



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Our Vision:

To Develop, Grow and Promote Swimming in
the BOP

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Swimming Bay of Plenty 2019-2020

Patron	Mr Chris Groothoff
Board Chair	Bronwen Radford 3 rd term
Board	Darrin Walsh 2 nd term
	Renee Kelly 2 nd term
	Dallas Couvee 1 st term
	David Pearce 1 st term
	Dennis Curtis appointed
Administration Officer	Karen Nixon
Records Officer	Neville Hunter
Property Officer	Chris Groothoff
Awards Committee	Geraldine Hale
	Lesley Mackenzie
	Sam Pook
	Bronwen Radford
	Ellen Sherwood
Technical Committee	Steve Knox
	Lesley Mackenzie
	Ann Benseman
	Fiona Paignton
Technical Assessors	Lesley Mackenzie
	Ann Benseman
	Steve Knox
	Steve Delaney
	Fiona Paignton
	Jan Pook
AOD Assessors	Sam Pook
	Kevin Leonard
Events Management Team	Bronwen Radford
	Sam Pook
	Jan Pook
	Tania Curtis
	Dennis Curtis
	Sandy Davis
	David Spear
	Pauline Spear

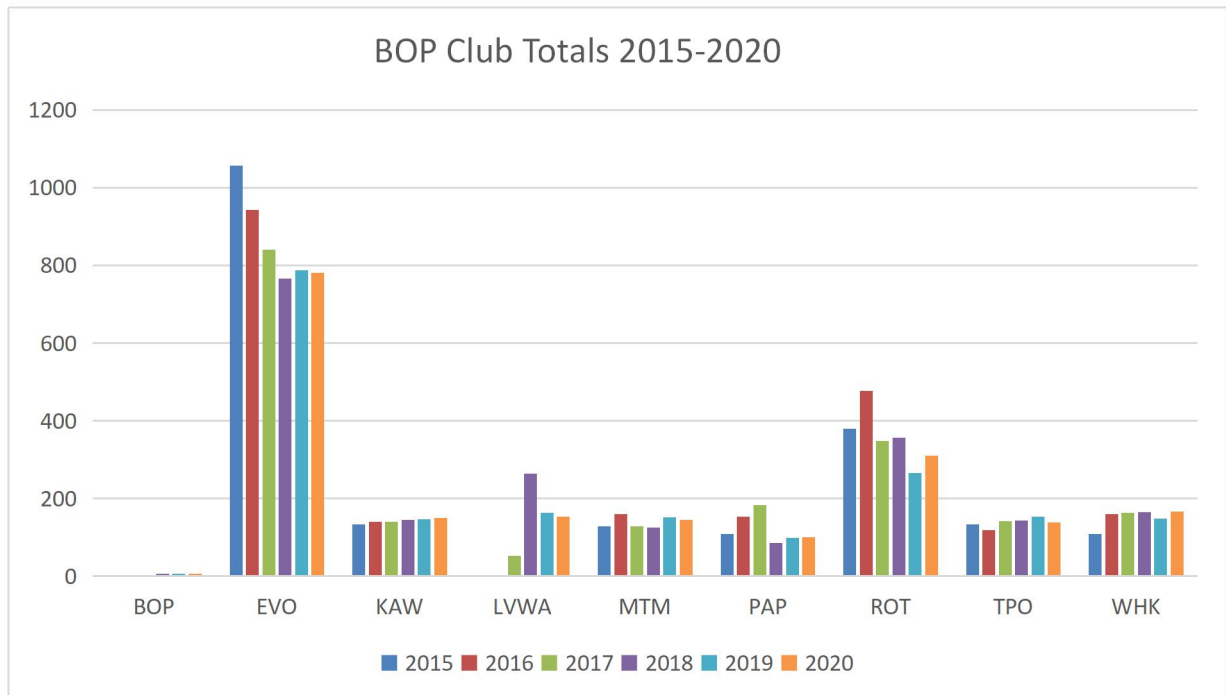
Club Membership 30 June 2020

	Comp	Club	LTS	Rec	NVT	VT	Vol	FOS	Life	Coach	Vol Coach	Admin	2020	2019	2018
BOP						1			5				6	6	6
GRE														0	197
EVO	123	24	389	135	50	24	13	5	11	4	1	2	781	787	
KAW	7	3	62	57			4	2	1		1	14	151	147	145
LVWA	64	43	13		16	3				2		12	153	163	264
MTM	56	23		25	28	7			1	1	1	3	145	152	125
OTU														0	569
PAP	17			61	9	3				1	1	8	100	99	85
S.ROT	52	11		177	32	19	10		1	1	7		310	266	357
TPO	46	22		5	42	11	5		3	5			139	154	143
WHK	51	50	3	14	31	11	1	1	3	1			166	149	165
TOTAL	416	176	467	474	208	79	33	8	25	15	11	39	1951	1923	2056

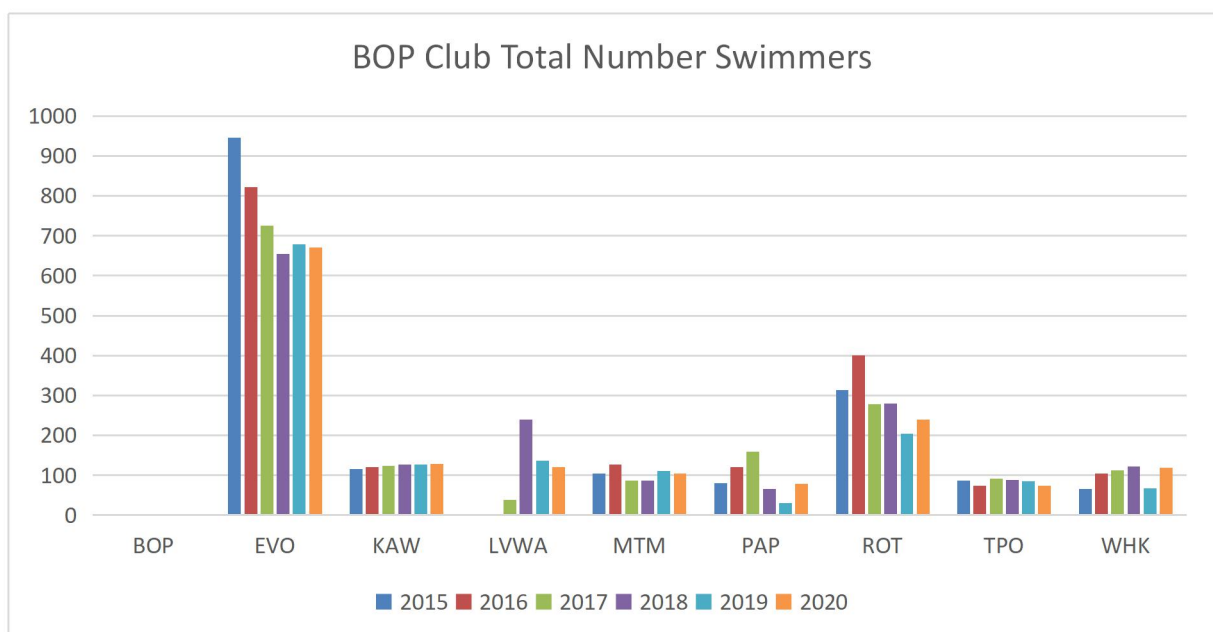
AGM Voting

	Comp	Club	VTO	Coach	BOP LIFE	Total Votes
EVO	123	24	24	4	8	183
KAW	7	3				10
LVWA	64	43	3	2		112
MTM	56	23	7	1		87
PAP	17		3	1		21
S.ROT	52	11	19	1		83
TPO	46	22	11	5		84
WHK	51	50	11	1	2	115

