. With the election of the nominees for the committee later in the night I know that the club will be in very good hands.

The committee will be smaller at just 4 people but with a larger group of officers and other assistants. We are aiming to get more parents involved, particularly from the middle and junior parts of the club.

The committee will be looking to streamline a number of roles and simplify things. Some examples:

1. A tightening on the timing of payment of meet entry fees – to be paid prior to Karori submitting our swimmer entries to the host clubs. This is nothing new, its just that we have let things slide a bit in the past and the result has been a mountain of extra work for the treasurer – and that needs to be reduced.
2. Greater use of squad liaison roles to pull parents into helping with specific and short term tasks – nothing onerous. We wish to broaden parent involvement and build a much stronger club.
3. Hiring our existing Treasurer Jo Stevens as our bookkeeper on an honorarium basis to deal with the day to day invoicing and provide some training and continuity for our new Treasurer – meaning the new Treasurer's role can be more strategic and simpler than in the past.

Your new President will communicate these and other initiatives to you in time.

The club is in very good shape, so please offer your continued support to keep it that way.

Don Taylor
President

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