
Chief Executive

- SNZ was saddened to hear of the death of Kurt Bassett's dad Peter. Our thoughts go out to Kurt and his family
- Much of the last couple of weeks has been focused on preparation for the SNZ AGM next weekend. There are several remits that have been put forward which will have a significant impact on the business operations and service delivery of SNZ if clubs instruct their regional delegates to support these
- Work continues in analysing database solutions for SNZ and we have sent out a paper which serves to inform clubs and regions of the work that has been done on this project particularly over the last 12 months
- Completed proposal for SPARC in relation to Community Sport investment for SNZ. To receive this investment from SPARC, SNZ must demonstrate strategies, reporting and KPI's that align to SPARC's community sport objectives
- Met with State Insurance to review the relationship and SNZ plans for expanding the EPIC swim. At this stage, SNZ will not be expanding the series and we are deferring the establishment of an Auckland leg of the swim at Lake Pupuke.
- Also met with Healthwise, the event managers for the SNZ Epic swim
- Attended a forum where Pita Sharples was the guest speaker
- Met with WSNZ to finalise their information requirements for Learn to Swim (LTS) funding this year. Lotto Grants Board (LGB) funding for LTS activity has been allocated directly to WSNZ this year by the WSNZ Programme Review Team and SNZ has been required to seek funding from WSNZ this year rather than through the LGB process. We are awaiting the outcome of this.
- Attended parliamentary reception for the NZ and Australian Netball teams
- A Project Vanguard committee meeting was held in Auckland on 1 September
- SNZ Chair advised that the next steps in regard to the Oceania Swimming Development discussions will be established at FINA Convention in Uruguay this month

Operations

Finance & Admin

- Ongoing issues with regard to Gaming Funding. All trusts are down on revenue some up to 33%.
- Funding applications made to Pelorus Trust, NZCT and Water Safety Education Foundation
- SNZ operating within Board approved 2010 / 2011 budget after two months
- New appointments to Event, Education and Pathways & Performance staffing will be announced Monday 6th September
- SPARC "Relay" Newsletter – click on the following link <http://sparc.org.nz/en-nz/resources-and-publications/Publications-2/Newsletters--magazines/Relay/Relay---2-September-2010/>

Learn to Swim - Schools

- Interviews have been conducted for the Wellington Schools Swim Safe Advisor role. The role has been offered to one of the candidates. The successful candidate will be announced shortly and the position will be underway within the next month.
- Three Schools Swim Safe Advisor roles are currently being advertised for Canterbury, Hawke's Bay and Nelson/Marlborough regions.
- Underway with final stages of Kiwi Swim Safe resource.

Membership & MarComms

Membership, Technology & Governance

Membership and Technology

- Cara Anderson started on Monday as our Membership Coordinator. A brief introduction from her...

'Hi, I started as Membership Coordinator on Monday and so far so good. I have enjoyed my first week and all the Wellington SNZ staff has been very welcoming. A bit about me... I come to this job with marketing and website experience; I am married to Craig; have lived in Wellington for almost 10 years (still not used to the wind!) but am a South Island (West Coast) girl at heart; we are renovating our house and about to install a new kitchen (super-excited about that!), love sports and play netball in winter and touch in summer, and considering taking up badminton again next year after a few years off, absolutely love mountain biking and running. That's me. I look forward to meeting everyone at some stage.'

Governance

- Remits for the AGM and SNZ's responses have been sent to all clubs and regions. We encourage clubs to advise their regions on how they wish them to vote on their behalf. It is important that clubs express their view, whether for or against, the remits.
- SNZ Forum – As previously advised, there will be discussions at the forum on Project Vanguard. Cathy Hemsworth has been communicating with as many of you as possible in her short time as Project Manager. We do hope to see as many club representatives as possible at the forum to be part of the discussions. If you haven't yet RSVP'ed regarding your attendance, please do so to cara@swimmingnz.org.nz
- SNZ's 2010 Annual Report was sent to stakeholders including regions to pass onto their clubs. A PDF copy is also available on SNZ's website under About Us/Legal and Governance

MarComms

- There is a great article on Gareth Kean in today's Dominion Post (front page and Sports insert) can be viewed on Stuff.co.nz. Click on the following link <http://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/4090101/Gareth-Kean-the-accidental-swimmer>
- Fastlane will be distributed on 16 September and as a result Team Talk will take a break on 17 September and will resume again on 1 October.
- Congratulations to Mark Weldon and Kirsten Cameron who had outstanding results at the recent FINA Masters Swimming Championships in Sweden. More detail will appear in the September issue of Fastlane including an interview with Kirsten
- Congratulations to the swimmers who won medals at the World Paralympics in the Netherlands
 - Sophie Pascoe won five medals (one gold, three silver and one bronze) and also broke the world record in the 100m butterfly
 - Cameron Leslie won a gold medal
 - Rebecca Dubber won a bronze medal

Events

- Working with meet director Lyn Sutherland and Jenny Johnston from Swimming Canterbury to prepare for the forthcoming New Zealand Age Group Short Course Championships.
- Working with a number of different companies to place signage on the new Swimming New Zealand container.
- Receiving applications for the 2010 New Zealand 5km Pool Championships and the 2011 events.
- Have this week received the new medals for the upcoming meets. They look fantastic.
- There have been quite a number of emails of interest in competing at the Age Group Short Course meet from Australian and Pacific Island club. It will be great to have some international competitors to push our young swimmers along.
- Have processed a number of open and age group records that were broken at the recent Pan Pac and Jr. Pan Pac Swimming Championships.

