



ANNUAL REPORT 2009



ANNUAL REPORT September 2008 – August 2009.

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT

SSNZ Board:	Sue Edwards Bronwyn Stackpole Michelle Anderson Joanna Carroll Vicki Hustler	Chairperson Secretary
Selectors:	Joanna Carroll Sue Edwards	
Appointments Committee:	Michelle Anderson Vicki Toohey	

This has been another milestone year for Synchro Swim New Zealand.

A long anticipated goal of having our National Team participate in a competition outside New Zealand was achieved. The National Team, under coaches Kazuko Tapper and Audra Arbas, competed at the Japan Open in May 2009. This is the first time Synchro Swim New Zealand has had a TEAM swim at an International competition for approximately 18 years. While we have competed at the Oceania Championships with Free Combination Teams, it is most pleasing to be in a position to have a Team ready and able to compete in Technical and Free Routines.

Our thanks go to the Southern Trust for the funds granted towards costs of the training camps which were held for the National Training Squad, in preparation for Team selection and competition preparation. These were held in January and April in Wellington, following National Training Squad selection in Christchurch in October. A further camp was held in Auckland immediately prior to departure for the Japan Open Championships.

Our congratulations to the coaches and the Team members for a creditable performance in Japan, and we look forward to achieving further goals for the National Team, most significantly, competing with distinction at the World Championships in 2013.

The second major milestone was holding the Inaugural National Open Championships in March in Wellington. While the entry numbers were small, the competition will grow, as athletes and coaches prepare for competing in competitions outside New Zealand. Our thanks to the Wellington Synchro Club for the assistance to the SSNZ Board in running this competition.

The 2008 National Championships were held in Christchurch at the beginning of October with, once again, increased entry numbers. Our thanks go to Jane and Iain Percy, Kylie McEwen and their Canterbury Synchronised Swimming Club Committee for an excellent job.

At the time of writing entry numbers for the 2009 National Championships are again increased.

The SPARC funding we received for Sport Development this year has enabled us to continue in the development area, most particularly with Professional Development and support for the National Training Squad. I would like to acknowledge the support of our Relationship Manager at SPARC, Sarah Anderson

We were fortunate to be granted a FINA Development Clinic for 2009. This was held in Auckland in July, with the presenter Jennifer Gray from Great Britain. Our thanks are expressed to the New Zealand Community Trust for the funding assistance towards the costs of holding this Clinic. It was targeted at new and intermediate coaches and judges, and was invaluable for the knowledge gained, interaction between coaches judges and athletes, and increased communication and co-operation between the clubs.

I would like to thank Bronwyn Stackpole for all the work involved in organising this Clinic.

SSNZ Board communication continues to be principally by telephone and e-mail, and one full Board meeting was held in August. A large amount was achieved at this meeting, including a full review of our Strategic Plan, reviews of all our selection Policies and Criteria, planning for the National Training Squad and creation of Policies Protocols and Procedures for National Teams.

Financial

As well as the funding from SPARC, and the funding assistance from the Southern Trust and the New Zealand Community Trust, we received NZ Post Community Post envelopes, an initiative which sees charitable and sports bodies receive this administrative assistance.

As is normal, the SSNZ Annual Accounts will be tabled at the AGM for members' audit. Our financial position remains sound, and is consistent with the financial performance last year.

Administration

Once again, I am very grateful to everyone who has assisted with the administrative tasks for our sport. We continue to investigate the possibility of having a National Administrator, but the current economic climate has made this increasingly difficult to obtain the necessary outside funding assistance.

I would like to particularly thank Bronwyn Stackpole for the secretarial work, Debbie Poutoa for the continued management of our National Membership data base, and administration of the Affiliation Fees payments, Jenny Carroll for managing the Star Awards distribution and finances, and Michelle Anderson, Bronwyn Stackpole and Nola Younger for their roles with the management of the National Training Squad and National Team.

Our thanks to Ita Daniels and Kit Hustler for their work on the Computer Scoring Programme specific for our New Zealand Competitions

In closing, our thanks to the athletes, coaches, judges, administrators and families involved in Synchronised Swimming in New Zealand. We are a small sport, in good heart, with an increasing membership and continued enthusiasm.

