

Dave Hume Swimming Pool Trust  
Chairperson's Report  
28 August 2018

**A late start but worth the wait!**

Although we got off to a late start, it was to a smart looking pool facility that our swimmers came. Even with an opening date of 9 December 2017, due to the delayed painting of the pool, we still managed an average of 66 swimmers per day and 13,000 swimmers in total. The annual report for council is included at the end of my report which will be filed with WBOPDC. In earlier seasons, we've been able to make comparisons about our pool user groups from year to year but that's not so easy with this shorter season.

Having said that, we've still enjoyed a wide range of activity at the pool with the general public being the greatest users of the facility this past season. Next are our local schools (Katikati College, Katikati, Matahui and Pahoia Primary Schools) and then those programmes run by other groups (Waihi Beach SLC, Masters, Aquafit, Learn to Swim and the Katikati Community Centre). It is great to see that swimming is still an important method of exercise, coaching and camaraderie for so many people – young and old. We are delighted that it is to our facility that they come and with the concept of an Indoor Aquatic Facility on the horizon, these figures can only grow.

**Swim Teaching/Training/Coaching**

By January, the Waihi Beach Surf Club was going strong and continued to attract a huge number of young swimmers. The early morning pool is full of energetic young people who enjoy the squad training sessions in preparation for the greater challenges in the ocean and at competition level. The Schools were also in full swing and a good relationship with the Trust continues. Term Four 2018 and Term One 2019 will once again be busy during school hours. The College timetable is, as always, a challenge but every effort is made to ensure maximum use of the pool by all parties. The Masters swimmers are going well and they're keen to increase their numbers this year. Their aim is to encourage all levels of swimmers to the pool. That Masters swimming is not just about competition and coaching but also about enjoying being in the water whatever level you may be.

Unfortunately, Sue Adams, who had been running Learn to Swim sessions the previous year, was no longer able to offer this coaching. In Term One, Holly from Team Shorebreak, was able to fill the void for a small number of young swimmers.

Early in the year, Peter approached Frog Aquatic who were keen to offer their services for the 2018/2019 season.

But then Sheryl McLay from Team Shorebreak expressed her interest in running programmes at the pool. Initial discussions showed that Sheryl was keen to involve the local community, possibly starting up the swim club again and perhaps considering lessons for under-fives. Meetings were held along with further discussions with pool user groups.

All was going along swimmingly, excuse the pun, but then we've hit a bit of a wall with regard to other organised activity in the pool.

It is with regret that our relationship with Team Shorebreak has ended and we are now seeking interested parties to offer Learn to Swim services at the pool for the 2018/2019 season. Luckily, Ben the Head Coach from Waihi Beach Surf Club, has already indicated a keenness to operate in the same way as last season. Sue Adams may also be available for coaching of under-fives. Frog Aquatic have been approached but their schedule is full.

### **Staffing**

Much happens behind the scenes at the pool and we all appreciate Peter's thorough planning and attention to detail. This was definitely the case last season, as Peter was faced with the added challenge of managing the many development projects at the pool, the most challenging being the painting. Hopefully you will all have seen the results of his efforts. Thank you Peter.

Peter enjoyed a period of leave in March/April, undertaking a mammoth bike ride, with wife Jen, from Cape Reinga to Wellington, almost but not quite reaching their goal. In Peter's absence, Kathy Gage-Brown stepped into the management role and did a really good job. Even though, Peter's level of management is so high, it is reassuring to know that we have other staff that can fill the gap as required.

Staffing levels will continue this year as they began last season, with an adult staff member with each student lifeguard. This reduces the risk factor at the pool and ensures the highest level of safety for all pool users. As a result, the pool sessions have run and will continue to run very smoothly.

New uniforms are underway for the team and this will add to the smart image that we seek.

### **WBOPDC and Katikati Community Board**

A presentation was made to the WBOPDC on April 19 by Graeme Thomson and myself with a request to increase our Annual Operational Grant. This was in direct response to the increase to the NZ minimum wage level and increased staffing requirements at the pool and was approved. Thank you to council.

