

## OCEANIA SWIMMERS

Chance For Auckland Swimmers To Shine At Oceania Champs:

Aucklanders make up the bulk of the New Zealand Olympic swim team who will compete in 12-nation Oceania Swimming Championships in Christchurch next week.

The Olympic squad, with the core group flying from their training camp on the Gold Coast, will compete in the four-day meet at QEII Leisure Centre from June 5 - 8 June.

They will take on swimmers from Australia, Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Marshall Islands, American Samoa, Micronesia, Guam, Tahiti, Samoa and Palau as well as Hawaii and New Caledonia.

Hawaii, New Caledonia and New Zealand will compete in synchronised swimming also, although the Olympic pair of Lisa and Nina Daniels will not return from their training base in Canada for the event.

New Zealand will field three swim teams at the championships. In addition to the Olympic squad, there is a 20-strong youth team of the best up and coming stars led by head coaches Scott Talbot-Cameron (North Shore) and Jeremy Duncan (Southland) along with a senior group (19 years and over) with head coach Donna Bouzaid (West Auckland Aquatics).

It is expected that Australia may send some of their top competitors to the champs as warm up to Beijing.

The Oceania Championships will be staged under the normal competition format of heats in the morning from 10am and finals each night from 6.30pm, rather than the inverted format they will race at Beijing.

The synchronised swimming will take place each afternoon from 1pm to 4pm on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

The New Zealand swim teams to compete in the Oceania Championships are:

Olympic Group: Moss Burmester, Glenn Snyders, Corney Swanepoel, Elizabeth Coster, Hayley Palmer, Helen Norfolk, Melissa Ingram (all SNZ HP Squad); Dean Kent, Cameron Gibson, Lauren Boyle (North Shore); Daniel Bell (West Auckland Aquatics); Tash Hind (Capital).

Head Coach: Jan Cameron, Coach: Thomas Ansorg, Manager: Mark Saunders.

Youth Group: Kurt Bassett, Orinoco Faamausili-Banse (Laser Mt Eden); Andrew Blyth (Wharenuui); Shaun Burnett, Jessie Blundell, Penelope Marshall (North Shore); Cameron Burrows (Howick Pakuranga); Dylan Dunlop-Barrett (Bell Block); John Gatfield (SwimZone Racing); Gareth Kean, Ellen Quirke (Capital); Brett Newall, Carmen Ooi, Natasha Simpson (West Auckland Aquatics); Shane Patience (Waves); Kane Radford (Aquatx Rotorua); Laura Baker (Kiw West); Annabelle Carey, Amaka Gessler (AquaGym); Emily Thomas (Comet).

Coaches: Scott Talbot-Cameron (North Shore, head coach men), Jeremy Duncan (Spirit of Southland, head coach women), Glenn Hamblyn (Laser Mt Eden), Sue Southgate (Bell Block).

Senior group (19 years and over): Mark Herring, Michael Jack (West Auckland Aquatics); Andrew McMillan, Matt Thomas, Cameron Stanley, John Zulch, William Benson, Carl O'Donnell, Tim Dawson, Ayla Dunlop-Barrett (North Shore); Bryn Murphy (Waves); Steven Kent (SwimZone Racing); Daniel Ryan (Waterhole); Verity Hicks (Howick Pakuranga).

Coaches: Donna Bouzaid (West Auckland Aquatics, head), Frank Tourelle (SwimZone Racing).