

**BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT HEARING COMMISSIONER
APPOINTED BY THE HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application to demolish the Hamilton Municipal Pools

BETWEEN **HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL**
Applicant

AND **HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL**
Consent authority

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE
OF
GAIL JONSON & ROBIN HOOD
ON BEHALF OF
SINK OR SWIM**

Dated 28 October 2019

We (Gail Jonson and Robin Hood) are making a joint statement because of our own histories of involvement over many years. This mutual background along with a deluge of successful national, international athletes and technical officials; plus aquatic sport administrators associated with this Municipal Pool, overlap to the extent that it provides harmonious continuity, avoids duplication and enriches the greater canvass of this pools unique history which simply cannot be ignored. Thus we provide this persuasive evidence together.

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INTRODUCTION: Gail Michelle Jonson

1. My full name is **Gail Michelle Jonson**. I am a File Manager for the New Zealand Police.
2. Before the Municipal Pools closed in 2012 I was a regular swimmer there, swimming 4 – 5 times a week.
3. My qualifications and experience in respect of the Municipal Pools are that after I learnt to swim at Dolphins Swim School on Ohaupo Road. My family were already members of the Hamilton Swimming Club that was based at the Municipal Pools.
4. I also became a member and started my training there. For many years I did my training and competed at the Municipal pool – and consider it my “home” pool.
5. My first New Zealand Swim team was in 1978 and I went on to represent New Zealand in swimming another 9 times – including the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games where I won a bronze medal in the 4 x 100 m freestyle relay. And the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

INTRODUCTION: Robin Michael Newton Hood

6. My full name is Robin Michael Newton Hood. I am an international aviation insurance broker / consultant.
7. My close association with the Municipal Pool began in 1959 after relocation from Whanganui to be coached by Mervyn Campbell (MNZM) and lasted continually for 17 years. Under the stewardship of Merv Campbell I became a 10 x New Zealand medallist including five golds and a NSW Australian gold medallist and a Commonwealth Games Representative.
8. I also regard The Municipal Pool as my home pool and directly flowing from these extraordinary years was:
 - a. Appointed to and served 17 years on the FINA Technical Diving Committee – FINA being the international governing body of aquatics.
 - b. Officiated as Judge, Referee, Technical Director in 10 Commonwealth Games, 7 Olympic Games, 14 World Championships, and Technical Director 2 Asian Games, 1 Asian Games.
 - c. FINA Guest Lecturer in 22 Diving Judges Clinics in 20 countries.
 - d. 2004 International Swimming Hall of Fame Paragon Award for Service to International Diving.

- e. 2009 Awarded the FINA Gold Service Pin for four quadrennial periods of Service to the Technical Diving Committee (**FINA**).
- f. 2018 1st January Queens New Year Honours – Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (**ONZM**) for services to Springboard and Platform Diving. An Order of Chivalry.

CODE OF CONDUCT

9. We have read the Environment Court Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses and we agree to comply with it. We confirm that the issues addressed in this brief of evidence are within our area of expertise.
10. We have not omitted to consider material facts known to us that might alter or detract from the opinions expressed. We have specified where our opinions are based on limited or partial information and identified any assumptions we have made in forming our opinions.

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

11. We take issue with the resource consent application and AEE Appendix D: Assessment of Heritage Values by the architect, in particular, on page 30, section 9.3 a) I which states that “Overall, the associative value of the pool is little.” This is grossly inaccurate. The application to demolish should be declined.

SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

12. We will briefly describe the priceless contribution to Community that the Municipal Pools provided while it was open and operating.
13. By allowing aquatic activities to flourish and the people who took advantage of this wonderful facility to then also flourish and achieve remarkable results in their sporting careers.
14. The evidence I, Gail Michelle Jonson, present is in part derived from my knowledge as a regular swimmer and Olympic representative, my mother’s knowledge as a swimming official, and a range of published sources.
15. The evidence I, Robin Michael Newton Hood, present is derived from my knowledge as a regular user of this pool for seventeen years, fourteen of which as a competitor springboard diver, both New Zealand and Commonwealth Games representative.
16. In addition to this competitive side of my knowledge of the Municipal Pool I also have a deeper understanding and affection for the facility arising from being a regular relief custodian of the pool during the occasions when Bob Frankham, the regular pool

manager was permitted weekend breaks or travelling with his swimmers to various swim meets within the Waikato or inter-provincial championships.

