

Mandurah Swimming Club Newsletter

1. Country Pennants 2004 - to be held in South Hedland March 2004

Our committee is hoping to send 2 teams to CP's in 2004. These teams would compete in A & C Divisions, following the success in Geraldton. Our preference is to fly the teams to South Hedland so that the children do not miss an extra 2 days of school due to bus travel. They would also be much fresher for competition in the pool.

The club must raise approximately \$30-35,000 for air-fares to achieve this aim. Unless this is achieved, we will not be able to send our strongest teams, and we may not be able to send a second team at all. With this in mind, we must make the most of our 2 swim meets, in July & October, as these are major fund-raising opportunities. We must also raise much more than these meets can provide, by other fund-raising means. All families will be expected to be involved in fund-raising.

2. Mandurah Short Course Swim Meet – 19/20th July 2004

This is our club's first main opportunity to raise funds for 2004 CP's. In the past 3 years Paul Birch has been the co-ordinator & Meet Director of this meet, carrying on the great work of Russell Nicholson from previous years. This job is now too large for one person and requires a number of volunteers to work with Paul & Russell to achieve our goal. I encourage club parents to come forward to offer your services and make this meet the best ever. We will still require a large number of parents on the week-end of the meet as in previous years. We need to act now to get this one going.

If you are prepared to help organise this meet please contact Paul Birch, Russell Nicholson or Greg Jenkinson. Ideally, a team of 8-10 people to each manage an aspect of the organisation would be ideal.

3. 2003-04 MSC Committee & AGM 6/5/03

The club now requires some of our "new" parents to become involved in the decision-making processes within the club. We therefore encourage nominations for positions on the Committee, as well as for the various jobs that need to be done and are usually done by the few.

Some people do not contribute willingly to club activities and this is regrettable. The club is not a child-minding service!

In 2002-03 the club Committee has worked cohesively and effectively and the year has been my most enjoyable as a parent within the club. We need involvement by parents of some of the younger swimmers so that the transition brought about by resignations and natural attrition is smooth.

Other topics to be discussed at the AGM are:

- Club membership fees
- Life membership Nominations

Greg Jenkinson, President.