



WIDE BAY REGIONAL SWIMMING ASSOCIATION INC

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ALL CLUB FORUM

DATE:	Sunday 12 th November
TIME:	9.00am
VENUE:	Gympie Aquatic & Recreation Centre
Committee ATTENDEES:	S.Cawley, D.Newnham, E. Druce, M. Robertson
APOLOGIES:	L.Wallace, C.Anderson, K.Connelly

CLUB ATTENDEES

Good Shepherd (2)	Caboolture Central (1)	Eumundi (2)
Cotton Tree (1)	Pelican Waters(1)	Kawana Waters (1)
Gympie (1)	Bribie Island (1)	Cooroy (2)
Noosa (2)	Maleny (1)	

Meeting Start 9.00am

Development Squad Activities

- Next Shark Squad Activity – 5/6/7 Jan 2018 – TSS Sprint Meet
- First Stingers Squad Activity – Kingaroy Meet - Jan 2018

Good Shepherd Development Meet

- Scheduled for 13 Jan
- More information to follow

Parents Forum with Brant Best

- Scheduled for Feb 2018
- Propose Brant to visit Wide Bay Areas over 4 days meeting with coaches, swimmers and parents

Swim Meet Calendar 2018-2019 Season

- Applications due by 31 Dec 2017 – via email
- Proposed Flyer along with Meet application must be provided

FORUM NOTES – Round the clubs and general discussion with all clubs participating

Swimming QLD have organised an independent company to survey members, coaches and parents to find out why swimming numbers have decreased.

Discussion revolving around the reasons for low membership numbers – it has been recorded that numbers of Wide Bay Memberships has dropped by approx. 13%. All parties present had valid points for discussion

- Schools not supporting swimming.
- Financial – the cost of swimming. Other sports participants pay a membership fee and generally games / events free or included. Eg Nippers carnivals
- Too many choices with other sports
- 14 years and over time poor with school and work – numbers drop off.
- Need quick meets – look at Big Bash cricket games 3 hours max. Most swim meets 7-8 hours long, for maybe 5minutes of racing. Needs to be quick and entertaining. More dash for cash
- State Championships – over one week, too long. Huge commitment for families. Could they cap entries
- No alignment with Swimming QLD, Clubs and pool management



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- Increase number – affiliate with other sports – eg. Maleny Swim Club have approached their soccer club to join, had great success
- Qualifying times – difficult – a lot of hours committed to training with little improvement.
- Need top swimmers to visit, inspire encourage more swimmers

General discussion

- Look holding relay meets – club vs clubs
- Perhaps a Wide Bay Sprint meet – just need to find time in calendar

Round the clubs

- Maleny (Gail Ring)- very happy, numbers increased, Brendan as coach everyone extremely happy
- Bribie Is (Anne Merrit)- Contract finally signed with Belgravia. Coach prefers Brisbane meets as others distance to travel too far
- Pelican Waters (Felicity Simmons) – approx. 93 members – Swim meet in January. Celebrating 50 years next year
- Cotton Tree (Andrew Dring) – all good
- Cooroy (Jessica Askew)- new committee – thank you to parents – non committee members for coming
- Kawana (Pam) – new committee, club night numbers up
- Eumundi (Sandy & Angela) – Adrian running Learn to swim, high numbers – bringing across to squad – Meet in 2018
- Gympie (Colin)- numbers down in membership, great facility – need to look at new ways to increase memberships
- Noosa (Allison & Graham) – Contract for coaches 4 years – great, can plan long term. Look at ban race suits for 11 & under swimmers – only need if competing in Nationals
- Good Shepherd – (Wayne & Matt)- new committee. School P & F donated \$\$ for dolphin timing system. Great fundraiser – had golf day. Making club nights fun, relays and boat races, encouraging the young with the old connection. Number increasing as Learn to swim numbers high

Great meeting – end 11.20am

Thank you all