



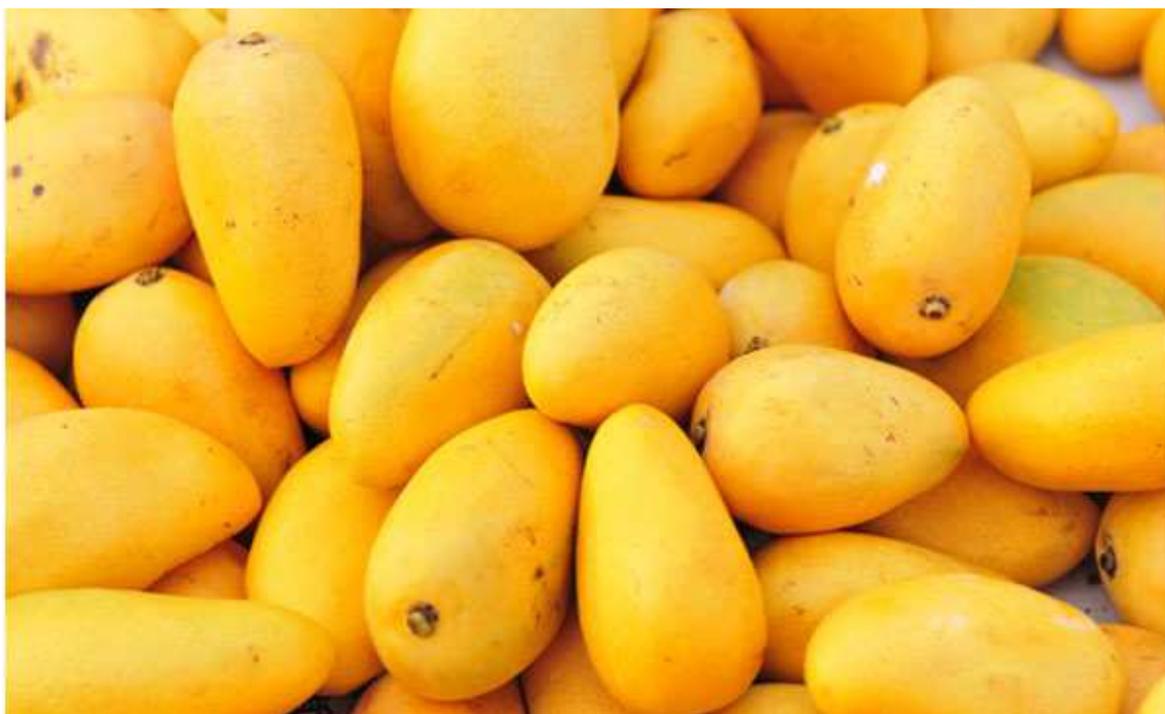
## The Ssscoop Issue 1 Summer 17 October 2014

### See you at the first Summer Club night this Monday October 20!

Please enter by 6.45pm for a 7.05pm start. The program will be:

- 200BBB (Breast, Butterfly, Back)
- Freestyle (25, 50, 100)
- Backstroke (25, 50, 100)
- Breaststroke (25, 50, 100)
- Butterfly (25, 50, 100)

There are lots of summer season trophies up for grabs. Check out the full summer season program on our website but please note it is subject to change. Bring a friend for 3 nights for free to see if they would like to join the club.



### Mango mania

After a bad season last year, the good news is that mangoes are back this year. Best get in quick if you're interested. See the flyer attached to this email. Any queries contact Deb Doody.

### Winter Wind-up and Trophy Presentation night

South Shore Swimming Club's **Winter Wind-up** will be held this **Sunday 19 October at 4pm at the Melville Bowling Club** (the wind-up will also include the **club's AGM**, rescheduled from the previous Sunday). Please put this important date in your diary. The club will be providing pizzas and chicken but families are also asked to bring a plate.

- Families with the initial A-K are asked to bring a dessert.
- Families with the initial L-Z are asked to provide a salad.

The bowling greens are available for us to use but if you don't have bowling shoes please wear just socks. Come along, it should be great fun.

