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AGM – 1st May 2016 11am

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Presidents Message

The warmest of congratulations goes to Talia Bruce, Kate Bolte, Lucy Fenwicke, Sarah Collison, Jack Hendy, Mitch Hayden and Keiren Weston for their recent achievements at National Age. We are incredibly proud of your achievements and wish to acknowledge how much you have inspired our Area Members.

Our Speedo Squad were champions at the recent Speedo Sprint Finals and we were very proud to see the amount of PB's swam by our members. Well done everyone, a survey has been emailed to those who participated so we can improve on aspects for 2017.

We have been working on Development and there is an update attached.

We have also attached the results from the survey on the Area Champs and Speedo Sprints.

Winter carnival dates are still being finalized, and no one applied to host SC Champs, so we are currently investigating alternatives.

Don't forget, our AGM is on the 1st May and this is where clubs and individuals can become involved, we welcome everyone's input.

Anne

AGM Information

Important Dates for you all:

22nd April – delegate names and numbers need to be emailed to swimmingnsw@gmail.com

1st May 11am AGM @ Wests Diggers Club, Kable Ave Tamworth.

Lunch will be provided between the AGM and the forum.

At the forum we are planning to discuss:

- myLANE
- Technical officials – training and development in 2016/2017
- Competitions booklet
- Area directions for 2016/2017

Results from the Area Champs/Speedo Finals Survey

		Yes	No
1	Did you like having the Speedo Sprint program available electronically?	91.35%	8.7%
2	We were pushed with work commitments to have it ready by Wednesday night (Closing date Mon 5pm), is it reasonable to have close of date on the Thursday 5pm the week before?	88%	12%
3	This would mean the carnivals held on the weekend prior CANNOT be used as qualifying times for Speedo / Area. Would this stop you from attending the carnivals on that weekend?	4%	96%
4	Would you like to have the Area LC / SC programs electronically?	88%	12%
5	Would you be prepared to pay a \$2-3 meet fee instead of a \$4-5 program cost to have it electronically?	87.5%	12.5%
6	So many people assisted us on the weekend, from timekeeping to being a technical official. (We are overwhelmed with your efforts) Do you feel more confident, valued and willing to contribute at future carnivals?	95.65%	4.35%
7	For those families whose children made it into the Speedo Finals squad, did you prefer having it all coordinated and confirmed on the Saturday?	83.3%	16.67%
8	In some Areas, Speedo Sprints was run as the 50m events in the Area Championships. This meant one carnival over the two days and the 50m events were then used to calculate the top 4 swimmers for age groups 8 - 13 to qualify for Speedo Finals. Do you like this idea? It would alter how quickly the squad could be formed.	34.78%	34.78%
		<p>Again, whatever is easiest for the organising committee! Would mean two days rather than one morning at a carnival just to qualify for Speedo Sprints. Either way, whatever is easier for the area. Not everyone wants to enter speedos As not all swimmers in 50m events want to be considered for speedo finals Depends - some people only want to come on one day and if it forces people into 2 days it may not be good - otherwise it sounds like an excellent idea. Some swimmers though wanted 2 chances to qualify for country I think that is a great idea. I can't see how the times at the championships were championship times. The kids were exhausted, after the sprints, and they were disappointed that they're times were slower.</p>	
9	Would you like to see runner ups receive a small trophy instead of a certificate?	75%	25%
10	Do you have a suggestion of how the championships could be improved?	<p>I think it's fabulous as is! Well done everyone!! No thought it ran really well. Thank you Consider an earlier carnival date. 2 weeks before Country Champs and amongst school carnivals is not ideal This year was run very well it was very good this year Is it really necessary to have relays - they don't count towards anything and make the days longer Only by combining the Speedo Sprints with the Championships.</p>	

Decisions we will be discussing at a Committee meeting include:

- Electronic and paper copies of the program per championship
- Charging \$2/3 as a meet fee to cover cost of program
- Trying to coordinate Speedo on Saturday afternoon
- Keeping Speedo and Area LC separate

Area Funds

As an Area, when you pay your membership as a swimmer or non-swimmer \$2.50 of your payment goes to the Area. This payment is used for a variety of things.

Area recently has purchased 8 lap counters for use at Area LC and SC Championships as we needed to rely on clubs having lap counters when hosting championships. We used these lap counters at Country Regionals - Moree and Area LC Championships - Inverell.

We have also supported the Swimmers, Coaches and Managers at Speedo Sprint Finals and provided donations to our Area swimmers who swam at Nationals. We are also looking at providing some assistance to the development program.

Farewell Kate Bell

As an area we would like to wish Kate Bell all the very best on her new adventure. Kate leaves our Area to head back to Queensland and start a new job coaching at a new swim centre; Tannum Sands.

Kate has been a regular face at carnivals over the last 3 years as well as volunteering her time to work with our Development Program, taking our B/C, D, Alpha squad and Speedo Squads away.

Kate's friendly, bubbly personality will be very much missed in our Area and we wish her all the very best.



Kate with Mick (Development Coordinator)

ByLAws

As well as voting to adopt a new constitution at the AGM, we are also currently working on updating our ByLAws.

We hope to have these updated, ratified and available to you all soon.

Are swimmers aware of the following grant from the Australian government?

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships.

See the attached link:

<https://online.ausport.gov.au/lsc/apply/individual.aspx>

Development Update

Mick has been in contact with pool management in our region. We were having difficulty accessing pool space and time at a reasonable expense. We have finalised these and are producing letters of invitations for everyone.

Coaches have been contacted to apply for the various squads.

Mick will be also doing a survey for swimmers to vote on their preferred shirt for development, the email link has been posted on Facebook and will be emailed to clubs.

We hope to be contacting you all very soon with your invitations and details. As well as a personal email, information will also be available on the Area website.

Winter Carnival Dates

Closing date for winter SC carnival applications has closed.

We have had 1 club apply for a date, at our committee meeting (14/4/16), we ratified this application.

Gunnedah SC Carnival will be held 11th September 2016, @ Gunnedah.

Information will be posted on the Area website as it becomes available.

Area SC Championships

No club has applied to host the SC Championships; as a result the Area met to discuss alternatives. We are considering hosting the meet as an Area committee at UNE pool.

The pool we have approached is happy to host us and will provide food through their canteen, however the Area will need to hire 5x 25m lane ropes.

If your club can assist us with this hire, we would love to hear from you. Please email

swimmingnenw@gmail.com ASAP

The date will be Sunday 19th June, 2016.