



## Thank a coach and win them prizes!

Recognise a great **Swimming** coach with a nomination in the SPARC Volunteer Coach Awards 2010 and win them great prizes.

Every nominated coach receives a letter of thanks from your local Regional Sports Trust and goes into a draw to win one of 17 \$100 sports vouchers.

Three nominated coaches in each region are also awarded regional titles.

Award winners win a generous supply of Wattie's product, coaching apparel from SPARC, and one regional award winner also receives a coach development opportunity from SPARC. This opportunity will take place over a weekend in 2011 and will include development workshops and attendance at a significant sporting event, with travel and accommodation paid for by SPARC.

Any grassroots volunteer **Swimming** coach can be nominated. There are three award categories – 'student', 'general' and 'lifetime'.

Student (Student coach who attends intermediate or high school)

General (coaching for a while but not yet a lifetime)

Lifetime Achievement (coaching for a very long time, 25+ years)

There are more than 70,000 volunteer coaches in New Zealand from students to octogenarians. They volunteer literally millions of hours of their time to the community.

"When you add up all their volunteer hours it's just staggering", says SPARC Chief Executive, Peter Miskimmin. "Without their massive contribution none of us could enjoy and develop our skills in community sport – our coaches need to be recognised" says Miskimmin.

Nominations can be made online by visiting [www.sparc.org.nz/volunteers](http://www.sparc.org.nz/volunteers) or by picking up an entry from your local Regional Sports Trust.

The student category is open to school-aged coaches, while the lifetime category is for people who have devoted 25 years or more to coaching. The general category is for all other community coaches.

Nominations close 8 September 2010.