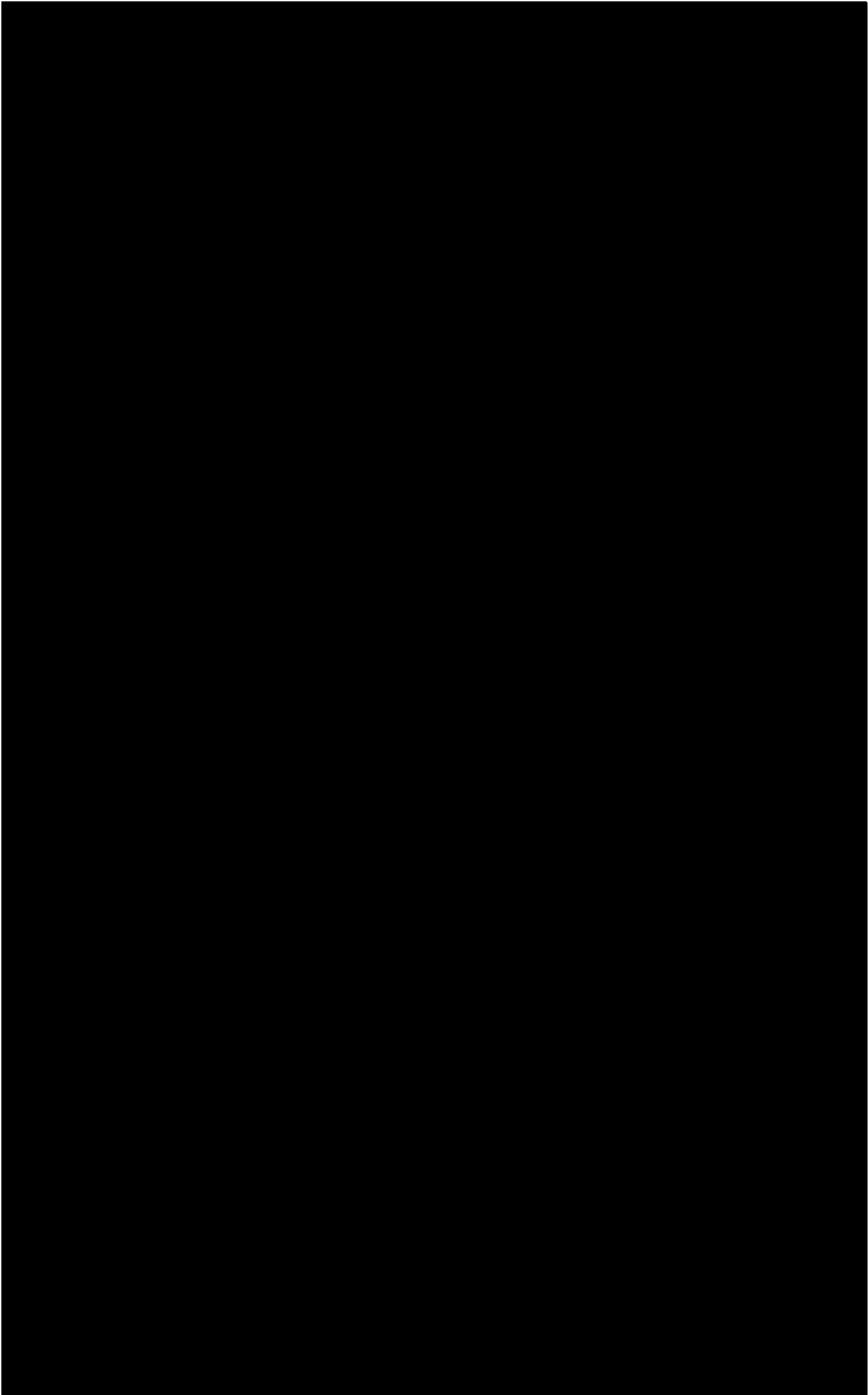
Sue Edwards

Chairperson.

