



Wide Bay Regional Swimming Association

ANNUAL REPORT

2016/17

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AGM Agenda

1. Adoption of Minutes from previous AGM
2. Matters Arising
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's & Auditor's Reports
5. Registrar's Report
6. Technical Officials Report
7. Retirement & Election of Office Bearers
8. Appointment of Auditor
9. Set Fees for Season
10. Constitutional Changes
11. By-Laws
12. Service Pins
13. Approval of Life Members
14. Other Business

3.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Moved: S. Cawley **Seconded:** S. Basile **Outcome:** Carried

4.0 TREASURER'S & AUDITOR'S REPORTS

Moved: W. Walker **Seconded:** Z. Bird **Outcome:** Carried

5.0 REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Moved: W. Walker **Seconded:** L. Mailer **Outcome:** Carried

6.0 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS REPORT

Moved: S. Cawley **Seconded:** C. Anderson **Outcome:** Carried

At this point the President, Sean Cawley introduced Michael Cox, President of the Board, Swimming Qld. Michael discussed briefly the Junior Dolphins program with the following points for clubs to note:

- Program will be promoted on Chanel 7 as lead-up to the Olympics
- Fees will remain as set for 2015/16 season (7yrs & U – free; 8yrs – ½ price)
- Clubs to encourage & support the program
- Make new members feel welcome; keep them informed; change Club Night to cater for these younger kids (enjoyable & fun)
- It all 'starts at the grass roots' level; if they have a bad experience we won't retain them.

Sean Cawley thanked Michael for his attendance and overview of the Junior Dolphin program.

7.0 RETIREMENT & ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

S. Cawley declared all positions vacant and stepped down whilst R. West chaired. Once position of President was elected, S. Cawley chaired to rest of the meeting.

President: S. Cawley
Vice President: C. Anderson

Secretary: Nil
Treasurer: J. Lowe withdrew her nomination, therefore Jacqueline Krueger was appointed
Registrar: Nil
IT Officer: S. McKeown
Publicity Officer: Nil
Committee Member 1: K. Connelly
Committee Member 2: D. Newnham
SQ Delegate 1: S. Cawley was nominated from the floor. **Moved:** S. Hawkins **Seconded:** Z. Bird
SQ Delegate 2: C. Anderson was nominated from the floor. **Moved:** W. Walker **Seconded:** A. Lowe

8.0 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Burnett Business Centre

Moved: S. Cawley **Seconded:** W. Walker **Outcome:** Carried

9.0 FEES

The committee proposed to increase WB Membership & Affiliation fees at the Management Committee on 7/5/16 as follows:

- *Membership fee* - \$9.00/swimmer
- *Affiliation fee* - \$70/club

Moved: S. Cawley **Seconded:** Show of hands voted unanimously **Outcome:** Carried

10.0 CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Nil

11.0 BY-LAWS

Nil

12.0 SERVICE PINS

Nil

13.0 APPROVAL OF LIFE MEMBERS

Nil

Outcome: Carried

14.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

MEETING CLOSED – 9.50am

President:



DATE 6/6/16

SIGNED

Secretary:

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DATE 6/6/16

Wide Bay President's Report

1.0 General

On behalf of the WB Management Committee, it is with great pleasure I provide you with the 2016-17 season report for Wide Bay Region.

It has been a very successful and enjoyable season of swimming with an increased number of swimmers attending our Short Course and Long Course championship meets and the continued success of club meets within the region.

We also welcomed two new clubs into the region this past season – Caboolture Central and Sunshine Coast Sea Devils.

2.0 Wide Bay Championships

2.1 Short Course – Rainbow Beach Swimming Pool, August 2016

This year our SC Champs were again successfully held at the Rainbow Beach pool for the second year in a row, in August 2016, over Saturday afternoon & Sunday morning.

With wonderfully clear and warm weather, all swimmers seemed to perform very well with nothing but positive support and cheering for all competitors.

Rainbow Beach Sports Club and Swim Club both looked after us wonderfully well and all clubs appeared to enjoy themselves immensely with a fantastic spirit and atmosphere generated over the two days.

Thank you to all of the volunteers from all clubs on the weekend who undertook an official task and to the parents and supporters for making the championship meet as enjoyable as possible for all of the kids participating.

Thank you also to the Rainbow Beach Swim Club committee and the Rainbow Beach Sports Club for their exceptional hospitality over the two days of the meet. We could not have asked for better people to spend the weekend with.

2.2 Long Course – Caloundra Aquatic Centre, March 2017

The LC Champs were this year hosted by Pelican Waters Caloundra Swim Club at the Caloundra Aquatic Centre and were held in magnificently warm weather (some might say a little too warm), with a good old fashioned summer storm providing welcome rain on both Friday and Saturday nights.

All swimmers competed at their very best and performed outstandingly in all races. There were more records broken over the weekend than ever before with a huge increase in nominations being received compared to previous years – a total of 434 swimmers were nominated for this year's champs, an increase of more than 100 to 2016.

Once again, all 11yrs & U swimmers nominated received a WBLC Qualifying medal, and all swimmers in these age groups who swam every individual stroke event in their age group received the Melanie Wright medal, as opposed to placing medals being awarded in the 9-11 age groups.

This policy was introduced in 2016 and was designed to reward all of our younger swimmers for achieving a qualifying spot at the champs as well as encourage them to swim in every stroke event. The change was seemingly again well received by all with a lot of younger kids receiving a LC champs medal for the first time in their swimming careers. The smile on their faces gives us a great deal of satisfaction and hopefully assists us in retaining the kids into their older ages.

Thank you again is conveyed to the volunteering parents and club officials from Pelican Waters Caloundra Swim Club, John Wallace, Chris Bray and the staff at Caloundra Aquatic Centre for their efforts and time given over the three days. Without your support and assistance we could not have run such a successful and enjoyable championship meet. A special mention is made to Kevin Thompson and Colin Anderson who handled the computer operations over the three days so very well. Thank you gents

3.0 Development Activities

This year we held six Squad Activities across all ages, with the squads split into three separate levels with their own nicknames provided. Each squad then had two activities for them to attend.

3.1 Sharks – Maryborough, July 2016

Our winter camp for the 12-13yr old swimmers (known as the Sharks squad) this year was held in July in Hervey Bay with the kids competing at the Maryborough SC meet. The kids swam first this year on the Saturday at the Maryborough meet before being bused out to the overnight camp location in Hervey Bay. All kids seemed to swim reasonably well and were ably looked after by Kim Rigby (coach) from Kawana and managers Sean & Colin.

Dinner and supper with a few minor land activities followed in the evening with many kids tired from their swimming before retiring to their cabins and (hopefully) getting some sleep. How wrong we were

After breakfast on Sunday morning we ventured out to a local park for some ball and running games before heading home just before lunch. We hope all kids enjoyed themselves and enjoyed feeling part of a squad.

3.2 Piranhas Trip, September 2016 – Vic Age SC Champs & AIS, Canberra

In Sept 2016, Deb Newnham (WB Secretary), myself and Josh Harris (coach) from PWCSA took a group of 10 kids (14yrs+) down to the Victorian Age SC Champs to compete as a WB team for the second year running. These kids did an outstanding job of swimming, acting as young adults and looking out for and after one another as a group.

We won a small number of medals including Gold and almost every swimmer in the travelling party achieved PBs in their swims. Overall it was again a great success in a swimming sense.

After the swimming ended we stayed in Melbourne for one more day to take a trip down to the Penguin Parade at Phillip Island. We had a wee bit of shopping time first thing Monday morning which I think the boys enjoyed as much as the girls before hopping on our bus down to the penguins for a late afternoon/evening trip. All seemed to enjoy the time there although they were definitely ready for a good sleep at the end of the night.

