

# CLUBS AGM REPORT'S







#### Fulton Amateur Swim Team Incorporated Chairpersons Report – AGM 2020/21

Where the 2019/20 season will be remembered for all the wrong reasons with COVID making an entrance into our everyday lives, the 2020/21 season was one of significant change and growth for FAST.

With a large portion of our senior squad having transitioned to other clubs at the end of last season, this year there has been a significant push by our Head Coach LC Langit in growing our Junior Squad numbers while transitioning swimmers up into our Senior Squad. Our club numbers have never been as strong as what they are now, and with an average age of our squad members being 12 years old this puts us in a fantastic space for the next few years.

Our Financial status currently is in an excellent position, with a surplus of close to \$8,000 having been achieved. This has been achieved through a massive effort by our chief fundraising guru Nicollette with fundraisers for samosas, Whittaker's chocolates, Christmas raffles and running the BBQ on the Sunday at the Swimming Counties Manukau Age Group Champs for the first time, as well as the continual support of FAST members, families and friends.

Our Head Coach LC has truly flourished in her role this year and has grown from strength to strength. With a fantastic group of assistant coaches (Emma, Ethan and Brianna) helping out and with a number of new tools to assist with coaching LC and the assistant coaches are really lifting the quality of our swimmers. At a number of regional meets this year including the Swimming Counties Manukau Junior Regional Champs, FAST had the highest percentage of PB's with the lowest number of DQ's. This included a fantastic swim by Charlotte Bowskill swimming a 200m Fly by herself with every technical official in the building scrutinizing her. LC has continued to foster key relationships with our neighbouring clubs with a number of joint coaching clinics having been held between our club and Pukekohe Swimming Club, with FAST having hosted one of these sessions at Patumahoe.

Our number of Technical Officials took a bit of a hit with a number of our previously trained members having left, but with the Swimming Counties Manukau Technical Team's assistance we will be progressing our next lot of parents through into IOT levels shortly.

This year on the swimming side of things, FAST has had another strong year in the pool. FAST had a large presence at all of the Swimming Counties Manukau run events, with our swimmers also competing outside of the region in the Auckland, Waikato, Northland, BOP, Taranaki and even Wellington regions. On the national stage, FAST had a team of 11 qualify for the NZ Junior Festival achieving 8 top ten finishes including a silver in the kickboard event, and in May a team of 3 attended Div II with the boys achieving 100% PB's there which was topped off with a bronze medal by Adam. It was also great to see some of our senior swimmers taking part in open water events for the first time. A highlight of the swimming year was the introduction of the inter-regional 'Tainui Trophy' team relay event. The Tainui Trophy squad was made up of the best junior swimmers from across all of the Swimming Counties Manukau clubs, with FAST contributing 9 representatives. A total of 20 short course and 4 long course club age group records were broken over the 2020/21 year which is an excellent result.

And lastly this year's Board. I would personally like to thank the Board members who I've worked with over the last few years and in particular this last year as Chairperson. Jo, Deb, Mandy, Nicollette, Pam and LC - you're a fantastic team, hardworking and continually growing the club in all of the right areas. I can't thank you all enough for the contributions that each of you have made to the success of FAST.

As this is my last year on the Board, I'm looking forward to working with the new Chairperson to ensure a seamless change over takes place. I wish all of our new Board members the best of luck and know that you will be fantastic in your roles.

Good luck and I look forward to seeing you all poolside.

Anthony Chaney

Fulton Amateur Swim Team Incorporated

(FAST) Chairperson





#### Dear HPK Members

What an eventful 2020/21 season we have had as a club!

In these continuing difficult times it has been fantastic for our athletes to be able to train and attend meets again at a local, regional, and national level, I applaud all our Members for your support and look forward to the future with continued optimism.

COVID is still with us but our coaching team have put in place the process' that keep all our members swimming as we move backwards and forwards through the various levels and our fantastic new land conditioning coach, Steve, has been a wonderful addition both in person and on Zoom!