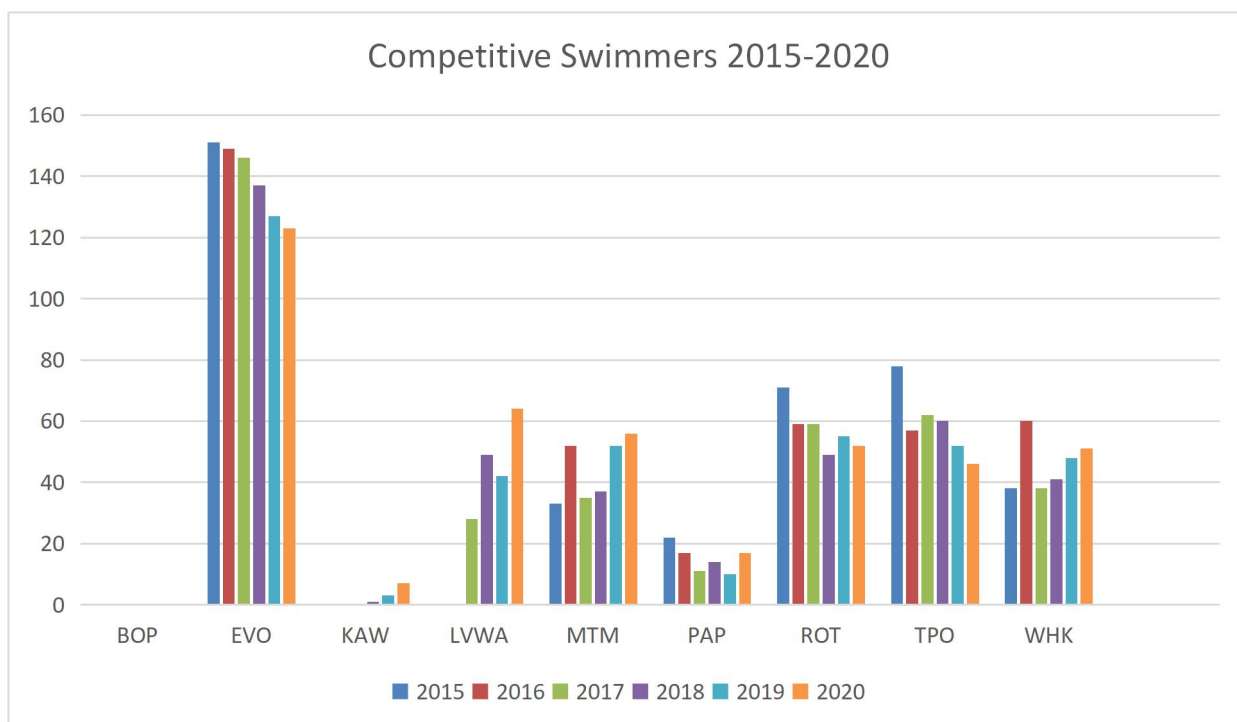
Club Number Graphs



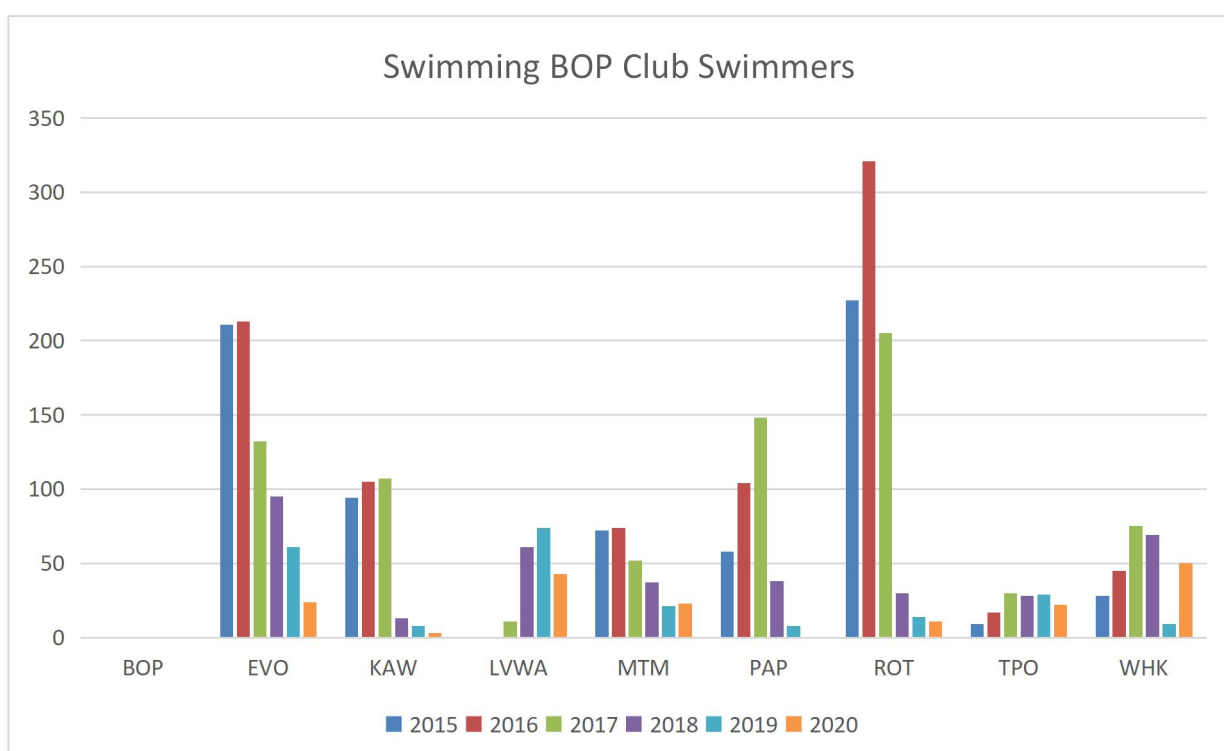
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Chair's Report