My sincere thanks again goes to Deb Newnham who looked after the kids exceptionally well and ensured all of them were fed, watered and clothed with clean towels, togs and clothes where necessary. She is the epitome of the perfect Team Manager. Our thanks also go to Josh Harris

from PWCSC who did an outstanding job as Coach and who had the respect of every swimmer who travelled. It was a week to remember for all.

3.3 Stingers, November 2016 – Good Shepherd pool

In November 2016, 52 9-11yr olds attended a day camp at the GSA pool with coaches Krysty Connelly (WBMC), Peter Diamond (GSA) and Michael Gibson (Mountain Creek) all volunteering their time to look after them and upskill them.

The day started with a two hour skills session in the pool before lunch (sausage sizzle and fruit) and then heading onto the grassed oval for some ball games, team building exercises, touch footy and soccer.

All kids had a great time with the weather being perfect (perhaps slightly hot) for the day. I would imagine there would have been some tired kiddies in the cars on the way home.

Thank you to Peter, Michael and Krysty for their time and efforts on the day.

3.4 Piranhas, January 2017 – TSS Sprint Meet

January 2017 saw us take 15 Piranhas swimmers down to the Gold Coast for a weekend camp and competing at the TSS Sprint meet. Friday travel on the bus from WB region with accommodation needs being looked after at TSS boarding facilities.

Josh Harris once again joined us as coach, with Colin, Deb and myself travelling as Team Managers.

Once again the swimming efforts were great and all kids appeared to compete well and enjoy the different surrounds and then also the time together on camp.

Saturday night saw a team BBQ on the school grounds before a quick Sundae and Ice Cream/Chocolate run undertaken to finish the evening off on a sweet note.

Thank you to Josh for his time given again and to Colin for driving the bus from Wide Bay to the Gold Coast and back.

3.5 Sharks, February 2017 – Brisbane Sprint Champs, Chandler

The Sharks squad (12-13yrs) also travelled for their second activity to the Brisbane Sprint Champs in early February with Craig Harkiss (Kawana) and Tegan Butler (Mountain Creek) as coaches.

We had 38 swimmers travel for this squad activity which saw us take a bus and a 12 seater from Wide Bay to Brisbane. This squad was predominantly made up of Gold & Silver level swimmers only due to numbers and qualifying times for the meet.

Friday was our travel day with a late afternoon arrival and dinner at a local sports club. Saturday & Sunday was competition, with Saturday night a BBQ on the Chandler grounds, before ice creams again for dessert.

Craig & Tegan did a wonderful job in providing the kids with an insight to how a travelling party out of your home area handles itself with regards meetings, expectations, warm-up/warm-down efforts and general conduct of yourself. All kids gelled really well and new friendships were made which is great to see.

Thank you to Craig & Tegan for their time and to Deb, Colin & Emma Street from Fairymead for acting as Team Managers along with myself. It was a very successful and enjoyable weekend.

3.6 Stingers Squad, March 2017 – Eumundi

The final squad activity was held at the inaugural Eumundi meet in March this year where we had 34 kids attended. They swam as a part of the Wide Bay team with Deb Newnham and Jacqui Krueger (WB Treasurer) acting as Managers. Unfortunately our coach was unable to make it at the last minute thus we were unable to provide a replacement. We acknowledge the day wasn't perfect and we certainly took lessons away from the day and the squad. Thank you to the parents and kids for their understanding and patience with us.

3.7 Junior Skills Clinics, October 2016

This year there were three Junior Skills Clinics held on the same day within Wide Bay region which was a raging success to our knowledge!

The Sunshine Coast clinic was held at Cooroy pool where the kids were so very well coached and taken care of by the Cooroy coach Andrew Cowan.

Burnett Fraser area's clinic was wonderfully run by coach of Fairymead club, Scott Hamlet, who looked after swimmers on the day so very well with them all enjoying themselves immensely.

South Burnett's clinic was then taken on by Kilkivan Coach Rob West held at the Kilkivan pool with a great number of kids attending with him as well. Again a successful and enjoyable day was had by all.

Thank you to all coaches who gave up their time to undertake these clinics which are a huge success and a valuable part of our younger swimmer's development.

4.0 State Relay Day

December 2016 saw Wide Bay compete at the annual State Relay Day with some exceptional swimming performances arising from the pool. Overall we had a huge number of 78 kids involved in the WB Relay teams on the day with some fantastic results.

WB had an outstanding meet achieving exceptional results in the regional relay events. These results prove to us how many wonderful and talented swimmers WB has within the clubs around the region.

A big thank you to Brendan Roser from Beerwah Splash Swim Club who generously gave his time to coach and mentor the kids for the relay squads.

5.0 Forums

Throughout the course of the year we hold quarterly Forums previously in Gympie as it is considered to be the central part for the region. This year we held a couple of forums separate in the region, in each area to assist clubs and parents attend in a more convenient location and timeframe for them. All forums were well attended and it appears the split meetings didn't have too much of a detrimental effect on the clubs. It may be something continued into the new season for the new committee to determine. Thank you to all clubs who have attended throughout the season.

6.0 Clubs & Meets

All clubs appeared to have a successful and productive season with slightly less meets held than the previous year. We look forward to similarly successful meets occurring in the upcoming 2017-18 season with some new style meets appearing this year (Mini Meets and 11yrs & U meets).

These changes are designed to cater for the developing younger swimmers and the calendar overall has been given the thumbs up by the majority of the region as well as SQ, hence we are excited by what the upcoming season will bring.

7.0 Presentation Day/Annual Awards

This year we held the annual awards presentation on Saturday 18th March at the WBLC Champs designed to provide the region overall with an insight to what they are, who the nominees were and to ultimately have the kids acknowledged and awarded in front of as many people as possible.

The presentations went very well with a great deal of people staying for the awards which is a huge improvement on past seasons.

Congratulations to all nominees and winners in all categories on the day.

8.0 Technical Officials

This year we were saddened by the passing of our much loved referee of many years, Ray Henderson. Ray was a member of Cotton Tree Swim Club and a Wide Bay and Qld referee. He could not be of enough assistance at any meet he attended and was renowned for his impeccable dress sense and easy going nature. Ray will be missed.

We were fortunate to have all other technical officials from past years with us in the region again for which we say thank you sincerely. Stan, David, Terry & Bill were ably assisted at various times throughout the year by Malcolm, David, Elwyn, Shannen, Matthew, Rob & Louise.

We do still need more Technical Officials to come on board to assist us in the coming years when the current referees are no longer able to provide their time and experience to our region.

9.0 Swimming Queensland

Thank you to Kevin Hasemann, Drew McGregor and the staff from SQ for their support, guidance and assistance over the past 12 months. It has been invaluable and of extreme benefit on a large number of occasions throughout the year.

Thank you also to Mr Michael Cox, President of Swimming Qld for his guidance throughout the season. We look forward to working with you and your board again over the coming 12 months.

10.0 Sponsorship

McDonalds has been a wonderful and generous sponsor and supporter of Wide Bay Swimming over the years and 2016-17 was no different.

Thank you to McDonalds for the merchandise and associated products afforded to us to be able to then hand onto our swimmers, who much appreciate the items provided.

11.0 Wide Bay Management Committee

The Wide Bay Management Committee this year worked to ensure all meets, swimmers and clubs had a very successful, smooth and enjoyable year of swimming, which I would hope was the case across the region.

I am very proud of what we achieved as a group of people, volunteering their time during the season for the benefit of our region's swimmers.

