




Swimming Bay of Plenty Annual Report 2024



**Our Vision:
To Develop, Grow and
Promote Swimming
in the BOP**

Swimming Bay of Plenty 2023-24

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Swimming Bay of Plenty 2023-24

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Events Committee	Bronwen Radford	
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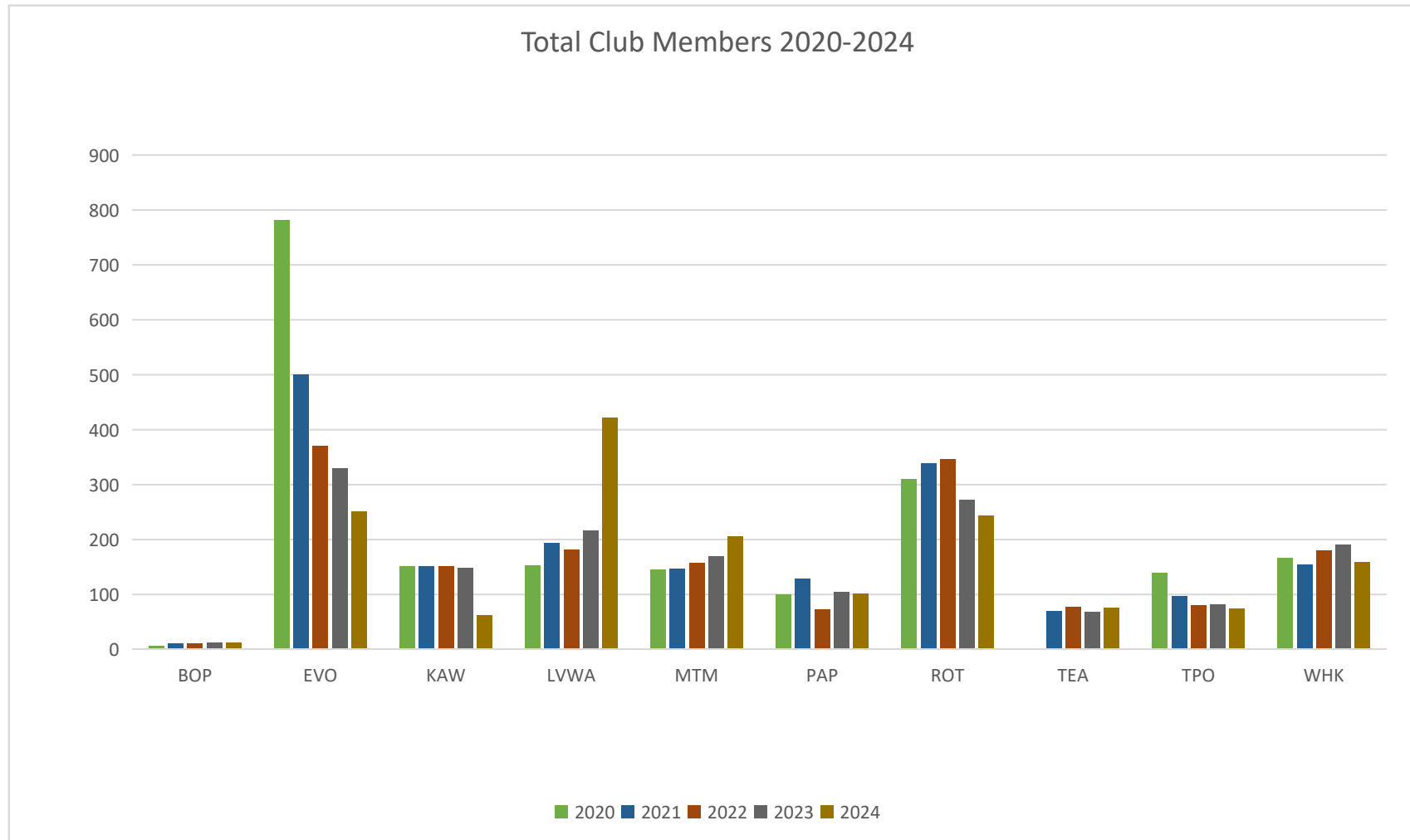
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