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Spirit of Southland Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/08

The Spirit of Southland Club is now into its 8th year and continuing to enjoy many successes from its members.

Highlights were:

September 2007 –

Spirit of Southland represented by a team of 19 at NZ Spring Competition in Wellington.

Natalie Wiegersma

NZ Spring Short Course Championships – Wellington

16 yrs & over Female

1st 200 Butterfly, 2nd 200 Breaststroke, 1st 400IM, 2nd 200 Backstroke, 1st 200IM

NZ Short Course Age Group (17yrs) records – 200 Butterfly, 200 Breaststroke, 200IM

Southland Short Course Records – 50 Backstroke, 200 Butterfly (twice), 200 Breaststroke, 400IM (twice), 200IM (twice)

Adam McDonald

NZ Spring Short Course Championships – Wellington

15 yrs & under Male

1st 50 Fly, 2nd 100 Free, 2nd 50 Free, 3rd 100 Fly

Southland Short Course Records (U16) – 50 Free (twice), 100 Fly (twice), 50 Fly (twice), 100 Free (twice held since 1985 by Andrew Hamilton)

Southland Short Course Records (Open) – 50 Fly

Jared Sandri

Southland Short Course Records – 100IM, 200 Free, 100 Free (twice), 50 Back (twice), 50 Free

Joyce Wiegersma

NZ Spring Short Course Championships – Wellington

16 yrs & over Female

3rd 800 Freestyle

December 2007 –

Spirit of Southland represented by a team of 7 at the NZ Summer Championships in Auckland

Joyce Wiegersma

2nd 800 Freestyle, 3rd 400 Freestyle

February 2008 –

Spirit of Southland represented by Joyce Wiegersma at the NZ Open Water Swimming Champs

1st 5km Event

Spirit of Southland represented by a team of 12 at the NZ Junior Swimming Champs

Molly Tomlins (12) 1st 200 Backstroke, 3rd 50 Backstroke

March 2008 –

Spirit of Southland represented by a team of 15 at the NZ Age Group Champs

Penny Hayes (16)

3rd 400IM, 3rd 100 Free, 2nd 200 Br, 1st 200IM

Adam McDonald (15)

1st 50 Fly, 2nd 100 Free, 3rd 50 Free, 1st 100 Fly

NZ Age Group Record – 50 Fly

Southland Long Course Records (U16) – 50 Fly (twice), 100 Free (twice held by Richard Tapper since 1984), 50 Free, 100 Fly

Southland Long Course Records (Open) – 50 Fly (twice), 100 Fly

Rebecca Smith (15)

3rd 200 Breaststroke

Southland Long Course Records (U16) – 800 Free

Spirit of Southland represented by a team of 2 at the NZ Open Champs and Olympic Trials

Natalie Wiegersma

NZ Open Championships and Olympic Trials

3rd 100 Butterfly

Southland Long Course Record – 100 Br

Spirit of Southland represented by a team of 14 at the NZ Age Group Champs Div 2

Lochie Morrison (14)

1st 100BR, 2nd 50 Br, 2nd 200 Br

Andrew Bester (13)

3rd 100 Back,

Robert Huisman (16)

2nd 400 Free, 2nd 1500 Free

Molly Tomlins (12)

Southland Short Course Record (U14) – 50 Back

April 2008 –

Spirit of Southland represented by a team of 6 at Australian Age Group Champs

Adam McDonald (16)

4th 100 Butterfly

Southland Record (Open) 100 Butterfly (twice)

I would like to thank

- ∞ all the swimmers who swim under the club banner (total 42 for 2007/08)
- ∞ Team Managers who provide support for our teams.
- ∞ Parents, coaches, clubs and management for the smooth running of the club.
- ∞ David Prattley, regional recorder for transferring swimmers in and out as required.

The Spirit of Southland Club has had some outstanding successes that have enhanced the clubs reputation and are reflective of the hard work put in by our swimmers, coaches, parents and club supporters.

Esther Price
President

Orca Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/08

During the past season Orca Swimming Club has enjoyed busy club nights, positive committee initiatives, competitive swimming successes and a very successful Labour Weekend meet.

Club Nights

Club member numbers are high and keep growing with the club maintaining a waiting list for "new learn to swimmers ". Orca is now one of the biggest clubs in Southland and it is the aim of the club to become the strongest! As those at learn to swim level progress I want to encourage them to have a go in competitive events such as the Ribbon Day Carnival. It would be great to take the Club Points Trophy at Southland Champs and to do that we need to get as many of our swimmers into the champs as we can. Our Carnival Secretary Vicki Finlay informs me that our competitive swimmer numbers this year are as high as they have ever been which is great – lets keep it going

I also want to encourage all of those swimmers who come along to club each week but do not want to swim competitively. Please keep coming, swimming is great for fitness and an excellent skill to have. I hope that you have some fun and meet some new friends along the way, which is what club night is all about.

