

## **2006 Auckland Winter (short course) Championships**

August 26 – 27<sup>th</sup> 2006

Ten New Zealand age group records and seventeen Auckland records were toppled at the Auckland Winter Championships held at the Henderson Pool.

This was an unexpected but welcome outcome, considering the some leading local swimmers were still away at the Pan Pacific championships in Canada, and the World Youth Championships in Rio.

The performance of the meeting trophy went to Megan Allan (North Shore) who won the women's 200 butterfly in the Auckland open record time of 2m 15.52s (was 2m 17.84s).

Most of the other records went to 13 and 14 year olds, two of whom – Thomas McEwan (Central City) and Malcolm Donaldson (Coast) who had a field day.

McEwan's four national marks were for the 14 year old boys 200m medley – 2m 09.69s, which took almost two second off John Gatfield's time of 2m 11.77s, the 100m backstroke in 57.82s (was 58.41s), 50m butterfly 26.03 (26.33s), and 100m butterfly 58.05s (59.56s) And his busy schedule resulted in two more Auckland records in the 200m backstroke in a time of 2m 05.97s, and 50m backstroke – 27.14s.

Versatile Donaldson's tally of national marks in the grade for 13 year olds was equally as impressive. He clipped 2.47s off the 200m medley record with his time of 2m 14.69s which had stood since 1991 when Lee Burrow clocked 2m 17.16s. And in the 100m medley his time of 1m 01.46s eclipsed Amini Fonua's NZ mark of 1m 03.03s.

In the 400m medley Donaldson's time of 4m 41.21s was just 0.61s outside the national mark. But he claimed three more national records. The 50m butterfly in 27.42s (27.57s), 200m butterfly 2m 12.45s (2m 12.64s), 200m breaststroke 2m 24.86s (2m 28.56s)

Eric Abba (North Shore) put his name into the NZ record books for the first time, when he won the title for the 14 year olds boy's 50m breaststroke in a time of 30.41s. This mark was previously held by Fonua at 31.04s. And Abba won the 100m breaststroke in this grade in the Auckland record time of 1m 06.40s (1m 07 18s).

In the same grade for girls Danielle Koni (West Auckland Aquatics) sliced 0.07s off Olympian Monique Robin's Auckland record of 29.19s.

Ten year old Max Polianski (West Auckland Aquatics) joined the onslaught onto Auckland record when his 200m medley time of 2m 46.23s was 0.33s under the previous mark.