MATERIALS CONSIDERED

17. In preparing our evidence we have reviewed the relevant documents provided
 - a) Assessment of Environmental Effects
 - b) Appendix D: Assessment of Heritage Values

ASSOCIATIVE VALUE OF THE MUNICIPAL POOL

18. I, Gail Michelle Jonson State:
19. HCC's Operative District Plan has three levels of heritage value, being Outstanding, High and Moderate. The Architect's assessment is inconsistent with the District Plan in that places the associative value of the Pools on a different scale that extends down two levels to Little and None. It assesses the Pools as having little associative value.
20. In my experience as an Olympic swimmer who trained at the Municipal Pools (the Pools) this is completely wrong as a vast number of internationally significant swimmers, divers and sports officials have been associated with the Pools, satisfying the criteria of "Associative value: The historic place has a direct association with or relationship to, a person, group, institution, even or activity that is of historical significance to Hamilton, the Waikato or New Zealand."
21. The Hamilton Swimming Club was established in 1881. It was a swim club, water polo club and diving club, which operated from the Municipal Pools since they opened in 1912.
22. Below is a list of notable swimmers, coaches and officials who have been associated with the Hamilton Municipal Pools from around the 1950s onwards, which I have compiled with the assistance of my mother, Merle Jonson, past competitors and various published sources.

COACHES - SWIMMING:

23. Bob Frankham came to Hamilton as a champion swimmer in 1944 and coached Maureen Holman, who became Hamilton's first national champion in 1946. In the 1950 Commonwealth Games in Auckland, the NZ women's relay team, trained by Bob, won silver. In 1954 another of his pupils, Jack Doms, won gold at the

- Commonwealth Games in Vancouver. In 1956 Marion Roe, also coached by Bob Frankham, and was a finalist in the 1956 Olympic Games women's 100m freestyle.
24. People came from all over the country to train with him. He later established a learn to swim pool on Casey Avenue. It still exists as Ace Learn to swim. IN 1973 Frankham was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to swimming. He not only trained international elite swimmers but took time to teach children with cerebral palsy and other disabilities.
 25. Cyril Gudgeon was a NZ Age Group medallist and National Finalist swimmer who went on to coach at the Club in the 1990s.
 26. Richard Sutton was a Te Awamutu Swimmer who made the NZ Finals, and went on to coach for some years for the Club, also in the 1990s.
 27. Clive Power started coaching in Te Awamutu but came to Hamilton Swim Club. For many years he was head coach at the Pools, before he moved to Wharanui (CHCH) and later became NZ Coach, including to Olympic and World Champs teams.
 28. Christian Thiess, the Romanian-born World Bronze Medalist in Breaststroke, coached the club from around 1983-88, and was instrumental in getting many National titles/finalists. Prior to his swim coaching career, he was a noted equestrian eventer and won 21 of 22 starts throughout Eastern Europe during five years from 1959-64. An injury prematurely ended his equestrian career and he switched to coaching. 1972 as Romanian Three Day Event trainer at the Munich Olympics he took the opportunity to defect to West Germany. He emigrated to Hamilton, New Zealand, in 1982 and coached in both eventing and swimming (at the Municipal Pools). In September 1983 he was asked to train the NZ Horse Trials squad who were working towards the Los Angeles Olympics. Disappointed with the resources allocated by the NZ Olympic Committee to the equestrian team he turned down the role, and in 1988 he emigrated to Australia, where he continued equestrian coaching and swimming. In 2002 he won 10 swimming medals at the Pan Pacific Masters Games on the Gold Coast in 2014.
 29. John Pike was head coach in the late 2000s until the Pools closed, by which time he had almost 40 years coaching under his belt including 14 years coaching in Australia. He was a swimming coach for the New Zealand team at the World Championships in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and on the 2006 Junior Pan Pacific Championship team to Maui, Hawaii, and at the 2011 Australian Age Swimming championships in Adelaide. In the mid-2000s he completed a Master's degree in High Performance Coaching and Professional Practice.
 30. Rob de Villiers, a former South African swim champion, and world ranked swimmer himself, coached in the 2000s for some years until the Pools closed.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS - SWIMMING