Performance

High Performance

- Pan Pac successes for the **State Aqua Blacks**
 - 4 NZ records (Hayley Palmer 50 free, Lauren Boyle 400 free plus Women's 4 x 200 and 4 x 100 relays). SNZ results and rewards \$7k
 - Emily Thomas won New Zealand's first medal since Trent Bray in 1997 (50 back). Congratulations Emily
 - Gareth Kean steps up in 100 and 200 back in first senior meet
 - Natasha Hind's 200 free, Melissa Ingram's 200 back and Glenn Snyder's 100 breast were significant swims. There were a significant number of personal bests/A and B finals
 - OW swimmer Cara Baker finished 6th overall in 10k

- Junior Pan Pac successes
 - Congratulations to Gareth Kean on winning double Gold in the 100 and 200 back, repeating wins from 2009. The 200 time is inside the top 15 times in the world for 2010.
 - Samantha Lucie-Smith (Karori) and Sophia Batchelor (Aquagym) had outstanding swims as well. Samantha Lee and Georgia Hind competed well. The team staff were Gary Hurring and Leanne Speechley, with Philip Rush (OW).

- Youth Olympic Games team successes with Matthew Stanley recognised as ambassador and given opportunity to meet with Jaques Rogge Matthew; Chloe Francis and Renee Stothard representing NZ with coach/manager Trevor Nicholls. Very successful venture enjoyed by all, especially the interaction with other sports and the great uniform issue.

- DELHI Commonwealth Games team – the countdown to the Games has begun. The HPC admin team are working closely with the NZOC to complete all logistical information:
 - Village room lists sent in
 - Uniforms collected. Very exciting day for all
 - All contracts completed
 - Travel – all flights now ticketed
 - Vaccinations – completed
 - Delhi Visa's and CWG Village Accreditation – completed
 - CWG farewell scheduled at MISH on Sept 18th invitations for training observations on deck for clubs, swimmers and schools. Autographs available.
 - Postcards and posters produced for PR for Commonwealth Games team.
 - Pre Delhi Camp (Abu Dhabi) logistics all completed
 - Selectors did not approve Men's Medley Relay to go forward for CWG

- FINA Short Course Champs, Dubai, 15 to 19 December 2010. Selection criteria and logistics all completed. Graded support only from SNZ with significant user pays for WSC. This meet is not highly recommended for most swimmers by HC Mark Regan.
- SNZ HP Service Plan has been updated and uploaded onto the SNZ website. New policies and clearer pathways for our carded swimmers outlined
- Website – the HPC team have been developing ideas to update the Performance and competition sections on the website.
- PM scholarships will be announced by the end of October. LC times only considered April through October as per SPARC guidelines (one intake annually graded by carding and world ranking with consideration to emerging youth).
- New Position - National Youth & Development Manager to be appointed September.
- NZ SC Open Championships logistics are progressing for the Short Course Champs at Baywave, Mt Maunganui on 12 to 14 November 2010. Mooted: opportunity for local clubs to fundraise by catering the HPC team which could grow as a function.
- Admin team have begun working on all policies and procedures for HPC office – adhering to both SNZ and regulatory standards.

Youth & Age Group

- The latest Youth and Age Newsletter provides an update on the last six months. Click on the following link <S:\Youth and Distance Programme\Newsletters\Youth Prog General 2010\Y & A August Newsletter II.pdf>

Coaching Development

- Three SNZ Coach Accreditation courses have been scheduled for October. Full details and enrolment forms are available on the SNZ website. The dates for the courses are:
 - September 18-19: ACA Junior Skills (Nelson)
 - October 2-3: ACA Junior Skills (Cambridge)
 - October 15-17: Bronze (Christchurch)
- Auckland ACA Junior Skills – 18 coaches participated. In Auckland 24 swimmers came in for an 'extra technique' session to give a practical application to the classroom theory covered in the course. Thank you to all swimmers who participated.
- XLR8 award winners: SNZ has enhanced the delivery of the XLR8 bi-monthly award programme. Award winners will receive an XLR8 cap, a postcard of the Commonwealth Games team, and an SNZ sticker. For more information on the XLR8 program please contact Sheila at sheila@swimmingnz.org.nz
- Congratulations to those coaches who attended the Damian Farrow "Skills Acquisition" seminars in Wellington, Cambridge, Auckland and Christchurch. Damian is a leading world expert in the area of skill acquisition, and has done much work/research specific to swimming in conjunction with Swimming Australia/AIS.

Coming up

- SNZ Regional Forum and AGM on 11/12 September
- CWG team farewell 18 September