

DARWIN STINGERS

MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

Newsletter September 2013

Sender: DSMSC: PO Box
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SWIM SINGAPORE 2013!

A highlight of the Stingers calendar is the annual Singapore Championships held this year on October 27.

Nominations now open, details in this edition or see your club captains.

Nominations to Neil by September 8
nludvigsen@bigpond.com



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ENDURANCE 1000 SWIMS



The Vorgee Endurance 1000 is a great chance to keep up your fitness and challenge yourself to improve times over the year.

Some members attend every week to complete the full year's worth of swims while others come when they can. It's also a great chance to catch up with members who you don't see through the week, with a cup of tea and toast put on after each session.

If you don't want to swim, timekeepers are always sought. Club meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month after swims.

Parap Pool 8am to 10am every Sunday. Entry \$4 for pool hire; \$3 for morning tea.

SEPT 8 400m fly/IM 30 min back	SEPT 15 400m free 1 hr breast
SEPT 22 NT Short Course Champs	SEPT 29 800m fly/IM 45min free

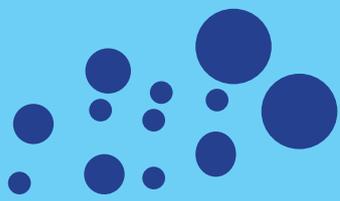


WHAT'S SHORT AND LOTS OF FUN?

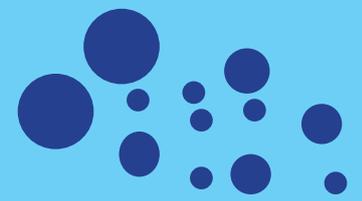
Why, the **NT BRANCH SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS** of course! The event will be held at the Royal Darwin Hospital Pool on Sunday, September 22 and all members are encouraged to come along for what is one most fun events on our calendar each year.

Word is Tony from Gove will be headed down for the event and we hope to see some of our other more remote members come into town and join in the fun.

The entry form is in this edition and nominations close **Sunday, SEPTEMBER 15**. Gates open at 7am to set the pool up (helpers welcome) with warm up from 7:30am and the carnival starts at 8am for at 10am finish.



SOCIAL HUB



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28 END OF MONTH SOCIAL EVENING

This social gathering is a 'must do' night under the stars - in particular for all our new members. The variety of food brought by members was described by one of our regular attendees as "better than going to a restaurant!".

Sunset Park, Nightcliff after 5.30pm bring food to share and own chair & refreshments.

Information Peter Caust - 0419858472

THURSDAY SEPT 12 BIRTHDAY MORNING TEA

The birthday morning tea this month will be held after training, about 9:30am. All are welcome, and all birthday boys and girls especially encouraged, to come and have a cuppa. Please bring a small plate to share.



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| FRANK KRESSE | 5TH |
| DANIEL GERLACH | 7TH |
| SHANE AUSTIN | 10TH |
| JULIANNE OSBORNE | 14TH |
| PAUL GIBSON | 18TH |
| WENDY JAMES | 23TH |
| JEMIMA FINDLAY | 25TH |
| ANEETA SNOW | 25TH |
| PETER CAUST | 26TH |
| ANNE DISNEY | 27TH |

!!!WISHING YOU ALL A
WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY!!!

A really big **THANK YOU** to our Social Secretary, Peter Caust (pictured right), who was wonderfully hospitable during our (very pleasant) exile to Nightcliff Pool during Parap's closure for five weeks.



Peter regularly provided morning tea/coffee/toast/fruit/nuts and other goodies for the swimmers on several Tuesdays, Thursday and Sundays. As soon as the word got around there was a noticeable increase in attendances on Tuesday and Thursday mornings ... hmmm, isn't that true dedication to swimming!

Thank you also to Anne Walker, who provided morning tea on a couple of occasions, and Heather Shortus, who did so today after we had moved back to Parap but were still unable to use the clubroom.

STINGERS CELEBRATES SIX SIXIETHS!

... and an 80th!



