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# Mactaggart Leisure Centre Newsletter 2016



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## CORPORATE SPONSORS

*We are actively seeking businesses to support a variety of projects & activities.*

*Please contact Gary on 810 924.*

*Thanks go to our corporate sponsors for their support of Rookies & learn to swim programmes*

**Iain MacCuaig , Ben Mundell**

**McBros Construction Islay Taxis**

**Iain Woodrow electrical N F U**



## Trampoline Trailer

Please vote for the trampoline trailer at the CO-OP Community Fund, if successful and MLC wins we will be taking it around the Island!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The summer season has started and still on the lookout for Volunteers.

We have a number of different fundraising events in the year, around area 's of the Island & need volunteers to help out

A great way to meet new people, socialise and get out in the community

SHOW DAY - 11th Aug 2016

KILCHOMAN OPEN DAY - 21st Aug 2016

Others events tbc

Please contact [karen@mactaggartleisurecentre](mailto:karen@mactaggartleisurecentre)

for more details if your interested



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service  
The MBE for volunteer groups

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## SWIM POOL UPGRADE WORKS

Thanks go to EB Score Environment, Crerar Hotels Trust & an Islay philanthropist for their financial support in the refurbishment of the swimming pool tank. Looks like a brand new pool again!

Also to Wolfson Foundation for funding of new eco efficient 250kw boiler which will

## IJCE 25th Anniversary CROSS LOCH SWIM

18 fundraisers swimming Loch Indaal to commemorate the remarkable opening for 25years of the Centre! Big congratulations to the first group to swim Lochindaal - Anna Abberley, Tristan Rosier-Tucker, Jessica Logan, Millie Mitchell, Eloise Miller, Sophie Abberley, Ewan Aitken and Karen Siddall who all successfully completed the swim challenge on the 12th July. The time of the challenge ranged between 2 1/2 hrs to 3 1/2 hrs. "Absolutely amazing" well done everyone.

The distance is 5500 meters and our fundraising target is £5500 or £1 for every metre! We still have 10 more swimmers to do the swim challenge, we have penciled this in for the 6<sup>th</sup> August 12pm start from Port Charlotte, weather permitting. If the swim goes ahead there will be a complimentary dram at Bowmore distillery for anyone supporting the swimmers and they will be allowed into the visitors centre to watch the swimmers coming across the loch . So far we have raised £3,000 of our £5,500 target. You can still sponsor us by buying £1 per metre at the leisure centre or either sponsor a swimmer direct or make payment at MLC reception or by cheque in the post! or through the just giving page on our web site [www.mactaggartleisurecentre.co.uk](http://www.mactaggartleisurecentre.co.uk) - Thank You for your support



**New sponsors: Henry Smith Charity - Agnes Hunter Trust—Western Recreation Trust**



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# FUNDRAISING NEWS

## FUNDRAISING BAROMETER

£90,000

62,000

Each year we have to bring in a minimum of £90k from grants, trusts & foundations to ensure all the children's & disadvantaged group activities can take place e.g Swim lessons, Aquacare etc.

To date we have raised £62k. If you would like to make a donation towards our 100k target for this year 2016-17 please contact Karen at the leisure centre on 810 767 or e mail [karen@mactaggartleisurecentre.co.uk](mailto:karen@mactaggartleisurecentre.co.uk)



80 Members have signed up raising a good total of £ 245.69 so far!

If your not already signed up then please remember to follow the steps below or pop in to the Centre & we'll do it for you! It doesn't cost you anything and a great way of donating to charity!

### 1. Login to:

[easyfundraising.org.uk/mactaggartleisurecentre](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/mactaggartleisurecentre)

### 2. Register:

to support us & your details

### 3. Start to shop:

Easy fundraising will donate a percentage of your purchase to us at no extra cost to you

## LOCAL MEMBERSHIP SCHEME

### Local Members we need more people supporting us!

Please become a Local Member & support us....

**LTS parents**, sign up for Local Member and get lessons for £15 for 1 block of 5 lessons while supporting the Centre, also getting the opportunity to join the Gym at discount price - see below

For all those **Gym** enthusiasts get access to £12.50 monthly gym & swim membership when you sign up as a Local Member, normally £25 per month

**Fantastic Price!**

*2015 - 2016  
200 Members signed up to date!*



## MLC

We need more '**FRIENDS**' to support us to ensure we can provide swimming and leisure facilities for future generations of Ilead's & visitors We have 16 signed up but we need more! email: [info@mactaggartleisurecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@mactaggartleisurecentre.co.uk) or come into the Centre for more information Or if you see our flag flying at any outside event just come and ask us and we will be happy to sign you up...  
**WE NEED YOU**

## ADVERTISING BOARDS

Advertise your Business while supporting our charity The annual cost of renting the boards to advertise your business is:

A2 - £120

A3 - £60

A4 - £30

Posters or information within them can be changed as often as you like throughout the year just e mail or send posters to us & we will display. We already have 30 local & mainland companies advertising within the centre

If you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity to further raise the profile of your business on Islay & support a local charity please contact Karen on 01496 810 767 or email at [karen@mactaggartleisurecentre.co.uk](mailto:karen@mactaggartleisurecentre.co.uk)

### Children's Activities

Our swimming teachers just now are Helen, Jessica, Douglas and Lauren.

Rookies is now adapted with the Sea Scooters & Snorkelling - Great fun!!

Any information on any of our activities can be found at the pool or on our new Facebook page which is regular updated.

Or pop in and see what activities are on through the summer holidays!!

### COMMUNITY JOBS SCHEME

3 new lifeguard positions funded by SCVO

Community Jobs Scheme

Lauren McColl, Douglas Bruce & Connor Boyd

### Sessions

**Parent & Unemployed, Isla has now finished at the crèche and Fiona McCusker has taken on the role.**

**Aquacare see's new Health professionals Manuela and Jane taking new referrals from 31st Aug 2016**

**50Plus why not come along to our lunch club!**



**SEAFARERS UK** is a charity that helps people in the maritime community, by providing vital funding to support seafarers in need and their families. They do this by giving money to organisations and projects that make a real difference to people's lives, [www.seafarers-uk.org](http://www.seafarers-uk.org)

The Schroder Foundation

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### **ENERGY REDUCTION PROGRAMME**

Next project is installation of variable speed drives on swim pool motors.

This will save £2900 pa

Pre heating of water by waste heat recovery system to HWC will save

£493 pa



### **COURSES**

#### Pool Lifeguard Course

Anyone aged 16 years or over wanting to enrol should contact Isabel on 810 767

#### XN Leisure Update Course

Samantha and Karen went to Oxford to do training on the Software Program till system

### **ACCOLADE!**

A report by Mabbetts Consultancy states the leisure centre is operating at less than 50% energy use benchmark from comparable size facility!



### **CHIT CHAT SUPPORT HUB**

A small user group has been established to represent people who are disabled & live with long term conditions. A community consultation has been undertaken to identify peoples challenges, problems & difficulties in life and support they need. IJCE are hoping to raise the necessary funding to develop a "Support Hub"

At the moment the 'Chit Chat' group casually meet on Mondays here at the Centre, to discuss and talk about issues concerning they're everyday life and occasionally bring in talkers to the session, recently talking at the group was Eilidh the Physio.