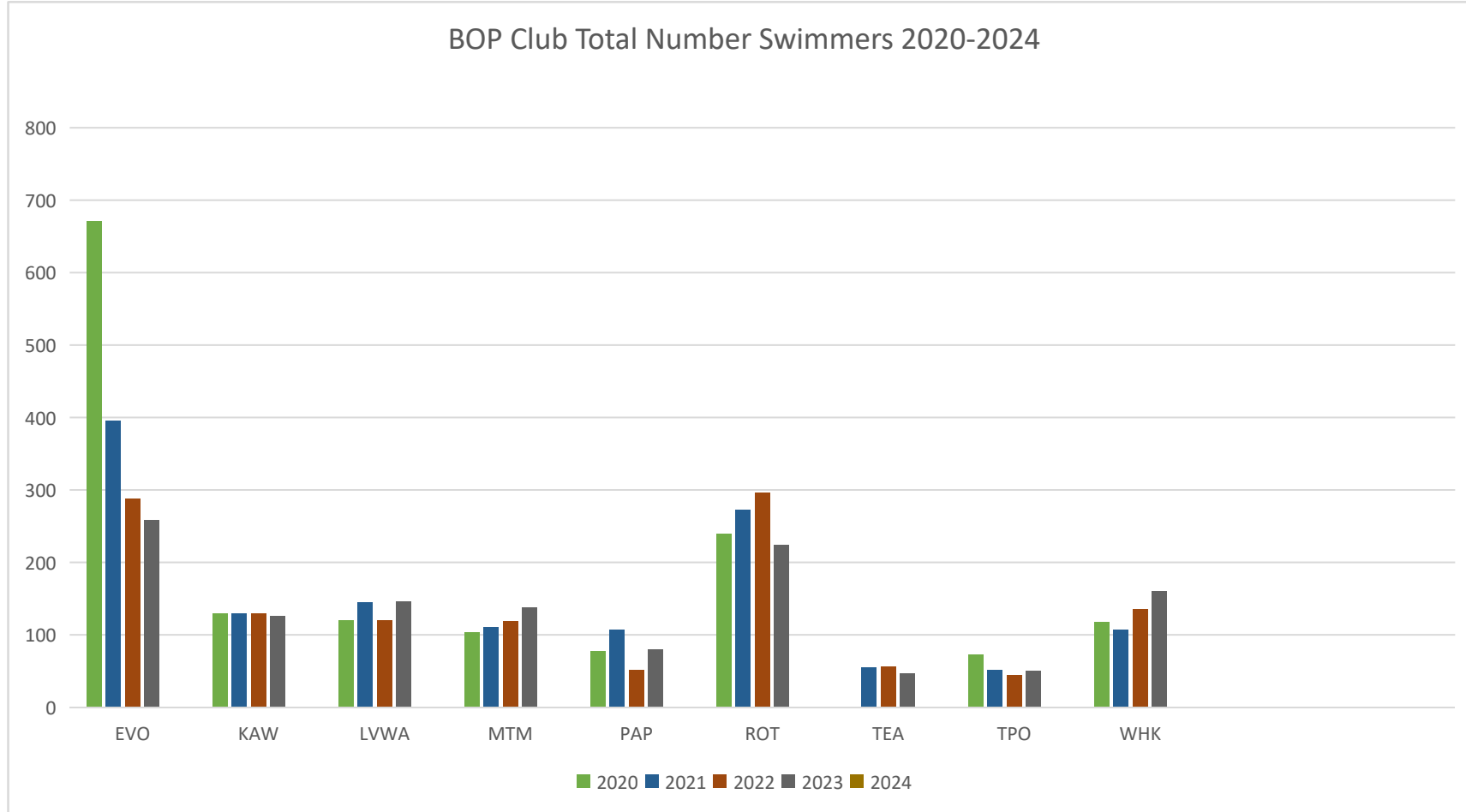
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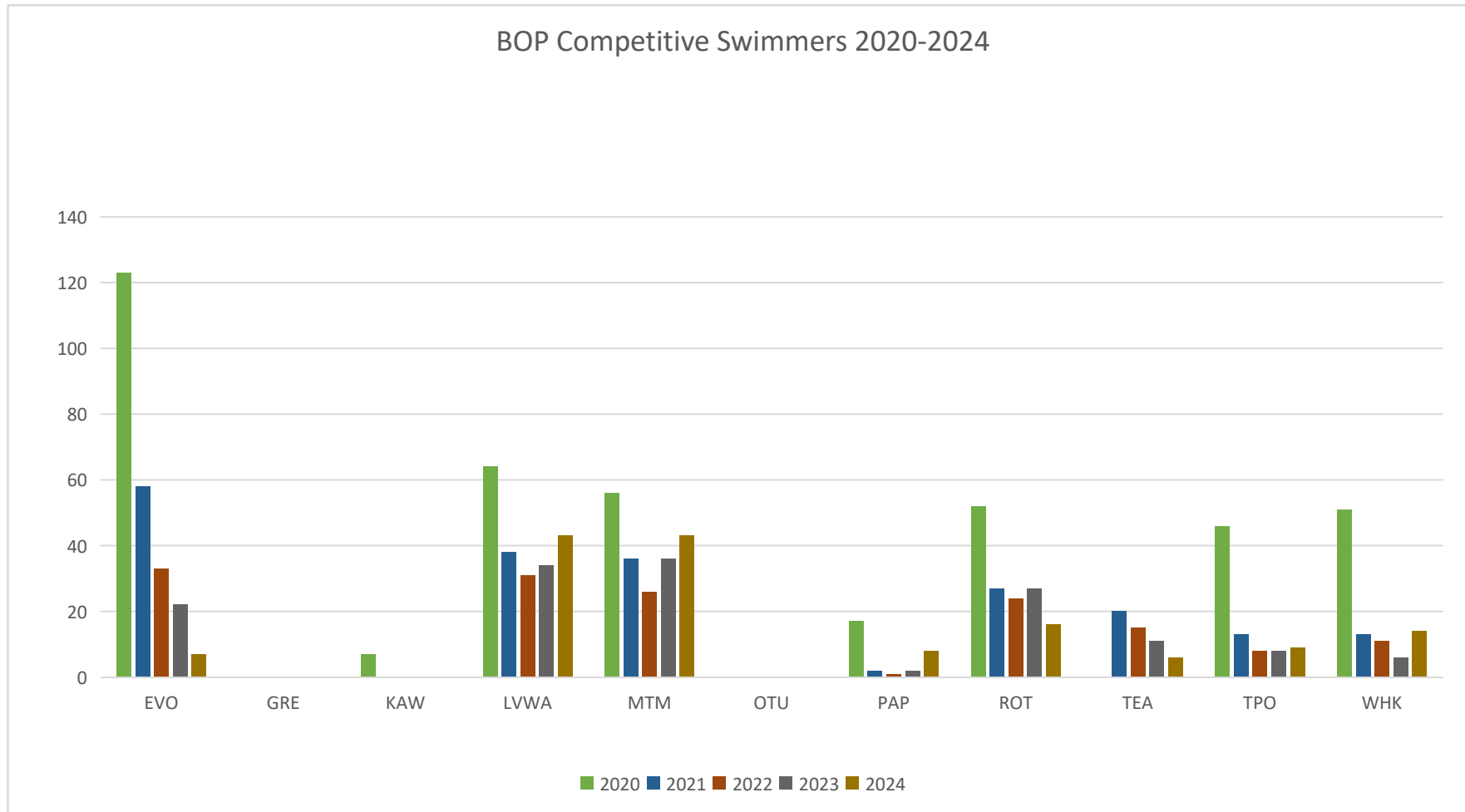
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» BOP Total Swimmers by Club

