



**12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**6th Bulletin**

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## New Time Line

25<sup>th</sup> September  
1<sup>st</sup> November

Final Entries

**We are confident that the community transmission of COVID is manageable and are working towards Nationals going ahead. 😊 (Keep washing your hands and using the COVID app)**

This is the date that the decision to cancel Nationals for 2020 will be made on. Considerations will be

- the Covid Level NZ is operating under
- what the community transmission is like.

If cancelled the 2021 Nationals will be held at Waterworld Hamilton

Saturday 2 October – Tuesday 5 October 2021

6<sup>th</sup> November

**All Music to be sent to Mark Pettit (details are later in the newsletter)**

6<sup>th</sup> November  
1<sup>st</sup> December

**Entry fees and accommodation to be paid**  
Figures draw will be done

### **Meet Personnel:**

I am really pleased that all the key people who help run Nationals are available for December.

Meet Referee	– Bronwyn Stackpole
Head Judge/Assistant Referee	– Caitlin Anderson
Jude Mentor	– Sue Van Os
Chief Recorder	– Vicki Hustler
Head Scorer	– Kate Boyt
Meet Manager	- Rose Pettit

### **So where are we at,**

**We have 176 athletes entered into Nationals 😊**

- **Music practise times.**

We have allowed time for Clubs to do:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ONE run-through of Solos and Duets</li> <li>▪ TWO run-throughs of Teams and Combos</li> <li>▪ ONE EXTRA run-through of Tech Solos, which are scheduled for today.</li> </ul>
7am	Pool opens – we have hired two lanes in the lane pool for warming up
7.21 – 8.16	Phoenix
8.17 – 8.47	Small Strokes
8.48 – 9.09	Central
9.10 – 9.39	Auckland Mermaids
9.40 – 9.49	Waitemata (this includes the NH / Waitemata duet)
9.50 – 10.53	North Harbour
10.57- 12.29	Tauranga
12.30 – 12.57	Wellington
1.00 – 1.15	Open pool      Pool to be cleared at 1.15

- Programme Music Practise – these are scheduled on Sunday morning (for Sunday's routines) and Sunday afternoon – after all events (for Monday's routines). Time has been allocated for one run-through of each routine in programme order – with no breaks.

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- **Warm-up lanes:** We have two lanes of the lap pool booked throughout the competition, this can be used for warming up, cooling down etc.
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- **Judges Transport:**  
We are hiring a van to get the judges who have flown in, to and from the pool. This is a 12 seater van, we may still need to do some car-pooling between judges. Judges are staying at Sonninghill – the boarding hostel for Hamilton Girls – 19a Marama Street Hamilton
- A reminder pool entry for parents is \$2 per session.
- Pool entry for athletes, coaches, managers and judges is included in our pool hire cost.

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## **RULES – Please make sure your coaches are familiar with them**

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Competition will be conducted under the rules of FINA 2017-2020 and Synchro Swim New Zealand rules available on the SSNZ website - <https://synchrowimnz.org.nz/competitions-and-results/nz-competition-rules>

SSNZ protocols for parents, athletes & coaches attending competitions are also available on the SSNZ website. Please distribute this link to athletes and club members. <https://synchrowimnz.org.nz/ssnz-policies>

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## VOLUNTEERS

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I have attached a flyer for you to put out with your mailings to parents. We cannot run the competition without volunteers. Can you please encourage all your parents attending to do at least one shift. To give you an example, we need 28 to make figures run smoothly! Roanna Gornall is looking after volunteers, she can be contacted on:

rgornall@hotmail.com

027 563 6292

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## MUSIC REQUIREMENTS - DEADLINE 6 November

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The Music Manager for this competition is Mark Pettit and his team of helpers.

### FROM MARK

The music needs to come in an MP3 format on a USB stick

Each piece of music needs to be labelled

Event name, swimmer's name, Club

Ie 12 & Under Duet- Ally Bee and Rosie Brown - Tauranga

The address to send the USB sticks is

Mark Pettit

47 Junction Road

RD6

Tauranga 3176

027 274 0310

Mark will send an email to the person that has sent the USB stick, to confirm their arrival.

Please also bring a back up USB stick with the Club's music. There have been instances where the music that was sent, was not the music that the competitor wanted, and this was not picked up until the music practise.

On the Saturday morning he will need to know what order you want to do your routines in.

For the other practise sessions, it will be in programme order.

## MERCHANDISE

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Hi everyone,

Due to the high number of requests we have had for additional items of merchandise, we have re-opened the orders for Hoodies and towels.