I am immensely proud of what we have achieved collectively for 2019/2020.

In lots of ways it has been the most challenging season for Swimming Bay of Plenty, its clubs and all its members. As a region everyone's situation has evolved somewhat differently compared to the original plan and for everyone to have managed the transition and to then come out the other side in good shape is impressive and a well done to everyone. It has been an eventful time and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your enthusiastic support. I applaud all those that volunteer their time, skills, and energy on their Club boards. To all those members that contribute to our sport in any shape and form I thank you.

There have been many positives:

5 athletes achieving International representation

9 Athletes achieving SNZ National Squad status

50 BOP Records broken

85 podium placings at National events

88 athletes represented SBOP and their clubs at National events

127 athletes represented SBOP and their clubs at the Aquaknights Junior Festival

41 members completed technical qualifications

Record numbers in attendance at the 2020 Junior Camp

Successful club run and BOP events.

We have continued to align our competition calendar to the National calendar and have revised our competition structure to make provision for entry-level participation (Club swimmers). Noting the current economic environment our challenge is now to ensure ongoing participation.

Financially your region is in good shape with a pleasing finish to our financial year. This has been due to prudent fiscal management of regional funds. Due to our focus on saving hard we were able to use our reserves to remove all regional subscriptions for the 2020/2021 year.

As part of our governance program, SBOP has been aligning our constitution to better reflect the relationship and responsibility obligation of the region to SNZ. As such, we have been working with SNZ to amend our current constitution.

Membership growth was pleasing, and we will continue to ensure swimmer retention while ensuring we offer value to our members.

Our coaches and their energy, enthusiasm and knowledge are part of the driving force behind who we are.

There is an indication that the level of commitment by Technical Officials is on the rise.

The coming year will be another in the development of our region as we continue to provide a fun and supportive environment for all our members, whether they wish to become a National champion or simply enjoy swimming as part of a great environment.

Our unique spirit is alive and well and SBOP is well-poised for the future alongside our Clubs. There is still a lot to do and we are committed to forging ahead and a massive thanks to you all, we can all be very proud of what has been achieved collectively throughout the 2019-2020. We have all come together and grown stronger as a region which is awesome.

Respect and gratitude to the Board for their support and foresight. I, in particular, want to thank Karen Nixon for her continued work as our Regional Administrator. Finally, to the parents of all our athletes, who are the timekeepers, the taxi drivers, the alarm clocks and restaurants – thank you for encouraging your children to be part of our fantastic sport.

In summary, we are looking forward to another great year for Swimming Bay Of Plenty and look forward to seeing you all on pool deck.