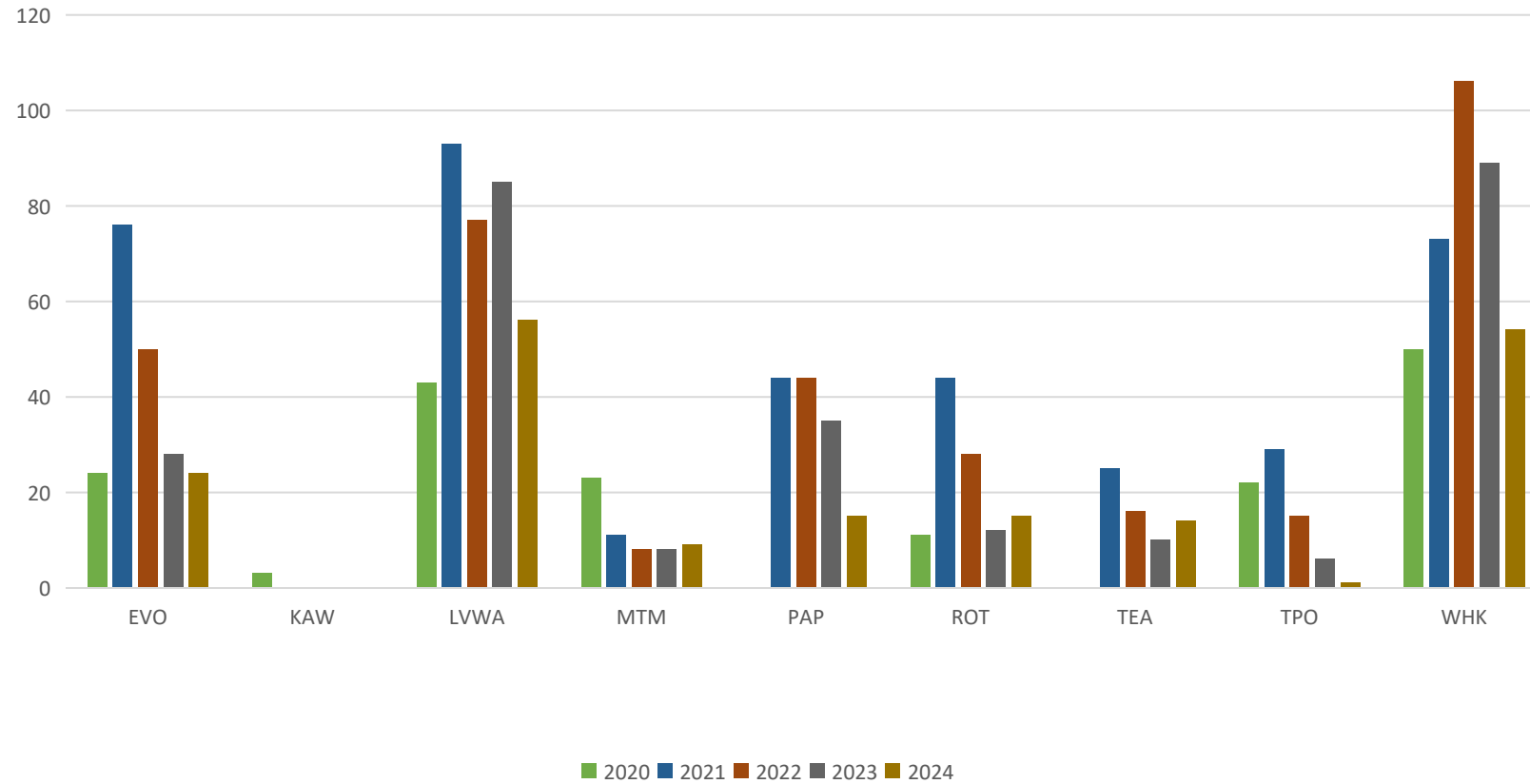


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» BOP Club Swimmers

Swimming BOP Club Swimmers 2020-2024





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Chair Report 2024

On behalf of the Swimming Bay of Plenty Board it is my privilege to table this Annual Report for the past season 2023-2024 and it is with pleasure that I present the Chair's Report.

The 2023 - 2024 season has marked my first year as Swimming BOP Chair. Although I am reasonably novice in the position I have been fortunate enough to be surrounded by a very supportive board.

I have been involved in swimming in the Bay of Plenty for nearly 15 years, firstly through my kids and shortly after as a technical official.

Swimming BOP represents 9 Clubs and 1607 members and I am pleased to see that our overall member numbers have grown slightly this year, particularly in the swimmer category.

Congratulations to all those swimmers who attended National events. This year Swimmers from our region broke 47 Regional Records at a mix of events from Club to National.

Swimming Bay of Plenty has made a slight profit this year which is really great. We are the only region that does not rely heavily on securing funding to run, and our cost to our members for both membership and events entry is one of the lowest if not the lowest in NZ.

Moving forward there are going to be a number of challenges for the Region and Clubs. We will be working to adopt the new constitution, and looking at what the future looks like for our sport, how to increase and retain members and keep swimming fun.

I would like to thank all the Coaches, Officials, parents and individuals who work tirelessly to provide opportunities for all of our athletes.

I would also like to thank the Events and Technical sub committees for their hard work in and around events over the last year and I would like to thank the board for their ongoing dedication and support.

Greg Swanberg

Chair

Technical Committee Report

It has been another busy year with all things swimming getting back to normal slowly, culminating with the Olympics and Para Olympics.

Firstly, can I thank my technical team for your contributions throughout the season, and to all our wonderful Technical Officials, including timekeepers, without you these meets don't happen.

I acknowledge Ellen Sherwood and Lisa Rowland and apologies to other's I may have omitted for your continued Swimming Bay of Plenty representation at Swimming NZ Meets, despite neither of you having swimmers that compete any longer.

Swimming New Zealand have made many changes to the competition pathway, which includes the ability to run "development meets". One positive impact of non-designated meets is it allows our hardworking experienced officials, who volunteer their precious time (over 80% no longer have active swimmer's) to take some well earned time off, thus meaning when we do have a designated meet we can have a full complement of lead officials ready to go.

The pathway for technical officials is being streamlined nationally. Whilst I don't necessarily agree with the proposed pathways for the Technical Pathway, they have made up their minds, so we will work to do what we can.

I would encourage clubs to engage parents to become engaged at club nights and step into new roles without the fear of not being qualified and facing writing DQ's, this may lead to officiating at development meets and then perhaps with encouragement can lead to further training and qualifications.

The introduction of learning certificates for swimmers has been a great step towards this process also.

On reflection of the exams undertaken in the last year; the percentage of exams completed is down and may decline further, like a lot of sports swimming is not immune to the changing financial times and parents stretched in many directions.

Thank you all again for your support of Swimming Bay of Plenty and I look forward to another successful season with you all.

