



*A star amongst the region's volunteer band, an avid club friend, worker and supporter, and a swimming coach's dream parent*

Croisella came to Waterhole when she enrolled her son Jackson in the Waterhole Toddler programme. Jackson quickly moved through the Learn-To-Swim levels and into the club competitive swimming programme at age 6. Since then, Croisella has been a committed and selfless member of the Waterhole club, as a supporter, technical official, and committee member taking on the role of Club Secretary.

She became a qualified official on pool deck but settled into an integral role in the AOD Room (Control Room) at West Wave taking control of the Waterhole team. Her skills in the Meet Manager chair were quickly recognised by the ASA and Croisella became a vital part of the regional AOD team at all regional and national meets. Her calm, steady and methodical manner, so crucial in what could sometimes be a stressful environment, made her an invaluable member of the technical team. Nothing was ever an imposition, and even over the last few months when she was very unwell, the word NO was not part of her vocabulary. In recognition of her service to the region, Croisella was recently awarded the Auckland Service Award.

Swimming has lost a wonderful team player who will be missed by all who knew her. Our thanks to Gary and Jackson for allowing us the privilege of having her as a friend, supporter, and much loved club member.

*Rest in Peace*

*Croisella Anne McKenzie*

*23 July 1965—9 November 2012*

