



Newsletter 8 May 2016

## *Swimming New England & North West Inc*

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Vice President – Susanne Kable

Secretary – Tammy Elbourne

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Development Convenor - Mick Migheli

ATSCC – Jeremy Deasey

NENW Development Officer  
Pam Weste

**AGM – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 11am**

### **Website**

<http://www.newenglandnw.nsw.swimming.org.au/>

### **Facebook**

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

### **Important Deadlines**

13<sup>th</sup> May – close of Development acceptances

10<sup>th</sup> June – close of Area SC entries 5pm

7<sup>th</sup> June – expressions of interest for c/m positions

7<sup>th</sup> June – Area committee meeting

### Presidents Message

Thank you to all clubs and delegates who attended the AGM, I would like to welcome our new members to the Area committee. I would also like to publicly acknowledge Mr Steve Traplin (Swimming NSW Director) who attended our AGM and spoke regarding Swimming NSW directions and the new summer calendar. Many thanks also go to Mr John Williams (Swimming NSW Technical Officials Committee) for presenting information regarding technical officials and reaccreditation and to Ms Pam Weste (Development officer) for presenting information regarding clubLANE, myLANE and the swimming support website.

Over the winter season, I know many of our clubs break as they have no facilities to utilize. It is important though for club secretaries to keep checking their emails as the Area committee will be making many plans for the following summer, distributing important information regarding development and technical official training and asking for summer carnival applications. We would appreciate it if you could regularly check your emails.

Development is about to commence and Mick Migheli has spent many hours coordinating this wonderful opportunity for our Area and we are excited about the months ahead.

*Anne*

## **Swimming Support Website**

Swimming Australia has an online website to provide support in all areas of administration. The web address is:

<https://support.swimming.org.au/hc/en-us>

At this site, you will find step by step instructions for:

- Managing club websites
- Membership details on clubLANE
- Online meet entries
- Financial aspects
- Uploading meet results
- myLANE and clubLANE
- technical support ,

this website is great for club board members as well as individuals needing tech support. It is very user friendly.

### Results from Speedo Finals Survey

		All	Most	Some	Little	None
1	Did the parent meeting held at the conclusion of Speedo Sprint Heats and the Information Sheet handed out contain all the information you needed?	67%	29%	0	0	5%
		Very Expensive	Expensive	Affordable	Inexpensive	Very Inexpensive
2	Was the \$10 cost for the t-shirt and swimming cap affordable?	0	0	50%	23%	27%
		Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not so	Not at all
3	Did you find the team managers helpful?	41%	41%	14%	5%	0
4	Did you find the team coaches helpful?	32%	32%	32%	0	5%
5	If you attended the team dinner on the Saturday, did you find the team dinner a positive team building experience?	0	14%	9%	0	0
		Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor	Very Poor
6	How would you rate the email communication from the Area committee members about Speedo Sprint Finals?	68%	32%	0	0	0
7	All swimmers were encouraged to wear the team shirt at the Speedo Sprints for recognition, how would you rate the t-shirt?	14%	18%	27%	27%	14%
8	Overall, how would you rate your experience of the Speedo Sprint Finals?	50%	45%	5%	0	0
9	What did you like about the Speedo Sprint Finals? Please comment	<p>An excellent experience for the children. It is the opportunity to swim at the Olympic Pool, which most children are unable to. My son was so excited and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. Thanks for making it all happen</p> <p>All the swimming</p> <p>Having a shirt - being part of a team. Would prefer to pay more for better quality shirt but loved the idea. Thank you</p> <p>How well it was run</p> <p>I thought you all did an amazing job! Thank you for organising our area.....not an easy job with such a big team!! All the info was great!!!</p> <p>Great experience, kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves, swam PB's in every race and it just seemed to be a very relaxed environment for swimmers and parents.</p> <p>loved the atmosphere with the kids racing. kids were well escorted to marshalling.</p> <p>Atmosphere was great and great experience for the kids</p> <p>It ran efficiently.</p> <p>Kids excitement and how it's run. Coaches as well given as a small club we don't have a coach</p> <p>A great experience for the kids. Loved the dinner, meeting new people.</p> <p>The team managers did a fantastic job, I think there should have been another one of them and less coaches</p> <p>The swimmer liked everything - the overall experience.</p> <p>Great experience</p> <p>"It was at SOPAC"</p> <p>Great experience, also met some lovely people</p>				
10	What did dislike about the Speedo Sprint finals? Please comment.	<p>The line up waiting to enter the complex. If a child faults, absolutely DQ them, but let them swim, many of us travel a great distance for only one race.</p> <p>Having to be there early when we were second session and others from 1st session could leave maybe photo could be done between 1st and 2nd session</p> <p>Being on a Sunday is very unfair for our region.                      Driving 7 hrs                      Absolutely nothing!!</p> <p>Line up to get into the venue at the start of the day!</p> <p>My daughter didn't race until 2.30 and we were told to be there for morning warmup so arrived at 8am then told she wasn't warming up until lunch time. would have been better to come later . marshalling so long before racing was ridiculous . I watched my 8 yr old have to stand at marshalling for over 30minutes before she even sat on a chair. then she was on the chairs for 25-30 mins. maybe the organisers could look at that.</p> <p>Just a small thing if we were to do shirts again they need to have something on the front as well. Even if just small on top left hand emblem..? They were just a bit plain from the front.</p> <p>I do feel like we are a little spread out at the meet which is hard with setting but I found everyone still sat in their own clubs with not much mingling</p> <p>A shame that some people don't feel they need to be a part of the team.</p> <p>The coaches only paid attention to their normal squad swimmers, kids from other clubs were disadvantaged.</p> <p>The coach didn't give much input or feedback. My child said the coach gave lots of feedback to one child in his age group. He felt there was some favouritism to some of the swimmers.</p> <p>Nothing</p>				

As a result for next years, we will be redesigning the t—shirt, looking at more efficient warm ups, the team dinner and how we try to include all of our members so they feel valued.