*Jan Pook
Technical Chair*

Event Committee Report

The 2023-2024 swimming season has been an eventful and successful year for our region. Our focus remained on delivering well-organized, competitive, and fun events for swimmers of all levels. The following report outlines key events, participation, challenges, and achievements from this past year.

1. Key Events:

Throughout the year, we hosted 7 successful events, ranging from Junior Series Development Meets to Official Designated Meets. Here is a summary of the major events:

Junior Series:

This series focused on junior swimmers. Participation was strong with from 120-130 swimmers from 8 clubs over the four meets, contributing to a great atmosphere and fostering racing development. Thanks to Whakatane and LVW Aquatics for hosting two of the series.

Junior Clash and Showdown

These are our two major regional competitions with Age Group event medals awarded. It was pleasing to see participation numbers up on the previous year in both events. We saw exceptional performances, with many personal bests and regional records broken.

Classic and Rising Stars Events

These two events are our most successful and grow from strength to strength each season. Record numbers in attendance at both events this season.

Senior Splash

This event was a new event to our calendar this season and the numbers were pleasing.

2. Participation & Growth:

This year, we saw a significant increase in swimmer participation across all age groups:

Swimmers:

We had 13.5% more participants compared to last year. Notably, our junior participation grew by 11%.

Income:

We are conscious of the financial restraints on many families so continue to keep our entry fees to a minimum and have had no increases for a number of years making us one of the cheapest across the country to enter an event. Although we are noticing a slight drop in the number of events athletes are entering, we made a slight increase on income.

Volunteers & Officials:

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and officials. For Designated Events we need a minimum of 20 officials assisting to ensure that the event is ratified so are so grateful for the support. Our events do run smoothly and efficiently so a huge thanks to you all. Where possible we target several of our events as development Meets which gives our membership a chance to try new roles pool deck without having to be qualified. This takes pressure of our qualified officials so we can ensure they are available for the designated meets which our athletes need for National times etc.



3. Achievements:

Records Broken: Our swimmers broke numerous club records and 47 regional records.

Qualifiers: We had good representation at National Events with some stellar achievements.

Volunteer Shortages: While we had a dedicated group of volunteers, there were moments when we were short on officials, particularly at larger meets. We need to encourage more members to get involved.

Scheduling Conflicts: Some events coincided with other competitions, which led to a few clashes in participation due to the nonalignment of other Regional and National Events. There has been a lot of work to ensure this does not happen with SNZ and our regional colleagues moving forward which is pleasing.

4. Future Goals:

Increase Volunteer Base: We aim to conduct outreach to recruit more parents and community members to become officials and event helpers.

Host of National Events: Given our Regional's growing reputation of running good events, we are excited to host the Junior Festival for SNZ in March 2025 and have been asked to continue to deliver the AIMS Swimming component.

Focus on Junior Development: Expanding our junior program to help nurture our young athletes

Focus on more opportunities for Senior's: With the rising costs of travel etc we are looking at adding more events to our calendar for our senior athletes without having to travel.

Conclusion: The 2023-2024 season has been one of growth, success, and learning for us all. We look forward to building on these achievements and overcoming challenges in the coming year. A special thanks to all swimmers, parents, coaches, volunteers, and officials for their unwavering support.

Let's keep the momentum going for another great season ahead!

Bronwen Radford
Events Committee Chair

➤➤➤ Awards



SBOP Life Members

Roselyn Lipinski	2002	Chris Groothoff	2004
Lesley Mackenzie	2004	Wayne Johnstone	2005
Ann Benseman	2006	Keith Johnston	2006
Neville Hunter	2009	Geraldine Hale	2013
Steve Delaney	2014	Bronwen Radford	2015
Jane Williamson	2017	Dianne Leonard	2018
Kevin Leonard	2018	Karen Nixon	2019
Fiona Paignton	2023	Ellen Sherwood	2023

SNZ Awards

	Service	Honours		Service	Honours
Roselyn Lipinski	1996		Lesley Mackenzie	1997	2008
Chris Groothoff	2000	2010	Annette Reece	2002	
Wayne Johnstone	2003		Ann Benseman	2004	
Geraldine Hale	2004		Keith Johnston	2004	
Neville Hunter	2006		Steve Delaney	2009	
Bronwen Radford	2009		Dianne Leonard	2011	
Kevin Leonard	2011		Maryanne Roling	2012	
Fiona Paignton	2016		Ellen Sherwood	2016	

