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### **New Zealand's Olympic and Commonwealth swimming medallists racing again – this time for charity**

Olympic bronze medallists Jean Hurring (nee Stewart), Paul Kingsman and Anthony Mosse will join silver and double gold medallist Danyon Loader in a week-long 'festival of swimming' in Waitakere 5-10 April 2010.

The week commences with the New Zealand Open Championships which double as the Commonwealth Games' trials (5-9 April). One of the highlights of the week will be the 'celebrity swimmers races' where each lane at the pool will be represented by a New Zealand charity (10 April). Kingsman (Organ Donation New Zealand), Mosse (Parkinsons New Zealand) and Loader (Asthma Foundation) will race together for the first time.

Commonwealth Games gold medallists Rebecca Perrott (Stroke Foundation), Gary Hurring (Diabetes NZ) and Anna Simcic-Forrest (Heart Foundation) will add to the excitement in the pool.

Swimming New Zealand will also host its inaugural Swimming New Zealand Awards on the evening of Saturday 10 April and will honour its past and current swimming champions.

The week's swimming events also includes a primary, intermediate and secondary schools' competition.

This will be the biggest swimming event ever held in New Zealand and will in addition benefit several New Zealand charities.

Keep up with April's swimming events at Swimming New Zealand's website:  
[www.swimmingnz.org.nz](http://www.swimmingnz.org.nz)

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