

## Swimmer Profile

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| <b>Name:</b> Blake Gunn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Age:</b> 19                |
| <b>Club:</b> Kiwi West Aquatics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Coach:</b> Andrew Nicholls |
| <b>About Blake</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |
| <b>Greatest achievement in swimming:</b><br><br>Breaking a number of Manawatu records, along with my first national medal at national age groups, in recent times would be making the top 10 in the country for my targeted events.                                                                            |                               |
| <b>Major goals for the next 2 years:</b><br><br>Continue improving my personal best times, the goal for the 2015 season is to make improvements on my NZ Rankings and am aiming for the World University Games. In relation to study I aim to finish my degree in agriculture science by the end of this year. |                               |
| <b>Interests:</b><br><br>Aside from swimming my major interests are hunting and fishing along with helping out around the farm.                                                                                                                                                                                |                               |
| <b>School/University/subjects/company/position?</b><br><br>Massey University Palmerston North, Agriscience major in Agriculture.                                                                                                                                                                               |                               |

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### **What New Zealander inspires you the most & why?**

There are too many inspirational New Zealanders to name one, but the ingenuity and never give up attitude it what I inspire to be and do things to the best of my abilities. If I had to name one it would be Steve Gurney, World Multisport Champion, 9 x winner of the Coast to Coast, winner of 12 international adventure races, this is as he spoke at one of my school prize giving and all the challenges he had to overcome in his time as multisport champion.