### Area SC Championships

Thank you to Mrs Lisa Russell who has negotiated with TAS, Armidale for the use of their pool to host our Area SC championships. These will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016, warm up is at 7.15am and start time is 8.15am. As this is the only qualifying carnival for State and Country SC championships, we have limited entries to ONLY members of Swimming NE&NW but due to the one day format we have capped entries at 1500.

We have also added a \$2 meet fee which will cover the electronic program which will be emailed to clubs, as well as available on our Area website for downloading. We are calling for nominations to work as technical officials next week and applications forms will be emailed and available on the Area website.

### **Area Committee Positions**

At our monthly meeting, a couple of changes resulted to our Area Committee.

Mr Jeremy Deasey resigned from the Secretary position and nominated for the position of ATSC Coordinator.

Mrs Tammy Elbourne moved into the role of Area Secretary by way of Casual vacancy.

Mr Mick Migheli was accepted as Development Convenor.

As a result, we have 2 unfilled committee positions which we are calling for nominations.

Please email your expression of interest to the Area email:

[Swimmingnenw@gmail.com](mailto:Swimmingnenw@gmail.com) before the 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Our next committee meeting is the 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm, if you have other business you would like us to discuss, could you please email us before this date.

#### Area Competitions Committee

Chelley Johnstone  
Pat McAdam  
Lesley Heyward  
Sarah Ciesiolka  
Tammy Elbourne

#### Area Selections Committee

Chelley Johnstone  
Mick Migheli  
Allison Tomlinson  
Nicole Dixon  
Pat McAdam

#### Area Technical Swimming Committee (ATSC)

Jeremy Deasey (Coordinator)  
Helen Harvey  
Pam Weste  
Nigel Jones  
Susanne Kable  
Brian Coombs  
Lesley Heyward

#### Development Officer Update

Pam is currently coordinating a SAT-CS course, (details can be found on [astca.com](http://astca.com)), a MPIO course (more details next newsletter) and a MC classification day during the winter months.

If you would like more information, please email Pam

[pam.weste@nsw.swimming.org.au](mailto:pam.weste@nsw.swimming.org.au)

#### Summer 2016/17 Area Meets

The Area competition committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss the dates available for the summer calendar. The movement of State Age into December will have a large impact on our Area, we often don't have pools available until late October and we will realistically only have November to qualify. Please ensure your committee is checking emails so we can make progress over winter on this.

## Technical Official Shirts

We have recently organized white technical official shirts for our Area. Please see the image below. They are BIZ brand, cool dry material.

[www.bizcollection.com.au](http://www.bizcollection.com.au) has sizing charts and the men's style number is P300MS and the ladies P300LS.

They are available for \$26, the Area is not making any profit from this. If you are interested in ordering one, please email anne ([annemigheli@y7mail.com](mailto:annemigheli@y7mail.com)) with your size.

The sizes available are:

Men – S, M, L, XL, XXL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

Ladies – 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24

Could you please let us know my 1<sup>st</sup> June, so orders can be placed.



Is there a topic you would like more information on?

Chances are more than just your club would like to know as well.

Please email [swimmingnenw@gmail.com](mailto:swimmingnenw@gmail.com) with your queries and we will source information.

Does your club have a new Board of Directors?

Are you Affiliation with NSW?

Many of our clubs have held their AGM and welcomed new boards of directors. Could all clubs (as this process occurs), email the Area with the new contact details and committee lists as well as updating this information in Club LANE.

If this information is not updated, clubs may miss important information.

Clubs should have paid their affiliation to swimming NSW, go to swimming NSW, Club information, Forms, Membership, club affiliation. This was due 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

### Development Update

Our first development weekend is coming up on the 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May.

All of the eligible swimmers have now been notified, (if you were on a list and didn't get an email, mistakes happen, please email us) and acceptances closed on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Now that numbers are known any additional costs will be worked after buses for some squads and accommodation is organized.

We hope to put more information on the website over the next week and you can also access details on swimming NSW website under development.

There are so many different aspects to coordinating development, it is time consuming and we are trying very hard to provide as much information as possible.

Thank you for your time and patience.

### Winter Carnival Dates

Gunnedah SC  
Carnival will be held  
11<sup>th</sup> September  
2016, @ Gunnedah.

Armidale SC  
carnival will be held  
on 17<sup>th</sup> July at TAS,  
Armidale.

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

### Summer 2016/2017 Dates

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016  
**NSW State Age 10/U – 12 Years**  
12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016  
**NSW State Age 13 – 18 Years**  
28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017  
**NSW Country Regionals**  
4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017  
**Speedo Sprint Heats**  
17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb  
**NSW State Open**  
24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017  
**NSW Country Championships**  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
**NSW Prep Meet**  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
**Speedo Sprint Finals**