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Official newsletter of SwimZone Racing Club Inc. (SZR)

NEW SEASON

We have now begun our 2021-2022 Season. This is our Club's 30th Anniversary as a competitive swim club (with some name changes along the way). Next year will also be John's 40th year of coaching in the Hutt Valley with Frank's big anniversary not far behind. We are very proud of their support and contribution and grateful for the service they provide.

SwimZone Racing is getting to grips with Swimming New Zealand's new 13 and over development pathway. These new rules came into effect on 1 July 21. Please bear with us as we do our best to incorporate the changes into our meets. We recognise that the shift away from attaining National times at our Club Meets and needing to travel to Regional meets will take an additional toll on our families in terms of the extra cost and time required.



GRANT'S RECEIVED

We are excited to announce that the Club has received two grants; \$8,000 from Four Winds Foundation and \$3,000 from NZ Community Trust. This will reduce the travel and accommodation cost for our senior swimmers attending the NZ Short Course Champs this month (16 - 22 August).

TIMEZONE

Our Timezone Development Meet is this Saturday at Stokes Valley Pool. Entries have now closed, but we welcome all members to come along and watch so they're ready for the next one.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to recognise Club member Rachel Bain who qualified as an IOT (Inspector of Turns) last weekend.

If you are interested in helping as an official at events please email admin@szr.co.nz

AGM AND PRIZEGIVING

Friday, 13 August @ 7:00pm

Pelorus Trust Sports House, Seaview

All members are invited to attend SwimZone Racing Club's Annual General Meeting.

We invite nominations for the Board. Please email admin@szr.co.nz for copies of the agenda, meeting papers, or to send apologies.

The AGM will be followed by the annual Club Prizegiving and all members are asked to bring a plate.

Please note this is a fun club social event, with a quick AGM followed by our prizegiving and food. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We want to see and meet our new kids too. For our new families: you will get to hear about the achievements of our amazing senior swimmers, learn and observe our development pathway in action. It's a good way to meet others, enjoy kai and build our community. We look forward to seeing you there.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Calling all businesses. We are seeking sponsorship to help cover the costs of hosting our 30th Anniversary Meet at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre on 18th September 2021.

This meet will be advertised to the region's swimmers (over 2,500) but will also be visible to the country's swimmers on the Swimming NZ website.

It is also advertised by Wellington Council on their website along with our Club. In return for covering the costs of hosting the meet we will call the meet "sponsored by and reference the generosity of the business on our website and to our parent community. If interested, please contact admin@szr.co.nz by 11th August.

Nominations Received:

Chair - Martyn Bain

Treasurer - Lisa Player

Secretary - Lisa Wilson

Meet Coordinator - Meghan Cavanagh

Race Secretary - Martin Baker



CLUB SHOUT OUT

**Modesty aside -
SwimZone Racing was
recently nominated for a
Wellington Airport
Regional Community
Award for its
contribution to the Hutt
Valley.**



TIMEZONE

Saturday, 7 August

This weekend's meet is a SZR Club Meet open to all recreational, club and competitive swimmers. These meets are provided regularly throughout the season to achieve time and development milestones.

This meet is perfect for our recreational swimmers who will be able to practice the art of racing and develop a love of the sport. We support our beginner racers through the process and coaches are also present to help.

We have pizza at the end of the meet and this is a great way for the kids to mix and make friendships.

The new development programme, introduced by Swimming New Zealand, is underway. This means that our meets will feel a little different for a while as we implement the new processes into our meets. Please bear with us.



COMING EVENTS

16-21 August NZ Short Course Meet

In Auckland for our Senior swimmers. We wish our seniors well as they represent the Club on a National stage. This event is also televised on the free youtube channel skysport next. SZR's facebook page will also provide updates of the Meet.

Saturday 28 August - Timezone Club Meet

Open to all recreational, club and competitive swimmers. This Meet is available for all our swimmers. All juniors should target this meet as it will provide qualifying times for the Junior Regional Champs on 25th September.

18 September - 30th Anniversary SZR Long Course Meet

This is one of the 10 Designated Meets for Wellington, Hutt Valley, Manawatu, Wairarapa regions. All times will be eligible as National qualifiers. At Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre. All Club and Competitive swimmers of all ages should support this meet. It will be awesome!