A further presentation was made to the Community Board on May 2 by Graeme Thomson and Anne Billing, outlining the reasons why Katikati needs an Indoor Aquatic Facility added to the Ten Year Plan. This was well received by the full Community Board along with three elected members of council. Thanks to Graeme and Anne for the massive amount of work that they put into this presentation. We'd like to advise that this was also approved. However, the good news is that funds have been granted by council for a Feasibility Study into such a facility ... watch this space.

Members of the board also met with Zane Jensen from Sport BOP on May 17 to consider the processes around such a project as this and as a Trust we also attended an Open Community Board session on June 6, again to promote the concept of an indoor facility to the community.

The Multi-Sport complex at Moore Park is very firmly on the table and opportunities to be involved considered. Any development of this nature has to be a great improvement for the Katikati community and we certainly support it, whether we are part of it or not.

As always a big thank you to Scott Parker and the WBOPDC for their support of the pool and swimming in our area. Scott works very closely with Peter to ensure that standards are maintained and future planning meets council requirements. I understand that there is about to be a "changing of the guard". We'll certainly miss working with you Scott but look forward to a good relationship with your replacement.

### **Financial Status**

Having retired from Accumulus in 2016, Janet Lacey then retired from our board before Christmas. After many years as volunteer Treasurer of the trust, we were sorry to see her go. The Trust cannot emphasise just how much we valued Janet's input and would like to formally recognize her many years of service.

Viv continues to provide accurate reporting under the Charitable Trusts Performance Report structure and we thank her for her efforts. We haven't found it necessary for Viv to attend meetings as reports are always concise. Peter has presented these throughout the year, following up any questions with Viv as necessary. Peter has presented the report and you will have heard that the Trust is in a good position to start the new season.

The EFTPOS facility was a great introduction and continues to make life easier for pool-users.

### **Security**

It is great to advise that our security measures at the pool have paid off. Not only do we have a smart new fence all around the pool, and we thank Katikati College for their contribution to this, there have been no serious breaches of the pool facility. In fact, we have had only one breach, no damage, in the last 12 months.

### **Pool Maintenance & Development**

As always, the pool has been maintained to a very high standard and all pool visitors enjoyed the wonderful new developments. Currently in winter mode, it won't be long before activity begins to get the pool ready for our September opening date. And then, it's business as usual.

With the funding available from council for a feasibility study, we welcome Steve Prescott tonight. Steve hails from Ashburton and was closely involved with the development of a new facility in that town. His knowledge will be invaluable to us as we embark on the path toward achieving such a facility for Katikati and the Western Bay of Plenty.

### **Promotion of the Dave Hume Pool Facility**

The Trust continues to promote the pool in whichever way it can. You may recall the three page spread in the KK Advertiser to promote the past (Dave Hume), present (pool improvements) and future (Indoor Aquatic Facility) of the pool. Thanks to Anne for her work in putting this together. We aim to have an article in the paper, from one user-group or another, every month.

We endeavoured to have a couple of events towards the end of last year but were thwarted in these for one reason or another. We had hoped to host the November BA5 event in combination with a Community Conversation Event but the pool was still not painted.

We opened to the public on December 9<sup>th</sup> and had hoped to host an official opening the following Friday, but the "silly" season got in the way and the timing was not right for our invited guests. You may have noticed that the word "heated" as now been added to road signage and that of the pool, this after feedback received that many visitors and locals did not realise that our pool was actually a warm one not cold.

Connections were made with Katch Katikati about adding a swimming leg to their bike event in February and an Aquathon for kids which was held in March and was very successful.

Peter has drafted a promotional plan of significant dates and activities for the coming season and we'll continue to use the email newsletter to communicate these events and keep our pool users informed.

There has been much discussion around the length of the season and we hope to be open for 28 weeks this season, opening 30 September which is the first weekend of the school holidays and the day Daylight Saving begins.

### **Moving Forward**

The Dave Hume Pool is a great facility but it is nearly 50 years old. We have been granted the funds to look at another option and need to think a little outside the square. Not just about what's right for our small town but also who we could attract to an Indoor Aquatic Facility here. We know that driving to Tauranga is a real challenge for all of us these days. We should be encouraging swimmers to come in this direction. A drawcard for development of this area not a drain on funding.

### **The Trust**

My thanks to all members of the Trust. We have representatives from all groups around the table and have a good team on board. I hope to see all members continuing in their roles.

I'm happy to make myself available for the coming season.

Barbara Martin  
CHAIRPERSON