

Parramatta City Swim Club

Newsletter



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June 2007

Welcome members and friends. Winter certainly here but nevertheless the club has been very busy. Read on to find out what has been happening.

Wet and Windy Weather

Due to the wet and extremely windy weather, it has been necessary to cancel races for the last two weekends. Cancelling races for bad weather is extremely rare but the weather of the past few weeks has been certainly out of the ordinary.

The new layout of Granville Pool means that there is far less protection from both the rain and the wind. The club realised how open the pool was before moving back to Granville after its redevelopment and therefore invested in a number of instant shelters. These shelters are fine of rain and light winds but there are not suitable for strong winds.

Over the next few months the club will be bringing the issue of lack of protection at the pool to the attention of the Council. Hopefully together we can find a solution that will provide some permanent protection around both ends of the main pool.

Congratulations Eric Wong

Did you see Eric Wong in last week Parramatta Advertiser? For those that did not, Eric was nominated for the Parramatta Advertiser's Junior Sport Star award.

Eric was nominated by his coach Haibin Zhu, for his spectacular improvement over the past twelve months. Congratulation Eric and all the best wishes in reaching your goal of getting to the Olympic Games.



Constitution Changes

Recently Swimming NSW has made a number of changes to its constitution. One change is that all swimming club's affiliated to Swimming NSW need to be incorporated.

To do this Parramatta City Swim Club will need to change its constitution. The existing constitution is very old and would need extensive changes for the club to become incorporated so instead, the committee has decided it would be best to use Swimming NSW "model" constitution.

Within the month a copy of the club's proposed new constitution will be given to all members. This will then be voted on at a Special General Meeting such that the club can hold the next Annual General Meeting under the new constitution.

Learn to Swim

The club's Learn to Swim program started the winter season very well averaging around 40 swimmers on Saturday mornings. This is significantly greater than what we have seen in previous winter seasons.

The club also holds lessons for advanced students on Thursday afternoons between 6pm and 7pm. These have been attracting up to 20 swimmers. The additional lessons are giving these students the opportunity to greatly improve both their technique and fitness.

Remember, winter is a great time to learn as we have significantly fewer pupils, which means smaller classes and more individual attention.

Resuscitation Course

All Parramatta City Swim Club Learn to Swim instructors must hold a current Resuscitation Certificate. This usually means being requalified every 12 months.

Again this year, the club will organise an examiner to come to the pool on a Saturday morning in September. If you are interested in becoming an instructor or would like to learn more about Resuscitation, please see Bruce to put your name down for this course.

Summer Presentation

The club's summer presentation was held on 20 May at Blaxland Riverside Park, a wonderful new park on the shores of the Parramatta River at Silverwater. It seems that everyone that attend had a wonderful time, either bike riding, playing with their dogs, rolling down hills, playing under the fountains or just lying in the sun.

Congratulations to Samuel Greig and Sam Horlyck for winning the boys and girls pointscore. Full results for the season can be found on the club's website.

Aquaburn U/12 Carnival

It was great to see 18 swimmers represented the club at the Aquaburn U/12 Carnival, held at Normanhurst on the 27 May. It was most pleasing to see many of our newer swimmers taking up the opportunity to compete in an external carnival.

Every though there was some very strong competition Parramatta City posted some excellent results. Overall the club came away with 25 medals and lots of other top ten places. The club also won the 9 & under Relay.

The club intends to continue to select one or two carnivals each season which we can attend as a "club". For such events, the club will prompt the event to our members, do the entries and cover the entry costs.

Castlereagh Championships

The Castlereagh Winter Championships were held over the recent June long weekend. A small, but very competitive team of our younger swimmers represented the club at this carnival.

Overall the club did exceptional well with all swimmers achieving at least one top ten place. The club showed it strength in the 8 years and under age with Vivian Zhu (Three 1st & one 2nd), Cindy Zhu (two 2nd & two 3rd), Jonathan Le Shultz (four 2nd) and Jack Bannister (3rd). Well done to all those that swam!!

Recent Club Records

Recent record breakers include:

8yrs Girls 50m Fly	Cindy Zhi	44.22	27/1/07
8yrs Girls 100m Back	Vivian Zhu	1.43.68	17/2/07
14yrs Boys 100m Free	Luke McLennan	1.02.14	17/2/07
13yrs Boys 100m Fly	Nathan Akkary	1.17.45	17/2/07
8yrs Girls 100mFly	Cindy Zhi	1.46.00	17/3/07
14yrs s Boys 200m Free	Luke McLennan	2.16.56	17/3/07
11yrs Boys 50m Brst	Semuel Greig	42.35	31/3/07

Marshalling

The club would like to thank the 60 or so people who volunteered at various events associated with the Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt and the BRW Corporate Triathlon. Special thanks must go to those relatives and friends of club members who kindly gave up their time to help out.

Sometime soon, the club is hoping to receive some goodies that we can provide as a small thankyou for all those that helped.

The organiser of these events recently provided the club two bottles of wine for being the best team in NSW. Bruce Haugh (Graeme Haugh's brother) and Antoinette Greig received these after their names were pulled from a hat containing all those that volunteered.

More Marshalling - Sydney Tower Run Up

Parramatta City Swim Club has again this year been asked to provide marshals for Sydney Tower "Run Up". This year's climb is schedule for Friday 24th August 2007 between 11am - 1pm.

If you are interested in helping please see Bruce or Betty. This is a great opportunity to get a free trip up one of Sydney's landmarks, get a great view of the city and see a side of Sydney Tower not usually open to the public.

Club Clothing

The following club clothing is now available:

Silicone Caps	\$5
Large Club Towels	\$15
Club Polo Shirts	\$10 / \$15
Club Costumes	From \$20
Club Shorts	\$14 / \$16

Club Tracks Suits and Parkas are also available. See Betty Horlyck prices and sizes

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