

Hi, all Members and Swimmers

In the Board's December newsletter and in the February Raumati Roar, I asked members to let us know if they were interested in joining the Board to fill vacancies, and a few people did. You may be aware that due to resignations we are very short of Board members, and as such the current Board decided to invite those who expressed an interest, to join us. We are very pleased that Pete Adams, Chantelle van Wyk and Erin Skelsey agreed to join the Board. These are all "co-opted" positions, so as per the Club's constitution all three will be standing for election (if they choose) at the Club's AGM in a few months' time.

We've also talked about setting up sub-committees to help get things done within the Club. These are now in action with Board members chairing the committees – these are:

1. People and Policy – Chaired by Scott Simmiss
Aim: to ensure that our members are looked after properly and that our policies are fit for purpose to support the Club.
2. Meets and Events – Chaired by Kirsten Johnson
Aim: To ensure all meets we run and attend and events (like the camp & social events) we organise are clearly communicated, organised and resourced appropriately.
3. Treasury – Chaired by Marco Cecioni
Aim: To secure and grow our income. This could cover membership fees, sponsorship, fundraising, grant applications, and utilising the "old" club rooms.

The Chair's of the sub-committees will be contacting those who've said they would like to help. Anyone else interested, please contact them directly, or via admin@raptors.nz.

Through Swimming Wellington, we have been lucky to secure the services of an experienced Board director to support the Club Board in our work. Bryan Jackson is an experienced business man and a director on multiple boards. He has been appointed as a Non-executive Director, meaning he is part of the Club Board, but has no voting rights.

We are aware that there are many rumours and poolside talk around events and perceived lack of action with the Board and Club over the last 18 months. Many of the issues we have been dealing with have been confidential in nature, and as a Board, we've not been able to talk about them. However, we are in a place to move forward now – and after the school holidays we would like the opportunity to talk to interested members about our side of it and how it has affected us and the Club. We'll let you know the time and place for that meeting.

Raumati Raptors Swimming Club provides a great environment for our children to swim, compete and make friends – it is about the kids. The more we can have the support and help from their supporters – the better.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the support of [Coastlands](#), [The Warehouse](#), and the [Ministry of Swimming](#) for the Coastlands Chocolate Classic we had on the weekend – thank you to our great sponsors.



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