A sincere thank you is extended to Colin Anderson, Deb Newnham, Krysty Connelly, Jacqui Krueger and Sharon McKeown for their efforts throughout the year. It was a pleasure being able to act as President of Wide Bay Swimming in season 2016-17.

Sean Cawley
President

Treasurer's & Auditor's Reports

Refer attached documentation.

Technical Officials Report

- Held 22 sanctioned meets on 20 weekends over 29 days
- Nine A Grade meets, Thirteen B Grade Qualifying meets
- Three referees with Five Judges of Strokes
- More people in training to become Judge of Strokes -Two
- Wide Bay Officials attended State and National events
- Three Trainers and Assessors at meets accrediting officials - Stan Pearson , Terry Major and David Towner
- Assessors trying to attend some meets just to accredit people when available
- Have a Technical Officials Committee to look at referees roster, pool depths, rules, safety etc. comprising David Towner, Stan Pearson and Sean Cawley.
- Any issues about any rules or Tech Official information please email
- Had many officials from many clubs volunteering at Wide Bay Meets to make them so successful; don't get this in other areas.
- At Technical Official Training days, offer information and accreditations to people interested. Also offer accreditation in General Principles and Timekeeping.
- One Technical Official, Sean Cawley attended State Champs under the Qld Swimming Mentor Program.
- New way to Marshall being adopted throughout Wide Bay Meets , making it easier for swimmers and Marshalls and similar to States and Nationals
- Next year we have 23 meets over 22 weekends

David Towner
Chairperson

Office Bearers

2017/18 Season

	Nominations Received	Nominated By	
President	Sean Cawley	Zonya Bird	Kylie Baigrie
Vice President	Colin Anderson	Sandra Knight	Michelle Begaud
Secretary			
Treasurer	Leonie Wallace	Jan Liow	Zonya Bird
Assistant Treasurer			
Registrar			
Publicity Officer			
IT Officer			
Committee Member 1	Deb Newnham	Russell Schloss	Sharon Hadley
Committee Member 2	Krysty Connelly	Kylie Baigrie	Kerri Schloss

Club President's Reports



1.0 Beerwah

The Beerwah Splash Swim Club (BSSC) has had an amazing year. As a committee we have had to rebuild all aspects of the BSSC. This has taken 12 months and we now have a great group of people all striving for the same goals. We are starting to see the results from all this hard work of last season. This was most evident from our representative numbers for the 2016/2017 season. Last season the BSSC had two representatives at the Wide bay Long Couse Swimming Championships; this year BSSC had 13 representatives.

During the last season we made a decision as a club to only have one sign-up fee this being the competitive fee. We have had huge success with this process and as a coach I have been able to push the competitive/representative side of the sport of swimming and really encourage those swimmers who were a bit unsure about competing at carnivals to just give it a go.

As a team we have travelled to as many carnivals as possible last season. The theory behind this was to allow all of our swimmers to get a taste of competing outside the regular swim nights.

As is normal in most small clubs we have struggled the last year with finances. With this in mind we are very grateful to receive a number of sponsorships from the wonderful members of this great club. This sponsorship has gone towards T-shirts and togs for the swimmers as well as end of season awards.

The BSSC is now looking forward to next season with a plan in place and numerous goals set, one of them being to at least double our representative team for WBSC and QLD states. BSSC would like to thank all members of the the Wide Bay management committee for the support you have shown over the past season and look forward to working together into the future. Your knowledge and guidance has been invaluable.

Brenden Roser
President



2.0 Caboolture Central

This year we welcomed new committee members and farewelled old ones, with this change our little club grew from nine members to 48 members within six months. Janine Briers stayed on and changed roles from club registrar to race secretary, and we also welcomed:

President - Peter Surawski
Vice President - Daniel Desnousse
Secretary - Kathryn Desnousse
Treasurer - Natasha Walsh
Club Registrar - Leisa Facoory
Publicity Officer - Shelley Barbour

With a terrible start to the year with losing three coaches in nine months we finally secured Coach Terry Dunn and the club has thrived. We have more competitive swimmers attending meets and we even attended our first WB Long Course Champs, with our coach travelling with us. We also had members competing at a state level.

The club has managed to successfully hold fund raising BBQs and other fundraising events to help fund uniforms and equipment. Our VP Daniel was able to obtain a laptop and software donated to the club and Leisa our Club Registrar also secured a grant from the Caboolture Sports club this year who is now one of our main Sponsors.

As the season draws to a close we are all still busy securing sponsorships and fundraising for the new season ahead. We have had a very successful year and look forward to a successful 2017/2018 season.

Peter Surawski
President



3.0 Coolum Peregian

Highlights:

- Membership increased to over 50
- Club was recipient of the Wide Bay Club Champions Division One
- Club President was awarded Wide Bay Swim Club President of the Year

This year was an important year for the Coolum Peregian Swimming Club. We had a shrinking and very small membership base and a completely new management committee in March 2016 at the end of the summer season. On reflection, looking back at things it really was a make it or break it situation. I am very pleased to report that the Coolum Peregian Swimming Club has risen much like a phoenix and is heading in a very different and positive direction in 2017.

Together the management committee, which was by no means complete, worked together to the common goals that we set, of increasing membership and making the club an attractive one to members. To start the year we conceived of a well-publicised and very well patronised open day. This event saw the start of our turnaround in membership numbers, which continued to grow during the season.

We increased slightly our membership fees for the year and included a terrific kit for all members which included our newly branded club T-shirts and Swimming Caps. These were a big hit with members. The new club branding is bright and clear, something that we can use for many years to come. We also took advantage of Swimming Australia's Club Website and have used this to promote club activities and events.

Throughout the season we held fortnightly "Club Nights" - a lot of fun for kids of all age groups to have fun racing, while at the same time learning the correct procedure and conduct during swimming races. The Club Nights were very popular and increased in participants as the season went on.

Fundraising for the club was mainly held at club nights. We embraced the Sunshine Coast Council Healthy Eating guidelines at club nights - we choose not to do the traditional sausage sizzle but instead had wonderful and popular food like Chilli Con Carne with Tortillas, Hamburgers with healthy toppings, Sweetcorn, Kebabs and more. This was healthier and more profitable too.

Thanks must also go, in no small way, to the energy and knowledge of our new Coach Ian Robinson. Ian has made an incredibly valuable contribution to the club that has been well beyond whatever was imagined. He has gone out of his way giving of his own personal time to nurture and work with our keen swimmers.

Our small but enthusiastic club produced incredible numbers of participants at swimming carnivals - we even had to break out our spare tent to accommodate them all. We have produced state and national qualifying swimmers this year and have excellent depth in our members for the future.

Looking forward, we will continue to work on what has worked well for us the past year. With great teamwork and even more members on our management committee, including people responsible for sponsorship, equipment and events, we are optimistic about our prospects for further growth and even more fun in the years ahead.

Marion Taylor
President



4.0 Cooroy

It has been a privilege to be President of the Cooroy Dolphins Swimming Club for the 2016/2017 season. Our club has gone from strength to strength over the last 12 months with membership increasing from the previous season to 72 competitive swimmers and 33 Junior Dolphins. This is a great outcome for our regional Sunshine Coast hinterland swimming club. The overwhelming support and effort of our committee, club volunteers and coaching from Cowan Taylor Aquatics is why Cooroy Dolphins Swimming Club is such a success. The sportsmanship and commitment of all our swimmers is always evident be it at club nights, Wide Bay carnivals or State level competitions. Congratulations to everyone.

Our season kicked off in earnest in October with the clubs main fundraising event, the Cooroy Twilight Carnival. More than 260 swimmers participated in this event. This year nominations were processed online and I would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Wide Bay Swimming Committee with the technical transition to this new paradigm of online nominations.