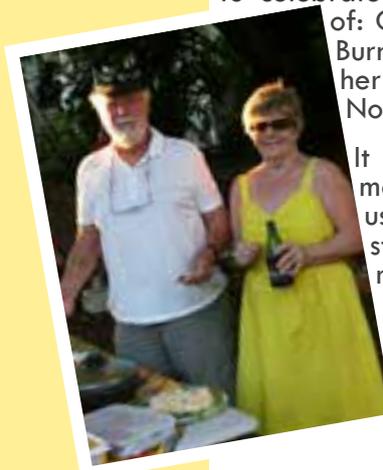
Some of them are growing old gracefully... some, not so much. From left is Pat Moore, Chris Frey, Bobbie Lea (80), Paul Gibson and Joan Burns.

The social event of August was one of the largest we've seen this year with about 30 members and their families making it out for the evening.



The event was held in the park off George Cres and was a special occasion to celebrate the 60th birthdays this year of: Chris Frey, Paul Gibson, Pat Moore, Joan Burns, Peter Kell and Stu Fitch. Also marking her birthday is Bobbie Lea who turns 80 in November.

It was lovely to see some of our newer members join in the evening, which saw the usual fantastic spread of delicious food stuffs on offer. There was even a sinfully rich chocolate birthday cake!



Found in George Park after Saturday' social: A stainless steel dinner knife with a blue plastic handle; and a pink plastic wine glass!

La dolce vita!

A report from the World Masters Games in Turin, Italy by Fiona Hogarth.

Moving to Sydney, changing jobs, settling into a new house, finding a new pool, stepping into winter after five years of only wet and dry seasons and training by yourself for a month before a fairly big swim meet could be a little stressful and perhaps not ideal preparation. But it seems that something worked and my trip to the world Masters Games in Turin was very worthwhile and quite successful.

The games, which were held in the beginning of August, had somewhere between 10 – 25,000 people attending depending on who you asked and several hundred swimmers were among them. The Aussies were well represented at the



games, mainly in team sports and there were about 30 of us at the pool, with the biggest group was from West Coast Masters in Perth, who kindly adopted me for my five days of competition.

The pool was one of the better venues for the games and well set up, but the squat toilets in the change rooms, which were the only toilets in the change rooms, remain a mystery though. Anyway, despite the unsurprising Italian disorganisation on the first couple of days the swimming competition ran well and I managed to swim new PBs in all my events.

I was particularly pleased to knock 8 seconds off my 200 IM, and get under 3.30 and then 10 seconds off my 400 free, best time since 2010. My 800 free, somewhat jetlagged and 50 back badly swum also saw reduced times. So clearly something in all the lead up training worked. No medals or records for me, however, some of the women from WA picked up medals in their events, so there was good cause for celebration. All-in-all a good meet and a fun time. You will also be pleased to know that the Stingers

logo was recognised by all the other swimmers, so it seems the Stingers reputation is well regarded.

In between the random swim scheduling I did manage to play tourist and visit some of the many museums in town and generally wander around a very pedestrian- and cycle-friendly city. The cinema museum and associated Martin Scorsese exhibition was fabulous and I channelled my inner rev head at the Auto Museum, which was very impressive, with everything from the old jalopy to an F1 Car on show. Turin is the home of Fiat and has a large car manufacturing history, however, not some much any more, and the old factory now a very disappointing shopping centre.



Post games I headed over to Bristol to catch up with family and had a relaxing time exploring the city and nearby Bath, both of which were very enjoyable. Spent a day at the old lido in Bristol which has now been turned into a day spa/ restaurant/ swim facility for locals while retaining some of the old charm and dressing rooms. 21 degree pool temp was a little confronting, so the spa was a good place to be, whilst the steam room felt like Darwin in the build up.... which I am definitely not going to miss!

All in all a good trip and I am about to kick back into training at North Sydney Pool in preparation for Singapore in October. So will see you then.





