



From the President



Welcome to October Jaws. The ongoing Spring Interclub competition, along with the recent Metro North Championships and the Victorian Open Water Championships have been keeping most of our swimmers busy this month as we get closer to our intensive summer season. I trust that all swimmers, parents and families are managing to keep up with the training and competition program, and are supporting each other as usual.

It is appropriate at this point to formally thank Tekla McCarthy for her time with us as one of our swimming coaches. I know from personal observation and from conversations with other

Yarra Plenty people that Tekla is very highly regarded for the enthusiasm, knowledge and commitment she applies on pool deck, and on your behalf I would like to wish her well for the future. She has been and will continue to be missed by her swimmers and colleagues, and we very much hope that we can see her around the place in times to come.

Many of you will have seen that the initial work has started on the new building at the pool, and we hope that construction will move along smoothly. However in our current climatic circumstances we won't complain too much if we lose a few days progress due to inclement weather!

The last meeting of the general committee decided to trial a different format for our meetings with a five person "board of management" to receive monthly reports from a number of different subgroups such as the competition committee. These groups have been allocated responsibilities that we think will ensure a smoother operation for the club, and less time spent in relatively long executive meetings. We will review this structure early next year, but are hopeful that its advantages will outweigh any problems, be they anticipated or as yet unforeseen.

Yours in swimming,
Don Abbott

JAWS AWARD

Krzysztof Klimkiewicz for his bronze medal at State SC whilst undertaking Year 12

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JAWS Newsletter October 2007





Well it's been two months since my last report and a few things have happened you should be aware that the new clubrooms/gym are underway as this period around the pool is very busy both for the swim school and us with training and comps a little understanding needs to be employed by all to help things run smoothly.

Sadly Tekla will not be returning to coach the State Development and District Squads I wish her the very best for the future in anything she does.

It is also now the start of long course racing and from the 5th of November the National and State squads will have three sessions a week at the Greensborough Pool (info on the web or notice board) which make it essential that you check the board and read your email to know what's coming up and happening around the place. There have been many comps since the break with some amazing results, I'm not going to list them all the results are on our web site, seriously check them out!!

With States only about 9 weeks away qualifying is a major focus for those wanting to compete, make sure you ask me which meets to enter and what events so I can see where your interest is and focus at heading towards States. Training has been a lot tougher and I am proud to say that you all have raised the bar another level keep it up!

Over the next few weeks we will start to see our year 12 swimmers returning to training, until then I wish them all great success through this very stressful and busy exam period.

Some of my highlights:

I have way to many to name but there are three stand out swimmers I wish to acknowledge: they are Michal for qualifying for the National 10km and he will represent Yarra Plenty at the Australian Open Water Nationals, Sydney in December, and both Rhiannon and Daniel K for one hell of a busy weekend of swimming Friday night Interclub, Saturday Hazelwood 5km Rhi/3kmDan then back up Sunday for Metro North Meet phew I'm tired writing about it!! To everyone who swam over this past weekend you all did a great job!!

Ohh I want to also give a mention to Jaclyn who swam 10 events at the Metro North Champs, we all just keep getting better!!!

Remember if you have a question or are not sure about something just ask one of the coaches or committee members we are there for you!

Well until next month see you at the pool...

Danny G.

**The first step to getting the things you want out of
life is this: Decide what you want.**

Ben Stein

Uniform For all your uniform requirements contact Lorraine Benson on 9467 1174, 9434 4516 or 0403 123696 and leave a message.

HAZELWOOD AND STATE OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 20th of October, another trip was made down to the Hazelwood pondage for the Annual Hazelwood Open Water Swim, and the state titles of the 5 and 10 kilometre events.

This year Yarra Plenty had a small but young group of swimmers turn out with only 2 competitors over the age of 16.

The 7 competitors that went were Michal Skrodzki 21 (who's birthday was on the Friday before), doing the 10 kilometre event, Ashleigh Tunchon, James Tunchon, Jordan Chivers, Rhiannon Tilley, Nicole Blythe who swam the 5 kilometre event, and Daniel Kakonyi who swam the 3 kilometre event.

It was a nice sunny day with a bit of a swell on the water which made swimming in one direction quite difficult. We all sang Happy Birthday to Michal and a great day was had by all.