Along with the regular Bunnings BBQ sausage sizzles our main revenue source is the support from the local small business sponsors. Our sincere thanks go to - Bendigo Bank, Wythes Real Estate, Chapmans Auto Repairs, Mitre 10, Mower and ATV Solutions Cooroy, Hinterland Plumbing Group, Cooroy Family Practice and Optometry@Cooroy.

The clubs partnership with Noosa District State High School is a close and friendly relationship. The club, school and lessee Cowan Taylor Aquatics liaise closely to target infrastructure needs when applying for specific grants. The Memorial pool is over 40 years old and in need of constant upgrade and improvement to maintain the high level of service delivery expected from the public, parents and local community.

Cowan Taylor Aquatics; with coaches Andrew Cowan and Georgina Taylor have underpinned the clubs increase in numbers this season. Andrew is a natural leader. He knows that respect cannot be commanded rather it must be earned. He is an incredible role model for our young swimmers and we feel privileged to have this young dynamic coaching team at our club. Since arriving at the pool three years ago Andrew and Georgina have taken the number of Cooroy Dolphins State level qualifiers from two to 14 with two swimmers making finals at the Queensland Sprint Championships in March and one going on to make Nationals (placing 14th in his event). Two swimmers qualified for the Sunshine Coast Regional Schools teams, with one swimmer making a final (placing 10th in the State). The Club also had its highest ever representation at the Wide Bay Championships in February this year.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Cooroy Dolphins General Committee, Executive Committee and regular Club night and fund-raising volunteers. I would like to make special mention of our Treasurer Ev Druce and the new club Secretary Tanya Roland. These two mums are not only tireless in their endeavours towards making the club better but thoroughly professional in the execution of those roles.

The Cooroy Dolphins AGM will be held on the 16th May 2017 at the pool. I encourage any new/existing parents to come along and join the meeting.

Thank you to Sean Cawley and the Wide Bay Region committee for the assistance and extra squads/clinics that are made available to all Wide Bay swimmers.

Ben Wright
President

5.0 Cotton Tree

This season proved to be yet another transitional one as our head coach James Boyce moved on to Marist Brothers in Ashgrove. This will prove to be a great opportunity for James who was well respected by the swimmers and parents alike and reluctantly we said goodbye. Swim Fit fielded a number of candidates for the position and Jimmy Critoph from the Brisbane Grammar club joined us just prior to QLD State Championships.

Jimmy has brought a lot of experience into the coaching role and his sports science studies means training and preparation has taken on a new style.

Obviously change brings change and we had some swimmers leave the club in pursuit of different things available to them, so our contingent of swimmers may be a little smaller in number at present however we still managed to have six swimmers represent the club at Australian Age Champs and two swimmers at Australian Open Champs.

Once again the club meet was a success in September with most members assisting in either preparation or on the day. With just a few days remaining prior to the meet we needed to adjust the timing of long distance swims to the Friday night and almost all swimmers were still able to compete which was fantastic – and on the day we managed little issues with a minimum of fuss. A massive thank you to Robyn Mansfield for the lead up work as Race Secretary and sorting out things on the day, and to those from the region who assisted with starting.

The club was unsure whether to maintain the swim club nights on a Thursday due to a lack of numbers; however we chose to keep it low key and run a free sausage sizzle to keep families interested. With some help from Swim Fit along the way to assist with bridging the gap from learn to swim kids into being part of an actual race format, the season progressed to around 25 swimmers coming along on a consistent basis – not bad considering.

Unfortunately during the season we were informed of Ray Henderson suffering a brain tumour and heading back up to Toowoomba for care post-surgery. Ray lived in Maroochydore and was attached to the Cotton Tree club, coming along to Club Nights and was a great bouncing board for idea's or questions. From his illness until his passing we had minor communication via texts and Matthew Robinson was good enough to stop by to say hello in his travels – as Ray kept to himself mostly and didn't want to create any fuss (in typical Ray fashion) it was difficult to keep up with where his health was at. Sad to have one of the real good men on this planet not with us any longer.

The club was able to have volunteers for the Ironman Triathlon 70.6 and also for the Mooloolaba Triathlon and these provided a few dollars towards our fundraising for the season. Our representative swimmers were very involved which was great to see.

Although a little transitional in the season with coaches etc., the pleasing thing was seeing the large number of competitive swimmers improving with PB's, technique, fitness and fun which is what it's all about. Congrats Team Cotton Tree on a great season!

Dean Stuart
President



6.0 Eumundi

2016/17 has been a busy and very successful one for our Club.

Squad Announcements

Results from 2015/16 saw Troy Carlson and Kaitlyn Walker selected in Swimming Qld Squads. Wide Bay Region Squads were also announced early in the season: Kaitlyn and Chenoa Gills in Piranhas; Troy, Chenoa Scott, Tane & Tenaya Carmont into Sharks; Liam Pepper, Mitchell Warren & Amali Scott in Stingers. These Squads were selected from those who achieved JX Status from the 15/16 season: Green – Lexi James; Bronze – Chenoa G, Chenoa S, Pippa; Silver – Amali, Abbie Brook, Mitchell, Tenaya, Tane; Gold – Liam, Troy, Kaitlyn.

Cheltenham Swimming Club Visit

Early July 2016 saw five swimmers and their Coach visit from Victoria to join our squad for Hell Week. This was an amazing week where new friendships were formed, various activities undertaken in and out of the pool, with an incredible final session of 100 x 100m being swum as part of up to 50kms over the week by individual swimmers. It is planned for a number of our Swimmers to travel to Melbourne next season to participate in a similar event with Cheltenham.

2016 Wide Bay Winter Short Course Champs

Kaitlyn, Troy, Chenoa S, Abbie, Pippa, Mitch, Liam & Rhys competed in these Champs with very encouraging results.

Swim-a-thon Fundraiser

In early September 20 of our swimmers swam 2332 laps (58.5kms) to raise over \$2000 to be shared equally between the club (25% to go towards State Uniforms) and local Charity Sunshine Butterflies.

2016 Qld Open Water Swimming Champs

Liam, Pippa, Chenoa S and Abbie competed as our first ever competitors in this event in the history of our club.

2016 McDonalds Qld State Championships

Kaitlyn, Chenoa G, Chenoa S, Troy, Abbie, Mitchell, Liam, Pippa, Elodee & Laura competed for Eumundi at these Champs – supported by Team Manager Alasdair Scott. Our swimmers competed in a variety of events including Wide Bay Rep Relays, Club Relays and Individual Events.

Bunning's BBQ Fundraiser

This successful fundraiser was held in late January to raise funds for the Club (50% to go towards National Uniforms).

Club Captain

In February Kaitlyn was announced as our first ever Club Captain. The Committee decided to establish this position and appoint Kaitlyn to it following the responsibility she accepted for swimmers at Cooroy Carnival, Club Relay teams at State Champs, as well as her significant involvement in fundraising this season.

RMHC Qld Sprint Championships

Kaitlyn, Chenoa G, Chenoa S, Troy, Mitchell, Liam, Pippa, Abbie, Rhys & Amali all competed in these Champs.

Inaugural Eumundi District Swim Club Development Meet

In our eighth season as an Incorporated Swim Club we held our Inaugural Swim Meet. This event proved so successful that we made the decision a day and a half early to close the Event having already attracted 300 swimmers. The day was an incredible success, despite our timeline slipping and club relays being cancelled. The majority of Club members provided assistance before and on the day: our swimmers did themselves and club proud in the way they demonstrated Club Spirit. Our fundraising efforts from that day included a small amount specifically raised for local Charity Katie Rose Cottage.