Ma te mahi tahi e ora ai te katoa

We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone



Technical Officials Report

In a challenging year, it is great to be able to return to the pool and enjoy our swim meets again.

Congratulations to all those officials, who have gained their SBOP and NZ qualifications this year. 41 assessments completed.

It has been an ongoing focus of the technical committee to encourage our existing team of officials to improve their skills and qualifications at both Bay of Plenty and New Zealand levels. It is encouraging that there are a number of people working towards qualifying as BOP referees and are likely to achieve this qualification in the coming year.

The technical committee members are available to assist with tutorials of both new and existing officials at club nights and swim meets.

In the past we have appointed officials to meets. This year we have asked officials to nominate which swim meets / sessions and positions they wish to officiate at. This is working well and we would encourage all officials to let us know what meets they wish to officiate at.

Thank you to all officials, both local and from other Regions who have assisted at our swim meets over the past 12 months.

We look forward to seeing you all back on pool deck over the next 12 months.

Steve Knox

Technical Official Convener



Event's Report

Swimming Bay of Plenty has a passion for events and runs events to celebrate and provide our athletes with participation and competition opportunities. We offer a wide range of awesome events and our first step is always defining the purpose. We do this in conjunction with our coaches and we ensure all involved agree and that there is a strong commitment. We have had increased participation in our events and have seen strong performances from our Juniors through to our Age Group levels. The stands were packed, and the atmosphere loaded until Covid arrived and saw the cancellation of many events.

If there was one highlight it would have to be the Junior Camp. This camp is truly exceptional and celebrated its 20th year in 2020.

We have an Events Management Team which runs the events. Reflecting back, we are humbled and hugely appreciative of the amazing individuals who have stepped up time and time again. Organisations such as ours thrive on new blood and new ideas so with this in mind I would like to encourage individuals to participate in the Events Management Team.

Changes to the calendar and formats of events have been experimented with as a result of Covid and to provide more value to our members. A big thanks to all those that helped in the pre-event organising and on the day with general administration, timekeeping etc...

We regularly get compliments from a variety of members and visitors about how good our events are and this is a good indicator that we are evolving in the right direction.



Swimming Bay of Plenty Awards

SBOP LIFE MEMBERS

Roselyn Lipinski	2002
Chris Groothoff	2004
Lesley Mackenzie	2004
Wayne Johnstone	2005
Colleen Melville	2005
Ann Benseman	2006
Keith Johnson	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

SNZ AWARDS

	Service	Honours
Colleen Melville	1994	2004
Roselyn Lipinski	1996	
Lesley Mackenzie	1997	2008
Chris Groothoff	2000	2010
Annette Reece	2002	
Wayne Johnstone	2003	
Anne Benseman	2004	
Geraldine Hale	2004	
Keith Johnson	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
Roselyn Lipinski	1987	1993
Colleen Melville	1989	1994
Lesley Mackenzie	1992	1997
Gaylene Johnson	1994	2004
Chris Groothoff	1995	2000
Ann Benseman	1996	2001
Keith Johnson	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 Paighton	2013	2018
Alastair Capp	2013	2018
Ellen Sherwood	2014	2019
Brian Kendall	2014	
Steve Knox	2014	2019
Katrina Allison	2014	
Sam Pook	2017	
Jan Pook	2017	
Melvane Surtees	2017	
Dallas Couvee	2017	
Carol Keightley	2018	
Henry Weston	2019	
Claire Baylis	2019	
Lisa Apperley	2019	

Swim BOP Assessments 2019-20

Club	Timekeeper	AOD	IOT	Starter	Referee	Total
Evolution	3		5	1		9
LVWA	6			1		7
Mt Maunganui	3		1			4
Papamoa	1					1
Rotorua	3		2			5
Taupo	2		3			5
Whakatane	7	1	2			10
Total	25	1	13	2		41



Evolution Aquatics Tauranga

James Patterson	IOT
Natasha Williams	IOT
Karyn Sharvi	ST
Tracey Dumbleton	TK
Scott Dumbleton	TK
Danielle Hills	IOT
Deborah Jury	IOT
Angle Van Vliet	TK
Jodie Schumacher	IOT

