



Newsletter 12 September 2016

Swimming New England & North West Inc

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AGM – 7th May 2017 11am

Website

<http://www.newenglandnsw.swimming.org.au/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/newenglandnorthwestswimming>

Important Deadlines

9th – 10th Sept State Open
11th Sept Gunnedah SC
17th Sept 13 & Over Squad Day
18th Sept Alpha Squad Day
21st Sept – Area Meeting
24th – 25th Sept National A Squad
30th – 1st Oct – 13 Squad to Port
8th Oct D Meet SOPAC

Presidents Message

On behalf of Swimming NENW, I would like to warmly welcome Mrs Neander Walsh (Kootingal Moonbi) to our Area Board. Neander has been involved in swimming as a member of Inverell Swimming Club and now with her children and husband is heavily involved in Kootingal Moonbi Swimming Club.

Congratulations to our Target Squad on their recent achievements. Not only did they have a great two days of development, they then put this into play and achieved wonderful PBs at the Meet. Thanks to Mick, Pat and Tammy who gave their time to provide this opportunity for the kids. Many thanks also, to Ken Malcolm for inspiring and educating our swimmers at the development days. I have included photos from the days at the end of the newsletter.

Information about the meet approval process, online entries and Technical officials was emailed to all clubs during August and discussion will be occurring around this at our future Board meetings.

Between now and the next newsletter, our very best wishes go to our members competing at State Age SC and State Open SC, Gunnedah hosts their SC qualifying meet, 13 and over squad and Alpha squad will have further development days and our National A squad heads to Sydney.

Special mention goes to Susanne Kable (Wee Waa) and Jenny Meyers (Gunnedah) who gave their time to experience working at a major meet and both ladies were mentored by members of the Swimming NSW Technical Officials committee. Our Area and your children benefit from people who give generously of their time like Susanne and Jenny.

Anne

Club Checklists: Has your club?

- Updated your affiliation form since your AGM
- Subscribed to the events on our Area Facebook page
- Considered training and Development of your parents and club officials
- Started looking at setting up for registrations for the new season.
- Fees need to be set by the 2nd September in clubLANE and sent to Swim NSW
- September 5th is the earliest you can open registrations
- Set come and try days/nights 'DIVE RIGHT IN' for your club

Registration FEEs

Swimming NSW has announced the fees for 2016/2017.

Swimmer \$63 (\$25 Swimming Australia, \$38 Swim NSW)

Non Swimmer \$19.50 (\$19.50 Swim NSW)

Junior Dolphin \$0 (7 years and under)

Swimming NENW fee

\$2.50 per member

Then each club will add their set fee.

More information can be found: <https://nsw.swimming.org.au/page.php?id=104>

Online Timekeeper Course

For those people who do their Timekeeper credential online the steps after printing out the certificate and cover sheet are:

1. Contact the ATSCC (Jeremy Deasey) to arrange for an assessment at a local meet.

swimmingnenwatscc@gmail.com

2. Arrange for an appointment as TK at that meet.

3. Meet with the assessor prior to the meet to discuss the assessment criteria and provide all paperwork (certificate, assessment criteria sheets and cover sheet.

4. Work at the meet for the required period of time

5. Meet with assessor after the meet to have post-assessment chat and complete all paperwork

Once this is done the ATSCC will send the cover sheet to the office of SNSW where the credential will be forwarded to Swimming Australia for processing.

All other documents are to be retained by the candidate as proof of completion.

It is pleasing to see the number of people who are working towards this accreditation.



Jenny and Susanne at the Target Meet

Swimming Australia Definitions

Swimmer: Is defined as a member who swims at the club, area, state or national level. A swimmer may not necessarily compete, but does participate in squad or club training.

Non Swimmer: Is defined as a member who does not swim at the club, area, state or national level. This can include parents, officials, coaches and members enrolled in Learn to Swim Programs.

