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President's Report

Hi Fellow Tadpoles,

Christmas is fast approaching (and so are my in-laws!) and as highlighted in our last newsletter so is our Christmas Party and last swim for 2007.

This will all occur on Sunday the 23rd of December. I have been told in no uncertain manner that a mini-meet will definitely NOT be occurring on that day. The best I can hope for is a mini water-polo meet or a mini chatter meet in the case of the treasurer!

Some changes for the swims as advised in the previous newsletter.
The last swim for 2007 will be on Sunday the 23rd of December and the first swim for 2008 will be on Sunday the 6th of January.

Our secretary; Stephen Gray has been doing some great work in con-junction with staff at the Glennie Aquatic Centre to organize adult learn to swim classes. The cost of these is only \$30 and is subsidized by the Queensland Government's Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation. So if you know anyone that can't swim let them know of this great opportunity.

Stephen along with Louie Hill has also re-activated our web site, which can be found at:
<http://members.westnet.com.au/gray3/ToowoombaTadpoles>
This has links to all the usual sites and also contains our previous newsletters.

Almost forgot to mention Len the bikie, "Easyrider" it isn't! But hey when you reach middle age you have to live the dream.

Until 2008 I hope you all have a wonderful festive season and enjoy the company of your family and friends.

Bill Waterhouse

Review of the Club's Constitution

The committee is in the process of re-viewing our club's constitution and I intend to have any amendments or changes ready for our AGM in early 2008. If any member has an issue they would like addressed in this area please contact the president.

Captains Report

Well its that time again, seems the last time the report was due was only last week but I guess were all so busy with life that time flies.

Good news from the State Short Course meeting at Noosa where our representative swimmers certainly upheld the Tadpoles good name as tough competitors with 21 Gold, 13 Silver and 8 Bronze medals from only 8 swimmers, that's a fantastic result. Well done everyone.

Attendances at training sessions have certainly increased over the last month with some lanes almost at maximum numbers which is great to see .To members who have been meaning to get back in the water now is the time "COMEEOON".

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the coaches who give up their "in pool" time to assist others with their fitness. Thank you everyone.

By now most members will have seen the fliers Secretary Steve Gray has now circulated re the Adult Learn To Swim Classes to be held at the Glennie Aquatic Centre from 17-21 December 2007, 7-11 January 2008, 14-18 January 2008. This is an initiative of our club Toowoomba Aussie Masters Swimming Club in conjunction with the Glennie Aquatic Centre. Aquatic Centre Coaching staff will be coaching and the classes financed by the Queensland Department of Local Government Sport and Recreation. If you know of any adult who would benefit from these classes please encourage them to sign up as soon as possible, only \$30 for 15 classes and a FREE pair of goggles for each participant. (Please remember it is learning to swim not stroke correction). It may save a life or it may only make them more water safe but it will lead to a more active lifestyle and you never know they may go on and become members of our club therefore boosting our membership. To reserve a place contact Shirley on 46888845.

LAST SWIM FOR 2007 (& Christmas Party)

The end of the year isn't here yet but just so you can mark it on your calendar! 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 **Sunday the 6th of January**. The previous newsletter stated a return date of Wednesday the 2nd of January; this has been changed to Sunday the 6th.

Coaching Director

The forth in the series of coaching classes will be held on Wednesday 5th December at 6.30 pm. This class will focus on Starts, Turns and Finishes. Coaches will tell you these are very important phases in an event which many swimmers don't put enough emphasis on so I encourage all swimmers to come along and gain the experience of Glennie Coach Troy Chandler in these skills.

Taddies Tales.

For those who haven't twigged yet we haven't got a 6ft 4ins Hells Angel as a member its just "Big Ugly" aka Lennie Passier from group one on his magnificent motor cycle who chugs to the back door (some say he's going through second childhood) I say half his luck.

Must have been a quiet time at Noosa Short Course as there haven't been too many whispers getting around about who played up but no doubt Ann and Cecily upheld the tradition.

I am trying to get members to give a few lines of what they have been doing whether at home or on holidays to start us of we have the Bambrick family.