Please share this with your club members, [here](#) is the website. Orders close on 22nd November and will be delivered at Nationals.

Regards  
Kate

## TROPHIES

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Gather in your trophies, make sure they are engraved, below is the link to see who won what last year. Please bring them to the Manager's Meeting on Day 1.

<https://synchroswimnz.org.nz/media/504/2019-national-trophies-recipients.pdf>

## FIGURES DRAW - 1<sup>st</sup> December

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**For 2020 only – Level 2 competitors i.e.** Dolphins, Aquarinas and Aquanauts will only compete in their two compulsory figures as follows:

- Dolphins – Sailboat Alternate & Somersault Back Tuck
- Aquanauts – Straight Ballet Leg & Barracuda
- Aquarinas – Ariana & Rio

**Age Group categories will continue to compete in four figures as usual.**

Bronwyn Stackpole, our Meet Referee, will make the Figures draw on the 15<sup>th</sup> September to allow more time for athletes/coaches/judges to prepare (note this is due to the exceptional impact of COVID-19 this year).

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – check the final printed programme

Pool opens at 7am for warm-up

**7am-1pm - Music Practice** – by club – times to be confirmed once we have final entries

### 1.30-5pm Figures

1.30pm – Dolphin, Aquanauts and Aquarinas

3pm – 12 & Under

4.05pm – 13/14/15

**5.15-5.40pm – Tech Solos** – pool closes after this event

**6.30pm – Dinner at the Hostels**

### Meetings:

**9am-12pm – Judges' Meeting** – *compulsory for all judges, at the pool in the room under the stands*

**12.00 – 1.00 Judges lunch provided** – judges prep time for figures

**12.15-1pm – Managers' Meeting** – *at pools*

**5.40pm – 6pm Judges debrief** at the pool

### Evening Sessions:

**7-9pm - Judges Social Night** – Sonninghill Hostel – 19a Marama Street

**7-9pm – Club Social Night** – Sonninghill Hostel – 19a Marama Street

## Sunday 13 December – check the final printed programme

**7am** – Pool opens

**7.30-9.15am – Music Practice** - *today's events in order of appearance*

### 9.30-11.30am - Solos

9.30am – Aquanauts

9.45am – Aquarinas

10am – 12 & Under

10.45am – Senior Free

11.10am – 13/14/15

11.20am – Junior Free

### 11.45am-12.20pm – Tech Duet and Tech Team

11.45am – Junior Tech Duet

12.05am – Senior Tech Duet

### 12.45-1.20pm – Dolphin Combos

### 1.30-2.35pm – Free Teams

1.30pm – Junior Tech Team

1.36pm – Senior Tech Team

1.45pm – 12 & Under Teams

2.10pm – 13/14/15 Teams

2.30pm – Open Free Team

**3pm - Poolside Prizegiving** – *Figures plus today's events plus NZ Rep Pins and Certificates*

**4.15pm - Music Practise for Monday's events** - *in order of appearance. Pools close immediately after at 6pm.*

**6.30pm – Dinner at hostels**

### Meetings:

**7.45 – 9am Judges meeting at the pool**

**4.00 – 5pm Judges debrief and discussion about the next days programme**

### Evening Sessions:

**7.30-9.30pm - Coach Forum** – Sonninghill Hostel – 19A Marama Street

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – check the final printed programme**

**7am** – Pool opens for warm-up

**7.30-10am – Duets**

- 7.30am – Aquanauts
- 7.35am – Aquarinas
- 8.00am – 12 & Under
- 9.00am – 13/14/15 Duets
- 9.30am – Junior Free Duets
- 9.50am – Senior Free Duets

**10.20-11.15am – Free Combination Teams**

- 10.20am – AquaCombos
- 10.30am – Open Combos

**11.30am – Relay**

**11.30am – Judges debrief**

**12.45pm – Prizegiving** – concludes by 1.30pm to allow travelling teams to connect to flights.

## KEY CONTACTS

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## COMPETITION POOL DIMENSIONS

