

# ALICE SPRINGS SWIMMING CLUB NEWSLETTER

August 2010

Welcome everyone to the 2010/2011 Season. This season we will see a new direction for the Swimming Club and the way in which the club operates. As Fiona hinted in her outgoing coach's report at the AGM in May, she has stepped down as the Head Coach of the club.

For a couple of years we have been trying to secure a new head coach, without any luck, mostly due to the fact that without a year round swimming season, coaches from interstate were reluctant to move to Alice Springs. Income from coaching the swimming club alone is also not enough to live on and so we had to be able to offer a prospective coach something more.

After negotiations with the YMCA, the swimming club committee has decided to hand over coaching of club squad swimmers to the YMCA. With the restructuring of staff due to the opening early next year of the new Aquatic Centre, the YMCA have created a new position – Squad Coach / Aquatic Education Co-ordinator. At the time of writing this newsletter, this position has yet to be filled. The job has been advertised and a number of very experienced and qualified coaches from interstate are very interested. This person will be the Head Coach of the Alice Springs Swimming Club and will provide the direction for any assistant coaches. Our club's assistant coaches from last season will hopefully still be involved in the day to day coaching.

As the YMCA will be paying the salary of the Head Coach, all coaching/squad fees will now be paid to the YMCA as part of admission to the centre. The fees will be determined by the YMCA and are yet to be decided.

The Swimming club's role from now on will be to continue to promote the sport of swimming, to organise and run local meets and carnivals, encourage participation of members in these meets and also carnivals and events elsewhere. We will continue to keep records of swimmers' times and club records. We will also continue to fundraise to help subsidise swimmers travel to inter and intrastate meets and to buy new equipment. We will also where possible help to provide training for officials and coaches.

We would still encourage swimmers and their families to become members of the Alice Springs Swimming Club. Our fees for the coming season will be \$75/swimmer and \$15/parent or non-swimmer. This fee goes toward Public Liability Insurance, Insurance of all our equipment, affiliation fees with Swimming Northern Territory and Swimming Australia Ltd. All swimmers who wish to compete in any meet or carnival run by our club or any other club either here in the Territory or interstate will need to be a paid up financial member of the Alice Springs Swimming club.

Our registrar will soon be sending out emails to all past members with user names and passwords that will enable members to re-register with 'swim on-line'. The process is fairly simple and will be explained in the email. This is our preferred method of receiving new and renewed memberships. If you do not wish to pay using swim on-line, payments can be made directly into the clubs bank account through online banking, or by simply visiting the Commonwealth Bank. However, cash and cheque payments will be accepted on sign on day ONLY. **Our annual sign-on day is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September at the pool from 10.00am – 12.00pm.**

Committee members will be available on the day to discuss all of these changes. Club t-shirts, bathers etc. will also be available for purchase on the day.