Outside of the water we had our Head Coach leave us but I, and the Committee have been extremely impressed with the work our new joint head coaches Jana Korbasova and Rachel Palmer have done since stepping into the role culminating in some excellent National Age Group and Division ii results. I should also need to mention the energy and thoroughness of our Open Development Coach Peter Yates who led the team to Dunedin, inspiring! In the water, and in this Olympic year, I must mention the fantastic achievement by Kirsten Fisher-Marsters, who swims in our Open Performance Squad. She has qualified to compete at the Tokyo Olympics in July representing the

Also raring to be on the same plane is our very own 'Aqua Black' Dan Hunter, having missed out on the Rio Olympics by 0.04s I want to wish him the very best of luck from all at HPK in achieving your goal Dan. To our international representatives, enjoy the experiences.

Domestically HPK competed at three National Meets in the pool and sent a relay team to the Open Water Champs. January 2021 saw the Open Water Championships at Lake Taupo and our female 13-16-year olds brought back a Silver medal in the club 4x1km relay, a great start to the year.

April saw the start of the three National competitions begin with the National Championships here in Auckland. Our team of nine swam well and our lone Medal came by the way of the Women's 800m Relay Team who did outstanding to take Bronze.

Following this meet our athletes travelled to the next two National meets. The Aon National Age Groups in Wellington and the Aon Division ii in Dunedin. Our numbers at the meets were small but our athletes swam their best and did themselves, their families, and the club proud.

Results and Statistics from these two competitions.

National Age Group – Wellington (April 2021) Ranked 8th best club.

15 Swimmers

Heat PB's 41%, Finals PB's 82%

Individual Medals: 1 Gold, 3 Silver, 8 Bronze

#### Division 11 – Dunedin (May 2021)

5 Swimmers

Heat PB's 78%, Finals PB's 79%

Individual Medals: 5 Gold, 5 Silver, 4 Bronze

Relay Medals: 2 Gold and 1 Bronze

For our Junior athletes we chose, as a club, not to attend the Junior Festival due to the dumbing down of the meet, which we perceive to be to a level not beneficial of our program. We did successfully compete at our Counties Manukau Regional Championships in December 2020 and our approximately 80 athletes did fantastically well at a new venue that is fit for our many exciting juniors to compete in. Whilst we look forward to the delayed Auckland Juniors, due to take place in June 2021 and the remainder of the calendar year presents opportunities for our athletes to represent their schools at Secondary Schools in July and the AIMS Games in September.

From a technical official standpoint we are slowly, but surely increasing our numbers and the quality of our poolside officials and I recommend all of you to get involved in some way when meets are running, they are often the best seats in the house (if not the only on occasions!) and we always need extra assistance.

Looking forward, HPK as a club, through you as its Members have a big decision to make and we will notify you of this in due course.

Finally, a 'Thank you' to each one of you for supporting the club, we appreciate the help we receive from our members and I hope to see some of you involved with the committee in the future.

Lai Reynolds HPK President From and on behalf of the HPK Committee.



#### **Manurewa Presidents Report AGM 2021**

Uncertainty still plagued the start of this year ahead for our club and swimming in general, with continuing lockdown levels and pool restrictions being put in place, whether the availability of swim meets that may or may not be there to us, so in some aspects we were quite fortunate that the pool was still open and able to train even though no competitive racing was being done, sometimes with reduced hours or adjusting to which group would be able to swim.

Thanks to all the swimmers and parents for their understanding and disruption during this period of the year at the start of the new season.

Once we got back into a relieved normality training program our numbers started to slowly increase, with inquiries of people wanting to join our club which is great to see as it seems there is more interest in water sports.

Later in the year we got our race nights going which disrupted some training sessions but gave those that hadn't raced the opportunity to do some or doing it the first time to show them what it was like to race.

Counties held the junior meet at Diocesan School Pool which we had 15 young swimmers attend with some pb's and some top placings a good meet since it was the first time being held at that venue. Then we had 9 swimmers attend SNZ Harlequins Zonal meet held at the Owen Glenn Pool which was a first time for some. A busy meet and thanks to Yumi for stepping in to learn about being a team manager.