31. Norman JONSON was a timekeeper, starter, and referee at NZ and International level. He was also a founding member of the Waikato Rowing Club, just down the hill from the Pools. He officiated as a starter for swimming's international body, FINA, to two Commonwealth Games, in Kuala Lumpur and Auckland. Norman was made a life member of the Hamilton Swimming Club in 1991, a life member of the Waikato Swimming Association, and, in the mid '90s, received an honours award from Swimming New Zealand. I am proud to say he was my Father – he passed away November 2018.
32. Merle JONSON – Merle, who was also active in swimming administration, travelled throughout Waikato, and New Zealand, officiating at club, regional, national, and international events, including managing the multiple Olympic, Commonwealth and World Championship teams. She is a Life Member of Swimming New Zealand, Waikato Swimming Association and Hamilton Swimming Club. I am proud to say she is my Mother.
33. Jim COLE was a Technical official at National and multiple International events. Jim was awarded a Swimming New Zealand Life Membership in 2001 for his dedication to the sport both here in New Zealand and internationally. He was also a Life Member of Waikato Swimming Association and Hamilton Swimming Club. Jim joined the Hamilton Amateur Swimming Club in 1954 and represented the club and region as a swimmer and water polo player for the next three years. In 1956 he moved to Te Kuiti to take up a coaching position at the local pool. In 1968 Te Kuiti Club recognised his contribution by awarding him Life Membership. In 1969 Jim and his family moved back to Hamilton and he re-joined the Hamilton Club. This same year he was elected to the Waikato Centre Executive. During the 1970's Jim was involved in the organisation of a very successful Dual Meet programme within the Waikato region and began officiating at all levels of swimming meets. In 1970 his service to our sport was recognised by his being awarded a New Zealand Swimming Service Award. In 1976 the Hamilton Swimming Club took over the running of the old Municipal Pool and Jim was a strong supporter of this enterprise.
34. Jim became President of the Hamilton Club in 1978 and held this position for two years. Jim also played an active part in the promotion of swimming as a sport for asthmatics and dyslexics and has been gratified to see some of his competitors go on to represent Waikato at inter-Centre and National events. In 1984 he was

awarded Life Membership of the Hamilton Club for his services to the club. Jim was President of the Waikato Swimming Centre from 1980 – 82 and during this period he also became a member of the National Swimming Technical Committee. In 1981 he became a FINA official and received his first FINA appointment at the World Championships in Ecuador that year. In 1987 he received a New Zealand Swimming Association Honours Award for his services to our sport.

35. He has represented New Zealand as an official at World Long and Short Course Championships, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games, World Masters Championships, Australian Championships, Oceania Championships, Grand Prix Meets, New Zealand Tri Series Meets, Pan Pacific Championships and the IPC International in Christchurch. Jim has also represented New Zealand at the Olympic Solidarity Technical Congress, many FINA Technical congresses and has attended many FINA Technical clinics. Jim was the Swimming Technical Director for the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland. Apart from the many international meets, which Jim officiated at, since 1976, Jim attended a minimum of two National Championship meets every year at his own cost. There have been years where he has officiated at up to 4 National meets. Jim was a regular official for the Hamilton Swimming Club as well as assisting at other Waikato club and centre meets.
36. At the National Age Group Championships in Wellington in 2001 Jim's contribution to the sport was recognised when he was presented with a FINA Certificate of Merit which had been awarded to him by the FINA Technical Congress held in Sydney during the Olympic Games 2000. This award is one of the highest awards given to Technical Officials worldwide. He passed away in July 2018.
37. Barry KIDD is Life Member of Swimming Waikato, and a NZ Technical official who has officiated at the Commonwealth Games.