5km Results

Rhiannon Tilley, 1:27:35.00

Nicole Blythe, 1:34:18.86

Ashleigh Tunchon, 1:23:51.30

Jordan Chivers, 1:24:45.10

James Tunchon, 1:27:53.67

10km Results

Michal Skrodzki, 2:17:13.63 8th

Australian Open Water Qualifying Time

3km Results

Daniel Kakonyi, 1:02:40.65.

Fiona Tunchon



7-10 METRO NORTH ENCOURAGEMENT MEET

On the night of 13th October the 7-10 Metro North selection trials were held at Richmond pool. Yarra Plenty had 9 very keen and enthusiastic swimmers representing us and they all put on a fine show despite having to endure a cold pool, an even colder viewing area and a very difficult to hear starters gun. Nilusha, Courtney, Ashlee, Emily, Kane, Rachel, Tahlia, Alexander and Jessica all swam well. Everyone swam at least one p.b. but most importantly enjoyed the occasion. Our one and only relay team was sensational and swam brilliantly to take out first place.

Support from the stands was loud and strong.

Well done to those who participated and to those who qualified to the next meet (North vs. East) on 28th October at Ringwood Aquatic Centre, and the Metro 7-10 Encouragement Finals at MSAC on November 18th.

Nilusha (Fly, Back, Breast and Free)
Courtney (Fly, Back and Free)
Rachel (Breast)
Emily (Back, Breast and Free)
Alexander (Fly, Back, Breast and Free)
Jessica (Fly, Back, Breast and Free)

Katrina Adams



**IN BRIEF**

- * The Open Water calendar for this season is to be found on the Cousins Travel website: www.cousinstt.com/swim These events are a lot of fun for all ages. Entry forms can be accessed from the links on this calendar once you register. If you have any questions about open water swimming see your coach.
- * Our Christmas break-up this year will be held at Sugarloaf Dam on December 15. Could members please put this date in their diaries. More details later.
- * Copies of the CD from Presentation Night are available for sale at a cost of \$3.00. See Gail Blythe if you are interested.
- * The extension to the facility that commenced on October 22nd, will impact most areas inside and outside the pool hall. A storage shed for the tradesmen has been erected next to the pool filters at the back of the facility. The area has been fenced off and a gate put through to the back of the Swim Centre. For health and safety reasons we need to keep the area between the Club room and the pool hall clear at all times. This means that swim bags cannot be left at the pool. If you are going straight from training to school please do not bring your bag, there is equipment here that can be used if needed.
- * We will be holding a CPR update in the near future as there are a number of Club people who need to update their qualifications. Members will be notified when the date is confirmed.
- * Spring Interclub: We have 5 Yarra Plenty teams currently doing battle at MSAC on Friday nights. They have competed on 2 nights out of 5. To follow the fortunes of the Yarra Plenty *Marlins, Barracudas, Mantarays, Sharks and Phantoms* visit the Swimming Victoria website.
- * The Metro North Open and Age Championships were held on Sunday Oct 21. Twenty-four Yarra Plenty swimmers competed. Forty times showed improvement on entry times and seven swimmers accounted for twenty-four medals. Complete results can be viewed on the Yarra Plenty website.
- * If you receive the Diamond Valley Leader remember to keep a look-out for news of our club. The article on our pool upgrade appeared in the September 23 edition.

RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE YARRA PLENTY FACILITY

These are indeed exciting times for Yarra Plenty Swimming Club. We have received many plaudits for the way we have managed the facility and served the community over the years and as you will all know by now the funding to further renovate and expand what we can offer. We need to recognise the efforts of many members and staff over the years and most particularly the last couple of committees that have been involved in negotiations for this big step. Two individuals need to be acknowledged in particular. They are our Manager, Helen Webb, who has been indefatigable in this and in everything she does for the centre and Don Abbott, who has been the President throughout this time and persistent and patient in his desire for this project to go ahead.

Many of you will have seen the recent article in the Diamond Valley Leader which gives a brief view for the public of our achievements and of the work that is going ahead.

The following detail has been provided by Helen for Jaws for the interest of members.

Below is a summary of the Council Report accompanying the Club's submission to Council and the resolutions to the proposals. If you would like to read the full reports they can be found on the Banyule City Council website.

This much needed, long awaited and much talked about extension to the Yarra Plenty Indoor Pool finally commenced on 22 October 2007. The coming months will no doubt cause some inconvenience to pool users but we ask for your patience during this time. It will be well worth it in the end.