We've bin
everywhere
man

TIETZ'S TURKEY TALES

“I have recently returned from a wonderful holiday in Turkey, surely one of the most beautiful, fun, culturally rich, historically fascinating, best value for money destinations in the world.

The only thing wrong with that statement is the word “returned”. As in: “why did I?”

Despite western media scaring the pants off many would-be tourists due to the Taksim Square protests, my wife Kerin and I headed to Istanbul in mid July. From there we embarked on a one week swimming program in south western Turkey followed by a road trip visiting must-see sights such as Cappadocia, Ephesus, Troy, Gallipoli, Xanthos, etc.

The swimming program was run by Swimtrek (www.swimtrek.com), a UK-based organisation, owned by an Aussie, and staffed by accomplished swimmers from around the world. Swimtrek also conduct swimming tours in Croatia, Greece, and many other parts of the world, even the UK! Our tour leaders were an Aussie Masters coach (yes, his name was Bruce) and Morgan, a muscular, handsome, intelligent, super charming member of the British water polo team - sickening really. But i digress ...

We based ourselves in Kas, an idyllic unspoiled coastal town (some of you may know the Greek island of Kastellorizo just four kilometres away) where mountains plunge into deep, blue waters. From day 2 through day 6 we ventured out to different islands and along the coast on a gulet. We swam mornings and afternoons, punctuated by a sumptuous lunch on the boat. With 15 participants in total, we were assigned to one of three groups according to proficiency with daily distances varying between 4-7km per day for the lead group and 3-5km for the slowest group.

There was no competitiveness or pressure, instead a lot of teamwork to ensure everyone had fun and achieved to their



potential. Most days were very calm and we simply delighted in the privilege to swim in the crystal clear, clean, warm Mediterranean waters.

On a few rare occasions we encountered currents and headwinds, but to their credit the chlorine addicts stuck to the task and eventually prevailed. (There were only two of us in the group with open water experience.) The water is 3% more saline than our oceans so the additional buoyancy was a bonus for those of us with sinking legs.

This was not simply a week of swimming training - it was swimming tourism. We swam past enchanting seaside villages, over sunken ruins, from Greece to Turkey (!), and yes we sunbaked, ate, drank, played cards...

Actually, I'm not sure I have **”** completely arrived home yet!

Big (hairy-faced) Al Tietzel

Not only did Alan return home more hirsute and slightly heavier (hmm that holiday plan backfired! But who could blame him by the looks of that lunch spread!), but with a new grandson in the family. Congratulations to Al and Kerrin!

NT RECORDS SET IN AUGUST

Bryannon Ruskin

Distance	Time	Record's age
50m free	29:75	11 years
50m breast	40:23	14 years
50m fly	32:92	22 years
100m free	1:05:34	11 years
200m free	2:26:81	18 years
200m IM	2:46:48	19 years

Hayley Odgers

Distance	Time	Record's age
50m back	35:86	22 years
100m back	6:03:36	5 years

Gerda Williams

Distance	Time	Record's age
50m back	44:96	1
25m free	18:06	1
25m back	21.79	1
50m free	39:82	1

Charmaine Aplin

Distance	Time	Record's age
200m fly	4:27:04	10



Two of the club's younger members made a splash recently on a trip to Cairns for the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games.

The games were the inaugural event for Cairns and are scheduled to be held alternatively with the Gold Coast Pan Pacific Games (and organised by the same company) every two years. Run by the Cairns Mud Crabs, the swimming meet was small but competitive, fun and successful. Organisers hope for a greater turn out in 2015 and have

DUO MAKE SHORT WORK OF MILDURA MEET

Gerda Williams (70-74 years) and Charmaine Aplin (64-69 years) recently took part in the 25m short course indoor meet in Mildura, Victoria.

After Gerda flew from Darwin to Adelaide the women drove 410 kms to Mildura where over two days they each competed in three individual swims and two relays. The relay sides were made up with swimmers from both Victorian and South Australian clubs. Gerda took out swimmer of the meet for her age group and managed four new state records. Charmaine placed second in her age group overall, also picking up a state record along the way.

