

HASC Newsletter

JUNE 2008

Hello swimmers & supporters!

We are now one month into the winter training schedule and you will notice that the swimmers are starting to build their endurance – their sessions get more intense and they cover more kilometres. The idea is that when they attend the first big meet for the season (Hamilton Winter Meet) they are able to post significant Personal Best times (PB's) in recognition of their hard work.

Something else you may notice around the pool is a change in guard of the committee positions. At the Annual General Meeting held on May 21st, the following people were elected or re-elected onto the HASC committee:

President	Jack de Thierry
Vice President	Alan Barclay
Secretary	Moses Cherrington
Treasurer	Tracy Maidment
Technical Co-ordinator	Reg Ellis
Events Co-ordinator	Stu Woods
Squad Co-ordinator	Caroline Blair
Webmaster	Ian White
Pool Manager	Jody Meehan
Fundraising Co-ordinator	Helen Barr
Funding Co-ordinator	Karen Curnow
Club Night Co-ordinator	Ali Ellis
National Meet Co-ordinator	Sheryl Stent
Uniform Co-ordinator	Linda Clunie
Other committee members	Denise Balvert, Julie Powell, Jim Kirkham

It is a good sign of things to come that so many new volunteers stepped forward to help take the club ahead, whilst retaining the experience of previous committee members who were re-elected or those who stood down but have offered their knowledge to help with the transition from one committee to another. Also at the AGM the committee were so sorry to accept the resignation of Jen Schmidt – our administrator. She has done a great job – making headway with some very tangled records – and we will be very sorry to see her go. We wish her well with her University studies.

IMPORTANT DATES

1 st June	Training fees due for senior squads
7 th June	ACE Novice Short Course Meet for new and inexperienced squad members
4 th June	Term 2 ends
11 – 13 July	Winter Meet held by HASC at Waterworld, Te Rapa

SPECIAL NOTICES

Do you know how swimmers change squads? Swimmers move squads when *the coaches* deem they are physically and mentally ready to take on the extra work of joining the next squad. Every 2 months the coaches assess each others squads and work out who is ready to move up. They inform the coaching convenor and talk with the parent and swimmer of the possible move. Information is passed onto the administrator who sends out a congratulatory letter, the new fee schedule, new training times and new training gear required. Moving squads is a measure of the improvement in a swimmer's ability in the pool. It is not something that should be rushed or pushed by any party involved in discussion around swimmer movement, as it can be detrimental to the swimmer in the long run if the timing is wrong. We look forward to seeing all swimmers improve and make the leap to the next squad!

A request from pool management – ALL children under the age of 8 should be ACTIVELY supervised whilst in the HASC pool complex. If you are at the pool with younger children please make sure you keep them close by and in full eye contact at all times. This is for their safety. Many thanks!

And lastly – we wish all our swimmers competing in their first meet (ACE Novice S/C) on June 7th the best of luck. We look forward to hearing how many PB's were swum.

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