NZ AND WAIKATO TECHNICAL OFFICIALS:

38. Notable officials include Gordon Shackelton; Kate Thorn, who served 15 years as Swimming Waikato Club Secretary, and is a Life Member of Swimming Waikato; John Brown; Margaret Brown; June Boswell, who received 1976 and 1987 Swimming Waikato Service Awards; Judy Leet; Bruce Burton; and Kevin O'Connor (Snr).

OLYMPIC, WORLD & COMMONWEALTH GAMES SWIMMERS

39. Marion ROE represented the Hamilton Swim Club and was the Waikato's first Swimming Olympian; 1956 Melbourne Olympic Finalist; Womens' 100m freestyle.

40. Jack DOMS was the first New Zealand swimmer to bring home an individual gold medal from the Empire and Commonwealth Games. This was at the 1954 Vancouver games in the 220 yard breaststroke. In addition, he won silver in the men's 330-yards medley relay with teammates Lincoln Hurring and Buddy Lucas. On his return, Hamilton mayor Roderick Braithwaite hosted a civic reception for Jack and Mercer's gold-medal rowing pair, Reg Douglas and Bob Parker. In all, he won eight New Zealand national swimming titles, including both the 100-yards and 220-yards breaststroke titles regularly from 1952 to 1955. Jack swam competitively at the national championships in 1958, but then retired to concentrate on swimming administration. Jack volunteered for more than a decade as an assistant starter for most events held in Hamilton. His time as a volunteer was recognised when he received a service award from the NZ Amateur Swimming Association for his work at the poolside. In 2000, he was one of about 300 New Zealanders who carried the Olympic torch during the New Zealand leg of the 2000 Summer Olympics torch relay. Sadly Jack passed away in January 2018.
41. Gail JONSON: I was the Waikato's third swimming Olympian, and participated in the 1984 LA Olympics. I also won a bronze medal in to 4 x 100 freestyle relay team at the 1982 Commonwealth Games. I did the majority of my early swimming and competing at the Munies. I was a member of 10 NZ teams in total, all while swimming for Hamilton Swim Club. Most of them while training at the Municipal Pools. Some years later I went on to achieve 4 golds, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal in World Masters Games 2017, in Auckland. Before the Pool was closed I did all of my training for this event there as it was very close to my work at the Hamilton Central Police Station. As did a lot of my work colleagues.
42. Bradlee ASHBY is another of the Waikato's swimming Olympians. He started his swimming with Hamilton Swim club before it was closed. Bradlee began his international racing career for New Zealand in 2013 competing at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival and also at the FINA World Junior Championships. In 2014 he competed at the Oceania Championships in New Zealand and the Junior Pan Pacific Championships in Hawaii where he won two bronze medals. His first major international meet was the 16th FINA World Championships in Kazan, Russia in 2015. In 2016 he won the 200m backstroke and 200m individual medley at the New Zealand Open Championships, setting a New Zealand record in the heats of the 200m IM. He represented New Zealand at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. For his achievements in 2016, Bradlee was named National Swimmer of the Year. In 2017 Bradlee won the national titles in the 200m and 400m individual medley and 200m butterfly and was second in the 200m backstroke. His time of 1:59.54 in the 200m individual medley broke his own New Zealand record and qualified him for the 17th FINA World Championships. At the 2017 FINA World

Championships in Budapest, Bradlee set a New Zealand record on the way to his best performance of his young career so far, cutting 0.3s off his own national record. He attended the 2019 World Swimming Championships, Kobe City, Korea.