Collectively the women won 17 gold, one silver and two bronze medals and broke five NT State Records.

Not bad for two oldies from the Darwin Stingers!

BREAKING THE BARRIERS

Cairns Games report

flagged a possible change of date to put it slightly later in the year (we hear September might be an option).

Bryannon Ruskin, 31, (pictured left) and Hayley Odgers, 32, (pictured right) competed for Stingers, with the event being Bryannon's first hit out since returning to the water after a 15 year break. Both compete in the 30 to 34 age group.

For those who don't yet know Bryannon, she was a champion Territory swimmer as a teenager but has spent the last decade living away with her husband Neil, who is in the Army. The mother of two has only recently returned to Darwin and the water and was in fine form for the Cairns event.

Bryannon set no less than six new state records out of her eight competition swims in Cairns and came away with three gold, four silver and a bronze. As a testament to the tough competition in the women's 30 to 34 year age group, Bryannon's 1:05:34 for the 100m freestyle only earned her a silver medal!

Hayley's meet was, as expected, backstroke heavy and she came away with three gold and a silver (which is best not mentioned to her as the time was less than stellar!). Also putting in a show for the games was Hayley's dad Alan Seeny who refereed one of the day's events.

EVENTS

POSTAL SWIMS

Taskmaster PS4/13
1 Sept-31 Oct

400m; 800m; 1500m; 1/2 hr, 1 hour; Any stroke, Sharen Smith aquajets.4114@gmail.com

IF INTERESTED - SPEAK TO OUR CLUB CAPTAINS

MASTERS SWIMMING NT **2013**

SEPTEMBER 22ND

NT Branch Short Course Championships
Royal Darwin Hospital Pool & Alice Springs Pool



MASTERS SWIMMING
Northern Territory

NOVEMBER 17TH

NT email Interclub # 3
Parap & Alice Springs Pools

All enquiries

Darwin - John Pollock 8981 5919

Alice Springs - Heather Bunting 0417 993 863

15th FINA World Masters Championships

Montreal July 27 - August 10, 2014

Interest is being shown by some club members in participating in this event. This will be the last World Swim of its type as in future they will be held in conjunction with the FINA WORLD OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, therefore future Masters Championships will now be located at FINA OPEN venues. If interested make a mention to the Club Captains to see who else might be considering attending. Check out their Facebook Website FINA World Masters 2014.



SINGAPORE MASTERS SWIM 2013

DATE: 27TH OCT 2013
VENUE: TOA PAYOH SWIMMING COMPLEX
TIME: 9AM TO 5PM

For further enquiries: please email to stingers@iinet.net.au

Age is not a barrier...

**NOMINATIONS TO NEIL BY SEPT 8.
PAYMENT ON THE DAY IN SINGAPORE IN SINGAPORE DOLLARS.**

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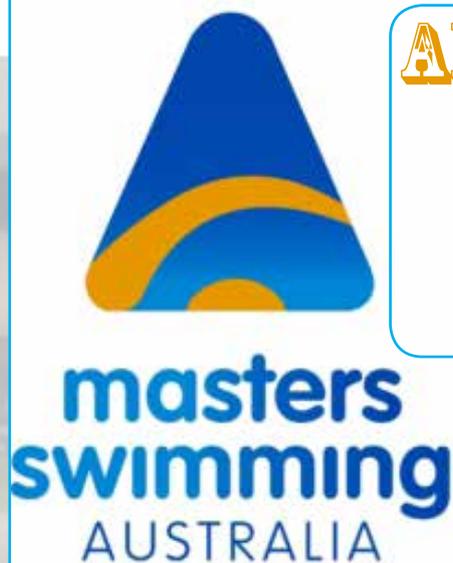
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Darwin Stingers on Facebook today!



APRIL
22
TO
26

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2014

ROCKHAMPTON



Stingers members will be travelling to Rockhampton for next year's national titles with Neil taking names now for the competition.

