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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 2007 everyone hopefully by now all your New Year resolutions are well and truly in place!!!

To date we have had 53 members who have either renewed their membership or joined for the first time. These 53 must be very enthusiast as sessions have been well patronized since the start of the year.

Unfortunately our treasurer Tony Garsden has decided not to return this year due to some niggling muscle problems. I would like to thank Tony not only for the great job as keeper of the bank books but also for his words of wisdom during committee meetings and behind the scenes work in arranging sporting grants etc. These grants have allowed the club to offer Bronze Medallion and Coaching courses for the last couple of years. Hopefully Tony's quest for the "**perfect**" 400 metre butterfly will see him back in the pool later in the year.

To fill the void in treasury until our next AGM Vanessa Welke has accepted an offer from the committee to perform the treasurer's role, On behalf of the committee and members welcome aboard.

The Annual General Meeting is almost upon us again, **Sunday the 4th of March at 8:45** is the date and time. I would ask all members to attend and contribute to the election of a committee which will manage the affairs of the club for the next 12 months. Nomination forms are available at the pool if you wish to nominate yourself or another club member for a position on the committee.

Following the formal matters of the day a full breakfast BBQ will be laid on by the club.

CARNIVALS

The state carnival date and location has been announced, it will be held at Bundaberg on the 7th & 8th of April.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Toowoomba Tadpoles)

Our AGM for 2007 will be held at the Glennie Swimming Pool commencing at 08:45 on **Sunday the 4th of March 2007**. All members are invited to attend. A BBQ breakfast will be supplied at the completion of proceedings.

All positions are declared vacant so if you are interested in becoming involved with the administration of the Toowoomba Tadpoles ensure your nomination is in the hands of the secretary by Sunday the 18th of February.

Regardless of whether you have previously held a committee position or not consider nominating. It does not take up a lot of time and it offers you an opportunity to help your fellow members by having an input into the way your club is managed.

AROUND THE POOL WITH BIG TADDIE

The Big Taddie hasn't been seen or heard of for some time and so contributions to the newsletter have been a bit thin on the ground.

However, things have taken a turn for the better and it has been reported that the "**original**" Big Taddie has been seen not only at the pool but actually entering the water. Apparently the "Big T" can't make his mind which group to swim with, he started in a lane with "A Good Guy" and "The Club's Newest Treasurer" but couldn't get a word in as they were talking all the time!!! This lane even gets its own special program called "Lionel's Program, it includes long rest intervals with plenty of aerobics for the jaw muscles!!!!

Apparently blonds can come in any colour! The newest member of the committee was asking the coach one night if he had seen her goggles. He wasn't sure whether she meant her spare pair or the pair strapped to the top of her head!!!!

Three new members to group 3 are showing plenty of enthusiasm and dragging the rest of the group with them. Susan Doyle, Gayle Morosini and Wayne Carlish seem to be enjoying the extra

challenges of a few more hundred metres after coming across from Group 4 or joining as new members.

COACH'S CORNER

For those of you who don't already know Ian Findlay has left as manager of The Glennie Aquatic Centre and moved to the Gold Coast. We have had a great relationship with "Finnie" and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

The new manager of The Glennie Aquatic Centre is Lindsay Clyde who I'm sure most of you will know as our normal coach on Thursday evenings.

Lindsay has advised that things are a bit "full on" at the moment while taking over the reins as manager so for a couple of months we will have a guest coach in Matt Torr.

Matt has been "hanging around" the pool for a number of years and is a qualified coach so come along on a Thursday night and see how Matt can help you improve your swimming.

Lindsay and Peter McMonagle will be getting together and creating a coaching program which will be consistent for all sessions and build us up to the state and our own carnivals.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our 2 newest members Susan Doyle & Wayne Carlish.

CAPTAINS REPORT

Hi! Everyone: Welcome to the New Year and a rewarding and fun one- I'm sure you can all make it so. Well things are swimming already, the Sunshine Coast Carnival was held last Saturday and 7 Tadpoles supported that worthy club [hopefully they will return the compliment in Sept.] Results are as follows.