Wide Bay Junior Champs & Wide Bay Age & Open Champs

An amazing 57% of our registered swimmers qualified to compete at our Regional Champs. We were very proud to have Kaitlyn & Troy recognised as Boy & Girl Butterflyers of the year respectively.

Age Nationals

Kaitlyn qualified in one event, achieving 15th place. Troy swam in five events, achieving four top ten finishes, including 2 Silver Medals.

Club Members

Our club ended the season with members as indicated in the table below – a significant improvement over the past three seasons.

Junior Dolphin	12
Competitive Swimmer 8 years old	6
Competitive Swimmer 9 years +	36
Recreational Swimmer 8 years old	1

The Committee attributes much of our growth and success during the 16/17 season to the performance of our Coach Adrian Williams and his early 2017 appointed Assistant Coach Jacinta Pennisi.

The 16/17 Committee has worked incredibly hard over the past twelve months to support our Swimmers and Coaches and have much to be proud of. Our AGM will be held in early May with our belief that our club will continue to thrive.

Wendy Walker
President



7.0 From the Edge

From The Edge, as a swim club, remains in its infancy completing only our third year, and second full year of Wide Bay region competition. We had a year of ups and downs with some disruptions due to key members going on extended leave (six months) and others having to move interstate for family reasons. Try as we might these factors did disrupt our clubs' ability to participate in competitive meets during the winter season of 2016.

As soon as our traveling members returned from their extended leave a considered focus was put towards growing the club numbers. We did manage to nearly double our member base in the 2016/2017 swim calendar year albeit those numbers not coming on board until October 2016. Our Coach Heather Klieve guides us with regards to prospective new members. At this stage we have to remain a bit selective with accepting new members due to the resources of our very small parent volunteer base as well as the facilities that we have for our swimmers to train in. We believe that our focus must be on a careful balance between being able to provide maximum support for our members in their swimming careers with increasing our member numbers.

As a club we encouraged participation in as many as possible of the Wide Bay region meets from October through to the Wide Bay Long Course Championships with an aim of our swimmers competing at least once a month. We are proud of the fact that even with season disruptions we still managed to have three of our swimmers (a quarter of our members) qualify to compete at the WBLC, two of which are new members to our club and new to the sport of competitive swimming. We are sure that other clubs face the same conflicts as us with regards to swimmers participation in surf sports and other sporting activities including dance and netball. As a club, we strongly encourage all of our swimmers to participate in other sports especially those that compliment swimming or allow them to apply their pool swim fitness and knowledge. The trade-off for this is that sometimes conflicts arise with regards to competition opportunities. In such instances we are guided by our parents and swimmers with regards to what can be managed and what they feel is best for their swimmer(s).

Our biggest challenge remains attracting boys to our club. We continue to work on strategies to improve our deficit in this area as we would like to have a healthy mix of both boys and girls in our club.

We look forward to a more complete 2017/2018 swim season. Our Coach is working on a strategic plan for our members that will encourage them to work towards certain goals for each season (winter and summer) and we are seeking parent/swimmer commitment to those goals. Our culture is one of inclusion and flexibility and as such we continue to evolve as we grow in skill, knowledge and numbers.

Thanks to all clubs and the Wide Bay Management committee for their guidance and help when requested. We are thankful to be part of a great community and helping our children grow up to be healthy, happy and active kids.

Sophie Olver
President

8.0 Good Shepherd

The successful 2016/17 season started with a pre-season trip to the Wide Bay Short Course Championships in Rainbow Beach. This was attended by a number of swimmers, parents and our coach Pete and was a great start to the season swimming.

In August 13 swimmers represented our team at the McDonald's State Short Course Champs. Arna Couper (17 years) won silver in 100 back and gold in 200 back and Jamison Morgan (10 years) won gold in 100IM, 50 back, 50 free, silver in 50 fly and bronze in 50 breast.

In September we officially kicked off our Club Season, starting back with Tuesday club nights, once again supported by our coaches Brian and Peter. This season we had 74 competitive swimmers, 24 recreational swimmers and 23 Dolphins. The season progressed well, with our Committee working hard behind the scenes; inputting times, shopping for canteen, sourcing merchandise, sending out reminders by email, printing time sheets for club nights, registering our swimmers with Qld Swimming, balancing budgets, purchasing new equipment, entering swimmers into carnivals, meeting regularly to keep things flowing, sourcing donations, finding sponsors and the list goes on.

Thank you to Jodie Maguire our Treasurer, Caroline Chart our Secretary, Kelli Couper our Race Secretary, Melinda Vincent our Registrar, Mataji Kennedy our Canteen Manager and Tara Clarke, general committee member. Coaches Brian Stehr and Peter Diamond attended every committee meeting and their input ensured that the club continued to go in the direction the coaches wanted.

The committee organised participation in several fundraising events including a Cadbury's chocolate drive, volunteering at Noosa Triathlon and the Ironman World Champs as well as two Bunnings Sausage Sizzles.

A big thank you also to our Coaches Brian and Peter who not only give up their Tuesday nights to assist at club nights but often travelled far away for their weekends to support our swimmers, spending their own time and money on transport and accommodation, often whilst having to employ someone else to replace them here in Noosa at their swim School. It is with great pleasure that the Committee have this year been able to reimburse them in some small way with an allowance to assist with these expenses. We appreciate their time and skill and would like to acknowledge that many of our Club successes this year have been due to their hard work and commitment.

In November we were privileged to host the Wide Bay Stingers Squad at our pool and it was a very successful, if hot day, and we hope to be able to host similar training camps in years to come.

Our Christmas Break-up Party was one to be remembered (and possibly captured on Film). A big Thank you to Ian, Claire, Andrea and their team who worked very hard with a restricted budget to provide us with a fantastic night that was enjoyed by everyone. We were very grateful to Jake Packard who took time to come along and show off his well-deserved Olympic Medal.

While the rest of the Club had a well-deserved rest, 18 of our swimmers headed down to Brisbane for the Qld Long Course Championships. Congratulations to Arna Couper who won a bronze in the 200 back and Dahlas Rogers who won a bronze in the open 800 free.

The year ended on a real high for the club with our 9-10 year old girls winning gold in both the 4x50m medley and 4x50m freestyle relays. The girls have worked very hard through the season with Peter Diamond and this is the first time the club has entered relay teams.

Several of members were also selected to swim in the Wide Bay teams in various relays with a few swimmers winning medals.

In February we had another State Level Carnival in Brisbane, which a number of swimmers attended as their first State Level Meet. In total 23 swimmers competed and Teagan McGowan (11 years) won her first state medal with a bronze in the 50m fly. Many swimmers achieved top 10 finishes and there were some exceptional performances by our younger members.

In March we followed up with another Regional Event being the Wide Bay Junior Championships and Age and Open Champs. We were very proud when Arna Couper was awarded Female Swimmer of the Year and Female Backstroke of the Year and Dahlas Rogers was awarded Female Freestyle of the Year.

This was quickly followed by the Club Championships which took place for the first time on a Saturday this season. It was a great day and thanks to Brad and Brian for judging on the day and Peter for Starting. Thanks also to all our timekeepers and helpers in the Canteen both on the day and all through the season.

In April we hosted 16 swimmers from North Coast Aquatics, San Diego. The swimmers aged between 14 and 17 spent their early mornings training at the GS Aquatics pool and the rest of the days enjoying everything the Sunshine Coast has to offer with trips to Australia Zoo, Fraser Island, Eumundi Markets, boat hire on the river and of course our beautiful beaches. The swimmers stayed with GS Aquatics families and we thank them for making the US Team's stay such a success. We have an open invitation for a reciprocal visit in years to come.

