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Auckland Diving Newsletter

Welcome back to another edition of the Auckland Diving Newsletter. This newsletter contains information on recent and upcoming events to give you a better idea about what's going on around the community. We can't wait for you to dive in!

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CEO Update

Over the past year, many of you will have seen some significant changes across our organisation, including my family's move from Auckland to Christchurch. While this move was always part of the plan and openly communicated, I know some members may still be wondering what it means for Auckland Diving and the future of our sport.

I wanted to take the opportunity to share a little more about why we made that decision and where I believe it is taking us. The move was never about stepping away from Auckland. In fact, it was quite the opposite. It was about ensuring the long term sustainability of diving in New Zealand and protecting the knowledge, systems and expertise that have been developed over the past 11 years.

Like many sporting organisations around New Zealand, we have faced increasing financial pressures in recent years. Rising facility costs, funding challenges and increasing operational expenses have made it more difficult to sustainably deliver high quality programmes. As an organisation, we recognised that if we wanted diving to continue to thrive, we needed to think differently about how we operated.

The decision was made to establish a permanent presence in Christchurch and use the experience we had gained in Auckland to grow the sport in another major centre. Christchurch was never chosen instead of Auckland. It was chosen alongside Auckland. By doing so, we could create greater scale, increase participation and build a stronger foundation for the future.

Today, I continue to oversee our programmes in Auckland, Canterbury and Otago, working closely with Ellie Price, Monique Gladding and Connie Deighton to ensure our athletes, coaches and families continue to receive the support they deserve.

There is no question that this growth has come with challenges. Establishing a new programme in Christchurch required a significant investment of time, energy and people. Auckland saw a few key staff members relocate to support the Canterbury project, while we have also worked through the impacts of facility closures and ongoing operational pressures. Those challenges were always expected. Growth rarely happens without some disruption.

What has been encouraging is seeing the benefits already beginning to emerge. Canterbury has welcomed more than 180 new members into the diving family, creating opportunities that simply did not exist before. At the same time, Auckland continues to rebuild coaching capacity, develop new leaders and provide outstanding opportunities for athletes across all levels of the sport.



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CEO Update continued

For me, this has always been about more than growing numbers. My vision has been to build an organisation that can help create opportunities for athletes and coaches throughout New Zealand while also creating a sustainable future for the people who dedicate so much of their lives to the sport.

Like many sporting organisations, a huge amount of work is contributed through passion and volunteer effort. While that passion will always be at the heart of what we do, I also believe it is important that we create pathways where talented coaches and staff can build sustainable careers within diving. Doing so strengthens our programmes, retains expertise within the sport and ultimately benefits every athlete who comes through our doors.

On a personal note, many of you will continue to see me regularly in Auckland. I have to admit that the past few months have been challenging as we have worked to establish and grow the Canterbury programme. It has very much been an all hands on deck effort, and until we continue to build coaching capacity and leadership in the region, it will remain a significant focus for our team. That said, we can already see the progress being made and the foundations being laid for a strong future.

The plan was always for me to remain closely connected to Auckland. I intend to continue visiting regularly, supporting our coaches and staff, and catching up with the many athletes, parents and friends who have been such an important part of our journey over the years.

As a family, we have built friendships and relationships through diving that we genuinely treasure. Those connections do not change because of a move to a different city. We look forward to seeing many of you in Auckland and at events throughout New Zealand for many years to come. For many of you, that will be sooner rather than later, with National Championships coming to Christchurch this year. We cannot wait to welcome the diving community to Parakiore and share this incredible new facility with you all.

The most exciting part is that our diving family continues to grow. More athletes are discovering the sport, more communities are becoming involved and more opportunities are being created for future generations. That growth is something we can all be proud of, and I am excited about what the future holds.

Thank you for your continued support, trust and belief in what we are trying to achieve together.