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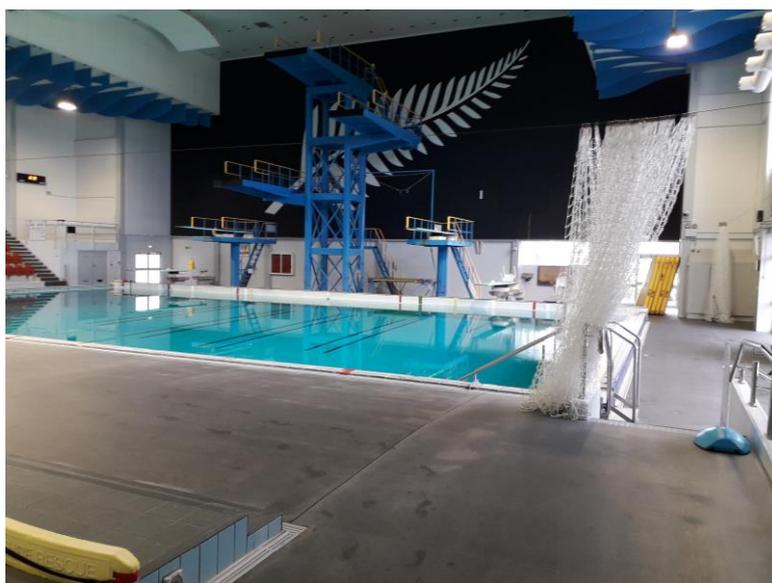
We will be using the Dive Well at Water World

It is 4.6m deep, 23 m long and 15 m wide.

Swimmers will enter the water at the 15m wide edge (on the right on the image below) and judges will sit on either side of the 23m long length of the pool.

There is going to be a platform for the swimmers to pose on that will be the same height as the poolside.

During competition, a clear deck policy will apply and only those with official accreditation will be allowed on the pool deck. During each routine, the coach(es) of the competing team will have access to the deck for viewing purposes only.



We have a large room under the stands for gelling.

All bags will be kept up in the stands.

**We have plenty of room for family and friends to come and watch.**

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## PHOTOS OF THE COMPETITION

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The 2020 official photographer will be Gail Stent.

Following Nationals Gail will take about 1-2 weeks to process the images and then upload them to her website. The link and password to access the photos will be sent to the manager of every team who can forward the information to their swimmers and parents to download digital versions of the images directly.

Gail Stent Photography

[www.gailstentphotography.com](http://www.gailstentphotography.com) <https://www.facebook.com/mifotoshows>

<https://www.instagram.com/gailstent/>

## POLICE VETTING

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A reminder that all adults travelling with NZ Teams should have had a police vetting check done to comply with the Vulnerable Children's Act. The link below will help you work through the process - please get onto this sooner rather than later as it does take some time.

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/businesses-and-organisations/vetting/register-new-zealand-police-vetting>

### **Accommodation:**

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Unfortunately, Diocesan is no longer available as they are doing building work. Instead we have found accommodation options at the following two schools which will satisfy all the accommodation required:

- Hamilton Girls High School – Sonningill Hostel 19a Marama Street
- Hamilton Boys High School – Argyle House 34 Argyle Street, Hamilton

East

They are working out a little cheaper and the cost will be \$100 per day. This is a package price and includes a bed, breakfast, packed lunch and dinner. Individual pricing is as follows:

- Bed \$60
- Breakfast \$10
- Packed Lunch \$10
- Dinner \$20

If you were to fly in and need a bed on the Friday night, the boarding schools can accommodate you.

At Sonninghill in the hire there is a duvet, and at Argyle House there is not. Both supply sheets, at Argyle House you just need to bring a duvet or sleeping bag.

I will put teams that are flying into Sonninghill – this will help reduce your luggage.

## ABOUT HAMILTON (Maori: Kirikiriroa)

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### Getting to Waterworld:

- Hamilton Airport is a 20 minute car ride to the pool.
- Auckland Airport is a 1 hour and 20 minute car ride to the pool (may well be cheaper to fly in there and then bus down)

### What to do in your down-time (if you have any!):

- The Waikato River runs through Hamilton. Along the river there are great walking / running paths.
- Hamilton Gardens - there are several themed areas that you can wander through. A lovely space to catch some fresh air.
- Hamilton Zoo.
- Shopping at The Base - Hamilton's largest shopping mall.
- Escapist - an escape room challenge with a board game cafe attached.

Below is a link to the 2019 Visitor's Guide to the Waikato Region.

[https://www.waikatoz.com/media/4108/2019\\_hwt\\_visitor\\_guide\\_final\\_all\\_lr.pdf](https://www.waikatoz.com/media/4108/2019_hwt_visitor_guide_final_all_lr.pdf)

### Useful contacts:

#### Medical Care

24-hour medical care is provided at:

Anglesea Clinic Urgent Care

Thackeray Street

07 858 0800

#### Accident and Emergency Department

Waikato Hospital

Pembroke Street

Hamilton West

#### Ambulance - Dial 111

#### Emergency Dentist

Hamilton Dental Emergency Centre

481 Anglesea Street

Hamilton North

Hamilton

07 834-9293