Second Claim: Are members who already have 1st Claim membership with another club and who wish to join another club for purposes such as training and/or participating in club nights. Members do not compete for their 2nd claim club under any circumstances.

Please speak to your club registrar to enrol as a second claim member.

Dolphin Program

Please refer to this link to gain more information about the Dolphin Program for 2016/2017, clubs have been emailed by Josh Karp (Swim NSW) details for registrations and the same link.

<https://www.swimming.org.au/junior-dolphins>

NENW Summer Meets

Approved meets pending Referee appointments for Summer 2016/2017 are:

Moree Qualifying Meet	360 Scully Park Qualifying Meet
Narrabri Qualifying Meet	Inverell Qualifying Meet
Wee Waa Development Meet	Tamworth City Qualifying Meet
Kootingal – Moonbi Qualifying Meet	Speedo Heats Qualifying Meet
Area LC Championships Qualifying Meet	Scone Qualifying Meet
Werris Creek Qualifying Meet	

Qualifying meets and development meets MUST have approval from Swim NENW. Please regularly check the website and Facebook Page Events for details.

TO Nominations are now open for Speedo Sprints and Area LC Championships, see our Website for the nomination forms. They are due by the 1st January 2017.

Development

We have had a few enquires about development and how the program works.

Swimming NSW meets with the NSW Development Officers and the Technical Swimming Committee and proposes a program. The Athlete Performance Pathways Manager will then hold a meeting with the Area Development Conveners. This meeting is generally in September.

Swimming NSW releases a proposed program, guidelines, criteria and dates. Each Area then has the opportunity to apply for consideration; changes to the Swim NSW criteria. For 2016, the changes we sought approval for were the inclusion of Country Qualifying kids into Target Squad. We also differentiated between Achievers Squad and Alpha squad by having a time standard for Achievers Squad. In adopting the Swim NSW program we choose to offer the Alpha squad and 13 and Over Squad to offer more opportunities.

Swimming at Area LC Championships as well as the age criteria's were set by Swimming NSW and we followed their recommendations. Swimming at Area LC Championships has been a set criteria for at least the last two years and one would expect Swim NSW will adopt that again for 2017 Development.

Our Area Championships will be held Saturday 4th February and Sunday 5th February, @ Scully Park. Criteria will not be set until after the Development Conveners meeting for 2017, and the Selection Committee and Area Board approve and submit to Swim NSW. As soon as Swim NSW approves our submission, it will be released via newsletter and Website.

Tough decisions sometimes need to be made, as swimmers and their parents choose which sport to attend and often in families, Mum and child A go to one location and Dad and child B goes to another. For a swimmer to be involved in 2016 Swimming Development, we have asked that they prioritize swimming by attending the Area LC Championships and attending 2 out of 3 development days.

Providing 3 development days to cater for families was a recommendation from 2015 parents which we took on board, we have also had swimmers supply medical certificates when they missed sessions due to illness.

When involved in other Development eg NIAS, NIF the expectation is; that sport is the priority. It may seem unfair but many hours, human resources and money goes into these opportunities, and we believe our swimmers should strive to be included in each squad.



Thank You Tammy, Pat and Mick

The Area Needs YOU!

We have ONE committee position available on the Area committee. We meet once a month via the GOTO Meeting teleconference facility which means you can log on from the comfort of your home.

If you would like to join us, please email swimmingnsw@gmail.com with your details and interest.

Feedback From Area SC Survey

Thank you for your feedback, items up for discussion are:

- how to do a presentation (& get it right) when everyone wants to head home
- the meet fee for electronic programs, should you get a paper copy too
- electronic touch pads and timing, (we have tried to access touch pads for Area LC but Scully Park pool is only suitable to have touch pads at 1 end), Swim NSW also had a limited set of equipment and personnel to operate so we were extremely fortunate Michelle Boon could travel to run the equipment at the meet.



Target Squad Photos