Aidan Withington continues to be our "coach manager" organising coaches each week and overseeing the coaching programme. I thank him and all of the coaches for their time and commitment. I particularly thank Tim Ward who tirelessly looks after the large deep end group each week not to mention all of the other contributions he makes to the running of the club and the Swim Southland events that the club is involved in.

We have continued to have distance nights and introduced fun club nights this year. The plan is to extend our programme in the future to include other "aqua activities" and to make some further positive changes to the club night format .

Thanks to Philippa Marshall, Jane Bester, Vicki Finlay and Jodi McLeay for their continuous attendance on and management of club night.

Committee

David Taylor (sec) Amanda Niven (Tres) Diane Withington , Jill Flatley , Judi Devine , Vicki Finlay (entries) Philippa Marshall , Sarah Richardson , Jodi McLeay and Jane Bester

I have enjoyed working with our great committee this year. The club is lucky to have a bunch of energetic, enthusiastic parents who meet regularly to deal with the business of running a swimming club.

Sadly a number of committee members are retiring this year. I wish to thank David, Amanda, Diane, and Jill for their hard work and support of the club. The good news is there are a number of parents of younger members of the club who are willing to step up and join the committee. In fact we have more willing parents now than has been the case for some time, another sign that the club is in good health and that we can take it to the next level in the competitive arena.

As a committee, as well as having to deal with some of the more difficult issues, we have a lot of fun. Next season I hope to organize the odd social function for committee members and parent helpers so that soon I can imagine there will be a waiting list for those wanting to be involved. Seriously, it is a great way to meet people and support your swimmers as well as swimming Southland.

Thanks to the great committee of 2007/8. I particularly thank Vicki for the hard work she puts in getting those entries in on time (not to mention the control room at meets) and Judi for her knowledge and direction . Thanks also to Jodi for fantastic work with trophies, medals and ribbons. I know it is greatly appreciated by the swimmers.

Competitive Swimming

I have seen some fantastic swims this year from our swimmers of all ages. Congratulations to all those who have achieved their goals whether that be besting qualifying standards to complete nationally, making the Southland Team, winning titles at all levels or making PB's. I particularly want to note the following.

South Island Town and Country Meet

13 Orca swimmers represented Southland at this meet in Oamaru. Kevin Cha, Gabbi McLeay, Lydia Ward, Tina Wright and Tom Wylie all had a top three placing with Tom taking huge amounts of time of his PB to take the 10 year old boys title in the 50 Fly. It is great to see our younger swimmers coming through the ranks in this way. Ben McLeod, Brydon Harrington, Monique Kerr and Toby Flatley also swam well achieving PB's

A special thanks to Tim Ward for being a great Team Manager and also to the Orca parents who helped make this meet a fantastic time for all swimmers involved. I look forward to bigger numbers attending this meet in Nelson next season.

NZ Juniors

Clementine Flatley was our only representative in 2008 swimming in the 12 year old girls age group. She had an admirable performances in the 50

Breast (South Island 4th) and 100 Breast (South Island 5th) and climbing the national rankings to sneak into the top 20 in both these events.

NZ Div II Competition

Clementine, Andrew Bester and Alice Richardson qualified for DivII's this year held in Wellington. I was lucky enough to attend as assistant manager and see some excellent swims from our Orca swimmers as well as the other Southland qualifiers. All three swam very well achieving some fantastic PB's but the outstanding swimmer of the meet was undoubtedly Andrew who blitzed old times, some by up to 18 secs, to reach several finals and get a third placing . A bit more work on those turns and Andrew will spend much more time on the dais I have no doubt. It was great to see Andrew perform so well and be one of the lead swimmers inspiring his team mates to achieve their best results. It just shows what happens with perseverance and patience.

NZ Age Groups

Gemma Withington, Michael Finlay, Ben Richardson, Anthony Rose travelled to ChCh for this week long meet. All four swimmers swam very well setting PB's and gaining valuable experience.

NZ Springs/Summers

Again Gemma, Michael and Anthony qualified and swam well.

Orca Labour Weekend Meet

Yet again this was a fantastic meet. It can (and will) only get better. This year it is likely to include a session on the Monday morning as entries swell. We now see swimmers from all over the South Island and a small number from the North. It is considered to be one of the best events in the South Island swimming calendar and a great opportunity for swimmers to achieve qualifying times as well as providing good competition and an incentive to improve.