Our annual trip to Taupo to do the Epic swims was a terrific week with great results and all had fun when they got the chance to paddle board and canoeing. Conditions couldn't have been better and for those experiencing it for the first time and getting used to swimming in deeper water and different conditions, race days taught them how conditions change quickly as the lake temperature and swells were different to their training days.

Medals were won by Matt Croft, Cameron Croft, Tamati Peters, Vanzin McManus,

Relay Teams:- Manurewa Red female 16 & u 2nd

Manurewa Green female mixed 16 & u -1st, Manurewa Yellow Male 16&u-2nd We were fortunate that the club was able to gain funding to help cover costs for this annual .

There were also good results and medals won at the Counties Age group Champs. Well done to all those that took part and volunteered with timekeeping

Special thanks goes to those that volunteered their own time and organise accommodation, transport, food and extra gear, Tracey Croft, Lara Phillips, with the help from Paul Croft, Linda Geirsitor, Kirsty Ellis and Matt Ellis. The club managed to run a swim meet to help those qualify for SNZ Div 11 Championship, which we also benefited with to help keep the cost down to Dunedin. Seven swimmers attended this and ended with Caleb Wilson winning gold in the 50 back and made one other final, with- Aron McKeefry, Amelia Croft, Manava' ofa 'ae 'eiki Taufa, Kayla Gaskill also being finalists.

Thanks to our coaches Brian, Kirsty and Pat for their time teaching our swimmers to improve their abilities and get the best out of them while they grow up.

I thank the clubs committee for their tireless effort as those that work behind the scenes sometimes don't get recognised for the work they do.

Tracey Croft for the endless work effort as club captain, from organising parents for timekeeping, finding accommodation the list goes on, a workaholic.

Lara Phillips for the work as secretary, communicating with club members and helping with other club activities. Natasha Gaskill for being our treasurer, not an easy position making sure that accounts are up to date.

Mei Koh who took on the job applying for grants, the amount of required information needed plus the time frame, took enormous amount of her own time.

Thanks to parents and swimmers for their support throughout the year and we welcome new swimmers and look forward to another year.

Keith Melvin President



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PRESIDENT REPORT



President's end of swimming year report 27 May 2021.

As I concluded at our end of year Christmas party last year, the Papatoetoe Swimming club finished off 2020 on a good note, especially after all the COVID-19 lockdowns, disruptions to training and lack of competition and we continue to look to a brighter future as we close the swimming year and hopefully the back end of COVID-19. I want to mention from the outset and thank all club members for their patience and persistence in getting through those difficult times. I want to thank our Head Coach Michael for his hard work and achievements at seeing two of our senior swimmers competing in the Division two Nationals with some very good swimming results. The same goes to Coach Courtney who has faced some significant changes and transitions to her squad and also Coach Hannah who appears to be coming into her own as a young coach, who continues to coach the largest portion of our club members. On that note, I am confident of the bright future of our club when I see greater numbers in the junior squad, which will obviously have a flow on effect as swimmers progress up through the grades.

Thank you to our Committee for consistently attending our monthly meetings and sharing your ideas, concerns and raising issues that need to be raised, so that we ensure the health and well-being of the club.

I'd like to mention some highlights of the previous year:

- The Saturday land trainings in the swimming complex carpark and Hunters Plaza carpark and trying to compete with Jayden in the beep test
- The New Zealand Juniors held in February this year, attended by a number of our swimmers with very good top 3 placings by Te Ringatahi and Jordan who received medals and also excellent swims from Makaio, SJ, Jayden and Aaron
- We also took a team to compete earlier this year to Hamilton However, on the Saturday night we were advised that Auckland was again in lockdown and so most of us had to endure the 2-3 hours waiting in the traffic jam at Mercer to get back home as the outbreak occurred in Papatoetoe I was standing next to other officials at the meet and not knowing where I was from some of the officials were querying whether the Papatoetoe Club were at the meet, which made things a bit awkward.

