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Woree Pool

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One of the last heats of the final boys' event of the Tully meet, with an impressive Stingrays lineup for their 100m freestyle... well into the evening



Welcome to our February Edition... only a few months behind schedule! Back into the second half of the season proper, and weekly Club Nights again now that school has started back - hooray parents! In this edition we cover reports from the last two remaining scheduled regional carnivals of the year, including our own at the start of February, and a welcome newcomer back on the scene (after an 8-year lapse) with Tully's Carnival towards the end of the month. That's of course aside from the FNQ Championships - the finale to the long-course season which happens in March.

We have an interesting development with our Club Nights in that we welcome an amalgamation with Southside Aquatics Learn-to-Swim members and invite them to join in with us at Woree for the remainder of the season, as a way of introducing their younger swimmers to the club scene in the hope that they may be encouraged to continue their swimming development with us.

I trust you can bear with me as I endeavour to present the rest of the season's 'news' retrospectively at this point - even though the season has practically all but concluded, I will try my best to 'round-out' the season in style, and present the results of our remaining events, the all-important Championships, and our own Awards Presentations... Soon!

Regards -
Martyn Foote (Publicity)

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Belle-Marie at the Tully Carnival

Cairns Stingrays Carnival

Our own carnival was designated the 'Sprints' Meet, since it directly preceded the State Sprints Championships and provides swimmers their last opportunity to achieve qualifying times - and sprints focusses on the shorter distances, from 50m to 200m races; we did not need to stage any long distance races.

Since we had opted to move to a 'twilight' shedule as of last year, this has proved quite successful for us - hence racing begins at midday or early afternoon and extends into the early or mid evening. This suits many of the out-of-town clubs enabling families to travel later in the morning, and head home after dark, or stay in Cairns overnight.



left to right: Maggie, Sophie, Jamie-Lynn and Belle-Marie about to swim their 25m backstroke



Maggie on the block for 25m freestyle



Patrick (front) and E.J. in their 100m butterfly

STATISTICS	
Improvements	39%
First time swims	22
No swims	0
DQ's	1

CAIRNS STINGRAYS SPRINT QUALIFIER CARNIVAL
DATE: 4 FEBRUARY: VENUE: WOREE POOL

48 PARTICIPANTS: Adam Foote; Adam Woodward; Albert An; Alexandra Greatorex; Amber Waters; Audrey Peden; Belle Potts; Ben Waters; Braydon Hutchins; Chelsea Szepuk; Connor Lloyd; Daniel Foote; Edward Diola; Edward Orchard; Ella Diola; Emilee Salecich; Flynn Riordan; Grace Grainer; Hayden Beck; Isabella Higginson; Jamie Potts; Jane-Lee Pregl; Kai Travers-Mason; Kali Houlihan; Keely Salecich; Kelsey Orchard; Lacey Walters; Liam Thieme; Lindsay Goudie; Loki Travers-Mason; Madelin McAuley; Madison Thieme; Maggie Peden; Natalie Beck; Nathan Foote; Neve Houlihan; Nicholas Martin; Nick Goudie; Owen Hallett; Patrick Martini; Phoebe Peden; Ryan Woodward; Sam Tress; Sophie Greatorex; Susan Hutchins; Thomas Greatorex; Triton Smith; Zara Hallett

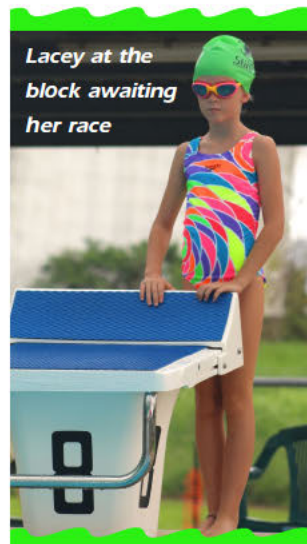
We had another great turnout of swimmers, with a total of 273 athletes from 15 clubs; we had 48 Stingrays members competing with debuts from several of our current season younger, more capable new members, which was great to see.

Halfway through the programme was the freestyle relay races - unfortunately this also coincided with a rather heavy downpour, making the going a bit more demanding... Our teams were as follows:

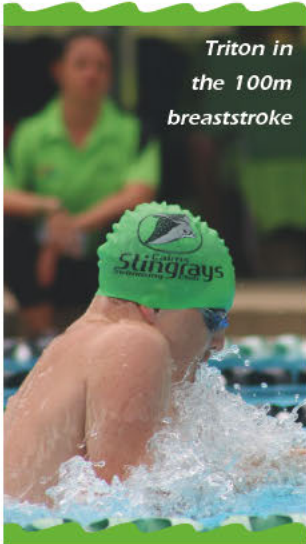
Medals	G	S	B
Albert	7	1	
Ryan	6	2	
Sam	5		1
Kali	4		
Ella	3	3	1
Jane-Lee	2	1	
Nathan	2		3
Adam F	1	5	
Edward D	1	4	2
Thomas	1	3	
Amber	1	2	3
Adam W	1	2	1
Isabella	1		1
Nick G	1		1
Nicholas M	1		1
Patrick	1		1
Ben		2	
Madison	1	3	
Keely	1	2	
Neve	1	2	
Edward O	1	1	
Triton	1	1	
Daniel	1		
Maggie			2
Jamie			1
Zara			1