A lot of hard work goes into running this meet and I wish to acknowledge all those who worked so hard before and during the meet. Of course there were the ever hard working committee members who took on many roles but I wish to also thank Jenny and Norman Elder , Nadia Rose , Helen Wylie , Tim Ward , Brian Richardson , Barbara Grant , Rod McLeod and all those parents who helped out.

This year the committee plans to form a sub committee to include parents not on the committee to work on the meet. If you can help please let a committee member know.

Uniforms

As part of the initiative to strengthen the club (and achieve dominance) it is intended that Orca team uniforms will be available for the next season. The committee hopes that all swimmers will wear these at each club meet. It is also hoped the Orca team members will sit together and loudly support each other. There has been a tendency for swimmers to wear Southland gear so that the spirit of interclub competition has been lost. We aim to restore this and firmly establish the "Orca presence". Parents please support this.

Thanks

Finally I would like to acknowledge all those supporters of Orca particularly our life members, without them our club would not exist.

Thanks too to the older swimmers who willingly lend a hand and look out for the younger members of the club on club night and at carnivals. I know this means a lot to the younger ones and it encourages them to stay in the

sport. Special thanks to Ben Richardson who always supports and encourages to our junior members. Sadly our most senior and successful club member, Jared Sandri has left Invercargill to study at university in Dunedin. Jared made a large contribution to the club particular as a role model for our younger swimmers and will be missed. I wish him every success.

Well done to all swimmers who have swum in competitions this season. You fly the Orca flag each time you swim and contribute to the success of the club. The future for Orca looks bright. We have some great swimmers at all levels and some equally great parents willing to help and run a successful club. I look forward to a successful 08/09 season.

Dominic Flatley
President

Murihiku Swimming Club

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007/2008

It has been a pleasure to be President of Murihiku Swimming Club, a club rich in history and with a great future. It has been a pleasing season both in the water and out of the water.

I am grateful to have Mrs Ethel Naylor as our new Club Patron, it is wonderful to have people like Mrs Naylor and Mr Mulligan still involved and interested in Murihiku and the swimming community.

Club membership this year was a total of 321, up from last year. It is pleasing to see that with so many other activities children are involved in, that swimming is still an important one, and our swimming membership continues to be strong. The learner's pool is very busy and we usually have a waiting list for this pool.

The Coaches this year were a great group, with good numbers in all three areas. The children responded well to their instruction and motivation. This showed in the results they achieved in the water and the progress they made. We used the services of Aidan Withington this year, in a support and training role for the coaches on poolside. This had a good flow on to our coaches and swimmers. A big thanks to you all.

Race and distance nights are still popular with the deep end swimmers, and will continue to be part of the club calendar. Thanks to the Parents and coaches for the help in running these nights.

A big day for the Club is the Murihiku Meet. This seasons' one was no exception, with great support from the Committee, Club members and wider community it was once again a memorable event. With sponsorship for the prize money from many businesses, this set the atmosphere for an exciting night. Many thanks to all involved in making this event run smoothly.

We were once again very successful at the Southland Champs, with had 18 swimmers competing in 144 different events, with numerous personal best times swum, resulting in many medals and ribbons.

We have had many swimmers achieve results that have allowed them to compete in National Swim meets. They include Penny Kean, Bryan Sadlier, Thomas Howie, Anton Huisman, Robert Huisman, Josh Hamilton, Molly Tomlins, Amy Dickey, Hannah Morgan and Taylor Holden. Well done! It is great to see the younger swimmers doing so well and special congratulations to Molly Tomlins for her achievements at New Zealand Juniors winning National Gold for her 200 Backstroke. Fantastic effort.

This season has seen a change in the committee with both Liz Adamson and Lynley Price leaving us. Liz has put many years and hours of work into the smooth running of the Membership Secretary, and Lynley done a great job keeping track of our finances, thanks to both of them. We have been very fortunate with their replacements and thank you for coming on board during the season. Lea Tommei taking on the role of Membership Secretary and Andrew Moreton as Treasurer. Once again the committee has been made up of a diverse group of people, but with a common objective. The Meetings have been spirited and productive, and my thanks to all the committee members for their input, opinion and discussion during the meetings. Head coach Phil Tomlins, and Learners pool Coach Doreen Evans, have achieved excellent results with not only the swimmers but their coaches. Anne has worn out numerous pens over the years of service as secretary. Andrew Holden has produced the newsletter regularly keeping swimmers and a family up to date with the going on's in the club. Jane Morgan has done a wonderful job as entries secretary and has encouraged the new and young swimmers into meets. Sue Dickie, Graeme Mulligan, Esther Price, Glenda Sadlier, have serviced distinctively during the season. During the year many Club members not in the committee have stepped up and help out my thanks to everyone.

