

# Toowoomba Masters AUSSI

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM for 2004 will be held at the Glennie Swimming Pool commencing at 08:30 on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2004. All members are invited to attend. A BBQ breakfast will be supplied at the completion of proceedings.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### Annual Report – Toowoomba Tadpoles (QTW)

I wish to thank the members for the assistance they have given me over the past 12 months.

#### Members

The Club's membership remained steady at 98 this year (slightly down from 2002) and many of these members contributed to another successful year. Nev Bambrick (Registrar) kept track of our members and with Inga Savage (Catering) keeping the Sunday morning swimmers happy with breakfasts of toast and beverage together with the occasional BBQ arranged by Bill Waterhouse our BBQ king and Newsletter editor. Ashley Welke (Meet Director) organised another very successful carnival, which, this year saw numerous state records broken, Ray Smythe, was invaluable as Secretary, Ray French excelled as Treasurer, Peter McMonagle (Safety Officer) kept an eye on our welfare, while Debbie Klease (Aerobics Recorder) and Lisa Brown (Recorder) did a great job of tracking every body's swims. Ann Todd led from the front as Club Captain, keeping everyone enthused; Len Passier coordinated our coaching services and Jill Davidson (Publicity Officer) keeping the local newspapers and radio stations up to date with all the happenings. Judy Wilson (Vice President) proved to be a very able deputy and Rosalie Lutvey (Social Director) arranged some social activities, even though late on the committee.

Mention should also be made of all those who assisted in the aerobics program by timing and generally assisting the operation of our club. On behalf of all club members, I thank you all for your efforts.

#### Activities

With the assistance of a club development grant from the Qld Department of Sport and Recreation, the club hosted the AUSSI level 1M coaching course with 4 members completing the theory components and a further 22 members participating in the stroke correction component.

Club swims saw an average of 23 swimmers participating each session. Lindsay Clyde has taken over Monday night's training, with Troy Chandler coaching on Wednesday night while doing some stroke correction (for those who elected to take this option) and the supervision of our Trainees on Thursday night. Sunday morning provided another opportunity for our trainees to use the rest of us as guinea pigs. The results from this training have been manifested in 18 members becoming state and/or national record holders this year! They include: Sue Burrows, Ray Smythe,

Ann Todd, John Bourne, Dorothy Stephens, Peggy Turner Barb Lawes, Hugh Stephens, David Specker, Haydn Counsell, Stephen Gray, Ray French, Len Cook, Lionel Scotney, Peter McMonagle, Beryl Thomas, Rosalie Lutvey and Marj Chipperfield. I hope no one was missed.

It was just as pleasing, however to see some other members challenging themselves with their personal achievements – their first aerobic 400m especially in the IM or Fly. 32 members competed in the aerobics program, with many improving their times from previous years.

The Club also arranged life saving training for members, with 18 qualifying for the RLSAA Bronze Medallion. The club was later asked to put the newly acquired skills into effect by providing life saving services for the annual Queensland Cancer Fund 24 hour Swim. Not only did the club keep the pool deck safe, 11 members swam in the fundraising activity, swimming a minimum of 30 minutes each (and clocking up a few long aerobic swims).

### **Social**

Another year full of Fun, Fitness and Friendship lies ahead with the planning of our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday bash in March 2004.

### **Finance**

Ray French will present the Audited Annual Financial Statements, but he has also prepared some interesting statistics for the 2003 year:

- Average swimmers on Monday nights: 24
- Average swimmers on Wednesday nights: 20
- Average swimmers on Thursday nights: 20
- Average swimmers on Sunday mornings: 28
- Average cost per swim: \$2.74
- Average income per swim: \$2.00
- Total Distance swam: 515,200 laps or 12,880 Km.

Unfortunately, the current fee structure based on these figures is not sustainable. Since the New Year, however, attendances for the first 6 weeks have climbed to average around 33 (from 23 in 2003) which provides a sound financial position if continues for the balance of the year. Should the average attendance fall below 26 swimmers, the club may be forced to increase its swim costs to \$3.00 per swim. Good reason to maintain your 2004 enthusiasm and be in the swim.

Tony Garsden (President)

### **CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Well here we are with a whole beaut New Year ahead of us and I find that very exciting and the very first month has been just that!!

Lyn Robinson was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1/2 hour postal swim conducted by a New Zealand club, well done Lyn. Peter McMonagle broke a state record at ht Cotton tree Carnival in a 50m Breaststroke event - great stuff. He was also nominated along with Marj Chipperfield and Anne Todd for a Veterans Sportsperson of the Year in the recent sports awards for the Darling Downs. But even more exciting, Toowoomba Tadpoles - Our Club - Your Club was nominated for he Association of the Year - isn't that exciting? Aren't you glad you belong? And there is still more!! Ray Smythe our hard working secretary is now a Queensland Masters Official - so watch it everyone!!! All jokes aside he should be tremendous in the position of IT support person for