43. Heather COOMBRIDGE is another of the Waikato's swimming Olympians; 1972 Munich. Heather started her aquatic life aged 10 or 11 as an all rounder. She was a young diver coached by Mervyn Campbell at this pool, who showed great promise but was also a very capable swimmer. Typical of Merv Campbell's integrity, while not wishing to lose her to diving, knew that her greater future could be as a swimmer and recommended she adopt full time swimming under coach Bob Frankham. She became the 1972 New Zealand Champion in both the 100m and 200m womens' freestyle events and an Olympian in these two events (1972 Munich).

OTHER NZ REPRESENTATIVE SWIMMERS:

44. All of the swimmers listed below were National title holders or finalists.
45. Michael JOHNSTON swam for New Zealand in the 1974 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch.
46. Susan BURTON holds the Waikato Womens Open and 19+ age-group 400 m freestyle records, and the Open and 19+ age-group 1500 m records, all four of which she set in 1979.
47. Brian COULTER: In the early 1970s, Brian Coulter was one of New Zealand's top backstroke swimmers. He won four gold medals at New Zealand Age Group Championships. Brian was nominated for the Moscow Olympic Games.
48. Others include Graeme WRIGHT, David WRIGHT, Kevin BROWN, Denis CRUIKSHANKS, Stephanie HARPER, Graeme CAMPBELL, Tony Graham from Taumaranui but coached by Bob Frankham
49. All of the swimmers listed below were not only National title holders or finalists but also National AGE Group and National Finalists:
50. Sheree NELSON, Taienga PAKI, Myra SNELL, Cyril GUDGEON, Stefan MCFIE, who holds the 12 year old boys' 100 m freestyle record, which he achieved in 1980, and Dale WELLS

MASTERS SWIMMING:

51. Eleanor PINFOLD was the 2015 New Zealand Masters Swimming Club Swimmer of the Year. During 2015, Eleanor broke NZ records 8 times. In a single meet, she almost made a complete sweep of all the Freestyle short course records (her 800m time could not be ratified due to having only one timekeeper). Two of these records were from last century. The 1500m record had stood since 1991, yet Eleanor

managed to take more than 4 minutes off that time. The 50m record had not been broken since 1987. At the time of the award, Eleanor was the holder of 18 NZ records. That year, Swimming New Zealand also presented their own trophy to Eleanor.

52. Eleanor has only recently stepped down from her roles as chairman of the Hamilton Masters Swimming Club and of coordinating the annual Five Bridges River Swim. This has been going for almost 80 years, and involves a 7 km swim from Hamilton Gardens to Ann Street, downstream of the Fairfield Bridge. The race generally attracts about 100 swimmers from around New Zealand, and some from overseas. She spent fourteen years coordinating the swim on behalf of Hamilton Masters Swimming Club, and before that was the first woman finisher in the race many times.

ROVERS SWIM CLUB

53. The Rovers Swim Club also operated from the Hamilton Municipal Pools, concurrently with the Hamilton Amateur Swimming Club. The Rovers club was established on 20 November 1945, some time after Hamilton Swim Club and provided coaching for swimming, diving and water polo community. The reason for this new club to be formed was because the Hamilton Swim Club decided to focus on swimming only and remove diving, synchronised swimming and water polo from their programme! The prime movers for the establishment of Rovers was Jack Doms and Merv Campbell. A copy of the minutes of that 20 November meeting are in possession of Doug Campbell eldest son of Merv Campbell.

ASSOCIATIVE VALUE OF THE MUNICIPAL POOL

I, **Robin Michael Newton Hood**, states:

54. HCC's Operative District Plan has three levels of heritage value, being Outstanding, High and Moderate. The Architect's assessment is inconsistent with the District Plan in that places the associative value of the Pools on a different scale that extends down two levels to Little and None. It assesses the Pools as having little associative value.
55. In my experience as a national and international competitor and administrator - refer to page 2, Introduction 2, together with being a volunteer relief pool manager from time to time at the Municipal Pools (the Pools) this is completely wrong as a vast number of internationally significant swimmers, divers and sports officials have been associated with the Pools, demonstrably satisfying the criteria of "Associative value" I am in complete agreement with my colleague Gail Jonson when she states "The

historic place has a direct association with or relationship to, a person, group, institution, even or activity that is of historical significance to Hamilton, the Waikato or New Zealand.”