September 12, 2009.



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COMPETITION RESULTS

New Zealand National Championships 2008

QE2 Christchurch 3 - 5 October 2008

ORCA FIGURES

1	Samanta Cooke	Bay of Plenty
2	Marie Girardier	New Caledonia
3	Libby Borman	Bay of Plenty
4	Marie Nakache	New Caledonia
5	Felicity Tomkins	Bay of Plenty
6	Lara Wilson	Bay of Plenty
7	Sophie Emmett	Bay of Plenty
8	Jazzlee Thomas	Bay of Plenty
9	Abbey Borman	Bay of Plenty
10	Alicia Wheatley	Bay of Plenty
11	Megan Engelback	Wellington
12	Ashleigh Terry	North Harbour
13	Alice Orchard	Wellington
14	Sana Iritani	North Harbour
15	Marcelia Benson	Wellington
16	Georgia Woods	Phoenix
17	Katie McDougall	North Harbour
18	Carly Lock	Phoenix
19	Aline Bonneterre	New Caledonia
20	Kimberley Mclvor	North Harbour
21	Emma Barnard	Wellington
22	Annabel Pleasance	Phoenix
23	Sophie Ning	Bay of Plenty
24	Laura Murphy	Phoenix
25	Kelsey Acker	Phoenix
26	Kira Fox	Phoenix
27	Evie Thomas	Wellington

12 & UNDER FIGURES

1	Alice Ham	North Harbour
2	Madison Ford	North Harbour
3	Victoria Hohaia	North Harbour
4	Sophie Barnard	Bay of Plenty
5	Momoka Park	Otago
6	Hayley Stent	North Harbour
7	Kaye Kennedy	North Harbour
8	Natasha King	Phoenix
9	Aleisha Braven	Phoenix
10	Danielle Hunt	North Harbour
11	Lara Wilson	Bay of Plenty
12	Naomi Woutersen	Phoenix
13	Amy Lock	Phoenix
14	Amber Kim	Phoenix
15	Hayley Fibbens	Phoenix
16	Rika Park	Otago

13, 14, 15 FIGURES

1	Rose Stackpole	North Harbour
2	Annaleigh Hamilton	Phoenix
3	Savannah Opie	North Harbour
4	Abby Hustler	North Harbour
5	Chantelle Padget	Phoenix
6	Rachel Kim	North Harbour
7	Georgia Timpany	Phoenix
8	Sarsha Younger	Bay of Plenty
9	Malika Thomas	Bay of Plenty
10	Sian Emery	North Harbour
11	Laura Daley	Bay of Plenty
12	Alita Maharaj	North Harbour
13	Yanna Hampe	North Harbour
14	Lacey Taylor	North Harbour
15	Paige O'Connor	North Harbour

AQUANAUTS FIGURES

1	Dannielle Thian	Otago
2	Gina McKenzie	Phoenix
3	Phillipa Dean	Phoenix
4	Samanta Cooke	Bay of Plenty
5	Emma Simpson	Otago
6	Morgane Rudloff	New Caledonia
7	Elina Turaud	New Caledonia
8	Felicity Tomkins	Bay of Plenty
9	Margaux Couarraze	New Caledonia
10	Abbey Borman	Bay of Plenty
11	Ambre Talon	New Caledonia
12	Sophie Emmett	Bay of Plenty
13	Anna Esquilent	Otago
14	Laura McKay	Otago

JUNIOR FIGURES

1	Fendi Thien	Bay of Plenty
2	Caitlin Anderson	Phoenix
3	Leslie Hansen	North Harbour
4	Abby Hustler	North Harbour
5	Sarsha Younger	Bay of Plenty
6	Emily Shaw	North Harbour
7	Hannah Law	North Harbour