Esther Price has been President of Swimming Southland this season, a job that I am sure is as challenging as it is rewarding. Thank you Esther for your help during the year with our Murihiku meet, race nights and time-keeper training nights, it is great to have such depth of experience in our Club.

I am indebted to the continued support of the Murihiku Committee members and the other helpers who all carry out their separate roles. We are fortunate to have such dedicated people associated with our club and look forward to more parents getting involved in helping provide the valuable support needed to achieve our goals.

Allan Howie
President

Waverley Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/2008

It is with pleasure that I present my presidents report for the 2007/08 season and extend a warm welcome to you all here tonight.

Once again Waverley has had a busy year both in the pool and out. Some of the highlights this year have been our own patron, Mr John Sutton being named as Swimming Southland's Patron. A well deserved honour. In the pool we have had swimmers gain medals at National meets, away with a number of teams, in age group squads and breaking New Zealand and Southland records. Also this year we have a new group of competitive swimmers coming through the ranks and swimming very well.

Club numbers are slightly up this year with 228 swimmers; again we had a large number of 13, 14 and 15 year olds moaning their way through at times but always with a smile. All of you are confident swimmers just not wanting to become competitive.

Both pools are busy, with Russell Keen in charge of the learners pool. He has established a wonderful system to ensure that there are only a small amount of swimmers in the pool at any one time, meaning that provided we have enough coaches our children are getting the best possible chance of learning to swim and I would like to thank Russell and his team of dedicated coaches and say please keep up the great work.

In the main pool where the majority of our swimmers are we are in need of at least two more coaches with only 3 or 4 coaches to cope with both ends. There are times when one coach could end up with 25 or more swimmers at a time which is not an ideal situation but our swimmers are still swimming better and faster which is shown by the number of Swimming NZ Challenge certificates that we presented at our prizegiving this year.

Again I would like to thank the main pool coaches for the time and dedication that they have shown this past season. To any coaches that are leaving us this year I hope you have enjoyed your time and to the rest see you back for the next season.

We again held our Waverley Widths meet this year which was well supported by other Swimming Southland clubs but not so well by our own swimmers. This is an ideal meet for new competitive swimmers to have a go without the top younger swimmers and have some fun. This year we also ran some Race nights during club time although this was not received well by everyone. Most swimmers took part and the results were published so they could see their progress with top times and PBs being awarded at our prizegiving.

Fundraising this year kept some of our members busy. With the rising number of competitive swimmers our costs have had a major increase. With the efforts of our fundraising which included pizzas, chocolate, raffles, sausage sizzle and of course our famous lollie table we did make a small profit this year. So another big thank you goes to all who have helped and supported us this year, especially Mrs Sutton and her team at the lollie table.

Our top competitive swimmers again took out all sorts of honours in the pool. Natalie Wiegersma although injured this year had an outstanding tour of the USA in the early part of the season breaking NZ records nearly every time she entered the pool. Joyce Wiegersma also performed well in the States and also took out the NZ Open Water Swimming title. Rebecca Smith started this season on a high breaking a number of Southland records and being selected as a member of the NZ Age group squad. Cody Ball made a number of age group finals and Cameron Andrews gained two top 10 NZ Junior finishes. Mid season we welcomed top Canterbury freestyle and medley swimmer Penny Hayes who gained a couple of National Age group medals and said goodbye to swimmer and coach Beckie Dooley who has transferred to the Jasi club in Christchurch, we wish her well. And not to forget our new group of younger swimmers who are coming up through the ranks, there are too many to mention, but in a few years look out for them to be our top swimmers. Believe in your ability, train hard and most of all enjoy your swimming and the results will speak for them selves. Looking after our competitive swimmers has been Joka Wiegersma. Thank you Joka and all the team managers we have had throughout the season, you have done a wonderful job.

Our committee for the 2007/08 season has worked hard to ensure the smooth running of the Waverley Swimming Club. Many have been part of the committee for a great many years and no longer have children enrolled in the club. That's true dedication. I thank all the members of the committee, with a special mention to the Suttons for the use of their warm house and lovely suppers.

With us moving into the age of computers we finally have our own and hope to provide our members with all the up to date information that we have. We have a data list of all members that have filled out the required form and hope to have as many members on as possible for the season. It will also be great to eventually have all our records, times, minutes etc in one place.

Fiona Dooley
President
Waverley Swimming Club

Collegiate Swimming Club



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/2008

It is with much pleasure that I present my Annual Presidents Report for the Collegiate Amateur Swimming Club for the 2007/2008 season.