Liz van Welie Aquatics

Corey Rikihana	ST
Keri Courtney	TK
Natsuko Fletcher	TK
Jeremy Martley	TK
Brett Bartram	TK
Heidee Jenkins	TK
Lavina Good	TK

Mt Maunganui

Haley Jakeman	TK
Kate Rive	TK
Amanda Lawson	IOT
Nikki Antonsen	TK

Papamoa

Claire Walker	TK
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Rotorua

Tania Curtis	TK
Analyn Blanco	TK
Justine Randell	TK
Caroline Matangi	IOT
Maki Ishida	IOT

Taupo

Sarah Carter	TK
Jacqueline English	TK
Teresa Green	IOT
Linda Logan	IOT
Rachel Carton	IOT

Whakatane

Renee Kelly	AOD
Kathleen Forsyth	IOT
Nirosha Seneviratna	IOT
Leann Schlepers	TK
Kylie Wilton	TK
Jules Boonen	TK
Anna Seymour	TK
Brenda Crosswell	TK
Heather Sullivan	TK
Megan Gilbert	TK

National Representatives



2019 NZ Short Course Championships 1st – 5th October 2019

Evolution Aquatics Tauranga

Connor Farrell
Ella Hoskin
Isaac Williams
Liam Shanahan
Joshua Gilbert
Georgia Verhoeven
Louis Fitzjohn
Caitlin Farrell
Brooke Ross
Daniel Shanahan
Mia Gardiner
Zoe Wilkinson
Travis Hudson
Matthew Wagstaff
Eleanor Gilbert
Zach Reeder
Emily Mahon
Lily Pearce
Olive Pearce

Liz van Welie Aquatics

Jack Todd
Mason Kritz
Jacob Lewis

Liz van Welie Aquatics *(continued)*

Laura Thompson
Kalani Bruce
Sarah Cummings
Chelsea Good
Ava Sands

Mount Maunganui

Zyleika Pratt-Smith
Gus Shivan
Kel Iggulden
Thomas Scott
Joe Cook
Naia Anderson
Hannah Lawson
Kasha Stokes

Swim Rotorua

James Baldwin
Annelyse Cowie
David Boles
Molly Sinclair
Jasmine Hagan

Swim Rotorua*(continued)*

Milla Theobald
Dion Wright
Nikita Pola
Lina Stahlhut
Skye Cox
Samuel Trass
Joshua Balmer

Taupo

Siobhan Terry
Keira-Lee Allott

Whakatane

Caroline Paulsen
Joshua Hansen
Jamie Forsyth
Deshan Seneviratna
Ashleigh Lawlor
Tessa Dodson

2020 New Zealand Open Water Championships 11-12 January 2020

Evolution Aquatics Tauranga

Talitha McEwan
Mia Pugh
Ella Hoskin
Arianna Roberts
Emily Mahon

Liz Van Welie Aquatics

Jessica Kneale
Kalani Bruce
Kane McBrydie
Sarah Cummings
Jacob Lewis
George Wyllie
Paris McConnell
Grace Scott
Ava Sands

Mt Maunganui Swimming Club

Naia Anderson
Lily Cooney
Grace Cooney

Swim Rotorua

David Boles
Nikita Pola
Milla Theobald
Theo Harvey
Molly Sinclair
Dion Wright
Samuel Trass

Taupo Swimming Club

Brian Richards
Hannah Howell
Cayden Upfold
Ashton Upfold
Gabriel Lindsay

Whakatane Swim Club

Benjamin Jackson
Kate Murray
Timothy Klein
Ashleigh Lawlor
Tessa Dodson

2020 New Zealand Junior Festival Aquaknights 13-15 March 2020

Evolution Aquatics Tauranga

Charlotte Gilbert
Henry Scholes
Liam Jury
Dulcie Copeland
Dane Wooster
Indie Scholes
Mia McGrath
Keegan Hodgetts
Devlin Langton
Gia Dumbleton
Nick Reeder
Isabella Faulkner
Miles Jonson
Troy Wooster
Eleanor Pugh
Hugo Mollison
Sam Cosford
Grace Richardson
Madelene Van Vliet
Jessica Pilbrow
Grace Rikit
Poppy Richardson
Bruno Fuller
Charlotte Hills
Emily Todd
Emily Simpson
Nikolai Ahomior
Zack Pask
Alice Pask
Edi Jackson
Jessica Cha
Olivia Middleweek

