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Bayley Bettini in the freestyle semi-finals at the Coral Coast Invitational



From the President

Well Parents and swimmers, our first club night is out of the way and our own carnival is fast approaching. It will be held on Sunday 14th October (the first Sunday back after the school holidays) and the closing date for nominations is **Monday 8th October**. Nominations for all races and pool entry is **free** for all Stingrays members for our home carnival (normally \$4.50 per race). We will also be needing some parents to assist us with set up for the carnival on Saturday 13th October at 2.00pm and then of course on the Sunday of the carnival. Our club is strong when we work together and share the load and I am sure those who can will provide some assistance.

I would also like to thank all the parents who supported the Coral Coast Invitational. Our excellent attendance was duly noted by FNQ swimming and the Stingrays shirts were highly noticeable on all media shots. Well done to all the kids especially Amber Waters and Keely who won their respective races in Breaststroke and Butterfly.

I have communicated thanks to FNQ for a fantastic initiative for their first effort and I also provided feedback to them as to how to make it better next year. The main issue is simply asking for parents and kids to show up over two days is difficult and it needs to be compressed into a one day event. However, for those who remained on the Saturday and saw the talkback session with swimmers was also positively received. Special mention to the parents who turned up to help on Saturday even though their kids weren't swimming.

Keep working hard kids and having fun and I will see you all at our next Club Night.

Regards - **Jason Salecich** (President)

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Kate Gould made it all the way through the heats and semi's to the 50m Freestyle Final on Day 2 of the Coral Coast Invitational



TOP: Olympians, Cameron McEvoy, Melanie Schlanger, Christian Sprenger, Alice Tait, Gregor Tait and Chris Wright signing merchandise.

ABOVE: Emilee Salecich and Amber Waters getting their merchandise signed by the visiting Olympians.

RIGHT: Emilee, Keely, Ben and Jake Bennetts in their complimentary corporate event T-shirts awaiting the arrival of the 'stars'.



Coral Coast Invite

The eagerly-awaited two-day "Race an Olympian" Challenge held at the Marlin Coast Swimming Club pool proved to be the big success it was hoped; heats were staged on both days leading up to their respective finals, the Friday night featuring nominated swimmers in their preferred stroke, while Saturday focussed on freestyle races.

Participating from Stingrays on the Friday were: *Alex Collins, Bayley Bettini, Adam Foote, Daniel Foote, Nathan Foote, Kate Gould, Grace Grainer, Roisin Hogan, Nathan Licence, Paige Pritchard, Baiden Sager, Whitney Sager, Emilee Salecich, Keely Salecich, Keir Simpson, Skye Simpson, Moyah Urqhart Kereru, Estelle Urqhart Kereru, Phoebe Urqhart Kereru, Amber Waters, Benjamin Waters, Elise Wheeler, Clayton Wheeler* – a total of 23 entrants - very impressive!

Race finals were determined based solely on each participant's improvement time over their last official published p.b.'s, this meant every entrant had an equal chance at racing in the finals, as race times were handicapped anyone could win! (and even beat the Olympian).

Saturday was a full day involving freestyle heats leading up to finals again, with corporate races by local businesses competing against the Olympians. There was also time for some fun with an unscheduled

'Lilo Race Relay' - although the less said about that the better!

Participating on Saturday were: *Kate Gould and Bayley Bettini*, who both put in a great effort.

Our winning finalists were...

Keely Salecich and Amber Waters, who both won their races in their age groups, seen here with other club winners, in front of the six Olympians.



Keely receiving her trophy from Chris Wright.

Finalists on both days received yellow "Finalist" T-shirts; semi-finalists on Saturday received blue T-shirts.

Amber receiving her trophy from Christian Sprenger.





Cairns Stingrays Carnival

**Sunday
14th October**

Gates open 7:30am for 8:30 start
Gate Entry: \$2.00 for non-competitors

Morning races

Lunch Break - food available

Afternoon races

**Medal
Presentation
or Participation
Ribbon**

**Prize
Draws**

Nominations for races close on Monday 8th October; Stingrays Members have free entry to their own carnival events.

Please refer to the Cairns Stingrays Swimming Club Inc. Flyer for race information, Rules and Conditions of Entry for further details about nominating your child/ren into races.

Your child's age category is determined as at 7/10/2012 - 8yrs and under must enter either 25m Rule Tolerances Swims or Open swims, not both. Open events will be aged 8yrs to 15yrs and over. (p.t.o for more info)

**Cairns Stingrays
Swimming Club,
Woree Pool**



See you there!



From Coach Greg

Here we are! After a very long break, swimming carnivals are back! In the past month many of you have been training very hard and improved so much. The "Coral Coast Invitational" was such a fabulous boost for every participant and myself - it's so good to see you all racing again. Congratulations Stingrays for your outstanding participation and enthusiasm during the two day event.

"Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man, for sooner or later the one who wins... is the one who THINKS he can."

Athletes, together we have set your goals. It's time now to go and get them. Our first chance will be in our own home on the 14th of October. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there to show the rest of the field who we are!

Please also give a warm welcome to Whitney in the role of assistant coach. I hope that she will help the kids to bring them the same success she has achieved over the past few years. She has my entire support and I am sure yours as well.

Greg

Stingrays Carnival Information

We obviously want parents to enjoy their child's swimming events, but the club also requires volunteer help for other roles during the course of the carnival as required to assist in its smooth running; your help would be much appreciated.

To nominate your child for a race, nomination forms can be found on top of the cabinet under our club Noticeboard for your convenience. Place your completed nomination form into an envelope marked with name, into the green Stingrays box at the Kiosk, or hand-in at Club Nights. There is no charge for Stingrays Members attending their own carnival. Please contact a committee member if you would like any assistance with completing your form.

No nominations will be accepted after the closing date (Mon 8 Oct).

Before nominating for events at carnivals, please speak with your coach about your child's suitability for the events you wish to race in.

Stingrays Date Claimers

- Mon 8 Oct** Carnival Nominations Close
- Tue 9 Oct** Committee Meeting
- Fri 12 Oct** Club Night - week 3
- Sat 13 Oct** Pre-Carnival assistance in afternoon (from 2pm)
- Sun 14 Oct** Stingrays Carnival
- Fri 19 Oct** Club Night - week 4
- Sat 20-21 Oct** Central Cairns LC Carnival
- Fri 26 Oct** Club Night - week 5

 **Stingrays is on Facebook**

Check us out on Facebook – *Cairns Stingrays Swimming Club* – where we hope to keep members up to date with news items, and where we can share items of interest relevant to our club.



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Swimart, Southside Shopping

Village Woree

The Wax Pot, Woree

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Southside Shopping Village Woree