

Aussi Rockingham Newsletter

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Welcome to the November 2004 issue of Rockingham Aussi Masters Swimming Club's Newsletter. A lot has happened since our last Newsletter, with the election of a brand new (although reluctant) committee. It's been a busy time with a lot happening now and in the near future.

But first we must thank our old Committee members for all the hard work they've put in to make the club what it is today. Ross's recruitment policy has been very successful, and under his strong leadership the club has gone from strength to strength. But it's not just Ross we need to thank as without our wonderful coach who comes to training day in and day, no matter how many or few people turn up for training, where would we be? I am sure her reputation as such an excellent coach has also helped attract new members. Thankyou June!!! Liz has also done a wonderful job with her new systems since taking over as treasurer from Dean, as well as holding the office of Vice President. And Lisa, thankyou so much for all the hard work you've put in as the club's secretary. I'm only just starting to appreciate everything that you and Sandra did whilst holding this position.

We can only hope the new committee will be as successful as the retiring committee, but I'm sure that with their guidance and help the club can continue to grow stronger and better.

Thankyou also to Ross and Sandra for allowing us to have the AGM at your home, and organising the barbeque afterwards.

Here is your new Committee:

Position	Nominee
President	Liz
Vice President	Des
Secretary	Eleanor (with support from Lisa)
Treasurer	Adam (with support from Joe)
Recorder	June
Coach	June
Captain	Michelle
Property Person	Michelle
Public Relations	Not replaced this year
Newsletter	Eleanor

Recent Events

Fremantle Swim Meet.



On the 24th October Rockingham competed at Fremantle. Vanessa and Adam participated in their first

competition, and a lot of fun was had by all. At this moment I can't access the website, but if you go to www.aussiwa.com.au you should be able to see how you all went in your respective age groups. However a little bird did tell me that Des Harkup got some good results even though he was still overseas on his honeymoon. Well done Des!!!!!!

We also did well in the raffle. Out of the many prizes, Eleanor won a voucher for "designer doggie wear & cat couture" and Adam won a can of ginger beer.



Lake Leschenaultia swim was last Sunday. At Jan's gentle prodding a few of us headed out of our comfort zone to swim in the cool waters of this beautiful lake. Once again a good percentage of the prizes were collected by Rockingham, with Vanessa being the second woman across the line, (This girl is too fast for her own good - her prize money will go towards the speeding fine she collected on the way up) and Wade Adam coming first in his age group.

Every year Rockingham's participation of this event has doubled. Now having done it myself I can heartily recommend it to all. A great day!



Unfortunately Osborne Park Club Challenge also on the same day. Oh well can't be in two places at the same time – or can we?

BATHERS AND SHIRTS ORDER

It's that time of the year again, when we need to start thinking about ordering Club shirts, bathers etc. We need to order minimum quantities to take advantage of any discounts. The bathers are of superb quality and very reasonably priced. I know a lot of the newer members have been asking when they can order, so here is your opportunity. And don't we look terrific as a team when we attend competitions, and we're all in club colours.

June has all the details and brochures to peruse.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Michelle has gave up the chance to swim at Lake Leshenaultia to join her husband in Darwin, and accompany him on the drive back to Perth. Watch out for those big Lizards in the Territory Michelle and Ron.

Have a safe trip and enjoy the sights, see you in a couple of weeks.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Belated Birthday To Derek in October, and Lisa and Rebekah in November.



CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

This will be at Liz and Paul's place at 1014 Baldivis Road Baldivis on 4th December from 5pm onwards. Please BYO meat, drinks, salad or sweets!

A list has been circulating with who is coming, who you will be bringing, and whether you will bring sweets, salad or other!! If you haven't already put your name on the list please take the time to do so.

NEW TRAINING TIMES & VENUE

Move to Council Avenue.

Rockingham Aussi stay on at Aqua Jetty on a Thursday evening and move to Council Ave Pool on Sundays at 10am and Tuesdays at 6.30pm. The levy of \$1.00 per swim will still continue throughout the summer season to keep the funds of the club up. At the end of the summer season Rockingham Aussi will reconsider moving back to the Aqua Jetty on Sundays.

Registration Fees. Fees are due from the 1st January 2005 for renewing members as follows:

Renewing:

Non Concession \$70.00 1/1/05 – 31/12/05
Concession \$60.00 1/1/05 – 31/12/05

New Member

Non Concession \$85.00 1/9/05 – 31/12/05
Concession \$75.00 1/9/05 – 31/12/05

NEXT MEETING

December 12th 2004

Venue yet to be decided.

BITS & PIECES

This came from the Occupational Health and Safety Officer at work and is **NOT** a joke.

Dear All,

DoJ has recently been issued with an improvement notice relating to use of milk crates as steps/seats.

While I am not aware of any accidents in DoJ caused by them, the following explain WorkSafe's concern.

It appears the plastic turns brittle with age, breaking suddenly and forming razor sharp edges.

A male was sitting on one, which suddenly shattered - resulting in him losing part of his scrotum.

A female was standing on one, which shattered - resulting part of her calf muscle being stripped away as she fell through it.

When your eyes have ceased watering, it may be worth a check during your regular hazard inspections!

Regards,
Matt Robertson

Joke Corner

Australian Country Kid Writing Home From
"Kapooka Army Camp"

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope you are. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil the Army is better than working on the farm - tell them to get into the Army quick before the jobs are all gone.

I was a bit slow in settling down at first, because you don't get outta bed until 6am. I like sleeping in now, but. All you do before brekky is make ya bed and shine your boots and clean your uniform. No cows to milk, no calves to feed, no feed to stack - nothing.

Men must shave, but its not so bad, coz there's hot water and a light to see what ya doing.

Breakfast has cereal, fruit and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or possum stew. You don't get fed again until noon, and by that time all the city boys are buggered because we've been on a 'route march' - just like walking to the windmill in the back paddock.

This will kill Doug and Phil with laughter. I keep getting medals for shooting - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody possum's head and it doesn't move and its not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our bull got their cow pregnant before the Ekka. Alls ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable and hit the target - piece of piss. You don't even load your own cartridges - they comes in boxes and ya don't have to steady yourself against the rollbar of the roo shooting truck when you reload. Then ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy - its not like fighting with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve all at once like we do.

Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got, and I've only been beaten by this guy from 5RAR - he's 6foot 8 and 14 stone and I'm 5 foot six and seven stone, but I fought to the end.

I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how good it is.

Your loving daughter,
Sheree