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Presentation Night May 2017

AGM – 6th May 2018

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

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Board Meeting 28th June

Presidents Meeting 29th

June

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Welcome to June, our first Presentation Night was a huge success and a wonderful night was had by all. Mr Rod Marshdale was our guest speaker and he inspired many with his story of fighting cystic fibrosis and having a double lung transplant to head off as a member of the Australian team competing at the World Transplant games. Our AGM highlighted our achievements for the year and welcomed our new board (listed to the right) for 2017/ 2018.

Our winter meets are about to begin and follow a highly successful Development month of May. Many thanks to Mick Migheli and Pam Weste for their coordination of the days. Our presents of Job, Jay and Jacob were outstanding and our swimmers and parents gained so much from the weekend.

Thank you and well done to Muswellbrook for hosting our first Winter Sprints Series in a long time, the day was highly successful with some great times swam by our swimmers.

Photos from Presentation night and development days may be found on our Facebook page.

Kind Regards Anne

Club Checklist

- Determine who in your club is a school teacher or holds Cert IV Workplace Training, who after completing some paperwork can become an Assessor and Presenter
- Discuss within your club Technical Official training and who would like to look at which positions.
- Start thinking about your swimmers and determining if you would like a picnic, development or qualifying meet next summer.
- Paid your Area affiliation Fees
- Organise a Board member to attend the Presidents Meeting on the 29th June at 8pm.

SNSW Affiliation fees and forms

Have you updated your affiliation forms and submitted them to Swim NSW?

SNSW does not have all complete updated contact details for every club in our Area. Please encourage your own clubs to submit details so we know the information is getting out to the right people in all the clubs, especially if you do not have a 'club' email address and documents are going to private email addresses.

SAT – CS Course

As an Area we are looking at possible venues and potential dates to offer a SAT - CS course. If you are interested could you please email Pam Weste to pass on your EOI.

pam.weste@nsw.swimming.org.au

MPIO Course

I have emailed Richard Webb and am waiting to hear about the possibility of the course being held Saturday 12th August.

TO Starters Course

We have been told that the online course for Starter will be available very soon and then people could start looking at on deck training before assessment. We have had a number of inquires for this and are looking at ways to best implement this.

Office of Fair Trading Information

Very important information from the Office of Fair Trading - The Office of Fair Trading is waiving fees to update your Club Constitution prior to September 2017.

Is your Constitution dated prior to 2011?

Does your club name have the word "Amateur" included in it?

Have you been submitting annual returns to Fair Trading?

Do you know who your Public Officer is?

If you need any help or have any questions please contact Pam Weste

Don't keep putting it off as it may cost your club \$\$\$ the longer you leave it.

We need you!!!!

Are you a Mum or Dad who can assist as a manager for our Target or Achievers Squad? We will have an experienced manager and would like someone who can assist them and learn the ropes. If you are interested could you please email the Area on swimmingnenw@gmail.com by the 27th June. Please include your WWC number.

Are you a coach who participated in our Development days for Achiever squad? We would like to call for nominations from those coaches that assisted at development to work with our swimmers at the Achievers Squad meet 7th October.

For Managers and Coaches; reimbursement for travel and accommodation is provided by the Area, Coaches will also be paid for coaching as well.

The website has been updated for meets and online entries for Glen Innes and Area SC will open in the next few days.

Meet	Venue	Date			Online Entries	Closing Date	Program
Alligators of Armidale	TAS Pool Armidale	Sunday 18th June	SC	Q	<u>YES</u>	13th June 11:59pm	<u>PDF</u>
Gunnedah	Gunnedah	16th July	SC	Q	<u>YES</u>	9th July 11.59pm	<u>PDF</u>
NSW SC Country Championships	SOPAC	1st - 2nd July	SC	Q	<u>YES</u>	20th June 5pm	
Target Squad Meet	Woy Woy	29th - 30th July	SC	Q	Squad members contact Mick	29th June 5pm	<u>PDF</u> <u>Accommodation</u>
MC #3	Ryde	5th August	SC	Q	<u>YES</u>	25th July 5pm	
Area SC Championships	Armidale TAS Pool	12th - 13th August	SC	Q	Yes	Monday 7 th August 5pm	
13 and Over State Age	SOPAC	25th - 27th August	SC	Q	<u>YES</u>	15th August 5pm	
12 and Under State Age	SOPAC	9th - 10th September	SC	Q	<u>YES</u>	29th August 5pm	
National A Squad	Bexley	23rd - 24th September		Q	Squad members contact Mick	1st September	<u>Details</u>
Glen Innes Redfins Meet	Glen Innes	24th September	SC	Q	Yes		
Achievers Meet	SOPAC	7th October	LC?	Q	Squad members contact Mick	25th September 5pm	<u>Details</u>
LC Qualifying Meet	SOPAC	14th - 15th October	LC	Q			
MC Championships	SOPAC	21st October		Q	<u>YES</u>	10th October 5pm	

Can you assist with the running of Area SC Championships? We are calling for nominations.