56. Let me demonstrate another “associative value” in another specific example (in addition to that recorded in Introduction 2, page 2 above). In that old pool the concept was first formed that Hamilton should one day bid to host a world diving event. That idea slowly consolidated during many discussions we had at this old pool. After a great deal of planning and the support of Hamilton City Council and the New Zealand Swimming Association I was sent to the FINA World Championships in Ecuador to front the City’s bid. The dream was fulfilled by FINA awarding the City of Hamilton the 1983 Edition of the World Age Group Championships hosted at the new Te Rapa pool. Out of the “class of ‘83” emerged the future Olympic and World Championships competitors and Olympic and World Champions and medallists. All because of a dream conceived at “The old Munies”

COACHES DIVING - ROVERS

Merv Campbell MNZM

57. Diving coach extraordinaire. Olympic diving judge. Commonwealth Games judge & referee. Life Member New Zealand Swimming Federation, Diving New Zealand. Waikato Swimming Centre and Rovers Swimming Club. New Zealand Diving Committee founder and committee member. Swimming and diving administrator. Swimming starter. In the 1999 Queens Birthday honours Mervyn Hart Campbell was invested at Government House as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM), an Order of Chivalry.
58. He was a top diver who won a string of Waikato championships in the early to late 1950’s, and also did well at national events with his last national competition being in 1957 in Auckland. He was a founding member of the Rovers Swim Club in 1945. He was an extraordinarily effective dive coach, and he attracted “a deluge of provincial, national and international medallists over a period of some four decades”. His protégés include:
- a. **Iris Findlay** Merv’s early divers who started their diving careers at “The Munies”, began with and quickly grew: (National competitor).
 - b. **Judy Robinson** In 1958 he coached to a NSW Australia 3m springboard silver followed by the NZL 3m springboard gold. All this beginning at the Municipal Pool with quite primitive wooden springboards covered with a non-slip (most of the time!) coconut matting into quite a shallow pool of 6ft 8in (2.3m).

- c. **Robin Hood** (National Champion, NSW State Champion, Commonwealth Games),
- d. **Ann Fargher** (National Champion, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, Olympian).
- e. **Nicky Cooney** (National Champion, Commonwealth Games, World Championships; awarded a Commemoration Medal for Service to NZ, and Waikato Diocesan Centenary Sportswoman of the Year).
- f. **Raymond Vallance** (National Champion, Commonwealth Games and FINA World Championships).
- g. **Graeme Shaw** (National Champion, Commonwealth Games).
- h. **Tania Patterson** (National Champion, World Age Group Champion, Swedish Cup. Europe Champion, Olympian),
- i. **Kay Cummings** (National Medalist, Commonwealth Games).
- j. **Len Wakefield** (National Champion).
- k. **Kerryn Vincent** (National Champion).
- l. **Jenny Hannah** (National Champion).
- m. **Rex Temperton** (National medallist).
- n. **Bob Carter** (National medallist),
- o. **June La Trobe** (National medallist).
- p. **Kay Allen** (National medallist).
- q. **Jan Burkhart** (National medallist).
- r. **Janine Radd** (National medallist).
- s. **Vicki Thorn** (National medallist) ,
- t. **Sue Bankier** (National medallist),
- u. **Ruth Millar** (National medallist),
- v. **Simon Vale** (National medallist).
- w. **Tony Gledhill** (National medallist).
- x. **Gaye McDonald** (National competitor).