Sincere thanks to committee members Sheryll Joyce, Tracy Tyler, Nigel Soper, Adrienne Pope, Tracey Carrick, Warren Joyce, Tania Heyrick, Reece Murphy, Mabelle Brazier, Pam Soper and Rebecca Todd for their commitment and contributions over the season.

Sadly we farewell Tracey Carrick, Rebecca Todd and Tania Heyrick from committee. I would like to thank Tracey for her role in assisting on club nights with the attendance registers for both pools. I would also like to thank Tania for her time and commitment as Carnival Secretary, a very essential role which we need to fill. We wish Tracey, Rebecca and Tania all the very best in the future.

Thank you also to our Patron, Jack Hamilton for his input over the season and volunteer Nicola McLeod for assisting with the certificates.

Our club captains this year have been Lisa Pankhurst and Adam McDonald.

Coaching

Our numbers of swimmers continue to remain healthy with a total of 93 swimmers in the main pool (an increase from 73 last season) and 45 in the learner's pool.

These swimmers have continued to progress, gaining confidence and skills, under the guidance and support of our volunteer coaches.

Thanks go to the coaches who came along each week to provide this wonderful opportunity for our swimmers.

Coaches in the learners pool have been, Head coach – Adrienne Pope, assisted by Sonia Payne, Pam Soper and Deborah McKenzie.

This year has seen the club contracting Aidan Withington, the Southland Development Officer to oversee the main pool. Aidan's role is to supply coaches for the main pool, provide the coaches with written programmes, ensure the standard of coaching is maintained and evaluate the swimmers. During this season Aidan has experienced ongoing problems in securing coaches for various reasons outside of his control. However in recent times we have seen more consistency.

Skill levels were identified and in March 2008 evaluations of swimmers were undertaken and these evaluations were distributed last week. Next season will see this process continued and progress will be monitored through these evaluations. Coaches who have assisted Aidan over the season have been Robyn Daly, Rachelle Holland, Tracey Payne, Sharon Payne and Colin Russell. Thank you also to various committee members who also assisted at times to fill gaps.

Competition Highlights

Congratulations goes to our 7 competitive swimmers – Lisa Pankhurst, Adam and Robert McDonald, Felicity and Ellice Soper and most recently joining them Emily Joyce – for a very successful season.

Ellice gained 9 medals from 10 swims at Southland Champs, was placed 1st and 2nd in the 10 years and under 100 fly and 100 free at South Island Country and Town meet and recently won all 4 finals in the 9 years and under at the Southland Juniors Schools meet.

Felicity also qualified for the South Island Country and Town meet and swam a number of other meets improving her backstroke and freestyle times by up to 14 seconds.

Robert's determination and hard work at training paid off as it saw him attain 2 major goals for this season, first qualifying for both NZ Juniors and NZ Age Group Div II, and secondly gaining personal bests in all of his events.

Our two senior swimmers have had a busy competitive season attending several national events. Lisa swam her way into many finals in open events throughout the season.

Adam also gained success bringing home 8 national medals this season, breaking 28 records in total – including the NZ long and short course 15 and under 50-fly, and titleholder of the 100 fly, narrowly missing Danyon Loaders longstanding record. Adam's most recent records were the South Island Secondary Schools 50 and 100 fly (these had previously been held by Bryn

Murphy). Adam also qualified for the Australian Age Group Champs held in Brisbane in April where he swam up an age group from NZ Age and he gained further personal bests and a wealth of experience.

We look forward to even more of our junior swimmers joining the competitive ranks next season with increased interest in the recent Ribbon Day event where we saw a total of 13 swimmers from the club. Thank you Nigel for your commitment and encouragement of these new competitive swimmers and for your valuable role as Team Manager.

Grants

We thank the ICC for granting us funds towards two new wetsuits for coaches in the learner's pool and also for the purchase of caps for all swimmers in the main pool, so we can have all swimmers wearing caps with their names written on, so they can be easily identified by their coaches which will make for easier assessments.

Volunteers

We seek your support and assistance as the Annual General Meeting approaches. We are looking for volunteers to fill the roles of:

Carnival Secretary – this involves computer entries of all meets and keeping track of competitive swimmers times.

Grants Officer – this involves sourcing grants or sponsorship for required funding identified by committee.

Learners Pool Administrator – a new role for next season where this person will be responsible for marking off the attendance book in the learner's pool on club nights.

Swimwear Coordinator – another exciting new role. Collegiate Swimming Club has entered a financial arrangement with S Swimwear in Nelson. We are now the Southland agent and will be selling swimwear to swimmers at wholesale prices. We have a selection of the swimwear on sale tonight and need a coordinator to oversee this.