Ngā mihi
Steve



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May - June 2026

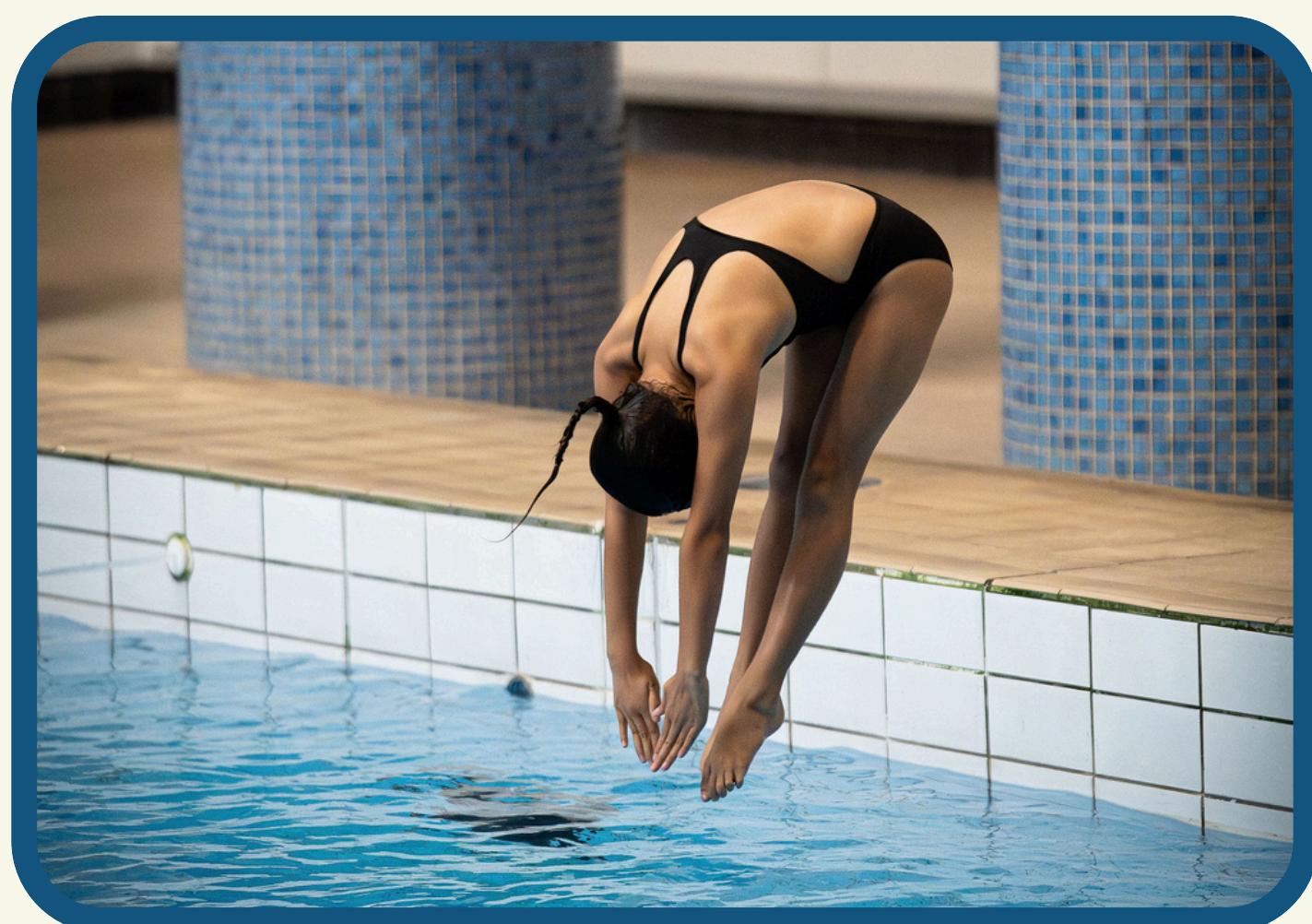
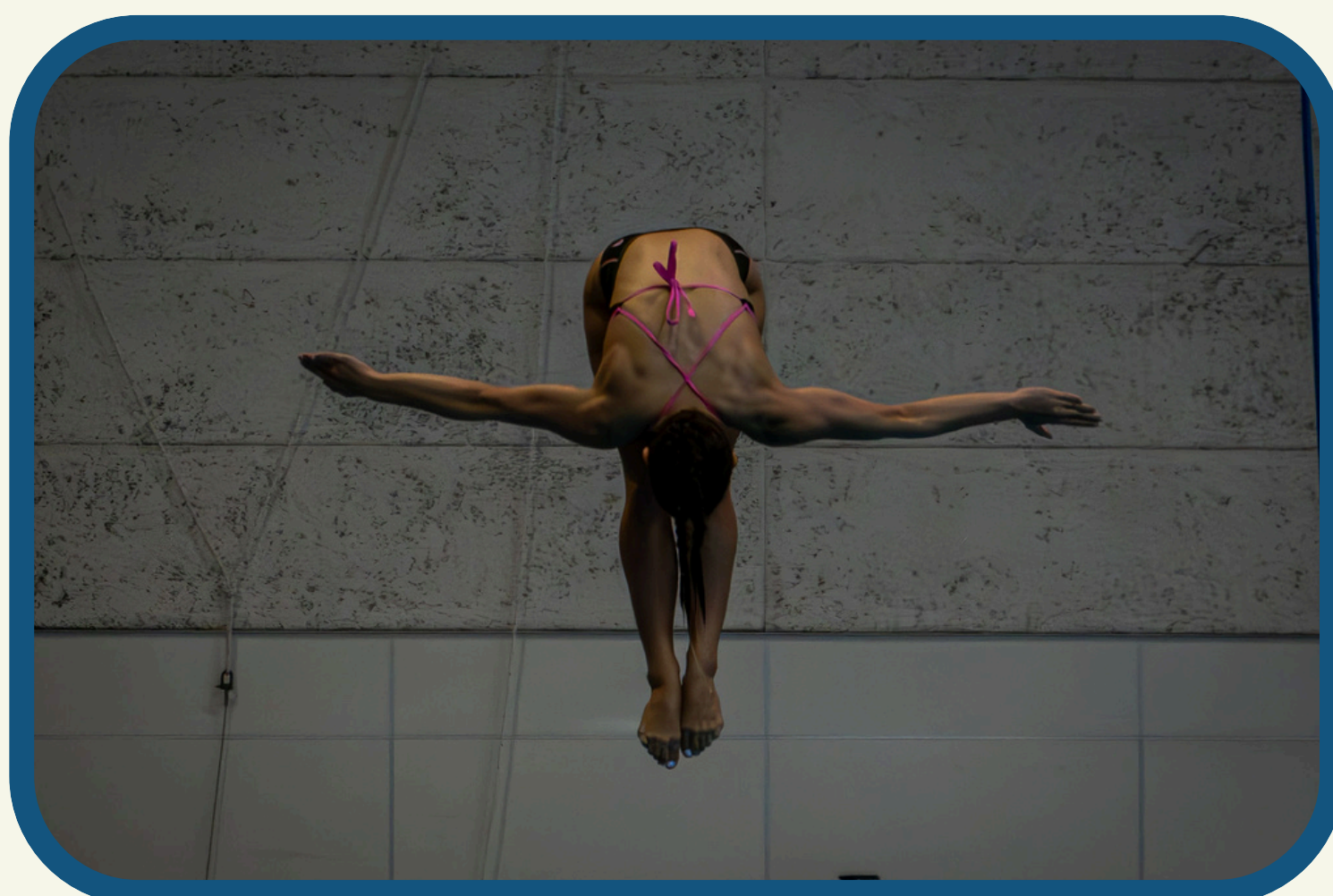
Auckland Champs 2026

