



Around the Clubs

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Read what the following clubs have been up to: QBN, QRB, QWY, QCN QTW and QTT

Brisbane Northside: QBN kicked off 2015 with the Annual General Meeting, where they celebrated some achievements from 2014 and planned the year ahead.

During 2014, 21 swimmers from QBN competed in 9 swim meets. They are proud to have won the large club trophy at the Redlands and Noosa swim meets. QBN also successfully hosted their annual swim meet at the Valley Pool in August.

The internal club awards for 2014 were announced at the AGM. The Encouragement Award went to Andrew Heath, who had recently joined the club and who has put in a big effort and improved his swimming. Andrew has now competed with the club and was placed first in his age group.

The Achievement Award went to Tracy Clarkson. Tracy now holds 5 State long course records, 2 State short course records and a National long course record. In 2014, Tracy competed in the World Masters Games in Montreal where she won a silver medal (800 m freestyle) and four other top ten medals.

Bev Stubbings won the Super fish award for contributions to the Club. Bev achieved her qualification of Swim Australia Teacher of Competitive Swimming in 2014. She now regularly coaches at their Sunday morning training sessions at the Valley Pool and also organises Saturday training sessions and social events and generally keeps the club vibrant.

At the end of 2014, the club farewelled Tony Baker and his wife Charmaine as they returned to South Africa for a two year work contract. Tony, Charmaine and their daughters have been very active in the competition and social aspects of the club, often hosting club social events at their property. Tony may return to compete during 2015.

Looking forward, the club again elected Richard Sargent as president, Bev Stubbings as secretary and John Kerr as treasurer for 2015. Other club members were elected to fill a range of roles.

This year, the club plans to continue competing in swim meets, to make a big effort in the Endurance 1000 swim program and importantly, to enjoy many social events. They are planning a trip to South Africa in 2016, to compete and do some sightseeing. Keep up to date with our club on our Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/BrisbaneNorthsideMastersSwimming>



QBN President Richard Sargent presents Bev Stubbings with the Superfish Award for 2014, with Achievement Award winner Tracy Clarkson.



Right: Farewell to Tony Baker (in yellow jacket in the middle).

Redlands Bayside QRB

2015 has started off well for QRB. They currently have 44 members which is a great start for their club. Several of the club members have attended swim meets held by Ipswich and Miami clubs. One of their Goals for the year is to see an increase in members competing. The club is also busy preparing for a world-wide postal swim meet which is a new challenge for QRB and they hope to have strong support from all Queensland Masters' Swimmers. QRB also updating the club website and logo to modernise the look.

Below are photos of club coaches Simon Bole Brown and Ann Gartshore in their new coaching shirts provided by the club.



Whitsunday Warriors QWY, were successful with their *Get Going* grant application. They have formed a committee to implement the club projects. The first project hosted by Mark and Raylene is a 6 week program of free adult swim sessions. They advertised in the local newspapers and put out a flyer and were very excited when over 30 adults turned up at the Cannonvale pool for the first session. The club is hoping to get new members as a result of the swim sessions. Their members are all very enthusiastic about getting involved in the Endurance 1000 this year. QWY is very organised and they started the 400m swims in February with the intention of most members completing all swims. This year they have at least 10 members planning to compete in the SLC championships in Townsville in March. Members are looking forward to having a fun weekend of swimming together.



Whitsunday Warriors enjoying a weekend swim and a well-deserved smoko.



Cairns Mudcrabs - QCN resumed training in January, after the Christmas break, with Mareeba Meet in mind. Unfortunately, due to their tropical weather and Mareeba being waterlogged, this was cancelled. Muddies sent condolences to the 'Water Rats' and they hope to participate at later date.

Barb Williamson was presented with the Allen Burgoyne Award at the end of 2014, previously also won by Michael Williamson. Congratulations, Barb!



Head coach, Gaby and her team of coaches have set a new award for the coming months – the member attending the most training sessions will receive a reward. The first will be presented at the end of February. Muddies club has two trainee coaches, Nick and Sam who are working extremely hard to get their accreditation and are a great asset to the club. The first OW swim since the break was held at Lake Eacham and was attended by 37 swimmers with refreshments provided by Muddies club after the swims. The distances were 500mtrs, 1.5km and 3km. This was the first swim at Lake Eacham since the lake was re-opened.

Several members are preparing for The State Championships at Townsville in March – fantastic to have these in the far North. Good luck to all swimmers!

Toowoomba Tadpoles:

For more than 30 years, the Toowoomba Tadpoles have been a strong club with many members regularly competing in various swim meets in south east Queensland and further afield. A group of experienced (senior) women plus a couple of good men travelled to the Nationals in Rockhampton, and a few members went interstate and overseas to successfully compete. Last year the club had a strong contingent attending the Pan Pacific Masters Games, winning many medals and enjoying the social aspect of such a meet.

The club meets at the Glennie School Aquatic Centre where the Tadpoles swam collectively 3935km in 2014.

After the swims, they regularly enjoy monthly BBQ breakfasts as well as celebrated Christmas with a 'Barefoot Bowls' morning and an Australia Day sausage sizzle. The club also supported several charities including the Toowoomba Hospice and MS Swimathon. They have registered a team for the 2015 Relay for Life which supports Cancer research. Currently they have 54 members, steered by an enthusiastic and dedicated organising committee.

QTW members at the PPMG in November 2014



Above: Committee members

Above Left: members at the Nationals in Rockhampton

Left: Enthusiastic members training at the Glennie Pool.

Twin Towns' dedicated coaches have already had the members pushing the boundaries. Consequently the swimmers who attended River City and Miami did a great job for the club.

Miami results' age group places were Jenny 2nd, Minnie 2nd, Michael 3rd, and David, (D3) was also third. Well done to all competitors! As well to their officials.

Ken was acknowledged and thanked by Stan Pearson for his work as an Official Starter over many years, and Lance Kunde presented him with a tankard, for the 21 years serving as Starter at Miami Meets. He was of course, a member of Miami prior to joining Twin Towns Masters.

Allaine, Barbara, and Michael, all surpassed themselves at "Wanganui" NZ, all bringing home stacks of gold and silver Medals.

Profiles on Dave Maynard and Ken Liddy have been posted separately in the e-news.



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