Website Coordinator – thanks to Stephanie Hunt we will soon have our own website so all club information will be posted on that, but we need someone for ongoing maintenance of it.

General committee – assist with general tasks as identified at committee meetings.

Swimming Coaches – we require 2 coaches for the learners pool, but we would certainly welcome greatly anyone interested in coaching in either pool, as there is very good ongoing training available.

If you are able to assist with any of these roles or require further information please see a committee member.

The Collegiate Swimming Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st May 2008, at 7.30pm, at Splash Palace.

Yvonne McDonald

President

Collegiate Swimming Club

Oreti Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/2008

No report submitted

Waiau Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/2008

It is always great to see so many young new swimmers making remarkable progress in the little pool; swimmers moving from the little pool to the big pool is also a very exciting. The big pool

swimmers who have either moved up groups or made so much progress in their lessons it is wonderful to see. It was great to have the entries for Club Champs we had, however it was a disappointing turnout overall. This a great time to show off your new skills you have learnt for the season and support your family and friends. This meet programme is quite a nightmare to put together and very annoying when the swimmer doesn't show, please I urge you to keep this in mind for next season.

We have also had most of these swimmers compete at representative level or national level. Two swimmers attended Div II in Wellington and both have qualifying times for South Islands in Christchurch. These two events are very prestigious to qualify for and are major achievements so once again congratulations to Tomas and Coran.

We also had 6 swimmers qualify to attend South Island Country and Town well done Anna, Vaughan, Liam, Marissa, Flynn and Adam. Awesome effort particularly with the amount of pool time we had available with the heating issues.

Due to my life outside of swimming I don't seem to have enough hours in the day, which I know I'm not alone in that area. Therefore I as said last prize giving many hands make lighter work and would like to make a special mention to the following people who fit swimming club into the busy lives.

Diane our carnival secretary works fulltime and you would all be amazed as to how much she can fit into her day. She does an incredible job I can't thank her enough. Thank you Diane I always know I can rely on your and sound thinking and extensive knowledge of swimming.

Wendy thank you so much for being the active vice president that you have been, it is great to have such support and I can see the club is going to be in great hands next season.

Ray you are a very busy man with your farm and farm tours, but you have still managed to find time to take time to coach all of our children, thank you it doesn't go unnoticed.

Kim thank you so much also for your role in coaching this season, you are also a very busy person but still managed to fit swimming coaching into your busy schedule also thank you for putting together the Pub Charity application we were successful and gained in excess of \$5000.00 which was fantastic.

In Raewyn's absence I would like to make a special mention of the effort she has put into our swimmers over the years in view of the fact she now has such a distance to travel.

Very recently we have had a change of Secretary and Treasurer, we were very lucky to have Bronnie and Cate in these positions and I would like to sincerely thank you for your efforts over the past years. We now have Jan Laurie and Helen McKay in these roles and I would like to welcome you both aboard the committee and I'm sure you will find it very rewarding. Thank you.

Also a special thank you to everybody who helped out and did a great job of making club champs a successful day, as you all know I wasn't there but I was thinking of you as we were have a relaxing time in Australia.

Everybody on our committee has been very obliging when comes to helping out so please accept this as a personal thank you!!!

For children to achieve such great results it only becomes possible with all of our wonderful coaches and could you all come forward to receive a small token of appreciation. Raewyn, Ray, Kim, Kate Rochelle, Helen, Trish, Tracy, Bronwyn, Jan, Coran

WE ALL DO THINGS IN OUR LIVES FOR DIFFERENT REASONS SOMETIMES I'M SURE MANY OF US WONDER WHY WE DO THEM. WE ALL HAVE VERY BUSY LIVES BUT MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHTER WORK AS WE HAVE FOUND THIS YEAR. WHICH HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED?

In Closing

Please remember we are all here to same reasons: if you feel things are not being done to your liking then we welcome your comments and invite you to join our committee.

Have a safe and happy school holidays with your families and we look forward to seeing you back next swimming season. Hopefully the season will start on time at the start of Term 4 not that the heating issues are all sorted out.

Jo Sanford
(President)

Fiordland Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/2008

No report submitted

Bluff Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/2008

No report submitted

Hokonui Aquatics Swimming Club



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/2008

It has been another busy year for the committee, officials, coaches and swimmers. We have had 130 swimmers registered with us this season. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Saturday morning learn to swim sessions this season as it is proving difficult to find coaches who can commit to coaching on a Saturday morning. With the busy lives we all lead this is a sign of the times and is an ongoing problem.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our club coaches, firstly Gaylene and her band of helpers in the learner's pool then Tracey who has been the coach of our new group in the middle pool. This group was started to try and eliminate the bottleneck in the learner's pool and get more swimmers off the waiting list. From there we move onto Michelle and John who have done a great job with our intermediate groups and finally Trudy who has been head coach of our senior groups. You have all given up a lot of time to help the club and we appreciate the work that you do.