### **Special General Meeting to discuss change to the club's Constitution**

Due to being unable to obtain a quorum at any of its AGMs since its formation, South Shore Swimming Club is calling a **Special General Meeting** to discuss a proposed change to its Constitution at **3pm on 19 October at the Melville Bowling Club** (rescheduled from last Sunday). The special resolution being proposed to our membership is that:

*That Clause 21 (1), (Quorum and proceedings at general meetings), of the "Rules of the South Shore Swimming Club Inc" that currently reads:*

*"At a general meeting 30 percent of membership in person constitutes a quorum"*

be altered to read:

*"At a general meeting 30 percent of membership in person constitutes a quorum. For the purpose of calculating the quorum, only the following membership categories shall be included:*

- *Swimming - Senior Competitive or Recreational*
- *Primary Carer*
- *Ordinary*
- *Head Coach"*

Please note that this does not change the voting rights of any members (including Life Members). The club has been advised by the Department of Commerce that the Special Resolution cannot be discussed at the AGM and the meeting needs to be kept completely separate from the AGM. The club apologises for any inconvenience to members this may cause. Anyone who would like further information about the Special Resolution, or who wishes to discuss any concerns they may have about the Special Resolution is invited to contact Club President Deb Doody or Vice President Jim Coten or any other Committee member (the Committee is unanimous in recommending the amendment).

### **Upcoming meets**

Please note that coaches will only attend Target meets. It is highly recommended that you do not enter non-Target meets unless discussed and agreed with your coach beforehand.

#### **2014 Southside Penrhos Wesley LC Meet**

Saturday 18 October at HBF Stadium

Entries closed.

#### **Perth City Classic #1**

Sunday 19 October at HBF Stadium

Entries closed

#### **2014 Swimming WA LC Qualifying Meet**

Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 October at HBF Stadium

Online entries due 9:30pm Tuesday 14 October

#### **Bay View Saints Middle Distance Meet**

Saturday 1 November at HBF Stadium

Online entries due 9pm Tuesday 21 October

**All entrants must provide a helper to fulfill the duties allocated to the Club by Swimming WA (e.g. time-keeping, selling programs and refreshments). This generally only involves a 1 to 1.5 hour commitment per meet.**

### **Dress for success**

See Apparel Officer Blythe Maley for all your apparel needs. Look out for her on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings in the black South Shore shirt.

**Club polo shirts \$34**

**Club caps \$11**

**Club shorts \$25**



### **Our Stevo shows his sportsmanship (Reproduced from SWA website)**

Following the recent SWA Open & Age Short Course Championships (Oct 2-5), SWA received a letter from Jodi Swift, Head Coach Lesmurdie Legends Swimming Club. Jodi told SWA of an extraordinary act of sportsmanship by one of our members, Mr. Stephen Donovan from the South Shore Swimming Club.

Below is Jodi's letter:

*I am the coach of Lesmurdie Legends Swimming Club and have been at the State Open and Age Championships over the past 2 days. Today I watched the most rewarding event and in my mind, the most heartwarming and greatest show of sportsmanship I have seen on the pool deck for a very long time. I felt I must share this with you.*

*I noticed a young man, Pat Ricciardo enter the grandstand today to begin his pre-race preparation. I noticed Pat because he was dressed in his Australian Representative shirt, tracksuit and wool lined jacket and I felt a true sense of pride come over me as he proudly put on his Australian Swimming cap with his name, Ricciardo emblazoned on it. He preceded to the warm-up pool obviously a young man on an important mission. I remember thinking to myself I must watch his race as I was interested to see his performance, as I concluded, he must have represented Australia, perhaps at the recent Commonwealth Games in Scotland.*

*I watched Event 57 with a big smile on my face, as again I was overwhelmed with a sense of pride for the young men in this event, who have no doubt have faced many obstacles in their life, and yet have overcome adversity and have all succeeded in their chosen sport of swimming.*

*Although many young swimmers have dreams of representing Australia, Pat Ricciardo is obviously and deservedly, very proud of his achievements.*

