

The past 2 months have seen some quieter times in terms of local swimming, although it has included both the ACT Schools Championships and National Schools Championships. There have been two development meets, the first hosted by Queanbeyan and the second by Canberra. Attendance at the development meets remains strong and it is pleasing to see swimmers graduating to higher level meets.

In addition, Tuggeranong Vikings hosted an A level meet, the first of this new format.

The Presentation Night was a great evening with good food and terrific company. Thanks are extended to Michael Doyle, Joan Kellett, Di Silk and Marcel Lovelock for their efforts in ensuring that we all had a great evening. Tracey Menzies was a great speaker. Thanks are also extended to Andrew Metcalfe who was the MC for the night.

Unfortunately we have lost a senior coach in the past month with the departure of Bobby Folan from CISAC and the Ginninderra Swim Club.

The AGM has resulted in a number of changes to the Executive. I extend a warm welcome to our two new Vice Presidents: Jenny Lee and Rod Hore. David Murphy has agreed to step back into the Competitions Director job, a role he has previously done. In addition, Jenny Dunstan is our new Area Swimming Technical Committee Coordinator.

The full list of the Executive and Officers can be found a little later in this Newsletter.

We have some vacant positions which do need to be filled.

Sharan Slater has stepped down from the Member Protection Officer position, a role she has been doing for the past three years. Sharan, thank you for the time and effort you put in to this "behind the scenes" role.

Richard Hardy, who has been the property officer for a number of years, has moved on to the Triathlon scene. Ideally, the property officer should be someone who is able to get to the Tuggeranong Pool as this is where our timing equipment is stored.

We also need a Minute Secretary ... an important role as the Minute Secretary does the Minutes for our General, Special General and Annual General Meetings.

If you need further information about what these roles entail please contact me.

The Executive has been working through and updating the Strategic Plan. The updated Strategic Plan will be tabled at a coming general meeting.

Lorraine Wuth
President

Executive and other Officers

President	Lorraine Wuth
Vice Presidents	Jenny Lee Rod Hore
Secretary	Joan Kellett
Treasurer	John Skene
Competitions Director	David Murphy
ASTC Coordinator	Jenny Dunstan

Vacant Positions ... can you help

Property Officer
Member Protection Officer
Minute Secretary
Squad Managers for the C & D Squads

Contact Lorraine Wuth (lwuth@hups.net or 62310017 or around the pool) if you are interested in putting your hand up to take on one of these roles or if you would like to find out more about what is involved with any of these roles.



Club Committees

A number of clubs have recently held their AGMs and, in some cases, this has resulted in changes to their Committees. Please remember to notify Marcel, our office manager, of the contact details of your new committees.

National Results Database

The National Results Database was introduced last year and now records swimmers times from all official meets. Unfortunately, not all times have been correctly attributed to swimmers. There are a range of reasons why results have not been matched to a swimmer and we need your help to sort these out.

Firstly, to ensure that your results have been recorded correctly for you, go to the National Results Database (there is a link on the Swimming ACT web site as well as the Swimming NSW web site ... note – this is a **national** database ... it is not a NSW one!) and enter your name (as it appears in the Registration database) and check what results are listed.

As only 5 pages of results are returned you may need to use the filter options (click on More Filter Options to see the available options) and set the Meet Date range to Apr 10 – all

Age Range: -

Event Date: -

We will concentrate on cleaning up the results for meet since the beginning of April.

If the results for a meet you competed at are not listed please contact Lorraine Wuth at lwuth@hups.net. Remember to include your name and the details of the missing meet in your email.

If the results are listed but there is no club shown next to a result (as illustrated in the next screen shot), then we have a problem with the swimmer ID or your identifying information (name and date of birth) used for

that meet. Some results may appear more than once ... as long as one version shows your club all is well.

Female	10	Burley Griffin SC Inc.	100	Individual Medl	+ 1:36.1
Female	10	Burley Griffin SC Inc.	50	Freestyle	+ 38.46
Female	10		100	Freestyle	+ 1:31.
Female	10		50	Butterfly	+ 50.65
Female	10		50	Backstroke	+ 49.67
Female	10		100	Individual Medl	+ 1:44.
Female	10		50	Freestyle	+ 41.33
Female	10	Burley Griffin SC Inc.	50	Butterfly	+ 46.94
Female	10	Burley Griffin SC Inc.	50	Freestyle	+ 38.83

Once again, send the details to Lorraine.

If the club appearing next to the results is not your current club, also let Lorraine know so that this can be corrected.

If you have any queries about the results appearing, or not appearing, in the National Database please contact Lorraine in the first instance so that this matter can be followed up.

Getting the results correctly recorded in the National Database is important. Entries for State (including Country) and National meets use the database to determine your eligibility and entry time. If a result has not been correctly associated with your swimmer ID (as recorded in the Registration database) then you may be denied a swim in that event.

Please help us by reporting any discrepancies with names or missing results as soon as possible after a problem is recognised. If you see a problem at a swim meet, get it corrected at the meet. The earlier that corrections are made the easier it is to ensure that all records are correct.

Remember, all queries to Lorraine (lwuth@hups.net) in the first instance.

Wanted – Officials

Swim meets, including club nights, require quite a few officials. Some of the roles, such as timekeeping, are fairly straightforward however it does help if you know what you are really meant to do.

