## COMPETITION FIXTURE FOR GEELONG AND THE BELLARINE

The Port Mussels Masters Swimming Club committee is seeking to establish an interclub competition fixture for the Geelong and Bellarine Peninsula district.

Members of the Geelong Catfish, Port Mussels Masters and the Queenscliff Boughcoutas currently have to travel to Melbourne or further afield for pool competitions.

It is believed that more members of these clubs would enter pool competitions if the local area had a regular competition fixture.

The idea is the brainchild of Port Mussels media officer David King who saw his own club's attendance drop at the recent Long Course State titles.

"My partner, Andrea Parke and I were the only ones there," he said. "It costs a fair bit of money to travel so far for the day and a lot of swimmers just aren't going to do it."

"If we had a local interclub competition – say one in summer and one in winter, it would encourage more people to compete."

A Masters Swimming interclub competition fixture in the Geelong and Bellarine district would also be open to swimmers from Melbourne and other country areas.

On a similar note, the Port Mussels committee has been looking at various fund raising options to help members meet the cost of attending state and national events.

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