

# President's Update: Starting Summer 2018/19

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Now well past exams and with results coming back, we are coming into summer!

There has been a mass exodus by Mia, Lizzie, Issac, Hugh, Nic, A Cam and others. Returning home, chasing jobs or traveling. For those still in AKL we have somehow acquired OUCC's new treasurer Olivia.

## Recent Events

Beginning on the 7th of November, we have now had four Wero Club Nights. With fifty-four different members attending so far it's been great to get out on the water with everyone. Like last year there is general beatering but also positives like Maurycy not in the Remix 69!!!

A last club trip for the year we ran a raft training weekend to the Kaituna and Rangitaiki. Four laps on Saturday, everyone committed to throwing themselves off a waterfall for our training! It was good to see new guides and so many getting experience, positives for next year.

Weekend missions, Wairoa flows and Kaituna are staples of the summer. Since exams I haven't hit every weekend unfortunately, its awesome hearing stories of Waiari and K Gorge runs. AUCC made a good showing at the Kaituna Time Trial last weekend with six members competing. Gainz Tan may have got last despite my directions not to :P

## To look forward to

Mads and Mia are organising the Christmas Party for next Friday, the 7th of December. Sign up, bring something for the BBQ, I am looking forward to the social event starting the summer with everyone.

The last three Wero Club Nights of the year. 5th, 12th and 18th of December, it would be awesome to reach capacity on the course like we did last year!

Weekend missions, with Wairoa going weekly from the 9th of December and Xmas@Kaituna coming up. There will be people going, make sure to get amongst! I am keen to get a group out to Aniwhenua or another G2/3 area to make sure that everyone gets some upskilling, and beginners aren't just walking into the Wairoa wave. . . keep your eyes peeled if that might be you.

South Island, there are a number of groups heading down for the Southern pilgrimage over the holidays. Most of use should be in the Murch area for the 27-30th before heading different ways chasing rain, changing regions or even disciplines. Look forward to the photos for anyone that can't make it :(

Expect to here more on; AKL Anniversary, February Tongariro, Wairoa Extreme Race, instructor upskilling, in coming months.

Fulljames, our next club trip and the yearly conquest of the Ngaawapurua Rapids following O-Week. A big one, Maurycy and Fitree have got the ball rolling. They have some great ideas and a theme which should have lots of vareity!

## Notable Firsts

JR - Christening the Mini Raft

A Cam - Kayak the Kaituna

J Doc - Wero G3 Certification

Joe Easley - Raft guide the Kaituna

## Notable Swims

The day following the start of the new swim year, current swim captain A Cam racked up the first swim. Highlights up to now have been Joe's ejection at the bottom of Tutea, Doc's seven window shade working following his Wero assessment, and Kaz's moment of indecision causing a swim out of Mothers with two boats.

See you out there,  
Josh