Kawerau Swimming Club

Azriah Hohepa
Amarni Davis
Te Emery
Kaila Davis
Paraire Walker

Liz van Welie Aquatics

Liam Good
Jacob Delaney
Honour Rikihana
Alyssa Salmons
Tessa Harvey
BellaMay Martin
Shima (Harrison) Fletcher
Emma Fletcher
Gianni Martin
Oscar Hellyer
Alivia Jenkins
Liam O'Brien
Hannah Gourlay
Paige Martley
Matilda Parrish
Emma Rogers
Cleo Sands
Hunter Sands
Lily Smith
Nathan Holmberg
Tahlia Roscoe
Ruby Jones
Ben Marshall
Addison Sands
Aimee Cresswell
Benjamin Riordan
Kim Minjae
Sam Lewis

Mount Maunganui

Zaniqua Pratt-Smith
Mikaela Ketu
Hemi Antonsen
Talia Rive
Jemima Helm
Sheldon Hogan
Isabella Gillard
Flynn Beattie

Papamoa

Max Stevenson
Mason Jackson
Valencia Nguyen-Morrison
Sophie Barnard
Evie Metcalfe
Sophia Maltai-Spence
Tyler Millar

Swim Rotorua

Kai Jung Ishida
Noah Schulze
Karolina Joyce
Ariel Muchirahondo
Lily London
Ava Tremain
Ashleigh Randell
Hone Curtis
Hannah Buchanan
Hannah Kiernan
Tamzin Joy
Mitilda Kiss
Samuel Schulze
Makayla Wood
Zariah Lomas
Charlotte Tremain
Arwen Barker
Ethan Partelow
Kate Staunton
Leonard Rankin
Nina DeCoster

Taupo

Ruby Rogers
Lucy Humby
Misha Hoskin
Leo English
Charlotte Rose
Finley English
Nicholas Logan

Zandre Herbst
Emilie Rosset
Tyler Macey
Elena Marxen-Short
Holly Rowland

Taupo (continued)

Ryan Logan
Lucy Barker
Max Woolford
Levi Walters
Tariss Walters

Whakatane

Coco Wren
Chloe Gladwin
Lottie Gladwin
Kaylee Lawlor
Nikkolas Brown
Caign Boonen
Taylyn Te Riini
Savannah Macey
Nikau Seymour



International Representatives

3-6th October 2019 Australian State Teams Championships, Canberra, Australia

Tarquin Magner	Evolution Aquatics Tauranga
Thomas Wilkinson	Evolution Aquatics Tauranga
Lucy Bartlett	Mt Maunganui Swimming Club
Molly Shivnan	Mt Maunganui Swimming Club
Talitha McEwan	Evolution Aquatics Tauranga



Swimming BOP Record Breakers

Leo English	Taupo	9&U & 10 yrs	4 Records
Liam Shanahan	Evolution	10&U	1 Record
Ariel Muchirahondo	Swim Rotorua	10&U & 10 & 11yrs	19 Records
Karolina Joyce	Swim Rotorua	11yrs	5 Records
Talitha McEwan	Evolution	13& 14yrs	5 Records
Keira Allott	Evolution	14&15 yrs	6 Records
Isaac Williams	Liz van Welie	13yrs	7 Records
Lucy Bartlett	Mt Maunganui	14yrs & Open	9 Records
Caitlin Farrell	Evolution	14 yrs	1 Record
Zyleika Pratt-Smith	Mt Maunganui	15yrs	14 Records
Sarah Cummings	Liz van Welie	14 & 15yrs	2 Records
Louis Fitzjohn	Evolution	15 yrs	2 Records
Thomas Wilkinson	Evolution	15 yrs	2 Records
Tarquin Magner	Evolution	15 yrs & Open	18 Records
Molly Shivanan	Mt Maunganui	16, 17yrs & Open	13 Records
Daniel Shanahan	Evolution	12 ,16yrs & Open	10 Records
Travis Hudson	Evolution	16yrs	2 Records
Ella Hoskin	Evolution	17 yrs	3 Records
Toni Saunders	Taupo	17yrs	2 Records
Rocco Marsh	Swim Rotorua	17yrs	2 Records
James Baldwin	Swim Rotorua	17 yrs	1 Record
Lochlainn O'Connor	Evolution	18yrs	5 Records
Joshua Gilbert	Evolution	18yrs & Open	17 Records