12 & UNDER SOLO

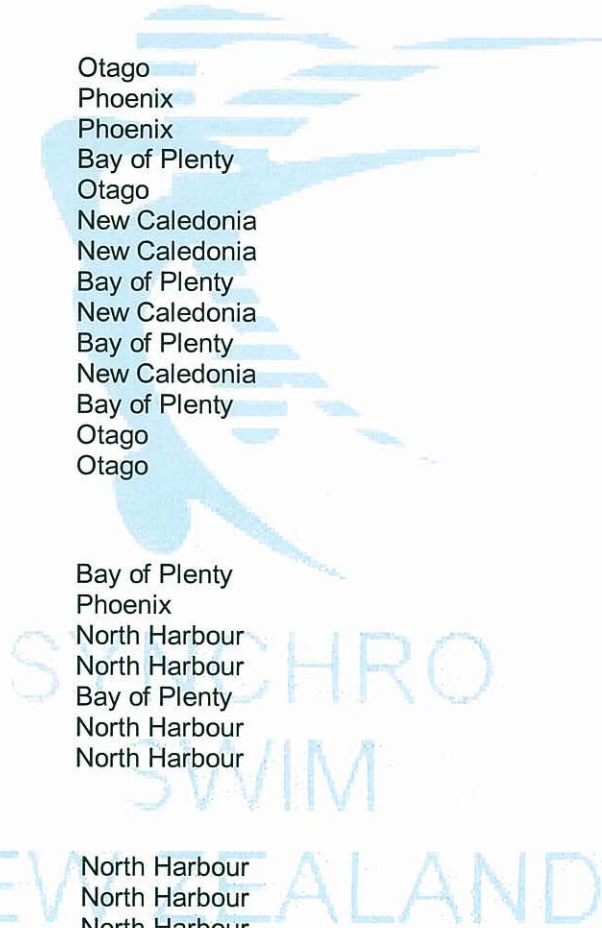
1	Madison Ford	North Harbour
2	Alice Ham	North Harbour
3	Hayley Stent	North Harbour

13, 14, 15 SOLO

1	Rose Stackpole	North Harbour
2	Abby Hustler	North Harbour
3	Georgia Timpany	Phoenix
4	Chantelle Padget	Phoenix
5	Sarsha Younger	Bay of Plenty
6	Rachel Kim	North Harbour

JUNIOR SOLO

1	Fendi Thien	Bay of Plenty
2	Caitlin Anderson	Phoenix



OPEN TECH SOLO

- | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Kirstin Anderson | Phoenix |
| 2 | Charlotte Priouret | New Caledonia |

OPEN FREE SOLO

- | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Kirstin Anderson | Phoenix |
| 2 | Fendi Thien | Bay of Plenty |
| 3 | Charlotte Priouret | New Caledonia |

12 & UNDER DUET

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|---|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Madison Ford
Alice Ham | North Harbour |
| 2 | Kaye Kennedy
Hayley Stent | North Harbour |
| 3 | Lara Wilson
Sophie Barnard | Bay of Plenty |
| 4 | Victoria Hohaia
Danielle Hunt | North Harbour |
| 5 | Rika Park
Momoka Park | Otago |
| 6 | Aleisha Braven
Amy Lock | Phoenix |

13, 14, 15 DUET

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|---|--|---------------|
| 1 | Abby Hustler
Rose Stackpole | North Harbour |
| 2 | Annaleigh Hamilton
Chantelle Padget | Phoenix |
| 3 | Sian Emery
Savannah Opie | North Harbour |
| 4 | Laura Daley
Malika Thomas | Bay of Plenty |
| 5 | Yanna Hampe
Rachel Kim | North Harbour |

AQUANAUTS DUET

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|---|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Phillipa Dean
Gina McKenzie | Phoenix |
| 2 | Marguax Couarraze
Amber Talon | New Caledonia |
| 3 | Elina Turaud
Morgane Rudloff | New Caledonia |
| 4 | Abby Borman
Samanta Cooke | Bay of Plenty |
| 5 | Sophie Emett
Felicity Tomkins | Bay of Plenty |
| 6 | Anna Esquilent
Laura McKay | Otago |

JUNIOR DUET

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Sarsha Younger
Fendi Thien | Bay of Plenty |
| 2 | Hannah Law
Emily Shaw | North Harbour |