Due to the pool closure at West Wave, Auckland Champs this year was postponed until May. Fortunately, the delay in the event did not stop our divers from showing up and showcasing some amazing diving despite disrupted training throughout Term 1. With 73 athletes competing and a team from Waikato Diving, this was a fantastic event! Thank you to our amazing support staff, judges and volunteers who made this home event possible.



North Island and South Island Champs 2026

Auckland Diving sent teams away to North Island Champs held in Wellington from the 22nd - 24th May and South Island Champs held in Dunedin from the 5th - 7th of June. With 19 athletes representing Auckland at North Island Champs, our athletes came away with numerous skills ribbons, medals, and valuable competition experience. We also had a small team of 3 athletes representing Auckland Diving at South Island Championships in Dunedin in June. Whilst the team was small in number, their performances at the event were phenomenal and it was a great chance to connect with the clubs in the South Island!



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TYR Junior America's Cup

In May, Diving New Zealand sent a team of Junior team and squad athletes to California for the annual TYR Junior America's Cup. The team consisted of Zara Roodt, Riley Oxenham, Luka Guthrie, and Pip Lee from Auckland Diving, and Olivia Fox from Canterbury Diving and Ross Miller from Wellington Diving. One of our coaches, Cordelia Norris attended as the team coach. The athletes had an amazing time overseas; reconnecting with old friends in the diving world, gaining valuable competition experience, and getting some impressive results. Our synchro teams placed 5th in Platform Synchro (Olivia and Luka), and 6th in 3m Synchro (Pip and Zara). What a great event to be able to attend!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Diving New Zealand

2026 Events Calendar

Domestic International

Date	Event
May 1 st – 3 rd	Auckland Champs (Auckland)
May 22 nd – 24 th	North Island Champs (Wellington)
June 5 th – 7 th	South Island Champs (Dunedin)
July 15 th – 16 th	National School Champs (Christchurch)
July 17 th – 19 th	Open/JE/Age/Masters Nationals (Christchurch)
September 11 th – 13 th	Skills Nationals (Auckland)
November 4 th – 5 th (TBC)	Auckland Primary, Intermediate, & Secondary School Champs (Auckland)

Date	Event
February 26 th – March 1 st	World Cup Leg 1 (Montreal Canada)
April 9 th – 12 th / April 16 th – 19 th	Canada Cup (Windsor, Canada) / America Cup (Florida, USA)
April 14 th – 19 th	Australian Age Group Champs (Adelaide, AUS)
May 15 th – 27 th	World Junior High Diving Champs (Florida, USA)
May 20 th – 24 th	TYR Junior America's Cup (Mission Viejo, USA)
July 25 th – 31 st	Australian School Games (Melbourne, AUS)
August 21 st – 28 th	World Junior Championships (Croatia)
September 28 th – October 4 th	Australian Elite Junior Champs (Melbourne, AUS)
November 7 th – 8 th	Pan Pacific Masters Games (Gold Coast, AUS)
December 10 th – 13 th	Southern Cross Series Leg 2 (Christchurch, NZ)



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Auckland Diving Uniform

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As you know, we are now under one entity, Auckland Diving Community Trust AKA Auckland Diving. Our club uniform has been updated to reflect this change and is now live on the Arena website. There is no requirement to change your old uniforms but as you go to replace it down the line, we will have Auckland Diving logos on it. It would be great to see the team looking great at Nationals so if you do need to replace undersized or old uniform, this may be the time to do it before we all head down to Christchurch!



Eyes on LA 2028

Following their outstanding 7th-place finish at last year's World Championships, Liam and Frazer have firmly turned their attention to the LA 2028 Olympic Games. The pair are now focused on closing the gap to the world's best by increasing their degree of difficulty, power and consistency, with the goal of challenging for an Olympic medal.

A significant milestone in that journey is Frazer's decision to return home from the University of Tennessee earlier than originally planned. Having gained the experience and development he set out to achieve in the USA, he has chosen to reunite with Liam so they can train together full-time as they build towards LA 2028. We're incredibly proud of both athletes and the commitment they continue to show. We wish Liam and Frazer every success over the coming years and look forward to following their journey towards the Olympic Games.

Matariki Ruku

Matariki Ruku | 4 July 2-3pm

- Join the diving whānau for our annual Matariki celebrations.
- Bring your togs and dare to dive in!
- For those who would like to be involved, our waiata is Te Aroha
- Bring some kai to share
- Koha welcome and/or bring in a small contribution for spot prizes



You are invited to our annual Auckland Diving Matariki Ruku on Sat 4 July 2-3pm at Westwave, where we come together as a community to celebrate Matariki.

This year's theme is Matariki herenga waka - For everyone. Matariki herenga waka is an adaption of the proverb 'Tāmaki herenga waka' which means 'Tāmaki the gathering place of many canoes'. Tāmaki is the name for the greater Auckland area. Matariki herenga waka is all about inclusion and encouraging all people to celebrate Matariki together.