

Chief Executive

- In the last couple of weeks momentum has grown with Project Vanguard as we begin Phase 2 of this project. A project committee meeting was held in Auckland and we have also met with Paul Veric and Grant Florence to discuss the change process that Surf Life Saving New Zealand has undertaken
- Meetings with WSNZ to discuss funding for the SNZ Primary Schools Learn to Swim programme continue
- Met with Sandy Harrop from Watersafe Auckland to discuss our ongoing partnership with primary schools Learn to Swim
- Met with John West (FINA Open Water Swimming Technical Committee) to catch up on the latest in the Open Water world
- Surf Lifesaving NZ and Oceanswim met to discuss collaboration in respect to our collective State Insurance sponsorship
- Reviewed the Facilities review project status with Dave Allen from Strategic Leisure
- Provided Trevor Mallard (Labour Party) with an update on SNZ activity
- Attended the FINA Waterpolo World Cup in Christchurch
- Met with Pansy Wong (Associate Minister for ACC) to discuss Learn to Swim issues

Operations

Financial

- SNZ credit card policy updated
- Audit completed (board approved accounts and unqualified audit report for annual report)

Learn to Swim - Schools

- Work is continuing on initiatives for a 'Learn to Swim' programme for schools

Membership & MarComms

Membership, Technology & Governance

Membership and Technology

- Cara Anderson has accepted the membership coordinator role and will commence at SNZ on 30 August 2010. Cara will be the contact for all membership-related activities including governance issues
- **Database**
 - Meeting held with Data Torque 11 August and quote received for analysis work
 - Phone call from Luke from Active Networks today and work progressing
 - Details of these meetings will be provided in the database paper to be sent out next week

Governance

- Annual Report now being printed and will be sent out next week
- SNZ processing remits and preparing forum agenda to be sent out next week
- Preparation underway for AGM – agenda will be sent out next week
- Board meeting held 8 August

MarComms

- Letter sent to Mark Weldon congratulating him on his success at the recent FINA World Masters Championships in Sweden
- Arena prize and swimming cap signed by Ian Thorpe sent out to Reegan Pook of Taupo Swimming Club
- Team Talk now distributed to clubs and regions – some positive feedback received
- All staff received obligations for their areas under the State sponsorship
- Article written and sent for the next FINA magazine
- Continuing work on paper for principal sponsor outlining opportunities

Events

- Working with Pivot Marketing Ltd to establish the range of competition merchandise for 2011
- Finalising venues and arrangements for the two Epic Swim events in 2011
- Called for applications for technical officials for the 5km Pool Championships in October 2010 and also the 2011 competitions
- Making final arrangements for the Officials Forum in October, which is an opportunity for TOs to discuss technical issues, seek advice and ask questions. Each region will be represented by two technical officials.
- Keeping a close eye on the results from the Youth Olympics and the Pan Pacific Games for National Records and top performances
- Technical Officials' survey sent out

Performance

High performance

- We have three teams competing for SNZ this month and we have selected our best and know each swimmer will be giving 100 percent
 - **Emily Thomas won a bronze medal in the 50m backstroke at the Pan Pacific Championships this afternoon** – SNZ has a feed to the event so you can watch the racing live - [Click here to go the site](#)
 - Natalie Wiegiersma a creditable fifth in the Women's 400 Individual Medley A final
 - Pan Pacs is about team preparation and mental readiness – it is a very tough competition that will prepare the swimmers well for the Commonwealth Games
- South Island 2016 project continues with mentor coach Don Talbot attending the South Island Championship in Queenstown
- WSCC Qualifying criteria updated – information available on SNZs website



Emily Thomas after winning bronze in the 50m backstroke at the 2010 Pan Pacific Championships with Jan Cameron

Coaching Development

- The Coaching Development Manager will be in Christchurch the week of August 23-26th – I will be available to meet with coaches during this time if you wish to discuss anything related to coaching pathways, accreditation, Regional Age Group programming, etc.
- There are 4 upcoming SNZ Coach Accreditation courses scheduled. Full details and enrolment forms available on the SNZ website:
 - August 27-28th: ACA Junior Skills Coach (Auckland) – **20 coaches enrolled (course closed)**
 - September 18-19th: ACA Junior Skills Coach (Nelson)
 - ****new**** October 2-3rd: ACA Junior Skills Coach (Cambridge)
 - October 15-17th: Bronze (Christchurch)
- There is an ACA Junior Skills tentatively being scheduled in Wellington for the first weekend in October – any coaches interested please express interest to Sheila Galloway at sheila@swimmingnz.org.nz

- Coach database – SNZ is requesting all clubs/regions submit coaching rosters for the 2010-2011 season. Please send details directly to Sheila Galloway at sheila@swimmingnz.org.nz
- Currently working with several coaches through the RPL (recognition of prior learning) process to attain coach accreditation
- To ensure our teams receive optimal professional support, we are moving towards the following criteria for coach selection to all Swimming New Zealand squads/teams/camps:
 - Annual membership of NZSCTA/SNZ
 - Accreditation: all coaches must provide evidence of coach accreditation – all prior certification is required to be transitioned into the ASCTA accreditation system brought in 2010.
- 2010 SPARC Volunteer Awards: SPARC is currently calling for nominations across all sports to recognize Volunteer Coaches (defined as no monetary reimbursement for coaching services). These awards are a fantastic opportunity for athletes/clubs to thank all those hardworking volunteers for their dedication to helping athletes achieve their dreams, and growing their sport. [Full information here](#) – please contact Sheila for further details at sheila@swimmingnz.org.nz Nominations close September 8th, 2010.
- Regional Age Group Camps: logistics for the camps are currently being finalized – full information including itineraries to be emailed to swimmers/coaches by the end of August
 - Southern RAGD camp October 8-10th (Kaiapoi – Dudley Park)
 - Northern RAGD camp October 15-17th (Auckland - MISH)
 - Central 2 RAGD camp October 29=31st (Cambridge – St. Peters)
 - SNZ is accepting applications for Team Manager of the Northern Camp
- Promotion of Professional Development Opportunities through RSTs on [SNZ website](#)

Youth and Age Group

- At the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore there was an outstanding swim by Matt Stanley in the 200 and 400 free - well done to coach Scott Talbot
 - Chloe and Renee have swims still to go at the Youth Olympics
- Junior Pan Pac team with head coach Gary Hurring and Leanne Speechley is set to depart for Hawaii. This small but potent team looks forward to engaging and moving forward internationally
- ORADO collected and conducted 10 in-competition tests from the Oceania Swimming Championship held in Apia Samoa on the month of June 2010. They informed SNZ that all 10 samples were found to be NEGATIVE i.e. No performance enhancement substances or prohibited substances found in the samples. They congratulated Oceania Swimming Federation on a Dope Free Event!

Coming up

- SNZ regional forum and AGM
- SPARC Organisational Review of SNZ