Arna Couper and Dahlas Rogers have just competed in the Open National Championships with Dahlas winning her first National Medal which was a hard fought bronze in the 400m free.

As a result of Dahlas's achievements throughout the past 12 months, she has been selected to race as part of the QLD team at the Japan Open Meet in May.

Six swimmers are currently competing in the National Age Championships and so far the team has performed well with Tahlia Prenzler winning silver in the 15 year olds 800 free with a 10 second PB.

We are looking forward to holding our first Development Meet in January 2018 and the committee will start planning this soon.

As the season draws to a close we wish to thank those parents who have read their emails and turned up for duties whether it be baking for the canteen, timekeeping, helping out at school carnivals or turning nominations in on time. You make our lives so much easier and we wouldn't be the great club we are, without you.

Thank you for a fantastic season. Good Luck for 2017-18

Brad Hiller
President



9.0 Gympie

Well as another season draws to a close it is with bitter sweet emotions that I write this season's Presidents Report. After 50 years as the home of the Gympie Amateur Swimming Club and Gympie Gold Fins Swimming Club Inc., the Gympie Memorial Pool has been closed. Over the years it has been an integral part of the Gympie community and home to some of the regions finest swimmers. It has played host to swimmers that have later represent Australia at Commonwealth Games, Olympics and World Championships.

A new 20 million dollar aquatic centre has been constructed as a replacement and this will be the new home of the Gympie Gold Fins Swimming Club. While this is an exciting time the club still has some issues to address before the next season commences however I believe that the future of swimming in Gympie is in a strong position going into the future.

This season we had a core of approximately 40 swimmers competing at interclub events and an ever increasing number of club night swimmers which is always encouraging. Highlights of the year have been swimmers competing at Wide Bay Championships and all State carnivals with some swimmers qualifying for Nationals.

It was also possibly the last Gold Rush Sprint Meet that we will host and the biggest for some years with over 300 swimmers attending with some very fast times. The day went off without a hitch and I must thank all the volunteers involved for without your help this would not be possible.

We farewelled three of our senior squad swimmers who will not compete next season as they complete high school and move from Gympie to pursue university studies and other avenues. I wish all of you the very best in the future and feel very privileged that Gold Fins Swimming Club could be a part of developing the fine young adults that you have become.

It is also with great sadness that we farewelled our long serving Coach, Elizabeth Manthey who with the help of her husband Jeff has been the driving force behind Gympie swimmers for over 20 years. Libby has been an inspiration to many of Gympie's young swimmers and I wish Libby and Jeff all the best in their future endeavours.

So as the 2016 - 2017 season draws to a close it is with great excitement and a little trepidation that we head for the 2017-2018 season at a new pool with a new coach and a new swim meet. I am sure that the Committee and the group of parents and volunteers that make up the Gympie Gold Fins Swim Club will be able to overcome any hurdle that may come their way.

Cameron Nicol
President

10.0 Hervey Bay

It has been a pleasure and honour to have been president for our great little club. The season kicked off with us hosting a Mini-Meet sign on day through the Dive Right in Campaign; this day was a fun successful day with a large number of new junior members coming on board.

While we have seen the departure of a lot of senior swimmers we have seen a great influx of junior swimmers, through this we are hoping to rebuild and grow the club with a focus on fun, friendship and being able to provide a safe environment for the kids to enjoy the sport of swimming. We had a membership of approximately 37 swimmers this season ranging from 15-4 years old, with the majority being 11 and under. All kids have shown a great deal of enthusiasm, wanting to improve every time they competed, whether it was at club night or a carnival. It has been a real pleasure to watch these kids improve, enjoy themselves so much, have fun while also making some strong friendships all while focusing on their love of swimming. Some competed for the first time competitively and truly enjoyed the experience. We had good attendances at many regional carnivals throughout the season with a good number of swimmers also attending both the Wide Bay Long and Short course carnivals. We also had some represent the club attending the State Sprints.

Club Nights have been a great success this year with large numbers in attendance. It was great each week to see the excitement the swimmers showed. We only had to cancel once this season because of a lightning storm. A special thanks to the committee and parents for volunteering your time setting and packing up, as well as time keeping and helping with the food each week. Special thanks to coach Caleb and Michael who filled in while Caleb was away for a couple of months you both helped make Club Nights run smoothly each week, the swimmers adore you both and seem to have a ball each week.

With some sponsorship from Ron Brown Homes a local business we were able to purchase a new much needed gazebo. Thanks also to L&H Electrical and Ron Morgan's Sewing for sponsorship with our great club T-shirts. A lot of other local business helped out with Swimmer of the Week prizes for club nights which with their help we were able to bring back this season.

Our Annual Swimming Carnival in February was a huge success with greater than expected nominations. The day seemed to run smoothly although was a longer day than normal with us deciding to condense the meet into one day rather than Friday night and Saturday as has been done in previous years. This was decided because we did this the season before as numbers were down and expected the same this season. It was a fantastic surprise to see so many travelling to our great town and competing at our carnival. Big thankyou to all the parents and committee that helped make the day run smoothly your time and help is appreciated even if it did mean you missed out on watching some of your children's races. Thanks to Lions for helping with the BBQ and also to Funkita, Trade Tools and Bob's Tyres for your generous donations for our raffle.

Finally I would like to thank the current executive and management committee for their support throughout the season especially those committee members who stayed on even though their children didn't sign up to swim again after the AGM for this current season. A lot of hard work was put in by everyone and it is truly appreciated. Next season will see a big change in the committee but I truly believe with the current group of swimmers and their parents only good things are to come.

Thanks to all the swimmers in the club for their participation throughout the year I hope you all enjoyed this season and will return next season for another year of fun and competition.

Katrina Davies
President

11.0 Kawana Waters

The 2016/2017 swimming season has been another fantastic year for Kawana Waters Swimming Club.

Our club night swimmers have shown improvements again this year and our senior, intermediates and junior swimmers continue to improve with great results at local, State and National meets.

We had 62 swimmers compete at WB long course, 44 at States and 13 relay teams and we had a total of 25 Swimmers attending Nationals. After a big couple of weeks of racing Kawana, came 10th overall in Australia. A great result with competition from some of the best clubs in Australia, so well done to everyone who took part.

We have seen great success in Open Water with Chelsea Gubecka making the Olympic Team for Rio in August 2016, Chelsea came 15th place in Rio in the 10km open water event, Open Nationals in Adelaide in January this year saw Chelsea Gubecka, Jack Brazier, Chloe Gubecka and Mackenzie Brazier being selected for the team to compete in the World Cup in Abu Dhabi in March with Coach Michael Sage. All Kawana swimmers swam exceptionally well in the World Cup with Chelsea coming in 5th place and Jack Brazier coming in 12th place in the 10km open water event. Upon completion of the World Cup, Chelsea and Jack made team selection for the World Championships being held in Hungary in July this year.

In the pool Liam Schluter was selected to represent Australia on the Paralympic Team in Rio 2016. Liam did everyone proud coming in 5th place in 200 Free and 7th place in 200IM as well as competing in 100 Back and 200 Breast. After some fantastic swims by Liam at the National Open Championships Liam has now been selected on the team for the Para World Championships in Mexico City this coming September.

Swimmer of the Year Awards was a fantastic evening with our Director of Coaching Michael Sage being awarded Open Water Coach of the Year and Chelsea Gubecka being awarded Open Water Swimmer of the Year for the 2nd year in a row. Congratulations to you both on a wonderful achievement.

Our annual Swim Meet was a great success again this year with continued support from local sponsors and from our Kawana Parents as well as the ongoing support from Steve Miller and the Kawana Water Aquatic Centre.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Miller and the Kawana Aquatic Centre for their continued support of our club and their ongoing generosity with supporting our fundraising events.

