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Swimming New England & North West Inc

The NE & NW committee would like to welcome you to the new summer season. There has been much going on with development over the winter season as well as Armidale Alligators and the NENW Area SC Championships being held.

Please read the report about our Area swimmers who participated in the A/B/C and D squads. Alpha Squad and the 13 and over squad will be attending the Sawtell meet 24th October. Mick Migheli (Development Convenor) has recently attended the Development Convenor's meeting in Sydney with SNSW and discussed development programs for 2016. Anne Migheli (President) will be attending the President's meeting in Sydney on the 31st October.

Our website and Facebook pages are regularly being updated and are a source of information and resources for parents, swimmers and clubs. Please regularly check our website and Like our Facebook Page.

Referees and Technical Officials

Did you know referees volunteer their time to referee at our carnivals? Clubs reimburse some of the expenses that they occur for working with us. However, it generally does not cover their costs of accommodation, travel and meals. Currently, Narelle Burke, Mike Birmingham, Pam Weste and Helen Harvey are our practising referees. As you can imagine, there is a strong demand on their time, they do not have many weekends off. We appreciate all that they do for us and acknowledge the enormous contribution they make to our region.

To make their lives easier we need Trained Technical Officials. At a recent meeting in Sydney, it was suggested that it takes 70 personal to run a qualifying carnival. We have been running a survey to hear your opinions about volunteering your time at carnivals and the results thus far, are attached.

Please consider training as a TO and assisting at Area run carnivals. Not only will you meet new people, you will be giving your child the best run carnival to compete in and the satisfaction of knowing you contributed.

Could clubs please adopt the attached procedures to acknowledge the contributions of TOs?

Claim the date!!!!

Did you know our AGM will be held on the **1st May 2016** at 11am Wests Diggers Leagues Club, Tamworth. It is important that clubs send 2 delegates to this meeting and avoid hosting club functions on this date.

Club delegates will need to know their Clubs choices for voting purposes, ie if more than 1 person has applied for a position, which person does the club prefer.

There is a forum after the AGM each year where topics range from TO training, MM training and club basics. Clubs that attend the AGM & Forum have preference for carnival dates for the following season.

A Squad

To be invited into A squad 2015, swimmers need to have swam at National Age LC Championships. We had two Area swimmers that qualified for A squad – Talia Bruce from Scone and Keiren Weston from Armidale Alligators. These swimmers had the opportunity to attend a development weekend at Knox Grammar, Sydney. At this meet they had guest speakers, gained new skills and competed at a meet.

B/C Squad

To be invited into B/C Squad 2015, the main criteria's were:

- 1) Attended State Age LC Championships
- 2) Competed at Area LC Championships
- 3) 2015 Criteria – achieved a State LC qualifying time

These swimmers had two development days and then participated in a meet at Mingara. The purpose of the meet was to swim as a team; at this meet, swimmers sat together on pool deck and worked with their Coach and Manager and competed as NE & NW.

Our swimmers who attended this meet were: Lucy Fenwicke, Hannah Wales, Mikaela Meyers, Ebony Taylor, David Cook, Mitchell Hayden, Jesse Streeting, Hamish Migheli, Tarryn Rizzi, Jayden Gimbergh, Jack Butler, Annabelle Avard, Abby George, Alex Hayes, Laura Gourley, Matthew Penberthy, William Woods, Ben Duddy, Joseph Hamson and Brinez Lantz.

D Squad

The main criteria for D squad 2015 were for swimmers to achieve a NSW Country Championship time. (This criteria may change.)

This squad had access to two development days and a D squad meet held at SOPAC on the 26th September.

Our swimmers who competed this squad were: Tijana Coxhead, Emily Deasey, Alecci Francis, Isobel Bates, Bethany Counsell, Indyana Taylor, Hamish wright, Alexander Bates, Luke Deasey and Joshua Elbourne



Ken Malcolm and Graeme Carroll for coaching our swimmers at the B/C and D Development Days. To Pam Weste and Mick Migheli for coordinating development opportunities over the winter season. To Kate Bell for coaching our squads at the B/C Mingara meet and the D Meet SOPAC and to Tammy Elbourne managing the D squad.

Please check the website for more information about the squads and the Facebook page for photos from the Development Days.

Photos from B/C/D Squads



C Squad at Mingara



B Squad at Mingara



D Squad at SOPAC

Results from the Technical Officials Survey

Question	Yes	No	
1	Have you worked as a technical official (TO) at an Area Carnival in the last 12 months?	67%	34%
2	Are you trained as a technical official?	38%	62%
3	Would you like to complete Technical Official Training?	45%	55%
4	What prevents people from volunteering as a TO?	Not confident 67%	Not trained 56%
5	Would you like to see Technical Officials rewarded for assisting at carnivals?	77%	23%
6	Would you be happy if a draw occurred at each carnival to reward the Technical Officials? Example if you volunteered, your name would go in a draw for a reward.	85%	15%
7	If TO's were rewarded at a carnival, would you consider it equitable if positions such as Ref, Starter, JOS, IOT, Marshall, Chief Timekeeper etc received a greater reward than a timekeeper?	58%	42%
8	In regards to these rewards for TOs, please indicate which you think would be suitable.	Petrol voucher 70%	Food Voucher 30%
9	Would you like to see a draw at the end of the season, for all those who have assisted over the season, for a major award?	67%	33%
10	Would you like each club to nominate a Trained Technical Official to be acknowledged at the end of season for their efforts?	70%	30%

We would like to thank those people who completed the survey. It is important that our Area members have a voice and although surveys may be considered painful, it is an easy way for the committee to receive feedback.