Swimming BOP Club Highlights



- ❖ The first was the staging of our first ever EVO winter champs in Hamilton which was a tremendous success.
- ❖ EVO trip to the SA champs in Adelaide. Great to see all the fundraising prior as well as the fun and excellent results in the actual comp.
- ❖ NZ Short Course - A stunning performance across the board saw Evolution Aquatics Tauranga finish in the runner-up position at the 2019 New Zealand Short Course (25m pool) Swimming Championships in the Age Group rankings.
- ❖ Surviving Covid-19



- ❖ Having 5 swimmers attending this years Junior Aquaknights Festival, we have increased our numbers attending continually over the last 3 years.
- ❖ We had over 40 Afternoon swimmers and our February Learn to Swim had over 50 swimmers.
- ❖ Our new clubrooms have started. The old floor is currently being smashed and removed to then put new floors and other stuff to be completed. Hopefully the ball keeps moving and we are able to move into the new rooms at the beginning of next year.



- ❖ Culture: We have identified three key qualities that swimmers, coaches and whanau contribute to the culture making it a great place to be in the water: Hungry, Humble and Smart
- ❖ Participation: Significantly more swimmers attended key meets, both juniors and seniors
- ❖ Resilience: Successfully getting through the Covid-19 lock down
- ❖ Collaboration: Successful swim camp with Mt Maunganui Swimming Club, secured external funding of over \$5,000 too



- ❖ The expansion of our swim programme by securing extra lanes which we have been unable to do for many years
- ❖ Getting through Covid 19 and keeping our swimmer base occupied and enthusiastic about swimming
- ❖ Results from NZ Short Course, including our relay teams
- ❖ Our junior swimmers...who are such an integral part of our club and who always make us smile.



- ❖ Securing the Papamoa School Pool for use 8 months of the year
- ❖ Growth in our squad numbers for both the winter and summer seasons
- ❖ Increase in our competitive swimmer numbers - currently 31 club swimmer and 6 comp
- ❖ Successful funding applications for our operational costs



- ❖ Though COVID-19 impacted our pool time, Swim Rotorua concentrated our efforts on connecting our swimmers in as many innovative ways as we could. We had a clear focus on maintaining connections, financial sustainability and the wellbeing of our tamariki.
- ❖ We have also been mindful that our whanau may have been impacted by COVID-19 and we have worked hard to ensure we have a robust scholarship fund available if required by club members.
- ❖ Over the last year we have recruited a new Head Coach, Aidan Withington. Aidan and his whanau came from Wellington to join us and we are thrilled to have him here in Rotorua and in the Bay of Plenty. Aidan is an up and coming young coach and a perfect fit for Swim Rotorua. Aidan has looked hard at our programmes and made changes which have been beneficial to the whole Swim Rotorua team. Our athletes have continued to develop under his leadership. We have remained strong throughout all ages and we have a very strong junior team in development. At the SNZ short course champs in Hamilton our team came home with medals which was a pleasing result.
- ❖ Swim Rotorua has remained connected to our community in many ways and support the Make a Difference Water Safety programme, Weetbix Tryathlon and volunteering at many other events when and if we are able.



- ❖ In partnership with the Taupo District Council and the Taupo Water Safety Group we have purchased and installed a set of Anti Wave 800 Start Blocks
- ❖ The 25m indoor pool sides have been converted to flush drainage and along with new lane ropes and the start blocks this should make the Taupo Pool a great pool to compete in.
- ❖ Coaching Services are now being provided to Taupo Swimming Club Members by Hillary Westerhoff and her new company WavePlus