

PONSONBY SWIMMING AND LIFE SAVING CLUB

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

AUCKLAND CENTRAL MASTERS HARBOUR SWIM SERIES 2019-20

WAI-WAI SHIELD

ACM Herne Bay Watchmans Island Swim
2.2km

Herne Bay Beach to Curran St.
Sunday October 20th 2019

Assemble 10.00am Herne Bay Reserve
Start 11.30 am, Tide 12.30pm
Finish and prize giving at Pt Erin Park

Entries close COB Wednesday 16th October

MALLOY SHIELD

SWIM CHELSEA SUGAR Swim 2.4km

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Curran St to Chelsea Sugar
Sunday 23rd February 2020

Assemble 6.00 am, Pt Erin Park
Start 7.30am Tide 8.20am.
Finish and prize giving at Chelsea Sugar

Entries close COB Wednesday 19th February

PONSONBY AMATEUR SWIMMING AND LIFE SAVING CLUB has a long history. It was established in 1908 after a public meeting in the “Ponsonby Hall” It was hoped that young men and boys of the district would join – and they did as membership quickly climbed to ninety+. For many years mixed bathing was frowned upon. However, by early 1920’s a competitive group of women swimmers were active in the club. In those days pupils from local schools (e.g. Richmond Road, Ponsonby, Bayfield) regularly walked to and from the Shelly Beach Baths with their teachers for swimming lessons.

For these two open water swims there are several trophies awarded through the **PONSONBY AMATEUR SWIMMING AND LIFE SAVING CLUB**. These awards are restricted to registered members of recognized Swimming Clubs, Surf Clubs & School Squad Members who are under the age of 25 years on 31st December 2019. **Wetsuits and late entries are not eligible for the following trophies.**

The **WAI-WAI** and **MALLOY SHIELDS** are handicap events which have been competed for annually since the early 1900s. This year the **WAI-WAI SHIELD** is 104 years old and is swum over the Herne Bay to Curran Street Beach course. **THE HANDICAP EVENTS ARE ON HOLD THIS SEASON.** In earlier days it was swum amongst boats moored in Westhaven waters, and between the present cement wharf and salt-water baths at the foot of Shelly Beach Road. Later it was swum on a triangular, there and back course around boats moored off Herne Bay Road and Sentinel Road Beaches. **WAI-WAI** Cups have been presented to fastest male and fastest female since 1980.

The **MOLLOY SHIELD** was first presented in 1912 and was for many years swum from Chelsea Sugar Wharf to the old Shelly Beach baths, and after these were demolished to make way for the Harbour Bridge the finish line was shifted to Curran Street Beach. Reversing this swim to finish at Chelsea coincided with the formation of **AUCKLAND CENTRAL MASTERS SWIMMING** and the **CHELSEA SUGAR REFINERIES CENTENARY** in 1984 when the late Bert Raper arranged sponsorship with Chelsea Sugar and the use of their magnificent facilities. The fastest female receives the **OSBORNE CUP** first presented in 1939 while the **MAZZOLENI CUP** for the first male was not presented until 1979.

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