Competitions

Draft proposal, We are discussing these points.

Due to the number of technical officials we have to be careful in our planning for the Area Calendar. (We currently have Jeremy, Helen and Pam who can commit to some meets) Susanne and Anne are on the path to becoming Referees but will still require probably at least 12 months)

We will be allowing XX of development meets and XX of qualifying meets for the summer season 2017/18. We are aiming to provide as many as we can staff, however, realistically we may be looking at one qualifying meet per month.

Picnic/Fun Meets

These meets are held by clubs who would like to give swimmers an opportunity for a day of racing and fun. Events may include novelty events such as kickboard, noodle racing as well. It would be great to see events suitable for our Optus Dolphin swimmers at these picnic meets. These meets do not need Board Approval, however we ask that you do not clash with a Board Approved Meet. We will be trying to identify suitable weekends for a Picnic meet in the calendar.

Development Meets

These meets are run to provide swimmers with an opportunity to experience their first meet and to gain qualifying times. It also offers technical officials an opportunity to gain experience and accreditation at a meet.

At a development meet events include 25m, 100m and on occasions 200m. Some might offer 200m Freestyle, another 200m IM, another meet might offer the 200m Back etc.

Although swimmers can enter with No Times (NT), an alternative is to use an e-entry from the club carnival secretary which would allow for club night times to be used.

If no qualified Referee and Starter are present at these meets times cannot be uploaded to the national database as an approved time.

If human resources are possible: a Qualified Referee and Starter are present, times can be uploaded and approved to the national database. 25m events cannot be uploaded however 50, 100 and 200m events may be.

Swimmers can enter these meets with no times or alternatively an e-entry shell from the Club Carnival secretary may be used with club night times.

These meets allow clubs to train technical Officials and to be assessed when an assessor is available which will allow clubs self-sufficiency and an increased skill set for the club.

These meets require Board approval.

Qualifying Meets

These meets are held for swimmers with qualifying times. We are looking at spacing these out to give the swimmers a better chance of performing based on recommendations from the coaches. (The recommendation has been 2-3 weeks

If your club nominates to host a qualifying meet, you are agreeing to:

- qualifying times on the all events. The Area will provide the qualifying time standard. Swimmers cannot enter events without a qualifying time.
- 25m events will not be offered.
- Qualified technical officials officiating
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For 2017/18, the qualifying times standards for the >50m events will be Country plus 40% (or 50%) with the plan to move to Country plus 40% in 2018/19. This is still to be clarified.

Swimmers cannot enter an event greater than 50m without an approved qualifying time (national database time)

These meets require Board approval.

Championship Meets

These are held by the Area Board and hosted by clubs annually; we offer a LC and SC championships throughout the year.

For the Area LC championships in Feb 2017, the qualifying standard is Country plus 50%, as we progress into 2017/18, the qualifying standard will be moved to Country plus 35%.

Meet Approval Process

Clubs may nominate for a: picnic meet, development meet or qualifying meet. They need to consider the technical officials they have and the standard and composition of their club swimmers.

It is too much for our referees to work a meet with out support of technical officials as well, we are not providing our swimmers with the best opportunity to achieve their best.

The emphasis is on clubs working with their members to determine which officials they have to plan for an efficient and high quality meet.

In order to allocate meet preferences the following points system will be used. Although this process is difficult: to maintain fairness and equality some system must be used.

After the competitions committee have made recommendations to the board regarding the allocated weekends for picnic, development and qualifying meets; the process that will be followed by the competitions committee in their recommendations to the board will be:

- clubs will nominate which **style of meet** and **3 dates** after consulting with their technical officials to the Board (they will be asked to **name the relevant technical officials** they will be using)
- clubs will **submit their form on time**
- clubs which sent a **delegate** (who is not on the Board) to the **AGM** will be given
- clubs which delegate completed (Stayed until the end) the **forum** (on carnival policy and procedures) will be given preference on dates
- clubs which can provide a **Referee, starter** (both qualified) and a **judge of stroke or inspector of turns** will be given preference on qualifying meets
- clubs having qualified other TOs will earn points
- if clubs cannot provide a referee, starter or judge of stroke/inspector of turns they are required to contact the ATSCC for assistance.
- Clubs that use TOs from outside their club will be expected to reimburse expenses of those TOs

Club Name		Points
Picnic Meet		
Development Meet		
Qualifying Meet		
Criteria		
Submitted on time		2
3 dates		2
Attended AGM		2
Attended Forum		2
Referee		1
Starter		1
Judge of Strokes		1
Inspector of Turns		1
Marshal		1
Check starter		1
Chief Timekeeper		1
Total points		15

The clubs with the highest number of points will be given first preference on their dates and then the competitions committee will work their way through the allocations.