Wellington City Council
Sports Talent Development Programme
2013 Achievements – mid year report

This is a summary of achievements from the six sports that received Talent Development Programme funding for 2013. The sports supported this year are: Diving, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Swimming and Yachting.

This is the sixth year of the programme. Other sports that the Council has worked with include Golf, Kayaking, Basketball, Triathlon and Softball.

Diving

Li Feng Yang was placed 2nd in the 10 metre Platform behind the Australian Olympic Champion at the 2012 Australian Open Championships. He has won 1 metre, 3 metre and platform events at the New Zealand Diving Championships, Autumn & North Island Championships


Jenna Larking, Arno Lee, Helena Nagrampa and Harry Stew have all won national skills titles and compete in Brisbane in August.

Hockey

Scott Kearney, Ben Van Woerkom and Harry Miskimmin in U21 Junior Black Sticks squad for the December World Cup in India.

Genevieve Macilquham, Alexandra Tully, Katherine van Woerkom and Kesley Smith in wider junior black sticks squad for Junior World Cup.
Previous athletes in NZ Development Black Sticks squad-Annie Roberts, Dane Lett and Jake Smith.

Netball

20 athletes received expert coaching pre season from former Silver Fern Sandra Edge, NWR Under 19 coach Lynnette Imrie and current Pulse Assistant coach Marianne Delaney.
Level 2 & 3 high performance athletes received strength and conditioning training pre season from Guy Mothersole (High Performance Sport NZ and Lead S&C coach for the Pulse)
Wellington has had the following players from the HP programme selected for National teams in 2013:
- Whitney Souness - NZ Secondary Schools Team, Nicola Mackle - NZ Under 21 team
The following Wellington HP players have also been selected for the Netball Central Zone U23 team
- TeAmo Amaru-Tibble (age exemption), Stacey McFeeters (age exemption), Laura Meg McGlon, Olivia Dunn and Nicola Mackle
Lindsay Filiata appointed as Assistant Coach for Netball Central Zone U23 team

Rugby League

8 boys have been signed with NRL clubs from last years TDP group.
2 of these boys have already played u20s for the NRL clubs.
5 players were selected to NZ honours from the group.
This year 11 boys in the group including a number of the younger boys from 2012 and all will attend the NZRL 16s and 18s selection camp.

Swimming
In 2012; Gareth Kean, Natasha Hind and Samantha Lucie-Smith all qualified for the London Olympics. Gareth placed 13th overall in the semi-final of the 100m Backstroke, and he also was the lead swimmer in the NZ Medley Relay team that placed 9th at these Olympics. Natasha Hind and Samantha Lucie-Smith both placed 11th in the Women’s 4 x 200m Freestyle relay, and Natasha placed 14th in the Women’s 4 x 100m Freestyle relay at these Olympics.
Also in 2012; Emma Robinson placed 6th in the 800m, 9th in the 1500m events at the 2012 Junior Pan Pacific Championships held in Hawaii.
In March 2013; Gareth Kean, Samantha Lucie-Smith, Samantha Lee and Emma Robinson all qualified to represent NZ at the 2013 FINA World Swimming Championships to be held in Barcelona in July this year.

Yachting

Sailing has been a part of the Wellington City Council Talent Development Programme since its inception.
Some of the sailors that have progressed through the programme and are enjoying success on the world stage include
Josh Junior …. Currently campaigning in the heavyweight men’s Finn class for the 2016 Rio Olympics and has recently won a bronze Medal at the ISAF Sailing World Cup in France
Matt Steven …. Currently sailing in the Extreme Sailing Series and has been selected to compete in the Youth Americas Cup in San Francisco in September
Josh Porebski … Currently campaigning in the 49er class for the 2016 Olympics and finished 6th at the 2012 World Championships
Tim Coltman …. Awarded an internship to the Chicago Match Race Centre and about to begin competing on the USA Grand Slam match racing tour
In the last twelve months teams form the squad have …
Won the Governors Cup at Balboa Yacht Club in USA considered to be the unofficial youth world match racing championship
Finished 2nd and 3rd at NZ youth match racing national championships
Finished 2nd at the Harken International Youth Match Racing Championship at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
Finished 3rd at the CentrePort Youth Match Racing Championship at Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club
The programme is going from strength to strength with 16 sailors involved in this year’s under 21 squad selected from a wider training group of over fifty sailors.