Peter McMonagle	[55]	200	100	50	Br. 1sts.	50	Fr..	
Stephen Gray	[41]	400	Fl. 1 st .	100	Fr 1 st .	50	Fl. 50	Fr. 3 rd .
Cecily Cooke	[81]	200	Fr. 1 st .	50	Br. 2 nd	100	Br. 100 & 50	Fr. 3 rd .
Beres Hindman	[73]	50	Br. 1 st .	800	Bk. 400	Br. 2nds.	50	Fr. 3 rd .
Rosalie Lutvey	[63]	1500	BR. 1 ST .	400	Br. 2 nd .	50	Fr. 3 rd .	
Barbara Lawes	[66]	100	Bk. 2 nd .	50	Bk. 3 rd .			
Ann Todd	[81]	800& 100	Br. 1sts.	400	Bk.1 st .	100 & 50	Fr. 2 nd .	

Well done everyone- the next carnival will be at Miami [the South Coast] 24th Feb. always a popular one and in March Albany Creek is holding theirs on the 24th – a short course one [only 25m] so you can all manage that "I know you can" and it's also a very friendly one. Forgot to mention = 4x50 Women's Relay 280+ Barbara Lawes, Rosalie Lutvey, Beres Hindman & Ann Todd again 1st place. Happy Paddling.

THE AWESOME FOURSOME

Hi, I'm Rosalie [SPLASH] Lutvey and I will tell you about the Awesome Foursome and our trip around California, U.S.A. last August 2006. Anne Todd, Cecily Cooke, Beres Hindman & I flew from Brisbane to San Francisco to compete in the X1 FINA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS at Stanford University south of S.F.

Accommodation; The Maple Tree Inn at Sunnyvale that was halfway between the two. Free shuttle buses helped but were late so we learnt to be patient. Arrived on the 30th & had a quick "reccy" around the city of S.F.

Monday 31st. Coached into Monterey/Carmel for a day's excursion to Rudolf Hearst's Castle [Patti's Grandfather]. MAJESTIC. Money! Money! Money! Must be funny! In a rich man's world! Also, the rich man's golf club, PEEBLE BEACH at Car Mel. The Canadian/German coach driver was a bit too much – boring.

Tuesday 1st Sightseeing around S.F. How they ever filmed the car chases up & down the hills of S.F. is a miracle – bad enough in a slow coach. The Golden Gate is truly beautiful, The Bay, Alcatraz, Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf with its seafood, sour dough bread are just a few to mention – leaving your heart there was quite easy.

Wednesday 2nd - 10th Busy with warming up, swimming, warming down, eating, resting, out with the other 30 OZ swimmers on the tour with I.S.D. Other oz swimmers were attending but they made their own arrangements. Cecily celebrated her 80th birthday and the 34 all celebrated with her! GREAT NIGHT! We became adept at stashing food [like squirrels] and joined Safeway's to share "specials", for members, eating child's meals, as the American adult serve would feed 2-3 adults in Oz. Gee Honey, Americans eat big. We went into S.F. to shop for touristy things and Beres and I went to see "The Menopause", which was a scream, very professional, clever & so funny.

Friday 11th Intrepid people did the open water swim in the Hellhole – oops I did it again! I meant Little Bay. Windy & freezing – grey water & grey people. Then when we thawed out, off we went to Fresno. PM. Followed the Napa Valley for over 100 miles and their aqua duct [3 times the size of our storm drains]. Carrying water to the farmers who pay for water used. Maybe T.C.C. could check it out. We turned right but the aqua duct kept straight so lost sight of it. Our new coach driver "Road dog", a big ten gallon hat Negro for the trip. If he did not know something he would have the info by his next break. No "Condo's" they're this is where the food grows.

Saturday 12th: What a treasure Yosemite Valley turned out - not an indigenous Indian to be seen though, hope they get some money back. All the mats gifts etc. Are made in China – asked if any locally made gifts available & told this handbag is pretty. Yep, it was made in India! Onto Sheraton [Four Points]

Sunday 13th DEATH VALLEY. The Badlands. Home to the Timbisha Shoshone Indians plus plant & animals unique to this harsh desert, bordering Nevada. The outlaws headed here to escape the law one wonders if it was worth it. I was very glad to get back into the air-conditioned coach after a photo shoot. Below sea level [400feet?] It was a saltpan in parts. Accommodation, The Furnace Creek Ranch that had a great pool and a greater dinner. – Big steak and a bottle of yummy red wine bought for Cecily and I by Brian Travers - our tour leader.