SBOP Awards

	Service	Honours		Service	Honours
Roselyn Lipinski	1987	1993	Lesley Mackenzie	1992	1997
Gaylene Johnson	1994	2004	Chris Groothoff	1995	2000
Ann Benseman	1996	2001	Keith Johnston	1996	2001
Wayne Johnstone	1996	2000	Steve Delaney	2000	2005
Annette Reece	2000	2018	Neville Hunter	2000	2004
Geraldine Hale	2001	2006	Dianne Leonard	2003	2008
Kevin Leonard	2003	2008	Bronwen Radford	2003	2008
Maryanne Roling	2007	2012	Freda Delaney	2008	2015
Sheryl Bicker	2009	2015	Carole Armstrong	2010	
Arthur Faulkner	2010	2015	Karen Nixon	2010	2015
Jane Williamson	2010	2015	Christine Tulloch	2013	
Fiona Paington	2013	2018	Alastair Capp	2013	2018
Ellen Sherwood	2014	2019	Brian Kendall	2014	

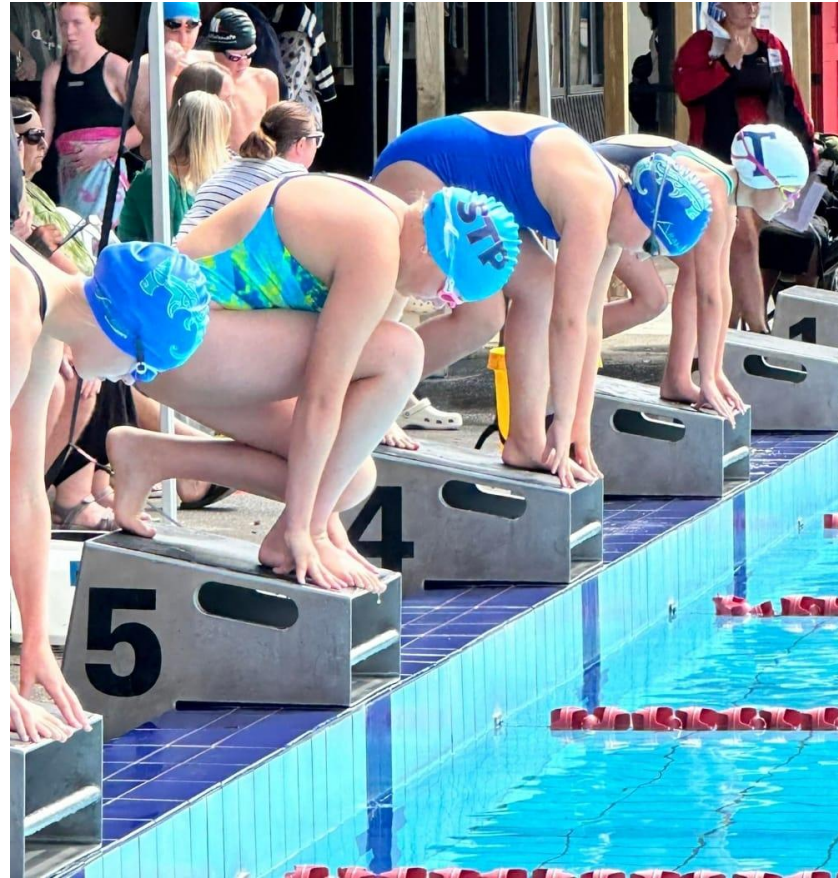


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	Service	Honours		Service	Honours
Steve Knox	2014	2019	Katrina Allison	2014	
Sam Pook	2017	2023	Jan Pook	2017	2023
Melvane Surtees	2017		Dallas Couvee	2017	2023
Carol Keightley	2018		Henry Weston	2019	
Claire Baylis	2019		Lisa Apperley	2019	
Sarah Shivnan	2023		Helen Eastwood	2023	
Wendy Hill	2023		Grant Wilkinson	2023	
Darrin Walsh	2023		Helene Walsh	2023	
Greg Swanberg	2023		Tai Daniela	2023	



