

Sunbury Amateur Swimming Club 2010 Annual General Meeting President's Report

The 2009 /10 swimming season, like all others was a busy one.

Despite a number of new families joining our club membership has declined in during the 2009/10 season with a number of older swimmers leaving to pursue other interests. We continue to see less emphasis on competition swimming as more members participate to develop their swimming skills or for recreation and the health benefits of regular physical activity. Smaller squad sizes have required the committee to restructure some training sessions. We thank all those members who support Club Nights that remain a regular Sunday night feature on our calendar.

Our Club Carnival returned on Sunday the 28th of March 2010. While entries were lower than for past carnivals we received in excess of 100 entries. Throughout the day it was great to see club families working together to make the day a success. Feedback about the event was positive with good support from nearby clubs. Thank you to all who assisted on the day. A huge thank you also to the Swimming Victoria officials who gave their time to support this event.

Winter Inter Club was once again the highlight of the year for many of our swimmers. The weekly bus trips in to MSAC once again proved a great hit. Inter Club provided our Club Captains Jacqui Simms and Nathan Harris with the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills. Well done to all who participated!

I would like to acknowledge the work of our coaches – Bernadine Hetherington, Glenys Achter, Jarrod Hetherington and Jacqui Sims for their work on pool deck throughout the year. As the faces of our club they play an important role in helping the club grow into the future.

The committee would also like to acknowledge the work of the Simms and Smith families in raising money for a swimmers fund to support attendance at an international meet. While the planned trip will not go ahead at this stage the funds raised provide a fantastic start for future club activities to be identified by the families in consultation with the committee.

A huge thanks goes to all members of our committee who have devoted time to the everyday running of the club. Special thanks goes to our 'Sausage Sizzle Queen' Glenys and her band of regular volunteers who have given so much time to raise valuable funds throughout the year.

The purchase of a new laptop and 'Meet Manager' software sets the club up to track the times of swimmers and will be of great benefit in the organisation of events such as club nights.

It has been a pleasure to work with a committee made up of great people who are so committed to providing a club structure for all of our children. I am sure their work has been greatly appreciated by all. Special thanks to Kim Harris who has been a committee stalwart for many years. Her support and knowledge of club organisation have been crucial to the continued success of the club.

Finally I would like to extend my thanks to all associated with the club over the past 10 years. Your work has provided our girls (and many others) with the opportunity to develop not only their swimming skills, but a passion for a sport that will continue to be an important part of their lives for many years to come. That is why we are all here tonight in support of this club - to ensure that those opportunities continue to be available not only to our own children, but all future swimmers of Sunbury.

Regards
Glenn McConnell
President