Given the number of participants at the event, Neil has already booked two family rooms (sleeps 4) and three double rooms in Rocky.

One of the double rooms has already sold and the cost roughly works out at \$50 per night for a bed in either style of room.

If you are interested in attending and require accommodation, please contact Neil or Pat for more information.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS: **2014**

WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL

1. 400m Individual Medley
2. 100m Freestyle
3. 50m Backstroke
4. 100m Breaststroke
5. 4x50 Mixed Free Relay

THURSDAY, 24 APRIL

6. 800m Freestyle
7. 50m Freestyle
8. 200m Backstroke
9. 200m Butterfly
10. 4x50 Mixed Medley relay

FRIDAY, 25 APRIL (ANZAC DAY)

11. 400m Freestyle
12. 50m Butterfly
13. 200m Breaststroke
14. 100m Backstroke
15. 4x50m Women's Medley Relay
16. 4x50m Men's Medley Relay

SATURDAY, 26 APRIL

17. 200m Freestyle
18. 50m Breaststroke
19. 100m Butterfly
20. 200m Individual Medley
21. 4x50 Women's Free Relay
22. 4x50 Men's Free Relay
23. Challenge Relay

OPEN WATER/OCEAN SWIM:

The National Championships in Rockhampton will host an Open Water Swim on Sunday, 27 April.

The OWS will be in the ocean at Yeppoon and will be supported by the Yeppoon Surf Life Saving Club
 Open Water Swim distances: 1.25km, 2.5km and 5km - a choice of one.

Entries for the event close on March 14.

Get Involved

Registrations
 Tuesday 22 April

Meet & Greet
 Wednesday 23 April
 (after competition)

Happy Hour & Relay Medal Presentations
 after competition each day

Presentation Dinner
 Saturday 26 April

Recovery Session
 Sunday 27 April



SINGAPORE MASTERS SWIM MEET

Date : 27 OCTOBER 2013 / Time : 9am - 5.00pm

Location : Toa Payoh Swimming Complex (Gallery Pool)

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM

NAME (underline surname): _____ DOB (DD/MM/YY): _____ AGE: _____

GENDER: M / F ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT: _____ NATIONALITY: _____ EMAIL: _____

CLUB: _____ (INDIVIDUAL / NO AFFILIATION):

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON: _____ CONTACT NO: _____

Please tick the appropriate age group as of 31 DEC 2013

Snr AG 19-24	A 25-29	B 30-34	C 35-39	D 40-44	E 45-49	F 50-54	G 55-59	H 60-64	I 65-69	J 70-74	K 75-79	L 80-84	M 85-89	N 90-94	O 95-99

FREESTYLE		BACKSTROKE		BREASTSTROKE		BUTTERFLY		INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	
DIST.	ENTRY TIME	DIST.	ENTRY TIME	DIST.	ENTRY TIME	DIST.	ENTRY TIME	DIST.	ENTRY TIME
50m		50m		50m		50m		200IM	
100m		100m		100m		100m		*Swimmers are limited to 7 events in total	
200m		SPECIAL EVENT: MEN / WOMEN 200M (BACKSTROKE / BREASTSTROKE / BUTTERFLY) (CHOOSE ONE) : _____							
400m									
Entry Fee \$10 per individual event									

ENTRY REGULATIONS:

1. Closing Date for Entries and Payment: **Friday, 27 September 2013**

- a) Late entries will NOT be entertained.
 - b) Entries with no entry times will be rejected.
 - c) Entries must be accompanied by full payment of the registration and entries fees.
- Swimmers **will not be eligible to compete** if the full payment does not reach Aquatic Performance Swim Club by the above deadline

FEES (Singapore Dollars) :

Registration Fee \$ 40 _____

*Student Registration Fee \$ 20 _____
(Year 1990 younger with student card)

No. of Individual Events _____ x \$10 _____

Total Fees Enclosed _____

Cheque payable to Aquatic Performance Swim Club (S), Mailing address: Orchard PO Box 788 Singapore 912327

Please ensure you sign the next page and return it with your form

FOR OFFICIAL USE:

Payment Details:

Mode: Cash / Cheque Amount: S\$ _____ Bank: _____ Cheque No: _____

* Please return to your club captains as Stingers will put in the nominations as a club.



