

# AUCKLAND DIVING NEWS



Photograph by Cordelia Norris

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## HI EVERYONE

Auckland Diving have had an incredibly busy Term 1 with pool closures in January, competitions and staff changes. At the top of the ADCT Board's list of priorities has been recruiting a new Head Coach. We are very excited as we are in the final stages of this process so **WATCH THIS SPACE.....!**

During March Lizzie Cui, Nathan Brown, Caitlin Shepperson, Keana Parker and Chloe Bennett-Griffiths travelled to Wellington to compete at **North Island Championships**. They represented us beautifully – doing brilliantly, bringing home medals and some new personal bests with Nathan even unofficially breaking the Group B Boys Platform Record!!

Auckland Diving's **Liam Stone** is currently studying at the University of Tennessee, USA. In February, Liam competed at the SEC (Southeastern Conference) which is arguably the toughest University Conference in the US. He achieved 4 **perfect 10s** on his 305B and went on to take home a SEC Title, and a new SEC Record with a score of 467 points! (The previous SEC record holder was a 2 time US Olympian!) What a massive achievement. **Congrats Liam!**

## GOODBYES

In March we bid a sad farewell to our Head Coach **Aurelie Gibson**, along with **Brad Szurgot** and their son **Taidghin**, who have relocated to Indianapolis, USA. A huge thanks to Aurelie & Brad for their efforts and all they have done to develop our Divers, our Clubs, and the sport of diving within NZ. They will be missed!

Sadly, we will also be farewelling our Acting Head Coach **Jamie Rodriguez** who is also heading to the USA. Her last day with us will be 9<sup>th</sup> May. Thanks so much to Jamie for stepping up into the Head Coach position whilst we have been recruiting for a permanent placement.

NZ's loss is definitely the U.S.A.'s gain. We wish them all **GOOD LUCK** in their new ventures!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Apr – FINA Grand Prix, Mexico  
16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Apr – FINA Grand Prix, Puerto Rico  
23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Apr – Dresden Youth Meet, Germany  
15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May – DNZ Autumn Champs, Auckland  
20<sup>th</sup> Jun – Wellington Champs, Wellington

## WELCOME

We are very lucky to welcome **Hong Deng (Iris)** to ADCT as our High Performance Coach on a short-term contract. Iris was a competing member of the Beijing Dive Team in China for 6 years winning both Silver & Bronze in the Chinese Open Nationals in 1974. She has been coaching for many years and boasts an impressive CV including training divers who later competed at the Olympic Games as well as at many FINA competitions and Grand Prix events. She comes to us from Australia where she has been coaching diving for the Western Australian Institute of Sport. We are privileged to be able to draw on her many years of experience.

Another welcome must be made to **Dianne Norris** who is ADCT's new Administrator. She has years of experience as a diving mum as her daughter Cordelia, dove for Auckland Diving for many years until her retirement from competing at the end of 2014. There are so many aspects of ADCT Administration for Dianne to learn but she has been doing a terrific job.

**Welcome Iris & Dianne!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Lizzie Cui** leaves next week for a week's training in Tennessee with **Liam Stone** and his coach, Dave Parrington, before flying on to Puerto Rico where Dave will be their NZ Coach at the Grand Prix there. Both Lizzie & Liam will compete in their 3m events in Puerto Rico as well as in a brand new mixed synchro event. Both Lizzie & Liam will be heading to Russia for the World Champs later in the year.

On 16<sup>th</sup> April **Nathan Brown** leaves for Dresden, Germany for the Dresden International Youth Diving Meet that is the biggest international competition after the World Championships. There is a limit of two divers per nation per discipline so the competition is going to be very intense. Nathan is competing on 1m, 3m and platform and will be coached by the Australian Coach, Shannon Roy, during his time in Dresden. Competing here is a very exciting opportunity for Nathan.

**Good luck Lizzie, Liam & Nathan!**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Autumn Holiday Camp - West Wave

Week 1: Tues 7<sup>th</sup> – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April

Full day: 9am – 3pm or,

Half day: 9am – 12pm.

Week 2: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup>

11:30am – 2:30pm

### Holiday Program – Glenfield Leisure Centre

Week 2 only: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup>

Session 1: 9am – 11am

Session 2: 3pm – 6pm

There are still a few spaces left, so contact your Coach or Dianne on [info@aucklanddiving.co.nz](mailto:info@aucklanddiving.co.nz) ASAP!

### Term 2 – 2015

Registrations for Term 2 are **now open!**

The dates for Term 2 are **20<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> July**. There will be **NO** training on Sat, 25<sup>th</sup> April (ANZAC Day) or Mon, 1<sup>st</sup> Jun (Queens Birthday)

## IMPORTANT – POOL CLOSURES

### WEST WAVE

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Apr – Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> – **NO** training this week as the dive pool is unavailable.

### GLENFIELD POOL CLOSURE

There will be **NO** classes at Glenfield for at least the first 8 weeks of **Term 2** due to pool closure. Extra Classes have been added at West Wave to accommodate your needs. We will send out confirmation of when regular Glenfield training will resume as soon as that information becomes available.

Go to [www.aucklanddiving.co.nz](http://www.aucklanddiving.co.nz) to register for holiday training or Term 2.

Contact Dianne on [info@aucklanddiving.co.nz](mailto:info@aucklanddiving.co.nz) if you have any problems or need any more information.

## THANKS

Special thanks must be given to **Elizabeth Brown**, one of our Trustees (and Nathan's mum!) for the years of administration work she has carried out for ADCT on a purely volunteer basis. Her efforts over the years are very much appreciated.

**Thanks so much Elizabeth!**

Thanks must also be made to **Lynette O' Rourke** (and Family) who very kindly offered to donate both a fridge and TV for Iris to use during her stay in Auckland.

**Thanks Lynette and Family!**



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