Assessments 2023-24

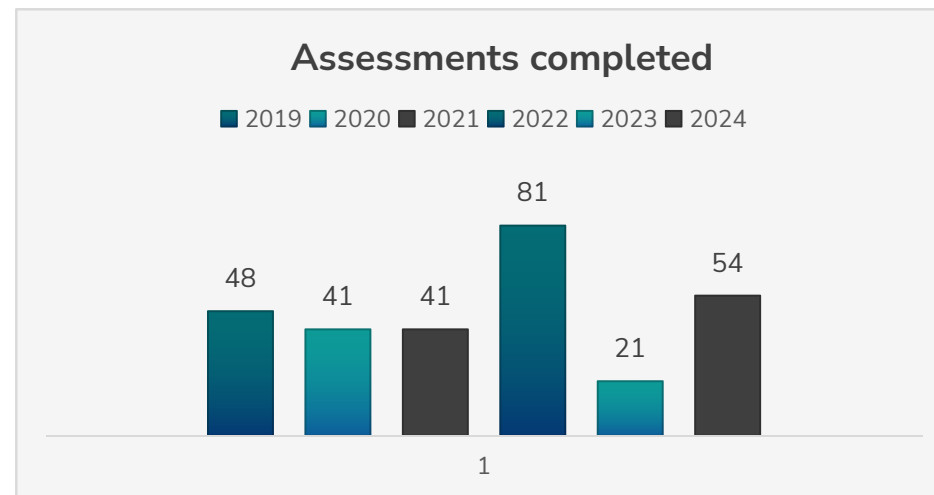


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Evolution Aquatics Tauranga					
Jessamy Duske	TK	Anna Oh	TK	Gemma Lowry	TK
Anthea Bryant	TK	Dean Jury	ST	Jo Dawson	IOT
Olga Rojo	TK	Stephen Baronion	TK	Andres Cachero	TK
Kelly Jury	ST				
Liz van Welie Aquatics					
Peter Hodgson	TK	Rebecca Collins	TK	Sonia McCawe	TK
Petr Faitl	TK	Laura Familo	TK	Amanda Richardson	TK
Trudy Smith	IOT	Katy Smith	TK	Elles PearseDanker	IOT
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Laura Familo	IOT	Peter Hodgson	IOT	Michael Lynn	TK
Jade Champion	TK				
Mt Maunganui					
Karyn Leach	TK	Angela Callahan	TK	Helene Aitchison	TK
Radleigh Cairns	TK	Naomi Davoren	TK	Andrea Braithwaite	IOT
Radleigh Cairns	IOT	Veronika McEwan	IOT	Naomi Davoren	IOT
Karyn Leach	IOT	Clare Pepers	TK	Nathan Proctor	TK

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Papamoa						
Wayne Forlong	TK	Amy Mellor	TK	Angela Crean	TK	
Antoniette Ward	TK	Blair Jackson	IOT	Kate Magill	TK	
Kurt Kennedy	ST	Kirsty Fox	TK	Heidi Omundsen	TK	
Swim Rotorua						
Finley English	IOT	Leanne Rankin	TK	Anna Blanco	IOT	
Garry Stewart	TK	Jason Chapman	TK	Dennis Parsons	TK	
Taupo						
Lisa Rowland	RF					



➤➤➤ National Representatives



SBOP National Representatives

Apollo Projects New Zealand Short Course Swimming Championships 8-12 August 2023, Hawkes Bay

Evolution Aquatics Tauranga	Zack Pask, Sophia Maltaï-Spence, Lola Lowry, Andres Bejarano Valdazo , Arianna Roberts, Trelise Chote, Zoe Wilkinson and Edie Jackson
Liz van Welie Aquatics	Tessa Harvey, Hunter Sands, Mitchell Ellis, Nathan Holmberg, Jacob Lewis
Mt Maunganui	Isobella Davoren, Braith Swanberg, Amelie Pearson, Talitha McEwan, Dominic Fawkner, Pippa Nicol, Molly Shivan, Flyn Beattie, Tetsani Thompson, Jack Keepa, Zaniqua Pratt-Smith, Charlie Shivan, Keira Allott, Monique Bartlett, Max Stevenson, Kasha Stokes
Swim Rotorua	Leonard Rankin, Ngamihi Simpson, Zariah Lomas, Stella Weston, Kai Jung-Ishida, Finley English, Leo English, Ariel Muchirahondo, Samuel Trass
Te Arawa	Bailey Conlon

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Orangetheory NZ Open Water Championships 13 January 2024 Taupo

Liz van Welie Aquatics	Sophia Maltai-Spence
Mt Maunganui	Ryleigh McEwan, Talitha McEwan, Dominic Fawkner
Papamoa	Brooke Jackson
Taupo	Harry Pool, Ivan Abele