Singapore Masters Swimming Meet 2013

Date: 27 October 2013

Location: Toa Payoh Swimming Complex

Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm

PROGRAM

1. Men-Women 200m – A. Butterfly, B. Backstroke, C. Breaststroke
(Choose only one)
 2. Women 50m Breaststroke
 3. Men 50m Breaststroke
 4. Women 100m Freestyle
 5. Men 100m Freestyle
 6. Women 100m Backstroke
 7. Men 100m Backstroke
 8. Women 50m Butterfly
 9. Men 50m Butterfly
 10. Women 200m Individual Medley
 11. Men 200m Individual Medley
- SHORT BREAK**
12. Women 400m Freestyle
 13. Men 400m Freestyle

LUNCH BREAK

14. Women 50m Backstroke
 15. Men 50 Backstroke
 16. Women 100m Breaststroke
 17. Men 100m Breaststroke
 18. Women 100m Butterfly
 19. Men 100m Butterfly
 20. Women 50m Freestyle
 21. Men 50m Freestyle
- SHORT BREAK**
22. Women 200m Freestyle
 23. Men 200m Freestyle
- For Relays swimmers are only allowed to swim in 1 relay eg:
mixed or men not both**
24. Mixed 200m Freestyle Relay
 25. Women 200m Freestyle Relay
 26. Men 200m Freestyle Relay

NT BRANCH SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

RDH POOL AND ALICE SPRINGS

Sunday 22 September 2013

Event No	Distance	Stroke	Entry Time
1	25m	Butterfly	
2	25m	Backstroke	
3	25m	Breaststroke	
4	25m	Freestyle	
5	50m	Butterfly	
6	50m	Backstroke	
7	50m	Breaststroke	
8	50m	Freestyle	
9	100m	Butterfly	
10	100m	Backstroke	
11	100m	Breaststroke	
12	100m	Freestyle	
13	100m	Individual Medley	
14	200m	Freestyle	
15	200m	Individual Medley	

Circle the Event Number and write your entry time. You may enter a maximum of **FOUR** events (no restriction on stroke or distance). Normal MSA Rules apply.

Entry fee is \$2 per event.

ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER.

Alice Springs: Heather Bunting australiana@ozemail.com.au

Darwin & Palmerston: Moira Wigley davemoi@bigpond.net.au

NAME:

M/F.....

REG NO.

AGE @ 31 DECEMBER 2013

2013 GATORADE OPEN WATER SERIES

Information and entry forms for the **2013 Gatorade Open Water Championships at Lake Bennett on 5th October 2013** are now available on the Swimming NT website – click on the meet link in the calendar.

This year we are using a pre-entry system. Swimming NT members will enter through their Club Registrars as they do for pool meets and non-SNT members will enter directly to the Meet Director, Karen Messenger, or Swimming NT office. Entry on the day will still be available at an increased entry fee.

How to submit entries

PRE-ENTRY(\$20)

Swimming NT Members– fill in entry form and submit to your club Registrar along with \$20 entry fee payable to your club (Club registrars to submit entries electronically using TM tok. messenger@darwin.nt.gov.au by midnight Friday 27th September and will be invoiced – please note no refunds for no-shows)

Non-SNT Members (ie. Tri, Aussi, Surf Life Saving, Royal Life members)– fill in entry form and submit to Swimming NT along with \$20 entry fee using any of the following methods:

Email– email scanned signed entry form along with a copy of your direct deposit (details below) receipt for \$20 tok. messenger@darwin.nt.gov.au by midnight Friday 27th September

Swimming Northern Territory Inc

BSB: 065-901

Account: 1058 7335

Reference: OW + surname

By Post– post signed entry form along with \$20 cheque payable to Swimming Northern Territory Inc. to Swimming NT, PO Box 1960, Darwin, NT 0801 - must be received by Thursday 26th September.