QMS, congratulations Ray. All that in the 1st month and we still have 11 more to go!! Anything could happen.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> carnival of the year was held at Cotton Tree recently. Twelve swimmers competed from Toowoomba Tadpoles; all did well and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Congratulations to Barbara Lawes who competed for the first time and was well placed with her efforts - good for you Barbara. Congratulations also to Beryl Thomas who is "back in the swim" once again after recent surgery, her results were really impressive; 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1500m breaststroke, 800m backstroke & 50m breaststroke and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m breaststroke and 100m backstroke. This resulted in a 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

The following members also performed well:

Beres Hindman	2 <sup>nd</sup> in the 100m Br.S., 100m & 200m Bk.S. and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in the 50m & 400m Bk.S.
Thelma Doyle	1 <sup>st</sup> in the 50m, 100m, 400m & 800m Fr.S.
Ray French	1 <sup>st</sup> in the 1500m Fr.S. & 100m Fly and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in the 50m Bk.S. & 100m Fr.S.
Ann Todd	1 <sup>st</sup> in the 50m Fr.S., 100m Br.S & Bk.S., 400m Br.S. and 800m Br.S.

Our relay teams also performed well with the following results:

Have you heard of the "Pink Ladies"???

1<sup>st</sup> in the Female 4 x 50 Relay (280+) B.Hindman, T.Doyle, R.Lutvey & A.Todd.

3<sup>rd</sup> in the Male 4 x 50 Relay (240+) D.Bianchi, B.Luxton, R.French & P.McMonagle.

Due to a computer fault not all results were available on the day.

By the time you read this our next carnival will have been and gone at Miami on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 15 members have nominated so it should be a good day!

The next carnival on the calendar after Miami is Hervey Bay on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March followed by Noosa on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. Then of course there is the big one; "State Titles" in Cairns. This is on over the long weekend in May, I hope you are all going, should be fantastic!! So still a lot of exciting swimming to be done, plus our exciting social events. Just like they say in the TV ad; **Lifes' Good!!**

Happy Training Cheers Ann.

## **CLOTHING**

The Tee shirts aren't far away. Latest reports are they should arrive about mid-March.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to all the Tadpoles who are celebrating their birthday in January and February from everyone at the club we hope you have an enjoyable day. As I haven't received the latest update of members I am not going to disappoint by leaving someone out so stay tuned until the next edition for a special birthday feature.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

The bus trip to the Apple and Grape Festival is coming up fast, this coming weekend in fact! The day includes morning tea provided by the club, time at the Ballandean Estates Winery and others. Then it is on to Stanthorpe in time for the Apple & Grape Parade at about 2 PM. There could also be a stop at the Berry Patch (some have advised that this is compulsory) on the way home for afternoon tea! Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. **Please contact Rosalie Lutvey to book your place.**

Next social activity is our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday bash! This is to be held at Malcolm & Dorothy Stevens place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March starting at 4 PM. Malcolm's & Dorothy's address

is "Gwingara", New England Highway, Highfields. The entrance is on the Highfields side of the Highfields Garden Centre as you are travelling into Toowoomba. The club will be supplying meat and bread. Members are asked to supply a salad or dessert. **Please RSVP Rosalie Lutvey by 7/3/03 of your intentions.**

## MEMBERSHIP

**All renewals should be in by now, if you haven't renewed yet you probably won't be reading this!!**

## SOCIAL EVENT & DATE CLAIMERS

7 <sup>th</sup> March	Toowoomba AUSSI Masters AGM	Glennie Pool
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Toowoomba AUSSI Masters 21 <sup>st</sup> B.day	The Stevens Residence
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Noosa AUSSI Challengers	Noosa Aquatic Centre
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Mackay Long Distance Championships	Mackay Mem. Swim Centre
1-3 May	Queensland State Titles	Woree Pool Cairns
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Albany Creek	Albany Ck Leisure Centre
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Samford	Samford State School
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Caboolture and District	Burpengary Pool
31st July	Twins Town Masters Swim Club	Banora Point NSW

To check on any upcoming swim events remember; **THE PURPLE BOOK** is always available on the pool deck. **THE BOOK** contains details of all State and National Swim Meets; the *what, where* and *when!* If all else fails contact a committee member for event details.

## COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

President:	Tony Garsden 4636 5076	Vice Pres:	Judy Wilson 4636 1349
Secretary:	Ray Smythe 4635 3326	Treasurer:	Ray French 4633 3556
Registrar:	Nev Bambrick 4636 1429	Club Capt:	Ann Todd 4638 0535

If any member has a change of address can you notify the club secretary ASAP as this will save us wasting postage and ensure you get your newsletter.

**SIGN THE BOOK and PAY YOUR \$2 BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL.** We operate an honour system and want to keep it that way so don't abuse the privilege! If you need an "IOU" write it in the book and write it in again when you pay.



**Beres Hindman who is QTW's agent in the Bendemere Shire was recently awarded the Sportsperson of the Year Award by the Shire, Congratulations Beres.**

**For those of you who don't know Bendemere Shire takes in the towns of Wallumbilla and Jackson.**