*At the completion of their race, three of the boys made their way to medal presentations and were joined by Pat, at the medal table. The medal winners were presented, to alarmingly quiet applause and perhaps, unnoticed by the audience in the grandstand. Unfortunately Pat was not one of the medal recipients. These boys now had my full attention and the attention of the parent sitting next to me. Little did I know I was about to witness an outstanding display of sportsmanship and empathy that is rarely witnessed in life, let alone at Challenge (HBF) Stadium. Straight after the medal winners got off the dais I watched as the bronze medal winner, Mr. Steph Donovan of the South Shore Swimming Club approached Pat at the medal table, just as the volunteers were telling Pat that he had not won a medal. Pat was obviously disappointed with his performance and displayed his anger on deck, as the next swimming race got under way. At this point, Stephen, with his bronze medal still swinging around his neck, went to Pat and placed a friendly arm around Pat's shoulder. Pat's cap had flicked into the pool and again Steph was eager to help his fellow competitor. Thankfully at this point, an Official had gone to get a pool scoop to retrieve Pat's Australian Team cap.*

*Stephen, still with his caring arm around Pat's shoulder, steered Pat towards the seats at the back of the medal table. Pat sat down in the chair, arched his back and leant his head back over the chair. Steph, in an exemplary and very natural way, then placed both arms around Pat's shoulders and laid his head comfortably on Pat's chest, obviously feeling the pain and anguish that Pat was going through. I could not hear whether Steph was talking to Pat or not - no words were needed, I too could feel Pat's anguish and I had tears in my eyes as Steph was displaying a huge sense of empathy for his fellow competitor and was trying desperately to comfort Pat, who was obviously disappointed in his own performance. I could not take my eyes off the pair of them as the drama unfolded. By this stage I had a lump in my throat and I could feel the tears on my cheek.*

*Steph, however, kept a cool head and did not leave Pat's side, the whole time keeping his reassuring arm around Pat. After Pat's cap was returned by the Official, Steph still refused to leave his mate and proceeded to walk him back to the grandstand, the entire time Steph had his arm around Pat's shoulder.*

*The 2 boys re-entered the grandstand near to where I was sitting. Again I could not take my eyes off them, as it was clear to me that Steph was not finished yet.*

*Pat, still upset with himself then proceeded with his own post race routine packing his gear back into his bag, and yet still Steph kept a comforting hand on Pat's back stroking his back and making sure he was ok. I am not sure who was with Pat at the pool, but I assume it was his Mum, who had also noticed Steph's caring attitude. Pat's Mum began talking to Steph and eventually gave him a thanking hug. This was the only time Steph took his arm off Pat, to reciprocate the hug. Obviously some friendly words were exchanged and Steph then proceeded to begin the walk back to his own family and squad. Before leaving Pat, Steph gave Pat one more big hug from behind, unnoticed by Pat as he was still packing his bag.*

*Unfortunately, by this time I was in tears, as was my swimmers parent that was sitting next to me. I was unable to speak at this point, but thankfully the parent sitting next to me was able to, although very feebly and unfortunately quietly, shouted out "Well done mate". Steph then proceeded to walk back to his own crowd. We on the other hand turned to each other, we were both blubbing at this point, and smiled through our tears, as we both knew we had just witnessed a truly memorable moment.*

*I just wanted to apologise to Steph for not being able to congratulate him on his bronze medal winning performance in the pool today, as I was unable to speak. More importantly, I wanted to congratulate Steph and tell him what an outstanding young man he is. His performance out of the pool today, was a gold medal performance and displayed a heart of gold and a huge amount of compassion and empathy for his fellow competitor. I have never seen true sportsmanship in all its glory, displayed, as it was today. Congratulations to you Steph, although I do not know you personally, you will forever be with me and I am bursting with pride at your performance. You have reiterated to me today what sport is all about. You are a hero and a true gentleman.*

*I recently read that an example of an amazing person is not a footballer or someone who is good at sport, but someone who faces adversity with hope, faith, empathy and strength. Steph you displayed the true definition of amazing today. You Steph Donovan are an amazing person.*

*On my return to my pool and squad, have no doubt Steph that I will be telling the whole squad about you, your achievement today and most importantly your Heart of gold. In my eyes today, you won not only the gold medal but also Swimmer of the Year. You have done yourself, your parents, your club, your squad and your coach proud.*

*Steph, I send you the very best of wishes and good fortune and I have no doubt that you will succeed in all of your endeavours in the future, no matter what they may be. You have brought a ray of sunshine to my life today and touched my heart Although we do not know each other, you will forever be with me Best wishes to you and my heartfelt congratulations to you.*

**- Jodi Swift Head Coach Lesmurdie Legends Swimming Club**



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