We would like to thank our wonderful Coaching Team for the hard work and dedication they give to our swimmers and for the ongoing encouragement they provide so our young athletes can be the best they can be in and out of the water.

Lastly, thank you to the Wide Bay Committee for your ongoing support of Kawana Waters Swimming Club throughout the season.

Good luck to our Club and the Wide Bay swimming community for the 2017/2018 Season.

Lisa Norris
President

12.0 Kingaroy

The 2016 -17 swimming season has come to an end for the Kingaroy Swimming Club. Once again Kingaroy enjoyed a season of success for our swimmers unfortunately with a break for eight weeks in the middle of the season. This is two seasons in a row where maintenance issues with the council pool have affected our swimmers training for the season.

This season saw the introduction of a sign on day to try and get as many swimmers registered for our club prior to the pool opening. This year also saw the introduction of online registration. Next season it will be necessary that all payments are completed online as well.

The season started off soundly with swimmers attending Kawana, South Burnett Club Challenge, Nambour, Murgon, Chinchilla, Gympie, and Dalby before Christmas. The effort put in by all swimmers day in and day out is recognised when our swimmers achieve great PB's. After Christmas, swimmers have competed at Noosa, Kilkivan, our club carnival, Hervey Bay and this weekend Wide Bay Championships.

This year we assisted Kilkivan swimming club with their first carnival in many years. The carnival was well supported by wide bay clubs but we felt extra proud to assist a club in this manner. We need to look after the clubs and swimmers in the South Burnett.

During the Christmas holidays, we unfortunately had to make a decision on hosting our carnival as our pool was in doubt to be open. In consultation with Wide Bay Swimming, we accepted Murgon's offer to host our carnival in Murgon. This did not affect our numbers competing at our carnival as many swimmers from around the region were chasing PBs or qualifying times for future meets.

It is pleasing to see the results achieved by all our swimmers for the year with many PBs, Wide Bay (10 swimmers) and State Championship (two swimmers) qualifications. South Burnett Challenge was also successful for the club and this is allowed our swimmers to catch up or meet some new swimmers from other clubs. Thank you once again to Donna and Joe for their commitment to our swimmers throughout the season.

Through the hard work and commitment of our committee and supporters, the club is in good shape financially. The continued support of our local businesses for our carnival ensures we make a good profit. We continue to gain regular income from the South Burnett Speedway bar. This year saw the introduction of the volunteer levy to ensure the load of speedway was spread around all families.

This year, I took on a role with the Wide Bay Management Committee. This has given me an insight into how our region works and how big our region is to support our swimmers; from Caboolture to Bundy and out west to Kingaroy. Driving to the coast or Gympie once a month is definitely a strain but worthwhile. Lachie, James, Chloe and Paige were selected in Wide Bay Development Squads.

Thank you to all members who have taken on roles this year. It is great to work within a supportive environment.

I look forward to the new season and hopefully we will have an uninterrupted 2017/18 season.

Krysty Connelly
President

13.0 Maleny

The Maleny Swim Club has officially closed for the Autumn/Winter season and once again our committee reflects on the past year.

- The Season began second week of September employing a new coach in Greg Rogers who came with outstanding personal success in his swimming career and then followed his success as a Coach. Our squad teams improved remarkably and continued to show their strengths throughout the season.
- Prior to opening there was an enormous amount of maintenance to be done and areas to be updated. The list kept growing.
- Our achievements were received with a great amount of enthusiasm and these are just a few of them that need mentioning:
 1. Fully Scrape Down and Fully Paint The Entire Block Areas.
 2. Strip the old canteen and install a brand new kitchen etc.
 3. Supply new outdoor chairs & umbrellas.
 4. Fit New Overhead Flood Light Bulbs. (stronger light)
 5. Remove all old and out of working-order bits and pieces that have been gathered over the past years.
 6. Clean and reorganize the Club Room.
 7. Purchase all our own kickboards, fins etc.
 8. New pool fencing was installed around the Learn to Swim Pool and Gas Bottle Area which secured the space and made it Compliant.
- We felt that we had indeed achieved what we set out to do making the Maleny Swim Pool a welcoming area for the Community. The Committee then began the task of fundraising to try and recover some of the costs that were accumulating. The Bank Balance was going down.
- One we must mention is Apex who opened their arms with a very generous \$5000 which was immediately put towards the LTS Pool expenses. We are forever grateful.
- Swim Club Night has become more social and is always looked forward to. The highlight apart from the kids PBs is most definitely "Sonia's Kitchen". Everyone walks in on Wednesday night with that one question "What's on tonight? Here is a small taste of what our Catering guru feeds us for \$5/2 courses:
 1. Marinated Chicken Pieces w/salad in a bun followed by Sticky Date Pudding & Vanilla Ice Cream
 2. Spaghetti Bolognese & Parmesan/Chocolate Brownies & Ice Cream
 3. Curry (chicken or beef) w/rice & Mango/Raspberry Sorbet
 4. Nachos/Sonia's homemade salsa & Cream Caramel Slice, etc.

There are too many to mention, so we are extremely grateful she keeps up to date with her cooking Mags!

- We are now seeing new faces at Club Night and look forward to more in the next season.
- We are still working closely with the school, being John Byrnes and Tracel and will continue to have a good sound relationship with them.
- Reflecting on the year there were always challenges to overcome, some big some small, but having a good solid committee made the tasks somewhat less daunting.
- Our monthly meetings were always enjoyed which had nothing to do with the fact we booked Brouhaha as our venue. Food and Wine is a must with good conversation.

I personally would like to thank all of them for their incredible work, time and assistance throughout the year. We now look forward to the next season somewhat wiser and a little rested.

Gail Ring
President



14.0 Maryborough

This has been a challenging year for the club however we are moving forward with new ideas from community groups to encourage the sport of swimming in Maryborough.

I would like to particularly commend our club swimmers for their commitment and dedication to training and how they have represented the Maryborough Swimming Club.

I would also like to thank the parents and Maryborough Masters who have continued to support the club.

Rhonda Davis
President



15.0 Murgon

Thank you to all who have been a part of the Murgon Amateur Swimming Club this year & especially to all those children who have trained and raced.

Our committee has had a rocky season, with our Treasurer, Secretary and myself only stepping into the positions to keep the club going for the kids. We had lots of trouble with communication due to internet problems & phone reception which did not help the fact that none of us had any previous experience with Wide Bay Swimming, Swimming Queensland etc. (which to be perfectly honest is very confusing and needlessly complicated).

We have had a successful year of swimming however (which is the most important thing), with an increase in membership & family involvement.

Our club nights maintained a friendly & relaxed atmosphere which Murgon Club should be really proud of and we ensured that the emphasis was kept on the children having fun while reaching their goals.

One of our highlights for the swimming season was again hosting our annual Murgon Swimming Carnival which had a great turn up; we made a bit of money for our club and gave the children a great opportunity to race other swimmers. We again thank all those clubs who came to support us. We have a lot of beginner members so competing in other carnivals will be something we hope to build up & encourage more so in the future.

Through grants & carnival profits we have managed to buy new lane ropes with covers & rollers, deck out our storage cupboard with racks and trolleys and purchase necessary upgrades for our laptop.

The Murgon Swimming Pool is now closed for the colder months & will re-open in September which will be when we kick off our 2017/2018 swimming season.

