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Masters Swimming NSW

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Monthly News – August 2013



Volunteer of the Month

Volunteer of the Month for May is **Jamie Turner** from Ryde. Congratulations Jamie! Here is a snippet from the nomination:

She is at every swimming carnival, and the past few as an official only, as she has been unable to swim due to an eye operation. You can always tell the dedicated officials as the ones who volunteer when they are not swimming.

Jamie also helps out in the office, mostly without us knowing. I am sure we would not be nearly as efficient if it was not for her help... she is constantly looking to acknowledge the contributions of others... She is also very heavily involved in her own club administration, not sure what position she holds at present, but she is the "most seen" Ryde person...

Please nominate a member that you appreciate! Simply write a paragraph describing the members impact on you or your club and they may win the \$30 Coles Myer gift card. Email your nomination to the Branch office **BEFORE** the Board meeting each month ie by noon on the Friday before the 3rd Monday (13 September). Small print- Be aware that the information may be used for publicity purposes.

2014 swim meet calendar

Attached.

This is still in draft format but near enough to completion for us to want to share it. If you are organising your 2014 diary now is the time to pencil in all the swim meets and work all your other activities around them.

State Championships will be on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday in April due to prior bookings at SOPAC!

16 Month Membership opportunity for new members!!!

Membership fees remain at the same level for 2014. This means no rise to the 12 month (\$30), 4 month (\$25) and 16 month (\$37) part of clubs subscription types.

The National office also has not increased fees so it is now up to clubs to simply add their component. Please open at least the 16 month option on 1st September. This year it has been arranged with IMG for the 2013 12 month option to be removed from 1st Sept to avoid the errors that usually occur. I will be writing to all club Registrars within the week with instructions and asking them to notify the office if they want help with this.

16 month & 4 month subscription types open on 1st September.

This is a good time to grow your membership!

Splash-e

We're back online with *Splash-e* and it is now becoming a monthly newsletter to keep the items more up to date and relevant. Please send a photo in with all stories. Anything happening in your club or around your pool that you would like to share? Send it in. Do, please, always date and label any photo's.

In the last edition we advertised for a second face book administrator and got some interest. Thank you! Clubs please remember, this is now an online format, look after your members that do not use/access a computer by providing a copy at training or on pool deck.

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Intro/Club Coach Course

If you or your club would like to learn more about what's involved in becoming or training as a coach contact our Branch Coaching Director, Di Coxon-Ellis at coachdirector@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au or send an Expression of Interest to the Branch office.

Heat and Safety Policies

All members and particularly all club officials are urged to review the heat and safety policies before our summer season. There have recently been incidents on pool deck and we all need to be confident we know processes and procedures.

*Importantly, if you need to call for medical assistance inform BOTH the venue staff AND our Safety Officer on duty.

Technical Courses

I cannot say this often enough: all clubs are welcome to contact the NSW Training Coordinator to arrange for a course to be conducted at your club. Email Di Partridge on officialtraining@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au with your request. The pathways to becoming an official are on the national website www.mastersswimming.org.au under TECHNICAL.

Facebook



This is proving to be a successful adjunct to our website and email communications. If your club would like to foray into the world of social media our face book administrator is happy to assist and train you to launch a successful club page. Contact Roger at msnswfacebook@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au

National Calendar of events

If you are planning an Australian holiday take a look at the national calendar of events and include a swim carnival while interstate. You'll find the link on the front page of our website.

Member Protection Information Officer

Are you interested in being the Branch MPIO? The **Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO)** is a person trained to be the first point of contact for a person reporting a complaint under, or a breach of, the Member Protection Policy. The MPIO provides impartial and confidential support to the person making a complaint. If you are interested in finding out more please go to <http://www.playbytherules.net.au/mpio>

COMING UP:



31 August. Entries closed



8 September Long Distance Championships Entries close Weds 28th August.



14 September Tuggeranong Challenge



21st September Lake Macquarie Crocs

20-22 September Lismore Workers Club 8th Masters Games

The \$50 fee *includes the swim clinic as well as competition entry*. If you are only doing the competition then the entry fee is \$35.

June 28th – Early Bird Cut-off August 9th – Late Bird Cut-off

It's all in the information on the swimming page at www.lismoremastersgames.com.au

Jillian Pateman Administrator



The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 16 September 2013. These meetings are open to any member of Masters Swimming NSW. Please notify the branch office by the Friday before the meeting of your intention to join us or of any agenda items you wish to add.