All programs will continue to operate as usual.

Banyule City Council Meeting September 17, 2007

Yarra Plenty Swimming Club/Yarra Swim School

PROPOSAL

To consider the proposal by the Yarra Plenty Swimming Club for Council to act as bank guarantor for \$220,000.00 over a six year period, towards the renovation and expansion of the aquatic site located at Liat Way, Greensborough.

BACKGROUND

Yarra Plenty Swimming Club acquired use of the 'Herb Norman Pool' in late 1984. Yarra Swim School, the business arm of the Club, began operating from these premises in February 1985. The hours of operation were initially outside school hours only, as the pool formed part of the Watsonia High School facilities. When the school closed at the end of 1992, the hours of operation were extended to include all school hours.

The pool was originally built as an unheated outdoor pool. It was co-funded by the State Government, School fund raising efforts over many years, and the Shire of Diamond Valley, with the view to shared usage by the Community and School. The covering of the pool was completed in 1981.

When Yarra Plenty Indoor Pool acquired the pool it was evident that the well documented poor maintenance of the pool had taken its toll. This, together with a filtration system that did not cope with the bather load caused numerous ongoing problems. As responsibility for maintenance and improvements to the facility lay with the school, Yarra Swim School worked through issues that would impact client health and comfort.

When the school closed in 1992, the pool was set for demolition to make way for a new housing development. The massive public outcry and letters of support encouraged Council to take over ownership of this facility.

At the commencement of 1997, without a signed lease, the Club undertook major renovations, including a complete upgrade of the plant equipment, the inclusion of a wet deck, the addition of the air handling system, re-tiling and painting of the pool tank, painting of the facility, and other minor upgrades. These improvements were undertaken at a cost to the Club of \$250,000.00. Council went guarantor for the required loan, all due monies were paid and paid on time.

The pool reopened in April 1997 with improved water quality and pool environment. These improvements however only highlighted the poor areas that still existed. By the end of 1997 the Swim School prioritising of improvements to the facility began. All improvements to the facility have been done with a long-term focus.

The improvements undertaken over the past ten years, with no financial backing from Banyule City Council include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1997 major refurbishment as outlined above

- Replacement of the pool water heaters

- Refurbishment of the front Office including the addition of a computer and other necessary electronic equipment

- Addition of a portable classroom to be used as office space and a Club communal area

- Both change rooms completely upgraded

- Chlorine tank and chemical bund replaced

- Refurbishment of the First Aid room

- Lifeguard station installed along with storage area poolside

- The pool was repainted and repairs were made to the pool tank in January 2003

- The inclusion of an automated chemical feeding system

- The replacement of the side tilt doors

CURRENT RENOVATION PROGRAM

The Yarra Plenty Swimming Club has been working with Council in the planning of this project since early 2006. The extension and renovation of the facility includes the provision of a multi-purpose room, an outdoor decking area, kiosk, additional store and change areas, and office space. The works have been designed by an architect recommended by Council, Vito Casissi. All architects fees and consultancy fees associated with the proposed extension have been paid for by the Swim School.

Plans have been approved by Council as owners, and public land manager approvals for the works to proceed have been obtained. Specifications and tender documents have been developed, approved and advertised. Tender interviews have been held and the Yarra Plenty Swimming Club is now ready to appoint the successful contractor, to commence the works.

The tender price for the works is \$602,600.00. The Yarra Plenty Swimming Club needs to borrow \$220,000.00 for the works as they can cover the rest of the works with cash in their term deposits and trading accounts. Repayments on a loan of this size over 6 years are approximately \$50,000.00 per annum. As Council is the owner and public land manager, the Yarra Plenty Swimming Club needs Council to act as guarantor for this amount to be borrowed from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Council have been provided with both a pessimistic and an optimistic financial forecast up until 2014. Both predictions demonstrate the capacity of the Swim School to remain financially viable even with the addition of the new Greensborough complex. We are now in the position where this extension could be undertaken with minimal ongoing debt.

As a community-minded organisation the intention when planning this project has been to ensure the Swimming Club does not become a liability to Banyule City Council. The Club's financial growth, security and the fact that they have not requested financial assistance from Council in the past is testament to that. The Management Committee of the Yarra Plenty Swimming Club voted on, and passed a motion at the May meeting to pay any surplus above the reserved amount off the loan.

