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Masters Swimming NSW

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Monthly News – September 2013



Volunteer(s) of the Month

Volunteer of the Month for August is both [Belinda](#) and [Peter Hurdis](#) from Wett Ones. Congratulations to you both! Here is a snippet from the nomination:

“They both volunteer as officials regularly and can be seen at most meets. They travel long distances in order to swim and to officiate.

They both take on a variety of Official Duties with efficiency and willingness. They fill in when they see a need whether or not they have been allotted that task. Peter’s cheery manner is welcome to many nervous swimmers and Belinda always does her share when she swims too.

They both take mentoring new officials seriously and help with leading questions and advice.”

Please nominate a member that you appreciate! Do not assume that your club is taking part and nominating someone, please consider putting pen to paper yourself (or fingers to the keyboard). Simply write a paragraph describing the member’s 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 (18 October). Small print- Be aware that the information may be used for publicity purposes.

Induction into the International Swimming Hall of Fame

Jenny Whiteley of Ryde AUSSI Masters Swimming was inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame in a ceremony in Los Angeles on Friday 13 September 2013. Jenny travelled to the States to be present at the induction ceremony. Congratulations Jenny, you are an absolute champion and we look forward to seeing you back on pool deck soon.

The Hall of Fame is dedicated to promoting the benefits of [swimming](#) as both an essential life skill and sport, through the operation of the World Museum of Swimming and by immortalizing the achievements and contributions of those who have distinguished themselves in six branches of aquatic sports.

DRAFT 2014 swim meet calendar

This is still a draft as SOPAC is yet to confirm our dates for April. Thank you to all that contacted the Branch office to confirm they had read the calendar correctly-yes the State Champs will be held over Friday afternoon and all day Saturday! Long-time members will remember this used to happen “way back in the day”. While it is not ideal we can only work with what we are offered at a prestigious centre like SOPAC and the very reason why we have publicised the dates so early. *Copy attached.*

39th National Championships in April 2014

Many of our swimmers already have their plans set to attend this meet in Rockhampton. Accommodation is limited so you will need to book ahead. Discuss with your family and club members now. Merchandise is now

available at the MSQ website. 

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16 Month Membership opportunity for new members

Disappointingly 50% of NSW clubs have not yet opened their 16 month subscription type so for any new potential members, when they look at your club profile, there is no option for them to join. As mentioned last month the 12 month subscription type has been removed by IMG to prevent errors.

This is a good time to increase your membership, please check your console to confirm you are open to growth!

Membership Development Project

And talking of growth, a sport development project is about to be embarked upon with a task force currently being set up to research and implement strategies to grow our sport. Twenty members across NSW have been assigned to ask questions of both members and non-members in an effort to understand why we do what we do and what we could do differently to attract other adult swimmers. This project is in the beginning stages so if you'd like your voice heard, want to participate and have skills in this area please contact the Branch office.

Splash-e

Positive feedback is coming in for our new format but we do need you to provide the stories. Please send photos and a few words to splasheditor@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au

Workplace Health and Safety

Thank you to those Club Safety Officers that have replied about their emergency contact systems when members are at swim meets and away from home turf. While our Branch Safety Officer is looking into designing a template for clubs to have access to some health information it is important that each member give some serious thought to emergency contacts and their own health issues. Gosford Seagulls have an innovative approach in providing their members a small card, the size of a business card, detailing important information and contacts. Is this an idea that could be made available across the membership? Your opinions are sought, please email the Branch office.

ICE (in case of emergency) If at a swim meet and you need to call for medical assistance, please alert/inform BOTH the venue staff AND our Safety Officer on duty.

Officials Forum

Referees, IOT's and coaches are coming together on Saturday 9th November to discuss the new rule changes and how best to implement and inform our swimmers. Keep tuned, these may affect you!

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. Please contact Roger at content@msnswfacebook.info and venture into a new world!

National Calendar of events

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

COMING UP:



12 October Warringham



19-20 October State Short Course Championships



2 November Port Macquarie



16 November Novocastrian



30 November Raymond Terrace

Jillian Pateman Administrator



The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 21 October 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.