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Masters Swimming NSW

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Monthly News – January 2013



Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to Caroline Makin from Tuggeranong Vikings on **winning** the prize for Volunteer of the Month!

An excerpt from her nomination: *“Caroline does not spend all her time for the club in the water though. She spends time on the computer doing our website and continually keeps the club members up to date with the achievements of members etc. We do not know how many emails can be sent within a ten minute time span after dark of an evening, but for Caroline it is a lot. Replies to questions usually happen with ten or fifteen minutes of being sent of an evening.*

She also designed our new club caps and did the ordering and all things associated with the caps. She did not think twice when asked to help and took on the task like a duck to water.”

Nominate a member that you appreciate! Simply write a paragraph describing the member’s impact on you or your club and they may win the \$30 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 (15 February). Small print- Be aware that the information may be used for publicity purposes.

Important details-from the Office

1. Club Committee form. It is important that this form is filled in and returned whether or not you have had a change of position holders. The database is updated from this form.
2. If there is a change in your club contact person at your AGM, please ensure that you update the details on your administration section of the IMG website.
3. **Nomination for 2012 Coach of the Year & 2012 Official of the Year are now due.**

The 2011 National Coach of the Year was Wett Ones Danny Crowe. Sadly there was no Official of the Year nominated last year.

Closing date has been extended to 1st February.

Please show your appreciation of a job well done and nominate your Coach AND most active Official.

4. ***Reminder that your club’s annual and safety reports are due by 31 January 2013.***(next Thursday)

This is an opportunity to reflect on your club’s efforts and achievements in 2012 and recognise a job well done. Last year’s report can be supplied if requested. A new format for the Safety report is trialled this year that contains simple drop down boxes, it is attached again here. Following is some information that clubs have already supplied:

- To have more members trained in lifesaving to at least Bronze Medallion level. Six were trained in 2012.
- Senior First Aid course attended by two members in June.
- An automatic defibrillator, first-aid and oxygen equipment is located at the pool office and staff are trained in their use. A spine-board is located in that area.
- All club members were instructed in the safety and first aid facilities available at the training pool used during 2012.

Safety Initiatives

- Sun safety was promoted in conjunction with the Cancer Council of NSW

Good ideas will be shared across the membership and writing these reports reminds you to put safety first.

5. Club registration fee. The five clubs that are still outstanding will be contacted.
6. It eases the workload if clubs aren’t being chased for payment, forms, nominations, photos, reports.

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2013 Masters Swimming National Championships 17-20 April



The entry form for the National Championships is now available on our website. As hosts of the National Championships we are looking for corporate sponsorship. Cash or kind. If you can help or have contacts please contact the Branch office.

Facebook event page

Have you looked at the event page on Facebook? Not on Facebook? You can still view our page without an account-you just can't 'like' us.



Billeting through Eventstay



There is a great opportunity for Sydney-siders to offer the hand of friendship to inter/intra staters who will be in town for the National Championships next April and make a few dollars for yourself and your club.

Any members wishing to billet a participant in the Nationals are asked to check out the website at

www.eventstay.com.au



Conduct the Raffle and make some money



Four days, four clubs, your club keeps the proceeds! Have you discussed this with your club yet?

Newsletter

We are searching for a name for the National Championships newsletter - suggestions welcome.

Merchandise



Polo shirts and towels are available for purchase through the website, order now!



Technical Courses

DiP is focusing on training Timekeepers from now until the National Championships. As you will be asked to take your turn at this duty please get qualified now, we have only four swim meets before the Championships!

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.

Website

Have you ever taken the time to look around our website? A member did last week and asked how their club can get a link like Tuggeranong Vikings have under the Clubs tab/Southern ACT/Tuggeranong. If you have an active and frequently maintained, updated club website then you too can have the site linked here.

Also, our Webmasters request photos and stories for the home page of our website. Something from the Gosford meet perhaps?

Attention all competitors



You must be financial by closing date of entries (1st February) for North Sydney's Sprint meet.



West Auburn 5000m Turtle Postal swim is on now until 30 April!

Jillian Pateman Administrator

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 18 February 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.



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