How can you contact us?

If you go to our website, under the contact us tab, there are several key positions email and mobile numbers.

Please be aware, all of our committee members work full time and some work shift work. Please have patience and leave contact details for us to contact you back.



Thank You to **Jeremy Deasey** and **Helen Harvey** who attended the NSW State Technical Officials Forum. Although Jeremy and Helen attended, Swimming NE & NW and our swimmers will benefit from their development.

Congratulations Pam Weste

Pam has recently been presented with an award from Swimming NSW this month for achieving her referee, starter and open water referee status for the Federation Internationale De Natation (FINA).





Technical Officials (TOs) at your Carnival

Due to feedback from our Area Technical official's survey, we are asking clubs to implement the following guidelines for our upcoming summer season.

- Nominate someone in your club who will be responsible for coordination of TOs at your carnival.
- Prepare a job allocation of TOs for the carnival (see Area Website).
- Contact the referee to discuss the number of entries, allocation of responsibilities.
- If you specified clubs will be asked to time keep in your program, do a lane allocation and email this to clubs prior to the carnival with enough notice so they can do a club roster, please consider the number of families per club entries in this allocation. If it will be a split club lane, specify the number required from each club.
- Organise sign on sheets for TOs on the day of the carnival (see Area website).
- Consider supplying people eg. Ref, JOS, IOT, Recorder, SAT Operator etc. who have worked all day and volunteered their time with a nice lunch.
- After lunch, coordinate with the Meet Director to complete TWO draws of TOs who signed on and assisted at the carnival.
- Award ONE award for the people who assisted as Referee, JOS, IOT, Marshal, Check Starter, Announcer, Chief Timekeeper and Recorder (feedback from the survey suggests petrol and food vouchers), we are recommending a \$30 voucher.
- Award ONE award to those who assisted with timekeeping, see above point, we are recommending a \$20 voucher.
- Email the sign on sheets to the swimmingnenw@gmail.com at the end of meet (this will then be used for an end of year award).

Thank you for working with us to increase the appreciation of Technical Officials. Swimming carnivals require many people to work together to give our kids the chance to swim. Time is so very valuable to everyone and we would like to acknowledge people who so generously donating their time.

We will be seeking sponsorship with the aim of increasing these awards for the following season. If you know of someone or a company, who would be interested in supporting people who assist and volunteer their time, please let an Area Committee Member know.

Swimming New England & North West Inc. Summer Calendar

2015

Meet Date	Meet Name	Venue	LC / SC	Type	Closing Date	Closing Time	Online Entries
10/10/15	NSW Multiclass Championships		LC	SNSW			
14/11/15	Wee Waa	Wee Waa	33m	D	30/10/15	5pm	
14-15/11/15	Scone	Scone	LC	Q	6/11/15	5pm	
21/11/15	Inverell	Inverell	SC	Q	13/11/15	5pm	YES
22/11/15	Inverell	Inverell	LC	Q	13/11/15	5pm	YES
26-28/11/15	Australian Short Course Champs	SOPAC	SC	SAL			YES
28-29/11/15	Scully Park	Tamworth	LC	Q	21/11/15	12.01am	Yes
29/11/15	Glen Innes	Glen Innes	SC	D	20/11/15	-	No
5/12/15	Warialda	Warialda	LC	Q	27/11/15		No
6/12/15	Narrabri	Narrabri	LC	Q	20/11/15	9pm	Yes
13/12/15	Kootingal Moonbi	Kootingal	SC	Q	4/12/15	5pm	Yes
20/12/15	Manilla	Manilla	LC	Q			

2016

Meet Date	Meet Name	Venue	LC / SC	Type	Closing Date	Closing Time	Online Entries
9-10/1/16	NSW Country Regionals	Moree	LC	SNSW	16/12/15	5pm	YES
15-17/1/16	NSW State Age 10&U – 12 yrs	SOPAC	LC	SNSW	6/1/16	5pm	YES
18-23/1/16	NSW State Age 13-18 years	SOPAC	LC	SNSW	6/1/15	5pm	YES
24/1/16	Gunnedah	Gunnedah	LC	Q			
30/1/16	Werris Creek	Werris Creek	LC	Q	15/1/16	5pm	Yes
31/1/16	Tamworth City	Tamworth	LC	Q	25/1/16	5pm	Yes
6/2/16	Speedo Sprint Series Heats	Inverell	LC	Q	1/2/16	5pm	YES
7/2/16	NENW Area Championships	Inverell	LC	Q	1/2/16	5pm	YES
12-14/2/16	Aust Open and Age Open Water Champs		LC	SAL			YES
20-21/2/16	NSW Country Champs	SOPAC	LC	SNSW	10/2/16	5pm	YES
28/2/16	Nundle	Nundle	SC	D			
4-6/3/16	NSW State Open Champs	SOPAC	LC	SNSW	24/2/16	5pm	YES
12/3/16	NSW National Prep Meet	SOPAC	LC	SNSW	2/3/16	5pm	Yes
13/3/16	NSW Speedo Sprint Finals	SOPAC	LC	SNSW	Selected from Heats series		-
28/3/16 – 4/4/16	Aust Age and MC Age Champs	Adelaide	LC	SAL			YES
8/4/16 – 15/4/16	Australian Open Championships	Adelaide	LC	SAL			YES