Did you know that when you are timekeeping you need to look down the face of the wall, in the lane in which your swimmer is finishing, and stop your watch (or press the button) the instant any part of the swimmers body touches the wall? Any part! Ummm.

You are urged to think about learning about each of the official roles that you may be asked to take on so that you know what each role actually entails.

All Technical Officials in Australia are now being trained and assessed under the guidelines of Swimming Australia's National Officiating Program. Training and assessing is conducted through competency based modules similar to workplace competency courses.

Jenny Dunstan is our ASTC Coordinator and she will be organisation training sessions in the near future for many of the technical officials' roles.

What are the roles?

- Timekeeper
- Marshall (also known as Clerk of Course)
- Check Starter
- Finish Judge (rarely used these days)
- Inspector of Turns
- Judge of Strokes
- Recorder
- Operator of AOE
- Announcer
- Referee

SAL Learner Guides / Modules for Technical Official accreditation can be found on the SNSW web site (go to Technical Officials and then Accreditation).

If you would like further information or want to obtain one or more Technical Officials accreditations, speak to Jenny or email her at gidgea1@bigpond.com. Also, keep an eye on the Swimming ACT web site for details of upcoming training sessions.

In addition to the formal Technical Officials roles, training is also offered for Meet Manager and Team Manager – essential software used for meets and the management of results by the club race secretaries. A course for Meet Directors will be offered in the next couple of months, too. Before you get roped in to one of these roles it is handy to know what to do. Lorraine Wuth is handling these training courses so contact her (lwuth@hups.net) to put your name down in doing one of these courses.

Pools

Anyone who visits the Tuggeranong pool in the afternoon or early evening will agree that the pool is extremely heavily used. Another pool in the Tuggeranong valley which is suitable for a training squad swimmer would be of benefit. Unfortunately, at this stage, no such pool is planned.

There is no specific progress with any of foreshadowed new pools which will be suitable for squad training and this is a concern.

The plans (drawings) for the Gungahlin pool are expected to be available shortly. As there was no funding for the building of this pool in the ACT Budget it will be some time before the pool materialises.

The new pool at Brindabella Park (out near the airport) will not be supporting any squad swimming. It is expected to be a learn-to-swim and recreational water users facility.

There is no news on the replacement pool at Deakin, either.

Competition Matters

For some time now the Competitions Committee has been discussing the issue of possible changes to ACT Championships (the long course ones held during the summer season).

This issue was also discussed at the June General Meeting as the whole swimming community has an interest in any changes and it is important that all clubs are across what is proposed and the thinking behind it.

The changes being considered are the inclusion of intermediate and development level events in the Championships. This will allow all swimmers to compete in a range of events at the Championships. It is seen as both swimmer and family friendly, too, as all swimmers will be able to compete at the meet regardless of their level. There is still quite a bit of work to do to ensure that the changed format can fit into available pool slots.

Clubs have been asked to send their comments to the Competitions Director

(David Murphy) by July 7 so that the feedback from the initial discussions can be collated and worked through at the next Competitions Committee meeting.

Highlights

NSW State Open Short Course Championships

Congratulations to:

Lachlan Colquhoun	3 rd 13&U 400m Free
Hugo Morris	1 st 14-15 400m Free
Meagan Ramsay	1 st 200m IM
	1 st 400m IM
	3 rd 200m breast

Club Rankings:

Ginninderra	16
Woden	32
Tuggeranong Vikings	40
Teloopa	48
Canberra	56

2010 Squads

A and B Squad level swimmers (National and State 13+ qualifiers) enjoyed a great camp at Thedbo on the weekend of May 14-16. The camp was lead by NSWIS (and former AIS) coach Jim Fowlie. Jim was supported by local coaches Ingrid Mears, Ping Pulley and Andreas Falkenau.

It was a great weekend and the 25 participants were really put through their paces. There was also time for some fun with the swimmers enjoying the waterslide, basketball and handball and creating a swirl pool by sheer force of moving bodies in the water.

Offers have gone out to the swimmers selected for the C and D Squads. Both of these squad will be having squad sessions over the coming months as well as away trips. The C Squad will be traveling to Sydney to participate in the Metro South Western Championships in early August while the D Squad will be attending the NSW Development meet in late September.

A list of squad members will be included in the next newsletter.

Volunteers of the Month

The volunteers of the month:

April: Michelle Ramsay in recognition of her help at many, many meets.

May: Michael Doyle, for his work in organising the Presentation Night, and Lorraine Wuth for preparing the many certificates (Top 10, Top 20, summer and winter development series point scorers) for our swimmers.

Congratulations and thank you for your contribution to swimming in our area.

Some Dates for the Diary

Tuesday July 13 - Competitions Committee meeting

Saturday July 24 and Sunday July 25 – ACT Short Course Championships at the AIS.

Saturday July 24 – Swimming NSW AGM and State Forum – clubs should have received nomination forms and agendas.

Sunday July 25 – Swimming NSW technical forum.

Wednesday July 28 - Swimming ACT General Meeting – 8:00pm at the Hellenic Club Woden.

Saturday July 31 – Kippax Winter Development Series – Meet 3 – hosted by Woden

And Finally ...

Good luck to our swimmers attending Country and Nationals. Swim well.

Lorraine Wuth
President
Swimming ACT