Lori Hall
President

16.0 Nambour

The 2016-17 season has been another successful year for Nambour with club membership on the rise and the number of swimmers attending swim meets steadily increasing. Indications from the end of this season suggest that 17/18 should not be any different. We were fortunate enough to welcome back Lisa Spinks to our club taking on her previous role as head coach. This has proven to be a key element to the success of the club this year and in previous years.

Our growth has mainly been in the 10yrs and under age group. As a club we acknowledge this is a very important age group for swimming and are developing ways to nurture these swimmers to ensure they continue to enjoy all aspects of the sport. We have had some fantastic results from our club nights with all swimmers showing improvements not only with PBs but also their technique and most importantly they are having fun racing with friends.

Attendance at swim meets from both our junior and senior swimmers has risen thanks to the efforts of our coach. The highlight for the club would be without a doubt our Nambour meet where we experienced wonderful support from other WB and Brisbane clubs and many of our own members competing for the first time. A group of our swimmers have also started to compete in the open water ocean swims.

This season we have taken on many new and fun challenges with regards to funding. We had a group of senior swimmers and parents volunteer at the World Triathlon here on the Coast which proved to be a real team builder and great experience for all being closely involved with these world class athletes. We have also held a few BBQs at various locations. The Nambour RSL continues to support our club with our sponsorship contract being renewed for another three years. The support of the RSL and the local community has been amazing and without their involvement we would not have been able to purchase a new starting system and other required equipment for our swimmers.

The committee was off to a rough start with one key role not filled, however this was quickly resolved and we all pulled together to ensure the season was a success. Apart from the day to day running of the club the committee have updated their website, implemented an app to get information across to parents along with being able to store required club information for quick referencing etc. This has proven to be a very handy tool. With our AGM coming up I am confident that with our increasing membership, parent support will continue and all roles will be filled for 2017/2018.

As the club looks ahead into next season one of our main focuses will be on parent training and involvement as this is something that may have been overlooked in previous years.

On behalf of the Nambour Swimming Club I would like to thank the Wide Bay Committee for your efforts and guidance throughout the 2016/17 season, you have put together another well-structured program for our swimmers and looking at next season's calendar it looks even better. I would also like to thank all other Wide Bay Clubs for your continued support and fantastic sportsmanship.

Steve McKeering
President



17.0 Noosa

Noosa Swimming Club has had a very successful season with both old and new members continuing to not only improve on their times but also bring home some fantastic results. A highlight for this season has been watching Nick Sloman achieve some amazing results in Open Water swimming events. Nick won Gold @ QLD OWS Champs 5Km & 7.5Km in both U17-U18 & Open events and Bronze U17/18 10Km, Silver Open 5km @ NSW OWS Champs. He also followed up these results with Surf Lifesaving Qld Titles: Gold U19 & Open Surf Races, Aussie Titles: Gold Open 2Km Surf Race & U19 Surf Race as well as competing & winning two world Series OWS event- Mooloolaba Mile 1.6Km & Cooly Classic 3Km. To say we are proud of Nick's achievements this season would be an understatement.

The 2016/17 season has been a busy year for Noosa both in and out of the pool.

September - 14 of our members volunteered at the Ironman 70.3 in Mooloolaba, our group was allocated the finish line where our role was to cheer competitors in, presenting them with their finishing medals and massive congratulations for their effort; it was a memorable experience for our volunteers to be such a prominent part of a world class sporting event.

October - we partook in a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser, this was a busy morning for all families with each and every member filling a role, it was great to see our club members working together outside the pool and the team work certainly paid off.

November - we were successful in our bid for a grant from the Noosa Heads Surf Lifesaving Supporters Club which we then used to purchase a very much needed new club laptop computer and hard drive.

January - our swim meet was a huge success, much to our surprise as we had been concerned with the date being so close to Christmas and tourist time in Noosa that we would lose numbers though our final tally was 305 athletes, with 1530 entries. The addition this year of 50m open events further increased entry interest. Our meet ran smoothly and was a credit to all our members helping out and being enthusiastically involved both on the day and in the lead up.

March - Noosa Swimming Club was excited to be awarded Division 2 Champions for the 2016/17 season at the Wide Bay Long Course Champs.

It has been a very successful season, our members have enjoyed watching their times improve thanks to our brilliant coaches who continue to encourage our swimmers to be the very best they can be.

Overall our club continues to grow in size and members are excited for another successful year in the pool. We are holding our club AGM Friday 28th April where a new management committee will be assigned. Current President, Race Secretary and Treasurer are resigning though these positions have already been confidently appointed and Noosa Swimming Club is looking forward to continuing success in the coming season. I personally wish the new committee all the very best.

Larni Mailer
President

18.0 Pelican Waters

We have had yet another successful season at Pelican Waters Caloundra Swimming Club and continue to have an increasing amount of Members and families join our club.

All our members have improved one way or another this season which is a result of commitment, persistence and hard work at training.

We are looking forward to our next season as it will be a fantastic milestone - our club's fiftieth anniversary.

We have had a great opportunity to host a successful Wide Bay Regional Championships at our home pool with over 400 swimmers from the Region attending.

Our Race secretary has been flat out this season by being hired out for help with swim meets, just to name a few from June 2016: Mountain Creek, Cotton Tree, Sunshine Coast Masters, Nambour Masters and Noosa Masters.

In December our club had the opportunity to attend state relays. We had over 50 Children that attended. Any swimmer over the age of 9yrs was eligible to attend. It was a great team bonding opportunity as the swimmers got to know one another on the bus ride and throughout the day.

We currently have swimmers attending both the upcoming Australian Swimming Championships and seven of our swimmers attending Age National Swimming Championships. Medals were achieved at National and State level in Open Water.

We have had success at School State Championships with seven of our 10-12yr old swimmers and 13 of our 13-19yr old swimmers qualifying with lots of PBs, finals and medals as well as some of our pelicans swimming at the National Open Water Championships this year.

Every Thursday from 6pm we hold successful Club Nights for our junior swimmers to make them more confident with their racing and encourage participation at swim meets. It can also be used as an opportunity for more experienced swimmers to practice their racing skills.

We also held an interclub meet on a Thursday night with Beerwah Splash attending; overall there were 70 swimmers in attendance.

This season we have managed to stay quite financial.

We have a dedicated, hardworking Committee that continue to fundraise with the proceeds going towards making a better experience for swimmers and the club in general.

Louise Moore
President



19.0 Sea Devils

SC Sea Devils are a newly formed family based swimming club located in Buderim on the beautiful Sunshine Coast. The club established in late 2016 with a small but enthusiastic group of swimmers and their families. We aim to double our membership numbers over the 2017/2018 season, with many swimming families looking to join and be a part of the fun sporting environment the swimming club has to offer.

Our coaches Markus Erth, Alanna Bowls and Elianna McMenamin have many years of competing and coaching experience. Markus started coaching in Germany his birthplace over 25 years ago and has coached numerous swimmers to State and National level. Commonwealth Games swimmer Alanna Bowls knows what it takes to achieve at an elite level and brings this knowledge to her swimmers. Elianna McMenamin is currently pursuing a swimmer career with many national titles under her belt and the dream of swimming at the Olympics.

The club has set a goal to reach State Swimming Titles over the coming years and based on recent results at the Wide Bay LC Swimming Titles that goal seems achievable with one of swimmers winning silver along with other encouraging results.

The Sea Devils club hold monthly Friday swimming race nights for our swimmers to continually improve race techniques and PB swimming times. We strive to provide an environment for all swimmers, their families and friends to come along, participate and enjoy the fun.

We also hold a relaxed member night every other Friday for prospective members to come and find out about the Sea Devils, along with a free swim for existing members to get together in a more social setting.

The club is very excited for what the future holds and want to share our love of swimming with the local community.

Kristy Thorne
Secretary