Overall, the events of 2020 has enabled our Club to reset our priorities and focus on the positives for the future. Recently, our Regional body, Swimming Counties Manukau announced the needed intervention of Swimming New Zealand in looking at our boundaries for the greater Auckland Region. Club Presidents and Committees have had to weigh and provide input on what may be best for the Region as a whole. This situation has emerged, no doubt, as a result of COVID19, which has affected local clubs, swimming regions and not to mention, Council owned swimming complexes and therefore having to assess the financial stability of their respective organisations. A number of options have been presented to us which include the merger of club Counties Manukau with a new Auckland Swimming Region, or aligning ourselves with the Waikato Swimming Region or maintain the status quo, which is fast fading as a viable option. More will be discussed about these options with the new Office holders and Committee and further consultation with Swimming Counties Manukau and Swimming NZ. All I can say is that this situation provides for an exciting future for our Club swimmers, whatever path we choose to follow.

I would like to finally recognise Terii Ahovelo who has, in the past several years served this Club sacrificing a huge amount of her time and effort to keep this Club afloat, literally. She has been on a number of Committees, our Treasurer and organiser of many events held here over many years and I just want to honour her for all her hard work

I appreciate the support that SCM has provided to us and also to Geoff, Jeannie, Nehu and Derek for their wisdom, mentoring and guidance.

I look forward in whatever capacity I am in, in rebuilding this club and also to its future in terms of our new alignment and the benefits this will have for our Club members.

While we don't have official life memberships, we also acknowledge our club stalwarts Jeannie and Geoff Sibun, as well as Nehu Loza who are present with us today. It's important that the club maintains its relationships with former members of the club, as you can still utilise their knowledge and skills when we need them most. So, thank you club stalwarts for continuing to voluntarily work in our swimming region.

Last but not least, to the swimmers and their parents for managing your time, work, school commitments, so that you can turn up to training and attending meets and competitions. All the best for the new swimming year 2021-2022. Club President

Eddie IOSEFA





## Papakura Swimming Club Inc. PO Box 73-378 Papakura 2244 Annual General Meeting 2021

2020-2021 has been a year like no other that Papakura Swimming Club has ever experienced. Covid-19 and Auckland water shortages had swimmers away from training for long periods of time, meets were cancelled and anyone in Auckland at some stages of the year, were not able to attend meets that other regions were holding. In saying this when Papakura Swimming Club was able to compete, our swimmers have done the club proud and have come back with some incredible results.

Papakura Swimming Club had 4 swimmers qualify and had 3 swimmers enter, the New Zealand Aon National Age Group Champs. Whilst this was a small team, every swimmer qualified for a final and achieved personal best times in every event they swam. Joshua Willmer achieved a New Zealand Para 16 & under SB 100 meter & 50-meter Open record in the same race. He came away with 3 gold & 3 silver medals. Mahuta Gemmell won a Gold medal for the 400- meter individual medley with an amazing 18 second personal best time. Mahuta came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200-meter Breaststroke and was in the top 10 for each of the 6 events he raced in. Luke O'Connor went from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> place ranking in the 50-meter Butterfly. Luke was a top 10 finalist in 3 of the 5 events he entered. It is fair to say that the club is really impressed with each of these 3 competitors, they really did do themselves, and the club proud. Elizabeth Murphy was unable to attend due to illness, I hope she has fully recovered and we get to see her compete next year.

Swimming New Zealand National Championship Division II is another special event on our calendar every year. This year we had 12 current swimmers qualify for this event. It was great to be able to send 4 swimmers to Dunedin to represent the club after it was cancelled last year due to lockdowns. Isabella Bolton achieved a silver medal in the 400- meter Individual Medley. Lucy Gilmour, Teigan Archer and Arun Dunn all came away with fantastic results improving their place rankings immensely and also achieved some personal bests. It was upsetting to hear that Emma Gibb was not able to compete due to an injury after pushing hard to qualify. I hope Emma recovers for next year.