In Person– hand signed entry form and \$20 cash or cheque to David Evans at the Swimming NT office. Please call 8981 5483 beforehand to confirm office is attended.

ON-DAY ENTRY(\$40)

Fill in this form and submit with entry fee to the registration desk at Lake Bennett during the stated registration period. Please note entry limit of 100 competitors cannot be exceeded, so acceptance of on-day entries is not guaranteed

Could all parents and officials willing to assist at the Championships in *any* capacity please contact me asap – I will be on leave during September and would like to draw up the roster before I depart.

We are in particular need of adults willing to be out on the water (in a canoe) acting as turn judges (great action view of the race!), along with a Clerk of Course to check swimmers in and out of the water. Assistance on the registration, re-hydration and replenishment and presentations tables is also required.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE DARWIN STINGERS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB (INC)

1 SEPTEMBER 2013

Meeting commenced 0932 h

Present: Ron Hosking (Chairman), John Pollock, Neil Ludvigsen, Pauline Tauschke, Chris Frey, Elaine Edwards, Pat Moore, Patricia O'Brien-Price, Bobbie Lea, Maggie Roberts, Jacinta Stirrat, Paul Gibson, Peter Caust, Marion Shaw

Apologies: Adrian Tonkin, Helen Murphy, Gerda Williams, Bryannon Ruskin, Hayley Odgers, Moira Wigley, Anne Walker, Gerda Williams

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved Neil, seconded Pauline - That the minutes of the meeting of 28 July 2013 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING:

- Clubroom Refurbishment – Ron gave an update on the progress of the refurbishment, which should be completed in the coming week. CARRIED
- Proposed Merger of SNTI and MSNT – John advised that the Management Committee of MSNT had resolved on 4 August to reject the merger in the current circumstances and to write to the Minister about the matter. This letter has not yet been sent as further correspondence has been received from the CEO of NTDS&R. This correspondence will be the subject of a meeting between John and a senior officer of NTDS&R on 2 September.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

In: Good Sports

SNTI – Open Water Clinic

Out: Good Sports

3. REPORTS

Treasurer – Pauline tabled a report showing a balance at 1 September 2013 of \$6005.73. Accounts for payment: DCC \$479.00 (lane hire), Ron Hosking \$79.44 (clubroom refurbishment). It was moved Pauline, seconded Neil – That the report be received and accounts approved for payment. CARRIED

Registrar – 94 members. 4 and 16 month memberships are open as of 1 September.

Recorder – Paul noted a drop in numbers completing Endurance 1000 swims compared with 2012.

Fitness Director – Numbers at Casuarina sessions have picked up; training is now focussed on the Singapore meet.

Social – The function in George Park, Fannie Bay, on 31 August was very successful, with a large attendance of members and friends. The next function will be in Sunset Park, Nightcliff on 28 September.

Merchandising – There are still small stocks of shirts. Marion will investigate restocking bathers.

Safety Officer – Maggie wishes members to do further work on resuscitation.

Technical Officer – On Gerda's behalf, John reminded members of the need to ring the bell from the flags to the wall and back to the flags.

Publicity Officer – Hayley has been successful in gaining publicity in the NT News for performances by Bryannon and herself in the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games.

Club Captains – Neil gave an update on arrangements for the Singapore meet on 27 October. Members wishing to enter should provide him with their entries by 8 September and pay him in Singapore dollars on the day of the meet. He has some vacancies left in accommodation booked at the Centrepoint Inn, Rockhampton, for the 2014 National Championships.

It was moved Maggie, seconded Pauline - That the reports be received. CARRIED

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Branch Short Course Championships – Sunday 22 September at RDH Pool.
- Tracksuits – The meeting agreed to a proposal from Jac that she investigate a supplier for club tracksuits.

5. NEXT MEETING – 29 SEPTEMBER 2013.

Meeting closed 0955 h