



## Newsletter # 7, November 2011.

Hi everyone,

As the Squad swim year is drawing to a close I thought I should remind you of the coming events and review some of the recent ones.

### **Annual General Meeting**

We had the AGM on Sunday November 13 at the office of Hotondo Homes in Ocean Grove. We had 20 members attend and the following is a list of the Committee that was elected for the coming year.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Elected Office Bearer</b>
President	Kerry Worsley
Vice President	Margie Heffernan
Treasurer	Rex Deearth
Secretary	Chris Jones
Membership	Anthony Jones
Social Secretary	Geoff Ridgeway
Club Captain	Mike Nicol
Race Director	Margie Heffernan
Coach	Sue Gook
Committee Member/ Sponsorship	Adrienne Bowd

The main business of the AGM is to elect the new Committee and hear reports in the progress of the Club during the past year. From my perspective I believe we had a successful year with significant events occurring regularly throughout the year as follows:

- The Queenscliff Blue Water Challenge in January with over 500 entries.
- Broken Flipper handicap event at Point Lonsdale in March.
- Noosa Ocean Swim in May.
- Pizza Night at Ocean Grove Pizza Restaurant in June.
- Short Course Championships at Albert Park in August.
- Hoppers Crossing Long Course Inter Club meet in September.
- MS Megaswim in November.
- Squad training throughout the year at Ocean Grove and Geelong.
- Ocean Swimming in summer months at Point Lonsdale.

## **Finance Report**

Rex presented the Financial Report to the AGM and advised that we made a small loss of \$339.76 for the year ended June 30, 2011, however the club remains financially strong with reserves of \$28,638.49 as at that date. The financial statements will be emailed to members in the coming weeks.

Discussion centred around the increased cost of the Blue Water Challenge and our need to continue to build sponsorship.

## **Membership**

Anthony advised that most swimmers are now financial, and that our numbers remain relatively stable at around 50. After discussion a motion was carried that the Club should charge a nominal membership fee of \$10 per annum, which will be added to the Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) affiliation fee when members re-affiliate.

## **Dates to remember**

### Squad training:

- Ocean Grove – Last session for the year is on Tuesday December 6.
- Ocean Grove – Recommences Tuesday February 21, 2012.
- Geelong – Last session for the year is at Kardinia on Sunday December 4.
- Geelong – Recommences at Kardinia on Sunday February 19, 2012.

### Christmas Breakup BBQ:

A family BBQ breakup will be held at Point Lonsdale after the Ocean Swim training session on Sunday December 11. BYO. For those who are not familiar with the location, there is a couple of BBQs between the Bowling Club and the toilet block area on the foreshore, opposite the shops. We will get started around 11.00am. Please come along and bring your family. It is a great way to meet other members fully clothed.

### Queenscliff Blue Water Challenge:

This is the Club's main event for the year which provides the finance for many of the activities we conduct throughout the year. For those who have not been involved before I invite you to come along and help with the event. We had over 500 swimmers last year, and it is a major event to organise, so we need as many helpers as we can get. Many of the members have been involved in the event for many years and it runs very smoothly. It is very well organised, and you will receive plenty of assistance and direction as required. It is also a very social event where you will have the opportunity to get to know other members better.

## **MS Megaswim**

As you all are aware the club was involved in the MS Megaswim held at the Ocean Grove pool last weekend. The event ran from Saturday lunchtime until Sunday lunchtime and we had two teams swimming for the whole time. We had so many members participate that we were able

to split into two teams which had the effect of splitting our contribution between the two teams, but even so our teams came in fourth and fifth in terms of funds raised.

I believe it was a very successful event in so many ways. It allowed relaxed conversation so that members could get to know each other in a way that is not possible during squad training. It also allowed members who swim at Ocean Grove on Tuesday evening to get to know members who swim at Geelong, and vice versa.

We had 38 swimmers participate, out of 49 members. That is a phenomenal achievement. Only 3 swimmers were not members of the club (two being Julie's children), and we filled all time slots throughout the 24 hours. It shows how generous members were with their time as well as financially, for such a good cause.

Everyone I spoke to thoroughly enjoyed participating in what was a great fun event.

Results:

- According to the MS website team 1 raised \$2,950, and team 2 raised \$2,226 which was the fourth and fifth largest amount for the event, with the highest amount being raised by Team Rotary with \$4,504. So if we hadn't split the teams we would have raised the most (\$5,176). I think we should be proud of what we did achieve for such a worthy cause. These figures are as at Wednesday evening and there is still some funds to come in as the totals don't close off for a couple of weeks yet, but they shouldn't change much.
- Team 1 swam 68.7 Kms and team 2 swam 65.3 Kms during the 24 hours. This represents an average of 3.82 Kms and 3.63 Kms per swimmer.
- The Club won a prize for having both the oldest and youngest swimmers in the event, namely Ted Dunell and Ted Murphy respectively.
- MS Australia records the number of points each team achieves with the following formula – Funds raised divided by 10 added to the distance covered in Kms multiplied by 2. Based on this formula the final results for the event in order of points scored were Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club, Team Rotary, Six Degrees, Boroughcotas Team 1, Boroughcotas Team 2, BASC, and Let's Get Moist for MS.
- **The most important result was that the event in total exceeded the target of \$15,000 by raising \$17,111 for people living with MS, with the Boroughcotas collectively being the major fund raiser. Congratulations to everyone concerned.**

### Queenscliff Blue Water Challenge

I have already mentioned the Queenscliff swim in January, but apart from needing helpers, we are always looking for more sponsorship avenues as the costs associated with the event keep increasing. So if anyone has any contacts in the commercial world, and thinks there might be opportunities to gain sponsors for the event, the Committee would love to hear of them.

One of the suggestions canvassed has been the possibility of purchasing some marquees to replace the ones we hire each year. The cost of hiring them is around \$1,500 each year. However, if we proceed with that we would have the problem of storing them between events. Does anyone have the facility to store a couple of marquees between events? Please let me know if you do.

### **A Note for your Diary**

Please keep a note of Tuesday January 24, 2012. We will be holding our "tee shirt preparation" evening commencing at around 6.30pm when willing helpers get together and fold up the tee shirts in preparation for the Queenscliff Swim four days later.

### **Noosa Heads Ocean Swim**

Feel like a holiday in Queensland? In May this year the Club had 17 swimmers in the Noosa Heads Winter Festival Ocean Swim and no doubt there will be similar numbers next year. The swim is being held earlier in May next year (May 5&6) so start planning your holidays now. Talk to Geoff Ridgeway or Rex Deeth if you want more information about the Club members' participation, and if you want more general info go to the following link.

[http://www.usmevents.com.au/Triathlon\\_Multi\\_Sport/Noosa\\_Winter\\_Festival.htm](http://www.usmevents.com.au/Triathlon_Multi_Sport/Noosa_Winter_Festival.htm)

I attended for the first time this year, and I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed the event and the few days before and after. For the dedicated ocean swimmers Rex points out that the Kings of the Coast Ocean Swims are being held on the weekend before at Caloundra, and more details of this event can be obtained at the following link.

<http://www.weekendwarriorevents.com.au/our-events/kings-of-the-coast.html>

### **Ocean Swimming**

Ocean swim training is already happening on Friday afternoons at 5.30pm and Sunday morning at 9.30am, and that will continue over the holiday period in preparation for the ocean swim events throughout January. Everyone is invited to participate and keep fit while pool swimming is in recess.

Finally, I apologise for the length of the newsletter this time, but there has been a lot happening in the Club recently.

Happy swimming,

Kerry Worsley.