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# Aquatic supporters win \$500 – just in time for their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary

Anne and Zis Lurajud personify the age-old adage that swimming is for everyone, young and old.

The Timaru couple who enjoy a dip as well as supporting community causes received an early present for their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary to be celebrated on October 26 when they won \$500 in the October BNZ draw, held monthly for members of the Caroline Bay Aquatic Supporters Club.

A delighted Mr Lurajud said he and his wife enjoyed supporting community efforts towards facilities such as the aquatic centre.

“If you don’t support the community, you don’t go anywhere in life,” he said.

Joining the Aquatic Supporters Club two months ago, they saw their support as a small way of thanking the community for almost a lifetime of living in “one of New Zealand’s most desirable areas”, and enjoying the lifestyle, and the relative safety and security in a region that recognises the contribution the elderly make to the social setting.

“We just can’t wait for our new aquatic centre,” Anne said.

“We’ve always enjoyed a swim and the prospect of having access to the largest area of therapeutic water in the country and heated to 36 degrees is tantalising and something we are eagerly looking forward to.”

For Zis, the new aquatic centre will mean a welcome end to having to travel large distances to Oamaru’s aquatic centre.

For the last four years he has also been a familiar face to Century Pool staff and with a keen eye for aquatic centres, always makes a point of visiting overseas facilities when passing through towns and cities – “Darwin has got a beauty with a wave pool as well. Timaru’s will be just as fantastic judging by the plans”.

For 30 years manager of Whitcoulls in Timaru, he declined a company invitation to transfer out of the district on promotion, choosing instead to retire and settle in the town he loves, building a new house in Church Street.

Anne also comes from a swimming family. Her father was a national swimming champion and was such a strong swimmer he often took on the Manawatu River, swimming to work at flax mills near Palmerston North instead of catching the ferry.

The couple will celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary with the prospect of many more years swimming “which takes years off our lives”.

For information about how to join the Caroline Bay Aquatic Supporters Club and become eligible for a monthly draw of \$500 from BNZ, just go to [www.carolinebayaquatic.co.nz](http://www.carolinebayaquatic.co.nz) and register or phone 0800 GO CBAY or 0800 462 229.

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*Caption:*

*Anne and Zis Lurajud had a special reason to pull on their Caroline Bay Aquatic Supporters Club tee shirts this week, they had just won \$500 in the monthly BNZ draw for members – just a few days ahead of their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.*