I nearly had a heart attack in America. [By Nev. Bambrick]

After a day in Japan Susan and I flew to Seattle on the U S West Coast. The second day there we took a cab to the train station about eleven am checked our luggage into the baggage room; our east bound train was due to depart at 4:45pm. So the staff said come back at 4pm. With some hours to kill we took a ferry ride across the harbour to Bainbridge Island and caught a cab into the pretty town. The cab driver gave us his phone number to call when we were ready to return to the ferry wharf. We were going to catch a ferry due to depart the island at 2:50pm to arrive back in Seattle at 3:25pm. The phone call was made, No cab arrived and we were getting desperate, so I asked a lady to drive us to the wharf, which she did, but we were late, the ferry was pulling away. I just about died on the spot. Enter the good old mobile phone, Susan called the railroad station and told them our predicament and said we would be on the next ferry due into the city at 4:45, they said "that's okay you will have plenty of time". When we docked in Seattle, I was the first one off, ran through the terminal onto the street, hailed a cab, Sue caught up to us, we told the driver there was an extra tip if we get to the station on time. He got his tip and we boarded the train five minutes before departure time. Had a similar experience in Buffalo, maybe more about that later. [We will look forward to it Nev.]

I suppose it comes to your scribe to say a few lines. As you all know Bob & I went home to Edinburgh for my mums 80th birthday I don't have to say we had a great time, not so good weather but that didn't matter when with family. The other part of the trip that stands out for us was being present at the opening of the Scottish Parliament by the Queen, [which took a long time to come to pass] the Queen present with Prince Phillip received the new Scottish parliament. The thing that really stuck in my mind was that the

Queen had her own Royal Company Archers including the bows and arrows. And dressed in exceptional regalia.

Which was a sight to see [which isn't often done] and people and tourist alike lined the Royal Mile to be part of history in the making .The other highlight was being at the Sunday morning church service in our own, church which is situated in the Royal Mile to have the Queen and her entourage there and being able to have contact with her, it was a lovely relaxed atmosphere.

We wish you all the very best of health and happiness in the New Year.

A few lines from Bob Edwards.

Joining my old surf club at Nobby's Beach in 2006 set the scene for a most eventful 2007.

Perhaps it was meant to happen as I really enjoyed competing in the National Surf Titles in Perth. Old friendships were renewed and an attempt to recapture youth was achieved for just a few moments. The Queensland Surf Titles earned me a bronze medal in the tube rescue and that in itself was a complete surprise.

The Masters Queensland Titles at Noosa in October turned out to be very successful for all members who competed.

It makes for a busy time!! Attempting to train and compete combined with work, family and lively grandchildren and two more to arrive next year I have no time to be either bored or tired. I am happy that two weeks R & R at the coast will recharge the batteries for next year.

I hope all members of the club have a happy and safe Christmas.

I wish for a positive New Year for all and that we keep our old members and that we will welcome new ones.

Maybe the next newsletter will have an extract from Lou and Rosalie's trip!

QTW CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As with Christmas, the time to renew our membership is also fast approaching.

The majority of your membership fee goes towards the running of the National and State Branches. This covers insurance and the running of the organization. The Toowoomba Tadpoles only retains \$15 of your membership fees.

With this in mind can you please ensure that you have your membership fees sent to the club no later than Friday the 21st of December. This will allow time for your membership to be processed before the end of the calendar year and ensure you are a financial member at the start of 2007. If you are not financial as at the 1st of January you are NOT eligible to participate in any AUSSI activities (carnivals).

SWIM TIMES

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

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

CYBERSPACE (& ALL THAT COMPUTER STUFF!!)

If you are “surfing” the web remember to log on to our own Tadpole's site (<http://members.westnet.com.au/gray3/ToowoombaTadpoles>) 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 e-mail to our secretary (address on the top of the front page) and we will ensure it is delivered in the correct format.

SOCIAL EVENTS & DATE CLAIMERS

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

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Treas. Vanessa Welke	Club Capt: Peter McMonagle

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.