» SBOP National Representatives

Aquaknights Junior Festival- 4-5 November, Hamilton acob Lewis

Evolution Aquatics Tauranga	Jacob Brown, James Bryant, Aimee Derrick, Georgia Duske, Emelia Evans, Xun-E Fong, Zu-Er Fong, Amelia Hill, Sungha Jin, Ellie Li, Addison Lichtwark, Kennedy Lichtwark, Gus Scholes Sithuki Senevirathna, Eloi Tetai Tenas, Rosie Young and Heidi Young
Liz van Welie Aquatics	Isabella Applegate, Cora BarrettHodgson, Daisy Bell, Kaitlin Chen, Maddi Clements, Fletcher Cummings, Kaleb Dawson, Levi Dixon, Isla Draffin, Evie Dumbleton, Lukas Faitl, Gabriella Farmilo, Livvy Fitzgerald, Isaac Hall, McKenna Hills, Ali Hiscox, Rowan Holmes, Mackenzie Jury, Rylee Jury, Carter Lenny, Matilda McCawe, Kees Miller, Max Page, Bjorn PearseDanker, Chloe Pinkerton, Lucas Player, Sophie Player, Charles Richardson, Daisy Ruthe, Mieka Sander, Addison Sands, Will Smith, Indie Soffe, Amylee Thomas,Ariella Werahiko, Matthew Yardley
Mt Maunganui	Charlie McCartney, Emily Reed
Papamoa	Summer Jackson, Mason Jackson, Mila Kennedy, Ava Kennedy, Beth Metcalfe, Alexander Omundsen, Zoe Omundsen, Isobel Omundsen and Cooper TaylorJonsson
Swim Rotorua	Ragnar Blanco, Samuel Chong, Felix Chu, Falcon Chu, Benny English, Jeffery Pan, Mateo Parra Rodriguez, Symi Stewart, Culainn Stunell, Gryffyn White-Parsons and Giselle Yee
Whakatane Swimming Club	Maya Choudharey-Woodcock, Tessa Gladwin, Sophie Gladwin,Araikura Moses-McRoberts Dominic Rowland, Azelle Stansloski, Oscar Worrall and Hudson Worrall

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Apollo Projects New Zealand Swimming Championships 9-13 April 2024, Hawkes Bay

Mt Maunganui Swimming Club	Talitha McEwan, Dominic Fawkner and Molly Shivnan
Swim Rotorua	Ariel Muchirahondo
Whakatane Swimming Club	Chloe Gladwin

Apollo Projects New Zealand Age Group Swimming 15-19 April 2024 , Hawkes Bay

Evolution Aquatics Tauranga	Andres Bejarano Valdazo, Renee Dresner and Fabian Hill
Liz van Welie Aquatics	Mitchell Ellis, Tessa Harvey, Nathan Holmberg, Luke Houghton, Mackenzie Jury, Harry Lynn, Sophia Maltai-Spence, Zack Pask, Logan Pinkerton, Arianna Roberts, Alyssa Salmons, Cleo Sands, Addison Sands and Hunter Sands
Mt Maunganui Swimming Club	Flyn Beattie, Sheldon Hogan, Talitha McEwan, Zaniqua Pratt-Smith, Charlie Shivnan and Madelene Van Vliet
Papamoa Swimming Club	Hayden Forlong
Swim Rotorua	Conlon Bailey, Finley English, Leo English, Kai Jung-Ishida, Zariah Lomas, Ariel Muchirahondo Leonard Rankin, Ngamihi Simpson
Taupo Swimming Club	Harrison Pool and Elizabeth Pool
Te Arawa Swimming Club	Dylan Greupink

SBOP National Representatives

2024 Apollo Projects Division II Swimming Competition 7-11 May 2024, Hamilton

Evolution Aquatics Tauranga	Andres Bejarano Valdazo, Renee Dresner, Gia Dumbleton and Carina Roberts
Liz van Welie Aquatics	Holly Blakemore, Addison Dawson, Timothy GilliesSmith, Cohen Hiscox, Nathan Holmberg, Luke Houghton, Alivia Jenkins, Mackenzie Jury, Harry Lynn, Sophia Maltaï-Spence, BellaMay Martin Lachlan Martin, Logan Pinkerton, Tahlia Roscoe, Alyssa Salmons, Greer Sander, Annabelle Smith Lily Smith and Xue Zeng
Mt Maunganui Swimming Club	Flyn Beattie, Fletcher Cameron, Cooper Everett, Lewis Holmes, Ryleigh McEwan Amelie Pearson, Oliver Pepers, Grace Richardson, Poppy Richardson, Samuel Shivnan and Max Stevenson
Papamoa Swimming Club	Charlotte Devoy, William Chugg, Hayden Forlong, Mason Jackson and Evie Metcalfe
Swim Rotorua	Jun Kim, Zariah Lomas, Lily London and Kate Staunton
Taupo Swimming Club	Elizabeth Pool and Harrison Pool
Te Arawa Swimming Club	Dylan Greupink
Whakatane Swimmng Club	Chloe Gladwin, Zandr� Herbst, Zane Pearson and Dominic Rowland



Record Breakers 2023-2024



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Amelia McEwan	Mt Maunganui	11 Years	1 Record
Leo English	Swim Rotorua	13 & 14 Years	3 Records
Ariel Muchirahondo	Swim Rotorua	14 & 15 Years & Open	21 Records
Talitha McEwan	Mt Maunganui	17 & 18 Years & Open	3 Records
Samuel Trass	Swim Rotorua	17 Years & Open	3 Records
Keira Allott	Taupo	18 Years	5 Records
Molly Shivnan	Mt Maunganui	Open	7 Records
Gus Shivnan	Mt Maunganui	Open	1 Record
George Williams	Mt Maunganui	Open	3 Records

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE AGM

20 October 2024

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