

HASC Newsletter

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Hello swimmers & supporters!

This is a quick newsletter this month as I rush out the door to holiday! Any information not detailed here will be sent to you via the usual email channels and placed on the notice boards.

The most important information to part to you this month is that the pools are being closed from 15th August for a few days for Hamilton City Council Engineers to carry out structural checks on the pools. All water needs to be emptied from the pool before the engineers carry out their work. It will take approximately 12 hours to refill the pools, but it will be the re-heating of the water that will cause our biggest delay. This work is an unavoidable necessity and we apologise for the inconvenience it will cause to all swimmers. We are in the process of seeing if we can obtain lane space at another HCC pool complex while our pool is closed, to carry on with some sort of swimming training. We hope to reopen the pool on Wednesday 19th Aug but this will be dependent on the water temperature on this date.

Please check your emails and the club notice boards over the next week for updates on possible training times and locations.

IMPORTANT DATES

1 st Aug	Training fees due
1-3 Aug	Bay of Plenty Short Course Championships, Baywave, Mount Maunganui
14-16 Aug	Taranaki Short Course Championships
Mid Aug	Swimmer assessment for possible squad movement – date to be advised
15 -19? Aug	HASC/Municipal pool closed for HCC Engineers assessment
30-31 Aug	Swim Waikato Short Course Pentathlon Open Meet, Waterworld, Te Rapa

SPECIAL NOTICES

Congratulations to everyone who had a hand in running the Hamilton Winter Meet at Waterworld on 11-13 Aug (during the school holidays). It was the biggest meet we have held, with over 600 swimmers and over 4600 entries. That equates to a LOT of work by the volunteers of our club and those who stepped up to officiate from other clubs. It is also our biggest fund raising event of the year and money raised goes towards the running of the pool, squads and club at Municipal Pools. A VERY BIG thank you to everyone who gave up enormous amounts of their time to help run the meet. We do it for our swimmers in the water – and so we acknowledge their efforts in their races as well as all the hard work and commitment they show in their training – which ultimately leads to success in the water when they obtain Personal Best Times.

I would also like to thank the ‘new’ parents who sat the practical part of their time-keeper’s badge. Every meet our club has swimmers at, the club is required to provide timekeepers – at about a ratio of 1 timekeeper for every 3-4 swimmers. That means that as parents you do need to step up and take your turn. The more timekeepers we have trained up and the more people that take a turn – the less work for each individual overall. So thanks you to those who are stepping up to help – as every little bit DOES count.

Happy swimming! I will be back ‘on deck’ from Monday 11th August.

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