We had 11 swimmers qualify and enter the 2021 ASA Age Group Championships and 11 swimmers qualify and enter into the 2021 Junior Harlequins Festival with extremely good results from both of these meets. We also had swimmers selected to represent Swimming Counties Manukau in the Tainui Cup against Waikato, which Counties took out

Joshua Willmer broke the New Zealand Para Long Course Open Record in the SB8 50 Breaststroke and the SB8 200 Breaststroke. Also, the New Zealand Para Long Course Age Record in the SB8 50 Breaststroke at the 2021 Waikato Summer Long Course Meet.

Elizabeth Murphy broke the Regional Counties Manukau Age Group Record in the 100-meter Individual Medley not once, but twice during the course of the year.

Well done to all of our swimmers who have achieved numerous personal bests throughout the year.

A special mention to Shaun Foley who I know works tirelessly around the clock to help our swimmers achieve these amazing results and I know he is so proud of each and every one of the swimmers he mentors and coaches. I also want to congratulate Shaun on achieving his Silver Coaches Licence this year, this has been a long time coming and it is very well deserved. Shaun, you are the back bone of the club and I know that I am not the only one that is grateful. Your passion, drive and commitment to the sport of swimming and those in your care is exemplary. To Troy Wigley and Susannah Perverly, you have both stepped up this year and supported and trained our swimmers to be the best they can be, you have done a fantastic job and I know that the swimmers are loving your sessions. It has been great to see Troy not only swim but coach this year. It is very inspirational for the younger swimmers especially when they get to see him in action, at a meet. Troy is so dedicated to the sport and I know he encourages the team as much as he inspires them, he is a true asset.

Peter Thornley and Jamie Archibald, thank you for your support this year with obtaining grants and saving the club a lot money, allowing us to make the purchases we have made on various items and supporting swimmers with new equipment and getting our coaches where they need to be. This is such an important role for the club and we have been very lucky to have had your assistance in this area. And to Yoshiko Thornley, thank you once again for helping us with uniform in 2020-2021.

I would also like to acknowledge our partnership with CLM and say a huge thank you to the staff members, Heather Parsons, Kirstie Nash & Jayden Morris for your ongoing support and help throughout the year. Kirstie as always, has been such a huge part of the club's success particularly during club nights and her volunteered time does not go unnoticed by any of us. To Doug Campbell and particularly Jamie Archibald, thank you for your time, ongoing support and knowledge, it is much appreciated.

Alex Rupp, thank you for representing Papakura Swimming Club at a regional level. Your help on the Swimming Counties Manukau technical committee has been fantastic and very appreciated by us and SCM.

Swimming Counties Manukau has once again been a great supporter of our club this year. Our PPK Summer Swim Meet would not have been successful, without their help. Debra Mahony has been a fountain of knowledge and has been at my beck and call when I have needed advice. Marta Van der Veen was such an amazing help and I can't express the gratitude I feel when thinking about the support she provided myself in organising our swim meet. Thank you to everyone that helped us over the year at a regional level, it has been very much appreciated. To our parents that have volunteered their time, that have been a taxi driver for their children and supported us throughout this crazy year, you are awesome! One thing I do notice about this club is that we have some nice, kind and caring individuals, yes, our swimmers are competitive but they are also supportive. As parents I want to point out that you have not only raised amazing athletes but you have also raised sports men and sports women with a great deal of sportsmanship and this alone, as the president of the club has made me immensely proud. Last but not least to the Papakura Swimming Club Committee, Cherie Willmer our secretary, and Grace Gemmell our recorder, Wendy Gibb our treasurer, Shaun Foley our head coach, Lin Tauu, Mike Stephens, Richard Dunn and Jamie Archibald, it has been a great year and I have genuinely enjoyed working alongside you all. Without a committee the club would not exist, you have given up your time and helped support the club on so many levels, but most importantly so that all of our swimmers can achieve amazing results, feel proud and be successful in their chosen sport of swimming. You do an amazing job and are truly invaluable. I whole heartedly thank you.

