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BLENHEIM LOCAL DIVES IN FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Alexandra Mousley from Blenheim is on a mission. The 29yr old Cellar Door Manager, fresh from the UK, will be donning a wet suit for a good cause when she dives into the State Corsair Classic Ocean Swim in Christchurch on February 26.

Mousley is well on her way to reaching her goal of \$1000 for a UK charity supporting Motor Neurone Disease, which claimed the life of her Aunt in the UK two years ago.

She will join an estimated 700 other swimmers as she plunges into Littleton Harbour for her first ever ocean swim, and the fourth event in the 2010/2011 State NZ Ocean Swim Series.

The Christchurch event will host a strong contingent of fellow Masters Swimmers from the Blenheim Club where Mousley trains.

Recreational swimmers like Mousley will rub shoulders with elite swimmers such as Kane Radford, Bryn Murphy and Steven Kent, for the 2.8km event from Corsair Bay. For those who just want to test the waters there's a 1000m or 300m option. Tadpoles can join in the fun with the State Ocean Kids 200m event.

Mousley says "I've always wanted to do an ocean swim and this seems like a great opportunity to challenge myself and support a charity which is close to my own heart."

Scott Rice, Event Director, State NZ Ocean Swim Series says: "I applaud Alex for her support of this wonderful charity. Many of our swimmers are participating in memory of a loved one which makes their achievement even greater."

The State NZ Ocean Swim Series includes ocean swims in Auckland (x2), the Bay Of Islands, Wellington, Christchurch and Bay Of Plenty. The series kicked off in November with the Auckland State Harbour Crossing and ends with the State King Of The Bays swim in Auckland on April 16.

It's not too late - registrations for the State Corsair Classic close 5pm on 24 February – visit www.oceanswim.co.nz