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Hello fellow Tadpoles,

There has been a bit of a gap since the last newsletter so there is plenty of news to catch up on.

The most recent of course is our own carnival, which took place on Saturday the 8th of September. Despite all the pre-carnival panic attacks I had worrying about things that may go wrong or what had been forgotten everything seemed to work really well.

Quite a few “events” occurred which either hadn't happened before or at least for quite a few carnivals. In no particular order these were:

- A dash for cash was part of the program and injected some real interest from everyone; particularly the winner; Brain Dengate! Well done Brian.
- Ashley Welke ventured down from the control room and competed in several events. By sheer co-incidence Ashley just happened to be in the same heat as daughter Vanessa! Certainly good for the ego!!!
- Entries were up on last year with a total of 91 swimmers including 20 Tadpoles.

Also some general observations:

- Quite a few of our newer members put their hands up and took on some very tough jobs. At the risk of offending someone by not mentioning their name I would like to single out Brian Shackelton and Paul Denning for taking on the announcer's and chief timekeeper's roles respectively. Both gentlemen did a great job.
- To all those that attended the timekeeping course on the Friday evening, thank you for taking the time to attend. I know it not only assisted us personally but also ensured our carnival ran well.
- The after swim event at the Newtown Hotel seemed to be received well by all those that attended.
- All age winners received a bottle of the best wine the Granite Belt produces so there were some happy faces at the Newtown.
- Anne Todd broke a state record (still to be confirmed) on the day; well done Anne!!

Mini Meets and Pancakes.

Our last mini-meet on Sunday the 26th of August had our best roll up of swimmers yet. We even had a first time visitor have a go.

The mini-meet calendar for the remainder of the year is as follows:

September: Wednesday evening 26th at 19:00

October: Sunday morning 28th at 08:00 (+ pancakes, yum!!!)

November: Wednesday evening 28th at 19:00

December: Sunday morning 23rd at 08:00 (Just before the Xmas Water Polo Match). I have been advised that the Mini-Meet may be in the form of a Mini- Water Polo Match!

Note the mini-meet on the 23rd of December will co-inside with our Christmas party.

I'm sure our Captain will remind you somewhere else in this newsletter but don't forget the State Short Course Titles are on in Noosa on October 20/21 so anyone wanting to attend had better get their entries in!

Until the next newsletter. The President

Big Taddie

Good to see some people in the water that we haven't seen around for some time; these include Debbie Wagner, Dick Williams and Tony Garsden.

Ray Smythe keeps threatening to come back and swim and we all live in hope!

Dick Bianchi has had some recent health problems so it is good to see him in Lane 8 or 9 again. He had to come back to keep Brian Shackelton honest!

Rosalie Lutvey has finally re-surfaced after her Asian adventures so we are not only waiting to hear the stories but looking forward to the splash in the pool. C'mon Rosalie you can't use those grandchildren as an excuse not to swim any longer!!!

Congratulations to Club Treasurer and "Chatter Channel" stalwart Vanessa Welke on her engagement to lucky Todd O'Sullivan, We are sure there will be many young Q /Masters men sorry to hear this news however you have to be quick to catch a young tadpole Well done Vanessa.

Lou Hill's o/seas travels must have been enjoyable but Lou only seems to be bemoaning the fact that his accommodation in Paris was above a Gay Bar. Well what else would you expect in "Gay Paree" you should have paid more for the privilege

Good to hear that Dick Bianchi is finally back on the mend after surgery, he must be feeling ok as he was keen to enter our carnival but time beat him, look forward to seeing you back in the pool.

Captain (Grumpy) Pete and wife Marg have grins a mile wide as Tadpole daughter Brooke Mathies and her hubby Jim presented them with granddaughter Jorja Grace, another little tadpole in the making. All are well including Capt Pete.

Max Lennon's shoulder has had a hissey fit again; it's a shame after such a long recovery from previous injury so Max has taken the time out to do some travelling and hopefully the rest will help in recovery. Good luck Max.