CURRENT LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

The current lease with the Yarra Plenty Swimming Club expires in March 2008; this lease provides an option for a further term of 5 years expiring March 2013, hence the guarantor period for 6 years. After this time all matters in relation to the lease will need to be reviewed and a determination made as to whether public submissions need to be sought by way of tender. The Club is aware that Council needs to review the status of lease requirements beyond March 2013. With the inclusion of the proposed extension, Yarra Plenty Swimming Club will have invested over \$1,000,000.00 into this facility. This has been done with no financial support ever requested from Council, adding an asset to the local community and considerable value to a Council owned property.

The focus of the business has always been to provide quality lessons at an affordable price. The Club is very much community-minded and have supported, by providing free swimming lessons, many of the less advantaged children within this community. The Club also provide swimming lessons at a significantly reduced cost to children with a disability. Approximately 90% on our clientele live within the Banyule City Council area.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Yarra Plenty Swimming Club and the Commonwealth Bank be notified that Council will act as bank guarantor for a loan of \$220,000.00 for site renovations with a schedule of repayments with a completion date of March 2013.

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MEETING RESOLUTION

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3. Officers undertake, as soon as practicable, a review of options regarding lease requirements from March 2013.

That Yarra Plenty Swimming Club be congratulated on their outstanding management of the swim centre over many years and the financial investment in developing this facility as a quality community asset.

On the 6 of October at 7:30pm we went to Greensborough bowling alley.

We got into our age groups. We were in groups of six. In my group there was Courtney, Tahlia, Alex, Callan, and Luke. Alex went first then Courtney then I went Tahlia went after me after Tahlia it was Callan and then Luke.

When we saw the board instead of saying Callan it said Calvi so when ever I said something to him I said Calvi.

The first game was won by.... ME and lost by Courtney.

The first game was over so we had to start the second game I got a SPARE and a.....STRIKE

So did Courtney and Alex. I think Luke Tahlia and Calvi / Callan did too.

The second game was won byCalvi/Callan.

And I'm not sure who lost. BUT.....WE ALL HAD FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ashlee Blythe

Well Bec, Nicole, Jodie, Naomi and Holly could say that bowling was a lot of fun, but I don't know about Gail being beaten by a bunch of 13 and 14 year olds.

The first game came and went as we had a winner and a loser. Unfortunately Naomie lost, by you could say "a lot" and drum roll please Holly won (wow Gail was so disappointed) but Holly only lost by a point and Bec was directly behind her.

Our second game started with a blast, you might even say it was funnier. We made Gail lose by taking her shots and secondly Jordy and Lachlan taking our shots after their disappointing loss to Jordan. The final result was Nicole winning and Bec losing.

We all had such an awesome time, winning or losing we still had fun.

Holly Howard

In bowling lane 10, there was Jane, Raelene, Jason, John, Mark and Grant. So this was the "senior" lane for the evening and the standard was very high and the games were hotly contested. Mark won the first game, and Jason the second. John, Jane and Raelene were also very competitive, producing numerous strikes and spares. Despite the great skills displayed, it did seem that there was something wrong with lane 10. Mechanical problems held up proceedings 3 times, but the competitors showed great determination and perseverance, especially given the repeated reluctance of the 10 pins to all fall over when really they clearly should have. Still, everyone had a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to Gail for organising everything!

Grant Cairns





Long Course Training Sessions Greensborough Pool

A major part of the lead up to the January State Championships is the strength and skill development provided by a long course pool. The Yarra Plenty Swimming Club has arranged three sessions per week for the State and National squads program commencing on Monday November 5th 2007. There will be a cost of \$2.50 per swimmer payable to Danny upon arrival. This is to cover lane hire costs no pool entry fee will be needed at the door.

Long course training for the State Development squad will be advised.

The sessions are as follows:

Monday 5.15am - 7.45am State/National at Yarra Plenty

Monday 5.00pm - 7.00pm State/National at Greensborough

Tuesday 4.00pm - 7.45am State/National Dry land as Normal at Yarra Plenty

Wednesday 5.15am - 7.45am National at Yarra Plenty

Wednesday 5.00pm - 7.00pm State/National at Greensborough

Thursday 5.45pm - 7.45pm State/National at Yarra Plenty

Friday 5.30am - 7.30am State/National at Greensborough

Saturday 6.00am - 9.00am State/National at Yarra Plenty

If you have any queries please contact me on 0419 001 293.