Congratulations to David Prattley, who has commenced his own business, Aquazone Swimming, coaching the competitive swimmers of our club. It has been a successful year for you and our competitive swimmers. Congratulations go to all those that have represented Southland at the various South Island and National meets during the season.

Thanks to Brigitte for organising all our clubs entries for carnivals and meets, and a huge thank you to all those who have given up there time to officiate whether it be timekeeping, IOT, starter or referee. Without you we could not hold these meets.

Thanks to all those that helped out with our major fundraisers this year, firstly the Hokonui Fashion Awards and also the Junior Triathlon. Thank you to our sponsors for the triathlon, and a special thank you to the Matura Licensing Trust who helped out with the triathlon and also contributed towards our representative travel. Thanks also to the Gore Town & Country Club who gave us a donation towards our pool hire for the year.

You will all be aware that a public meeting was held in early April, to discuss the future of our Thursday night learn to swim programme. This was brought about due to several of our coaches finishing at the end of this season and also several vacant positions on executive. A positive response was received at this meeting however we are still needing more people to put their names forward to help out with coaching and to fill positions on executive that are vacant. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact either Bev or Brigitte.

Finally we must say farewell to two of our executive who have both contributed a huge amount to our club. Firstly a huge thank you to Joyce Barron who has been our financial co-ordinator on executive since 1997. You have done a great job of looking after our finances. Last but not least we must say a huge thank you to Ellie Morris who has also been on executive for a number of years as well as having made a huge contribution to coaching within our club. We wish you and your family all the best for the future in your new home at Lake Hawea. You both take a tremendous amount of knowledge with you and you will both leave very big shoes to fill.

Congratulations to everyone who is receiving a prize at prizegiving and good luck to you all for next season.

Bev Catto
Administrator

Central Southland Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/2008

Welcome to the 2007.2008 Central Southland Swimming Club Annual General Meeting.

We celebrate the achievements of our Swimmers, Coaches, Parents and our Committee – all of whom are responsible for the success of this Club.

A small number of our swimmers continued to train over the winter and swim in the Swimming Southland League Meets. One swimmer went on to achieve the qualifying standard and attend the NZ Spring Swimming championships in Wellington – Hunter Shepard. Well done.

Club season kicked off well, with Central Southland hosting its own Development Grade Swim Meet at the Central Southland Swimming Pool. A great event was held and it is all about building this meet for the future. Thank you to all those parents who came forward and assisted with this swim meet.

The 2007 Swimming Southland Country Club Championships were hosted by the Riverton Swimming Club, with 15 Central Southland swimmers participating.

The 2008 Swimming Southland Swimming Championships was held in January and as Central Southland is in a rebuilding phase, three swimmers participated Bailley Unahi, Troy McAlister and Peter Hamilton competed to a very high standard.

The second South Island Country and Town Swimming Competition was held in Oamaru with an outstanding number of competitors. Central Southland had only one representative this year Peter Hamilton achieving a fifth placing in both the 50m and 100m Breaststroke for the 11/12 year old boys.

The Otago vs Southland Country Club Championships was held in Balclutha. Peter Hamilton was again our only representative who attended, although other swimmers were selected but unable to attend

In April the Swimming Southland Ribbon Day Champs and Central Southland has a total of **10** development swimmers entered in this swim meet. Well done to you all. What a fantastic testament to the quality and level of coaching within the Club. Coaches – congratulations in

getting your swimmers through to the Development level of competition. Central Swimmers looked fantastic in their new uniforms and made their mark. Thank you to Michelle, Mary and Caroline who made this happen. Swimmers – wear the uniform with pride.

Swimming is not only about competition, and it is important to recognize what our Learn to Swim members are doing as well as our Parents in Central Southland as a Club are doing.

- **Thank you** to the many Parents who have come forward as coaches for Club night. It is a little daunting at the beginning, but soon becomes a challenge as you see the young swimmers you are working with grow in confidence. We are always looking for more Coaches, so please do not hesitate to come forward.
- **Thank you** to the Parents who assisted with our very successful Club Championships – without you the champs cannot be held.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Michelle Anderson, who was awarded the Bill Davidson Trophy for Services to Junior Coaching at the Swimming Southland Annual Prize Giving in May. This is an outstanding achievement and the second time a member of the Central Southland Swimming Club has been so recognized.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to George Spedding and Natasha Broomhall who were awarded the **12-14 years boys and girls respectively Ribbon Day Champion**.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to the swimmers in the 13 years category who competed at Southland Country Club Champions
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Kathryn Impelmans, whose was recognized by Swimming Southland in July 2007. Kathryn was awarded an **Honours Award to Swimming Southland** – in recognition of her continuance to serve members of the Swimming Community primarily at the Central Southland Learn to Swim level.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Kathryn Impelmans and Jan Douglas who were recognized with Life Membership to Central Southland Swimming Club in April. The service rendered to the Club by these two ladies has been outstanding and is applauded.

