



2016 Annual General Meeting President's Report

The 2015/16 swimming season has been an interesting one for our Club. We started the 2015/16 season with a new head coach, during the year we realigned the club training sessions and introduced a new fee structure. The club finances has now stabilised which has put the club on a cost base that matches our swimming numbers.

I would like to thank all the effort of Vanessa and Troy Hanlon who during the year had to step down from the committee due to other commitments, they have sacrificed a lot of personal time to the club over the past few years covering things like uniforms and especially fundraising when the club was not in a financially stable situation.

The Club also received a \$1000 grant from Hume in 2016 to be spent on new training aids. These have started to be used in Q2 and the club will continue to lobby for more grants going forward.

Membership has been slowly increasing during the year, with a number of new members joining and only a few swimmers leaving, which has been great. The club has a strong base of younger swimmers and will continue to work on increasing its membership by continuing to bring in new members as well as keeping swimming interesting for our current older swimmers.

A number of swimmers during 2015/16 entered Interclub meets. We had a few swimmers qualify for states swimming events as well national swimming as well which was great to see.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our coaches – Head Coach Lance Vessels, and Friday coach Angela Ballinger. They are the faces of our club and help our club to move forward and grow.

The committee also reinstated the Club Champion perpetual trophy for both Short and Long Course events during the year.

Participation in the Club's short and long course competitions were well represented, with the largest turn out I had seen for Long course in my time at the club. Many swimmers swum PB's times and also a few club records broken during the year. The Club also held a friendly swim off with Gisborne for the first time.

The committee advertised our coach's position as per our constitution, which had not been done until last year. Seven candidates applied, bringing different skills and experience to the table. In the end the committee decided to go with a new coach for the 2016/17 season, Karen Garrard.

I would like to personally thank the time, effort and dedication that Lance showed our club over the past 12 months. He was offered a coaching role he could not refuse and thus gave notice to the committee a few months ago.



I would also like to thank the effort of Leonie Hurley our Secretary for the past 2 years, Anita Santic, our Treasurer for the past 2 years, Jo Wright uniforms for the past year plus general committee for 3 years and Mhel Arcibal who was a general committee member for 3 years. All have decided to step down from their positions for the 2016/17 season. All have contributed a lot of personal time to the club. This means a number of our main committee positions will be available to be filled at the AGM.

I would like to finish with a thank all the committee, their devotion and commitment to the everyday running of the club has enabled the club to continue for another year. Without such people the club would cease to exist.

Regards
Darren Woodvine President