President Bill (a road runner in his spare time) tried to explain away the fact that daughter Jo had finished in front of Dad in the Bridge to Brisbane Fun Run, his excuse "she swapped the electronic tags, hers for mine, I actually came in before her" Yea right Bill we believe you.

Vice Captain Ann and beau Charles had a wonderful cruise by all accounts doing the touristy things, partying well onto the small hours, musical chairs! WOT musical chairs!! and Charles had all the Ladies “clawing “ for his attention “ sounds familiar story from Miami “ so much so that blood was drawn and at one in the morning. yea likely story Ann might convince some but not all.

Captains Report with Captain “Grumpy”

Well “Spring has Sprung” and its time to get back in the pool and regain that fitness lost during those cold dark days of winter, but it must be said the staff of the Glennie Aquatic Centre have been spot on with the water temperature this winter which made it enjoyable most sessions, Thanks Lindsay and staff. Numbers are on the increase at each session so “come on” and get back in the swim.

There have been a few brave soles who haven’t allowed the cold to stop their competing at carnivals, senior tadpoles Malcolm and Dorothy Stevens excelled at the Twin Towns Longcourse event and came away with wins in their respective events.

The intrepid travellers within the ranks of our members have taken the winter quiet spell to see what’s on the other side of the mountain. Welcome home Lou, Ann, Cecily, Helen and Bob its good to see you back safely and in the pool again. Where is Rosalie? Seems China has her captivated.

The Dreaded Flu has made its present felt within the clubs ranks over the last few weeks, its good to see throes who were effected back in action again and anyone still suffering we wish you a speedy recovery.

I wish to bring to the notice of all members the new State initiated Electronic Entry System for carnival entries, including local, state and national entries.

“HOW DOES IT WORK”

Step 1. Select the carnival you wish to attend, (look in the purple folder in the sign on table for the list of forthcoming carnivals.

Step 2. Select the events you wish to compete in.

Step 3. Enter those events on the supplied “Swim Meet Nomination Sheet”

Step 4. Place the Swim Meet Nomination Sheet along with the correct nomination entry fee in the supplied envelope; seal the envelope and mark on the front of same, the carnival, your name and the date of the carnival.

Step 5. Place the envelope in the cash tin on the sign on table (The entry will be cleared by the captain then electronically entered.)

PLEASE NOTE. NO LATE ENTRYS CAN BE ACCEPTED ON THIS SYSTEM and all Relay entry’s **MUST** be entered on or before close of entry date. This may cause some problems for the relay team if some one has to withdraw for whatever reason but they are the rules at present. The rule states that swimmers must swim in the order they nominate and if the event is a medley relay swimmers must nominate the stroke they will swim and no changes will be allowed.

I look forward to seeing all members back in the pool. **Captain “Grumpy” Pete**

BRONZE MEDALLION

You may notice a couple of new faces walking the deck as you swim. Club members recently completed their Bronze Medallion and CPR training. As well as the usual recruits a couple of new/old members have participated and volunteered their time. Please try and remember that these members give up their own swimming time to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable swim session.

The training required to qualify members for their Bronze Medallion was made possible by funding from the Queensland Government's Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation.

LAST SWIM FOR 2007 (& Christmas Party)

The end of the year isn't here yet but just so you can mark it on your colander! Our last swim for 2007 and Christmas Party will be on Sunday the 23rd of December and our first swim for 2008 will be on Wednesday the 2nd of January.

NEW TADPOLES

Welcome (& welcome back in a couple of cases) to the following new members:

Lauren Essam

Justin Maddock

Colleen Parravicini

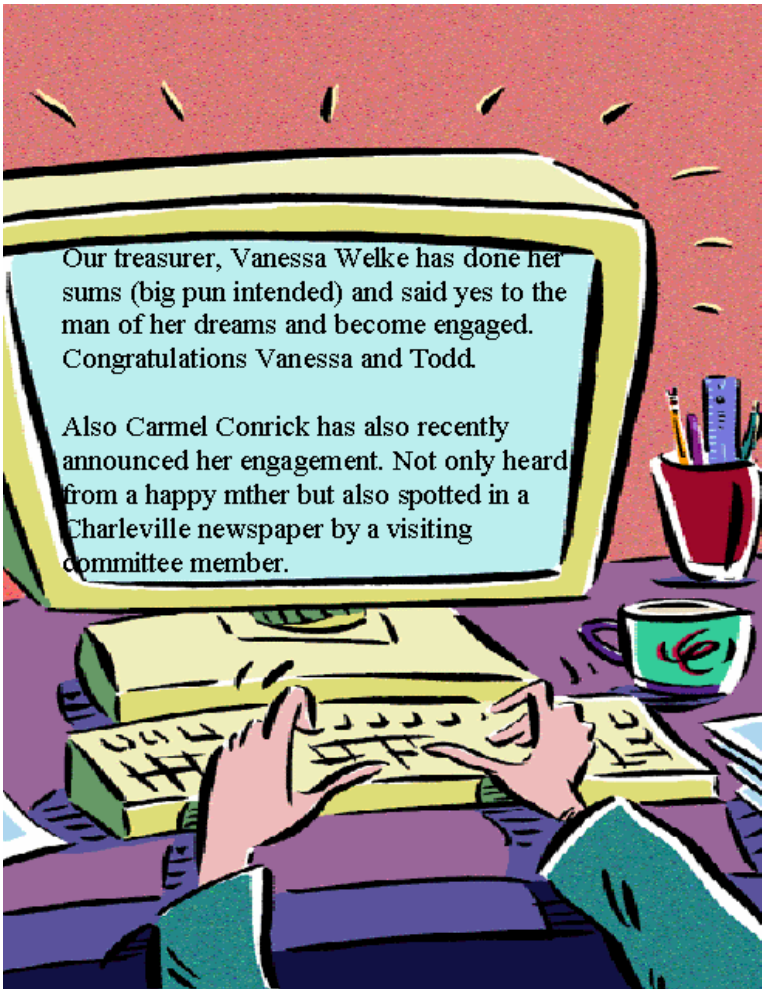
Dick Williams

Taryn Worthey

COACHING DIRECTOR

A small but hardy lot took advantage of a Breastroke Coaching Clinic to gain some finer points in breastroke from Coach Troy Chandler on Sunday 4th. The next Clinic will be held on Wednesday night the 12th September with Coach Lindsay Clyde on Butterfly, all are encouraged to attend as its not often you get a chance to work with a Coach of Lindsay's experience.

STOP PRESS: The next clinic will concentrate of starts and turns. Watch the notice board for more details and a date.



FEES for 2008

**The committee recently approved the following fee structure for 2008.
Fees are due BY the 31st of December 2007**

4 months registration 1/9/2007 > 31/12/2007

Standard Fee	\$35
Health Care Card Holder	\$35

16 months registration 1/9/2007 > 31/12/2008

Standard Fee	\$90
Health Care Card Holder	\$75

12 months registration 1/1/2008 > 31/12/2008

Standard Fee	\$75
Health Care Card Holder	\$67.50
Life Member	\$60
Life Member (HCCH)	\$58

AEROBICS

Swim times will be as follows:

Monday:	18:30 > 19:30	Wednesday	18:30 > 19:30
Thursday:	18:30 > 19:30	Sunday:	07:30 > 08:30

Aerobic sessions will now conducted during the Wednesday and Thursday night sessions

CYBERSPACE (& ALL THAT COMPUTER STUFF!!)

If you are “surfing” the web remember to log on to our own Tadpole's site (<http://members.optusnet.com.au/~smythe/tadpoles/>) or the Queensland Masters website (www.aussimastersqld.com.au). Both have plenty of good information and links to other associated organizations that can provide plenty of news and information. I have just been looking at the state web site. There is a link where you can search any country in the world for a pool. For those of use that do a lot of travel a very good site!

If you prefer to save a tree and have your newsletter sent to you electronically send an e-mail to our secretary (address on the top of the front page) and we will ensure it is delivered in the correct format.

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.

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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 \$3 BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL. We operate an honor 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.