



**MEDAL MOMENTS:** Amy Pilkinton and Dylan Biggs won medals at the New Zealand Gymnastics Championships in Tauranga last week. Photos supplied



## Podium places for Whakatane gymnasts

TWO Whakatane gymnasts earned medals at the New Zealand Gymnastics Championships in Tauranga last week.

Amy Pilkinton placed second in the over-17 women's tumbling event and Dylan Biggs, competing at level eight, was runner-up on parallel bars and third on the vault. He was also part of the New Zealand level eight team that beat and Australia in the Trans Tasman Challenge.

It concluded a good season

for Dylan. He represented New Zealand in level eight at the Australian National Championships in Melbourne and competed on six apparatus. His best result was on vault where he placed fourth.

Last week's nationals also provided relief from some tough buildups to the nationals in recent years. In 2015, Dylan missed out on the national championships breaking his foot, and the following year, Amy was still recovering from tearing

tendons and ligaments in her foot. They competed at the 2016 nationals where they both caught the flu.

They appeared to have broken their unfortunate run last year when Dylan placed sixth overall and was second on the rings and vault, third on the parallel bar and sixth on the floor.

Amy placed 11th overall and qualified to compete on the uneven bar where she placed eighth.