Monday 14th EEHAH – Off to Las Vegas. Accommodation. Stratosphere Hotel & Casino. We had to enter the casino through the pokies area – not nice. We fitted a lot of entertainment in 2 days and nights. Shopping outlets, the amazing Grand Canyon via helicopter, "Splash" the T & B show, which was awesome and wonderful entertaining. Very Slick and professional. The doctor and his wife from Newcastle, NSW. And I compared notes on who had good "Boobs", who had implants and two who needed them. They all moved so fast it was tough. The pole dancers and the Olympic gymnast were excellent – I could go on! We walked the length of Las Vegas the last night with most of the women carrying their shoes. Las Vegas is a crazy city at night but I was glad to leave.

Wednesday 16th: Finally put \$10 into the pokies this is while waiting for the coach. Los Angeles here we come. Our coach driver made our scenic drive around California. He was a Negro in a ten gallon hat and was informative and switched on, that he was a treat. Not boring or intrusive, had his quiet times. Excellent! His name Road Dog. Accommodation; Hotel Carmel @ Santa Monica – 2nd block from the beach where "Bubba Gump's Shrimp Factory" was in the movie – went there days later ---yum.

Thursday 17th Breakfast @ Café' Crepe---Yum & off to the Paul J Getty Centre for a full day. Brilliant.-----the Art, Poems, eggs, gardens, Icons, Pottery, Sciences & Research all housed in a brilliant two storied white building atop a high hill reached by the centres own buses and trains - - amazing.

Italia no evenings & socializing. The others flew home while I stayed for another 10 days @ the Hostelling International---- Santa Monica and Santa Diego. Another story! SPLASH.

AEROBICS

Swim times will be as follows:

Monday:	18:30 > 19:30	Wednesday	18:30 > 19:30
Thursday:	18:30 > 19:30	Sunday:	07:30 > 08:30

Aerobic sessions will now conducted during the Wednesday and Thursday night sessions

CYBERSPACE (& ALL THAT COMPUTER STUFF!!)

If you are "surfing" the web remember to log on to our own Tadpole's site (<http://members.optusnet.com.au/~smythe/tadpoles/>) or the Queensland Masters website (www.aussimastersqld.com.au). Both have plenty of good information and links to other associated organizations that can provide plenty of news and information. I have just been looking at the state web site. There is a link where you can search any country in the world for a pool. For those of use that do a lot of travel a very good site!

If you prefer to save a tree and have your newsletter sent to you electronically send an e-mail to our secretary (address on the top of the front page) and we will ensure it is delivered in the correct format.

SOCIAL EVENTS & DATE CLAIMERS

24/2/07	Miami Masters	Miami Olympic Swim Pool
24/2/07	Cairns Mudcrabs (Long)	Worree Swimming Pool
3/3/07	Yeppoon Masters (Long)	Coee Bay Swimming Pool
17/3/07	Hervey Bay Humpbacks	Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre
17/3/07	Innisfail Stingers (Short)	Innisfail S.H.School Pool
24/3/07	Albany Creek Ducks	Albany Creek Leisure Centre
1/4/07	Tully Masters	Tully Memorial Baths
7-8/4/07	STATE SWIM (Long)	Bundaberg
19/5/07	Noosa Challengers (Long)	Noosa Aquatic Centre
26/5/07	Cairns Mudcrabs (Short)	Edmonton Swimming Pool
1/6>31/7/07	Sunshine Coast Seals (Postal)	State Wide Postal

To check on any upcoming swim events remember: THE PURPLE BOOK is always available on the pool deck. THE BOOK contains details of all State and National Swim Meets: the *what, where* and *when*! If all else fails contact a committee member for event details.

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We operate an honour system and want to keep it that way so don't abuse the privilege! If you need an "IOU" write it in the book and write it in again when you pay.