OPEN TECH DUET

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|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Caitlin Anderson
Kirstin Anderson | Phoenix |
| 2 | Charlotte Priouret
Lucile Auclain | New Caledonia |

OPEN FREE DUET

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|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Caitlin Anderson
Kirstin Anderson | Phoenix |
| 2 | Charlotte Priouret
Lucile Auclain | New Caledonia |

DOLPHIN TEAM

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| 1 | New Caledonia |
| 2 | Bay of Plenty |
| 3 | Phoenix |
| 4 | Wellington |
| 5 | North Harbour |

12 & UNDER TEAM

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| 1 | North Harbour |
| 2 | Phoenix |

13,14,15 TEAM

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|---|---------------|
| 1 | North Harbour |
|---|---------------|

JUNIOR TEAM

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| 1 | North Harbour |
|---|---------------|

FREE ROUTINE COMBINATION

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| 1 | North Harbour |
| 2 | Bay of Plenty |
| 3 | Canterbury |
| 4 | Otago |

OPEN TECH TEAM

- | | |
|---|---------|
| 1 | Phoenix |
|---|---------|

OPEN FREE TEAM

- | | |
|---|---------|
| 1 | Phoenix |
|---|---------|



New Zealand National Intermediate and Secondary School Championships 2008

QE2 Christchurch 3 - 5 October 2008

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FREE ROUTINE

- 1 Aquinas College

SECONDARY SCHOOL FREE ROUTINE

- 1 Southland Girls High School
- 2 Otago Girls High School

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SOLO

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|---|------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Rose Stackpole | Auckland Normal |
| 2 | Chantelle Padget | Southland Girls High |
| 3 | Rachel Kim | Auckland Normal |
| 4 | Madison Ford | Takapuna Normal |
| 5 | Alice Ham | Parnell College |
| 6 | Felicity Tomkins | Tauranga Intermediate |
| 7 | Natasha King | Southland Girls High |
| 8 | Hayley Stent | Albany Junior High |
| 9 | Sophie Emmett | Mount Maunganui Intermediate |

SECONDARY SCHOOL SOLO

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|---|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Fendi Thien | Rangitoto |
| 2 | Caitlin Anderson | Southland Girls |
| 3 | Olivia Carleton | Southland Girls |
| 4 | Sarsha Younger | Tauranga Girls |
| 5 | Phillipa Dean | Southland Girls |

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DUET

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|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Rachel Kim
Rose Stackpole | Auckland Normal |
| 2 | Madison Ford
Chelsea Ford | Takapuna Normal |
| 3 | Sophie Barnard
Lara Wilson | Aquinas College |
| 4 | Victoria Hohaia
Danielle Hunt | Northcross Intermediate |
| 5 | Hayley Fibbins
Naomi Woutersen | James Hargest High |

SECONDARY SCHOOL DUET

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|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Emily Shaw
Fendi Thien | Rangitoto College |
| 2 | Laura Daley
Malika Thomas | Bethlehem College |
| 3 | Abbey Borman
Samanta Cooke | Tauranga Girls |
| 4 | Gina Mckenzie
Phillipa Dean | Southland Girls High |

**SYNCHRO SWIM NEW ZEALAND
NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, WELLINGTON
MARCH, 2009**

RESULTS

Final Calculated Scores.

Solo Technical	1.	Kirstin Anderson	75:00
	2.	Licheng Yew	72:50
	3.	Fendi Thien	71:60
Solo Free	1 =	Kirstin Anderson	75.10
	2.	Fendi Thien	70:04
	3.	Georgia Timpany	66:30
Duet Technical	1.	Kirstin Anderson Caitlin Anderson	70:05
	2.	Fendi Thien Sarsha Younger	59:99
Duet Free	1.	Kirstin Anderson Caitlin Anderson	72:50
	2.	Fendi Thien Sarsha Younger	63:00
Team Technical	1.	Phoenix	66:66
	2.	Tauranga	55:00
Team Free	1.	Phoenix	68:00
	2.	Tauranga	57:00
Free Combination	1.	Phoenix	68:60
	2.	Tauranga	62:00