In closing, Club numbers are **163** which is an increase from 2007 and a reflection of the work that is undertaken by the Committee and the Coaches. Thank you to the Committee of 2007/2008 your continued service makes the Club that it is today. A special thank you to Joan Hodges, you open your home each month for committee meetings and the committee is always greeted with a smile.

Jason Unahi,
President

Mataura Amateur Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/2008

Club nights were once again held on Monday nights. As the monthly development meets were no longer held our better swimmers did not have the same chance to experience competition. We had 4 swimmers attend ribbon day at Splash Palace, all these swimmers got good times and ribbons. Congratulations to Emma and Sarah Martin, Sasha Ritchie and Kendell Shanks.

The local carnivals for our swimmers were once again well attended by members, with my thanks to the coaches and parents for their support on these nights. And again on the last night we had a fun night with prizegiving afterwards.

In conclusion I would like to thank; coaches, parents and committee members for all their effort throughout the season and a special thanks to Jessica and Lisa Dyer and Olivia Shanks as their help was invaluable.

As this is my last term as President I would like to thank Sue Dyer for her astounding work as secretary over the years I have been in office. Thanks also to Jo Guise and Cherie McMullen, also to Lyn Newton and Gail Shanks for their coaching.

I believe the club is in good heart and I wish the incoming committee all the best and offer to help when and where I can if I can.

Ray Shanks
President

Riverton Amateur Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007/2008

General

Congratulations and thanks again to the small number of parents who do a great job with coaching and running of the club to ensure the club continues to prosper. The club again started in October with competitive swimmers beginning training during the 3rd term at various stages.

With over 80 children swimming and learning to swim at the club, it is safe to say our club is in a popular state; however it is still necessary to make progressive steps within our organisation to ensure we develop as a club. This applies to coaching, administration, swimmer satisfaction and also carnival management.

Our technical official's base this year increased to 9 timekeepers, 2 IOTs and 1 starter and it is great to see parents willing to take this step to ensure we have local coverage at club meets.

The Southland Building Society Riverton Invitation was a huge success with over 120 swimmers attending (12 from Queenstown) and again proved to be an enjoyable occasion for all swimmers with spot prizes for all competitors and blue cod for visiting officials. The involvement of the SBS as major sponsors is a great asset for our club.

Sponsors

Special thanks to our major sponsors and supporters. Southland Building Society, Southland District Council. Riverton Super Value, Te Hikoi, Coca Cola.

Swimmer Achievements

Congratulations to all swimmers, and a special mention to the 11 Riverton Swimming club members who made 22 finals at the Southland Junior Schools meet

South Island Country and Town reps, Christina Hopcroft, William Wallace, Robbie Grove.
NZ Junior Champs Aila Tuhua (5th 50m Backstroke)

Southland Junior Schools Bronte Reid (4th 50 back), William Wallace (3rd 50 Back, 3rd 50 Free) Israel Reid (1st 50 Back, 2nd 50 Breast, 2nd 50 Fly, 1st 50 Free) Robbie Grove (3rd 50 Breast, 2nd 50 Fly) Ricki Hopcroft (3rd 25 Breast)

Southland Country under 9 Boys team Champions, William Wallace, Robbie Grove, Brad Hopcroft, and Ricki Hopcroft.

Club Champs

Held again over 2 days, with 47 swimmers competing, it was pleasing to notice the great turn out of parents for the Saturday afternoon finale. Some excellent races were had with good competition in all grades 12 and under. Well done to Mathew Graham who took out the Champion of Champions race. 10 new club records were set.

8 & under boys - Robbie Grove - 25m Free, Back, Breast, Fly & 75m Medley

9 Year Boys - William Wallace - 50 Free & 25m Fly

9 Year Girls - Bronte Reid - 50 Back & 25 Fly

10/11 Girls - Kitana Nathan - 75m Back

Pool Equipment

The pool again was in excellent order and thanks to the Baths Society for the work they do to make this facility usable.

Thanks

To the committee and to the departing Janice Anderson, treasurer and Lynne Grove, secretary for their efforts. Also a special thanks to Sharryn Reid for her contribution in organising the junior club section.

Don Frew
Chairman