Keri Doidge President



#### Pukekohe Swimming Club Annual General Meeting 25 May 2021 Presidents Report

The 2020/2021 season has seen some challenges as Auckland moved in and out of lockdown with facilities closed for short periods, however thankfully there was no return to Level 4. We quickly learnt to adapt, working within Government, Auckland Council and facility guidelines, which ensured our swimmers stayed in the water as much as possible. Some athletes chose to train outside of Auckland while we were at levels 2 and 3 and it was encouraging to see other regions welcoming athletes from Auckland into their programs and training facilities during these difficult times. An indication perhaps of how clubs and regions working together is so important for the future of swimming in New Zealand.

June 2020 bought big changes to PSC with Coach Mitch accepting employment with Mt Albert Grammar School, while at a club level his contract remained in place with PSC. The void at Franklin needed to be filled and after working closely with Belgravia, the stars aligned and we were extremely fortunate to have Coach Sheldon Kemp accept the Associate Head Coach role. Sheldon bought with him a wealth of knowledge and experience and I have no doubt our athletes will all continue to thrive under the guidance of two extremely talented head coaches and their teams.

Our first scheduled national meet was NZ Short Course. Due to Auckland lockdown, we saw this event moved to Hamilton and an exclusion of Auckland and Counties athletes. Although this was difficult, thanks to ASA and NSS, an invitational meet was held and although there were no national titles up for grabs, our athletes had 5 days of guaranteed racing, much needed after months of cancelled events and uncertainty. We saw fantastic results throughout the meet, highlighted by Andrew Jeffcoat breaking the 50m (twice), 100m and 200m Backstroke NZ Open SC Records.

NZ Open Water in January took many of our swimmers out of their comfort zone once again and with a lot of guts and determination, PSC retained our top club position for the second year in a row.

In February, 17 swimmers represented PSC at the Harlequins NZ Junior Festival with all swimmers achieving PB's, some great top 10 finishes and 11 podium placings.

NZ Swimming Championships held in April had a strong team of 22. All eyes were on us and we certainly stamped our mark. An outstanding performance from Tupou resulted in both her and Sheldon's selection for the Paralympic games, being held in Tokyo, a first for PSC and something we are privileged and extremely proud to be part of.

NAGS closely followed with a team of 14 heading to Wellington. We saw both relay and individual medallists and once again multiple top 10 results from our team.

The last of our national meets for the season was Div II, held in Dunedin earlier this month. Under the watchful eye of coach Jim, PSC's team of 11 swimmers saw some great results with 3 x Gold, 1 x Silver and 6 Bronze medals.

New Zealand Open, Age Group and Para Records for Andrew, Michael and Tupou (respectively) over the past few months, together with multiple regional records from

a number of athletes highlight the talent we have within our club. Our junior program is growing, imperative for the future proofing of our club and as we have for the past few years, we continue to punch well above our weight.

Our technical team continues to lead the way with PSC being one of (if not the) strongest club in the country, in terms of officials. We are extremely fortunate to have such an experienced team sharing their knowledge not only with our own members, but others within the region. A massive thank you for giving up your time to deliver such a high standard of training with theory workshops and practical guidance pool deck, which enables our team of qualified officials to continue to grow.

Thank you to our fundraising sub-committee who have worked hard all year and have exceeded targets. This is always a difficult task, particularly during such an unstable economic climate.

Every committee member has played a part in PSC being the thriving and successful club we are today. We are all volunteers and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all for the hard work you have put in over the past 12 months.

Always striving for excellence, PSC continues to grow in strength, experience and talent. Our swimmers are without a doubt our number one priority and I am extremely proud to have been at the helm of such an amazing club for the past 4 years. I wish our new exec team every success and look forward to seeing what the future has installed for the 2021/2022 season and beyond.

Vanessa Burns PSC President