New Zealand Team 2009

New Zealand National A Team Squad

Caitlin Anderson - *Phoenix Synchro*
 Kirstin Anderson - *Phoenix Synchro*
 Annaleigh Hamilton - *Phoenix Synchro*
 Chantelle Padget - *Phoenix Synchro*
 Rose Stackpole - *North Harbour Synchro*
 Fendi Thien - *Tauranga Synchro*
 Georgia Timpany - *Phoenix Synchro*
 Sarsha Younger - *Tauranga Synchro*
 Phillipa Dean - *Phoenix Synchro*

New Zealand National B Team Squad

Laura Daley - *Tauranga Synchro*
 Malika Thomas - *Tauranga Synchro*

JAPAN OPEN NATIONALS

Tokyo, Japan - May 1-5, 2009

By Audra Arbas

As the first high level international competition for the selected New Zealand 2009 National Team members, Japan Opens proved to be both challenging and rewarding. The overall range of competition at Japan Opens was a comfortable height for the athlete's first experience. There was enough of a high range that they could learn and be inspired, but also enough of a low range that they didn't feel completely "alone" in their abilities. The lowest score of the competition was a 56.167 received by the Chinese Taipei Free Team. The highest was 95.000, which was earned by the Japanese National Free Team during Finals. New Zealand's scoring and placements were as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place/Out of</u>
Tech Solo:	74.667	18/19
Free Solo:	74.000	18/20
Total Solo:	74.334	17/20
Tech Duet:	71.000	23/26
Free Duet:	70.667	23/27
Total Duet:	70.834	22/27
Tech Team:	67.333	26/26
Free Team:	69.167	26/27
Total Team:	68.251	26/27

The primary goal of the competition was to expose our athletes to a well run, high level, international competition, with good judging, good competition, and a welcoming first step. The athletes trained with hopes of achieving 7's at the competition. The score ranges received were as follows:

Tech Solo:	7.0 – 7.9	Free Solo:	7.1 – 7.9
Tech Duet:	6.8 – 7.4	Free Duet:	6.9 – 7.3
Tech Team:	6.0 - 7.1	Free Team:	6.4 - 7.1

The NZ coaches were overall pleased with the outcome of the scores/placements. The athletes adapted well to the pressure and stress that comes with this level of competition. They were exposed to strict foreign coaches, older and more experienced athletes, media, professionalism, long hours, high expectations, strict schedules, and an entirely new view on what it means to be a team.

The most positive lessons that the athletes absorbed were in the days leading up to competing. They swam in heavily crowded pools amongst intimidating athletes and managed to push through the water as if to say "We belong right here beside you!" That is a hard feat for a young team in "new waters". They learned the importance of representing not only their team, but their country. They absorbed new training tactics, mentality, respect, and motivation from the athletes around them, and of course found themselves saying "Oh! Now I understand". These are invaluable lessons understood only through personal exposure to competitions of this level. Coaches can train, teach, and say as much as they like, but until athletes experiences things for themselves, they can't fully comprehend.

Following competition, the coaches approached judges, coaches, and officials from Japan, Malaysia, and Canada to get feedback on the New Zealand performances. The general feedback was joy to have NZ representing with a full team. More so, a young, well built team with great future potential. With our youngest athletes only 13 years old, competing against competitors up to 26, they have the ability to be amongst the elite in the world during their synchro career. More than one foreign official commented on the beautiful physique of our athletes (i.e. long limbs!), which is a great advantage to athletes in synchro. More detailed feedback on choreography, routine specific corrections, and advice on how to improve was discussed and immediately shared with the athletes.

In the end, the 2009 National Team members represented their country with pride and determination. They entered the competition with little comprehension of what to expect and left with a mind full of new knowledge to bring home. They have made a positive first step in their work toward becoming an international strength. Their greatest success being the motivation to take what they have learned, put it into action, and compete again amongst the world's best in 2010.

WORLD SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROME JULY 2009

Solo Technical (prelim)

25. NZL ANDERSON Kirstin 71.500

Solo Free (prelim)

27. NZL ANDERSON Kirstin 73.167



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