See you at the pools, Danny.

CD = Closing Date

November 2007

- 2 CD MN Scratch Meet at Yarra Plenty
- 3 Melbourne Vicentre Classic Meet
- 10 Club Day 2~4pm YAP pool
Melbourne Cup theme
- 11 MLC Aquatic Meet MSAC
- 12 Closing date Australian Open Water Champs
through Swim Vic
- 16 CD December Competition
- 17&24 Metro North Scratch Meet Richmond
- 18 **Swim Vic 7-10 Encouragement Meet**
- 24 Club Day 2~4pm YAP pool
- 25 Diamond Creek Invitational CLUB MEET

December 2007

- 1-2 & 8-9 Swim Vic December Competition
- 8-10 Australian Open Water Champs—Sydney
- 8 Club Day 2~4pm YAP pool
- 15 Christmas break up Sugarloaf Dam

January 2008

- 4-8 **Open & 12/under State Champs**
- 11-15 **State Age 13-18 Champs**

March 2008

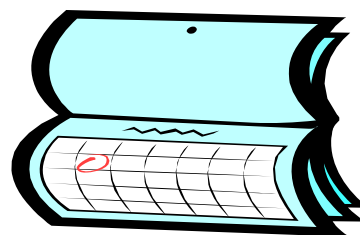
- 22-29 **Australian Open Championships, Sydney**

April 2008

- 5-6 **All Juniors Semis and Finals**
- 9-13 **Australian Age Championships—Brisbane**
- 14-15 **Australian Age Open Water Champs—Qld.**

Always check the calendar on the website for updates between issues of Jaws. Make sure that you put important dates in your diaries.

Yarra Plenty Calendar



Remember the Rebel Discount

2007/2008 Executive Committee members

<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
Don Abbott	Gail Blythe	Jossie French
<i>Competition Co-ordinator</i>		<i>Vice President</i>
Vacant		Ian Owens
<i>Yarra Swim School Manager</i>		
Helen Webb		
<i>General Committee Members</i>		
Mitzi McCarthy, Katrina Adams, Greg Malcolm, Loy McCarthy, Mike Langford		

2007/2008 Swimmers Committee

Jaclyn Dunham	Halie Welsh
Jack Langford	Nicole Blythe
Hayley Owens	Matthew Corcoran
Alexander Malcolm	Jessica Adams

I have long believed that we in swimming don't race enough and we definitely undervalue the benefits of racing, but there is no greater opportunity to learn.

Alan Thompson National Head Coach

Remember to ask your coach which meets and events are suitable for you.



2007/08 Non-Committee Appointments

Public Officer	Colin Cortous
Jaws Editor	Elsa McCarthy
Webmaster	Loy McCarthy
Registrar	Margaret Shaw
Grievance Officer	Colin Cortous
Uniform Coordinator	Lorraine Benson
Metro North Rep	Fiona Tunchon
Recorder	Loy McCarthy
Club Day Manager	Sara Lewis

YAP PROFILE

Name: Matthew Nicholas Aloysius Corcoran

Age: 11

Suburb: Greensborough

Family: Sue [Mum], Eliza [sister],
Jessie [Dog]



School/work: St Mary's Greensborough

Favourite food: Nonna's Lasagne

Favourite movie: Wayne's World

Favourite band/ music: any band/ music except classical

Other sports/ interests: Cricket, football, motorbike riding, and fishing, body surfing at Gunnamatta

Best swimming memories: Winning 50 Backstroke

Favourite swimming event/s: Any long distance race

Aspirations/ goals: To get a 400 metre state time

If you won a million dollars??? I'd buy a house on the beach and some property to ride motorbikes and then buy a new motorbike and then go on who wants to be a millionaire and win another million dollars \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

October Birthdays

Nicole Blythe
Jordan Chivers
Wayne Chivers
Jake Congdon
James Cuthbertson
Sue Gavin
Stephen James
Piotr Klimkiewicz
Mike Langford
Elizabeth May
Rachel Owens
Michael Palmer
Michelle Rollins
Michal Skrodzki 21
Fiona Tunchon
Naomie Welsh



Deadline for November Jaws
November 25th

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Photos

Thank you to Jason Knowles and Gail Blythe.



Next Committee Meeting
7pm November 12th