

The Occasional E-News of H₂O Swimming Club

Forthcoming Swim Meets.

- **Sat 21st Feb. Melb Vicentre Long Course meet.** No coach will be in attendance. Ideal for those older swimmers not doing All Juniors. Entries close Tues 10th Feb.
- **Sun Feb 22nd. Metro South All Junior Eliminations.** All swimmers 14 and under should swim a minimum of 3 races with Butterfly being optional. Entries close Wed Feb 11th.
- **Sun. March 1st MLC Encouragement Meet .** Great meet for Novices particularly pre Squad and Development Squad, unregistered swimmers and learn to swim. Fun, friendly and a great introduction to racing. **Entries close Monday 8th December at midday.**
- **Sun March 8th Metro South District & Long Course Championships.** Great opportunity for swimmers to get qualifying times in longer events. ALL State and NT Squad swimmers NOT going to Tassie should compete. Please liaise with your coach the events you should enter. **Entries Close Wednesday 25th February.**
- **Sunday March 29th Club Night. Details later.**
- **April 5th Tigersharks Novice meet.** Great meet for Novices particularly pre Squad and Development Squad, unregistered swimmers and learn to swim. Fun, friendly and a great introduction to racing. **Details Later.**
- Flyers for all of the above meets have been sent in previous emails. Please let me know if you need them resent.

Exciting Club News! H₂O to merge with Melbourne Emperors.

With the demise of Lauriston as our principal training venue, club numbers have dwindled. Looking to the future and noticing trends around Australia I have approached the Melbourne Emperors Swimming Club with a view to merging. This has culminated in a meeting of both committees on Monday 2nd Feb where it was agreed that the clubs would **work towards** a merger . This will strengthen our standing within the Stonnington region as the premier club and ultimately we hope to be able to compete favourably with the 'super clubs'. It is my vision to grow the new club into the largest, most prominent club in the immediate region, providing our services in a variety of pools.

Paying homage to our history, and to Melbourne High School which support and encourages the move, we have agreed in principle to call the new club MH₂O, which beautifully merges the initials of Melbourne High and H₂O. While we are open to naming suggestions, the committee is recommending this to be our new name.

It has also been suggested to retain our blue and white, while adding a third colour, red. Again, we have looked at the hundreds of clubs and most

colour combinations are being used many times over. We wish to use colours that are vibrant, and preferably not being used by another club so we can stand out. Anyone attending the State Championships would agree that this is increasingly hard to do. Again we are still open to suggestions.

After a period of due diligence and with the full support of Swimming Victoria who will oversee the merger process to ensure it proceeds correctly , smoothly and to both parties satisfaction, we plan to commence,, May 1st 2009.

To clarify how this will work. H₂O Swimming Works—my business entity which provides Learn to Swim and Squad training, will continue in its current format. Only the club will change.

Our next club night is a proposed combined meet with the Melbourne Emperors in anticipation of our merger. The date will be Sunday 29th March with the likely venue being Melbourne High School (Called South Yarra Sports Centre or SYSC), but further details will be provided later. We anticipate launching the new club name, colours and logo on this night. Please note the date in your diary as it promises to be a special night.

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Congratulations

To all swimmers who competed at State 12 and under; State Age and State Open Championships over the holidays. We had some wonderful individual swims and fielded many relays which were the highlight for the camaraderie and fun.

Staff Changes

With University courses over, we bid a sad farewell to both Tom and Kirsty as they begin full time careers out in the workforce.

While we acknowledge what a great loss they will be, we are pleased to announce that two H₂O National Target Swimmers both of whom are teaching in our Learn to Swim programme are stepping up to take their place. Kerryn Cohen and Adrian Hirsh will be assisting Adam and we look forward to a long association with them.

Sadly too, Dina will be taking maternity leave from Feb 12th for 12 months and Adam will be replacing her in the office. Dina will be greatly missed and on behalf of all of us at H₂O wish her all the best for the birth of her first baby.

Thought for the Week:

“ Commitment is following through on a promise long after the feeling you had when you made that promise, has gone”.

Source unknown.