59. And the list could go on and on as many others who grew in character and self-confidence, as we all did, under Merv Campbell's watchful eye and dedicated mentorship.
60. According to a 2008 Waikato Times article about Merv, in the late 1980s Merv's team of divers won every single trophy at the National Open and Age Group Championships. They scooped the pool three years in a row. The following year an additional trophy was offered for divers outside the Waikato. He was New Zealand diving coach at the Commonwealth Games and World Junior Championships from 1982 to 1990. In 1983, six of his divers were in the World Junior Championships team.
61. Merv was appointed a judge at the 1986 Atlanta Olympic Games and after a series of very capable judging duties in preliminary and semi-final events another high point of his life was being allocated a judge in the Final of the mens' 3m springboard. I was the Referee for this event. Mentor and Student together. Another fitting apex to an extraordinary coaching career.

NZ DIVERS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE & ACHEIVEMENTS OUT OF THE "MUNIES"

62. **Robin HOOD ONZM:** when I was 19 I moved from Wanganui to Hamilton just to train with the late Merv Campbell (MNZM). From the 1950s to 1971, I dived competitively in New Zealand and overseas. I was a three-time New Zealand mens' three-metre springboard champion between 1966 and 1969 and won the New South Wales Australian mens' three-metre springboard event in 1966. That year I also competed in the Commonwealth Games in Kingston, Jamaica.
63. I then went on to serve 17 years on the Technical Diving Committee of FINA, which manages the development and competition of international diving under the auspices of FINA, the world governing body of aquatics. My work has included seven Olympic Games, 14 World Championships at junior and senior level, 10 Commonwealth Games, 2 East Asian Games and 1 Asian Games among many other international duties including Lecturer in FINA and Olympic Solidarity Diving Judges Clinics in 22 countries.
64. In 2004 I was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Fort Lauderdale (Paragon Award) for outstanding service to international diving. This was followed by the 2018 the Queens New Years Honours List conferring an Order of Chivalry; Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) For Services to Springboard and Platform Diving. In September 2018 I was also inducted into the Whanganui Sports Hall of Fame.

65. **Ann SISSONS** nee Fargher: Olympian. FINA appointed Ann to the FINA Technical Diving Committee following my retirement and she served 4 years at Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cups, Universiade Games and Lecturer at FINA sponsored international judges clinics in various countries.
66. **Tania PATERSON**: Beginning her diving years at the "Munies", she was on the New Zealand national diving team for twelve years and represented New Zealand internationally three times: at the 1990 Commonwealth Games, the 1992 Summer Olympics and the 1994 Commonwealth Games. She was also the World 12-13 year Age Group Champion in 1985, which made her the first New Zealand diver to ever win gold in any aquatic discipline in a FINA-recognised international event. She was also the Swedish Cup Europe Champion.
67. **Vicki CAMPBELL** nee Thorn: She went to be Chair of Waikato Diving and an international diving judge.
68. Other NZ Representatives from Rovers club include **Jenny DOMMS, Elaine MCCALL, Jenifer WHALEY, Helen MCCLEARY**, who qualified for Olympics but did not attend, **Debbie SMITH** and **Ruth MILLER**.

SUMMARY

69. In total, there are at least 54 notable swimmers, divers, coaches and officials who have been closely associated with the Hamilton Municipal Pools. Many of them are Olympic, Commonwealth and World Championship medallists and contestants. Several others have held international roles in coaching and officiating. At least two have received awards in the New Zealand honours system.
70. The above list is not complete, as it relies primarily on our collective memories, so does not include people before our time. However, as can be seen from this list, the Hamilton Municipal Pools have produced a great number of people who are of historical significance to Hamilton, the Waikato and New Zealand. Therefore, the Historic Qualities and Associative Value of the Pools should be rated as Outstanding rather than as the belittling 'little' as per the applicant's assessment.

CONCLUSION

71. There is no reason why, if the site is allowed to be refreshed as a publicly available outdoor swimming venue, it shouldn't be identified as a historic venue, a former powerhouse of New Zealand swimming and diving. It has produced a far greater number of international swimmers and divers than any other club in the country. For its associative value and potential associative value, in addition to many other

reasons outlined today, it should be allowed to continue as an historic outdoor and inspirational swimming facility that produced the passing parade of great champions. The application to demolish should be refused.