Ella (front) and Amber swimming backstroke in their 200m Individual Medley



Lacey at the block awaiting her race



Triton in the 100m breaststroke

Girls 10-&Under (4x50) Free Relay

1. Kai 2. Maggie 3. Sophie 4. Natalie

Boys 13-&Under (4x50) Free Relay

1. Thomas 2. Edward D 3. Connor 4. Ryan

Girls 13-&Under (4x50) Free Relay

1. Jane-Lee 2. Alexandra 3. Madelin 4. Emilee

Boys 14-&Over (4x50) Free Relay - A

1. Adam W 2. Adam F 3. Ben 4. Sam

Boys 14-&Over (4x50) Free Relay - B

1. Nathan 2. Triton 3. Edward O 4. Nick

Girls 14-&Over (4x50) Free Relay - A

1. Kali 2. Amber 3. Keely 4. Ella

The last event of the programme was the medley relays, held after dark in the evening - with teams as follows:

Girls 10-&Under (4x50) Medley Relay

1. Sophie 2. Maggie 3. Natalie 4. Susan

Boys 13-&Under (4x50) Medley Relay

1. Ryan 2. Edward D 3. Patrick 4. Connor

Girls 13-&Under (4x50) Medley Relay

1. Alexandra 2. Jane-Lee 3. Emilee 4. Kelsey

Boys 14-&Over (4x50) Medley Relay - A

1. Edward O 2. Triton 3. Sam 4. Ben

Boys 14-&Over (4x50) Medley Relay - B

1. Adam W 2. Adam F 3. Nathan 4. Liam

Girls 14-&Over (4x50) Medley Relay - A

1. Keely 2. Amber 3. Kali 4. Ella

We also staged our second 'Cairns Stingrays Gift' handicapped swim-off between winners of the 50m free in each age group, for prize money. Our swimmers who made it into the finals were Sam and Albert in the Boys', and Kali and Ella in the Girls'. Unfortunately they all missed out as top three winners; Winner of the Girls' Final was Leah Snelling from TAS, and the Boys' Final was won by Hayden Reiha of Mossman.



Young girls' relay team



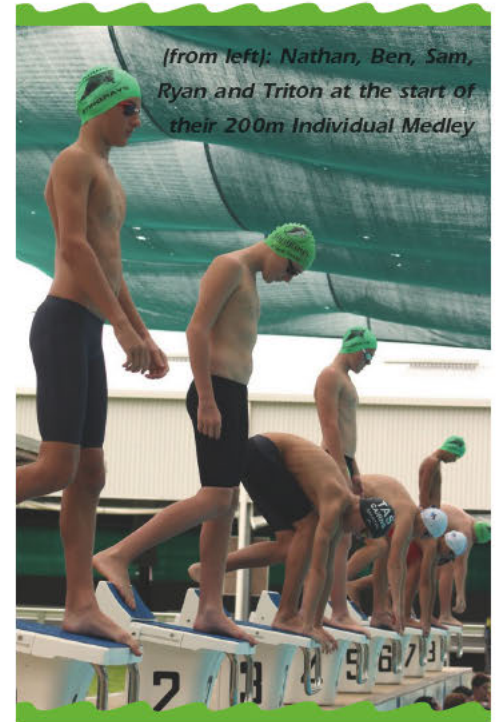
Nicholas doing backstroke



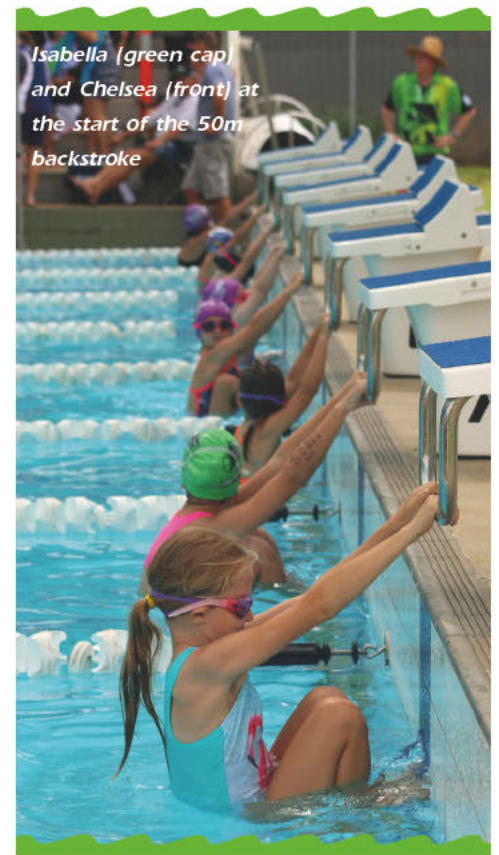
Belle-Marie awaiting her race



Senior girls having a photo opportunity in marshalling



(from left): Nathan, Ben, Sam, Ryan and Triton at the start of their 200m Individual Medley



Isabella (green cap) and Chelsea (front) at the start of the 50m backstroke



Chelsea pushing off in fier backstroke

Tully Carnival

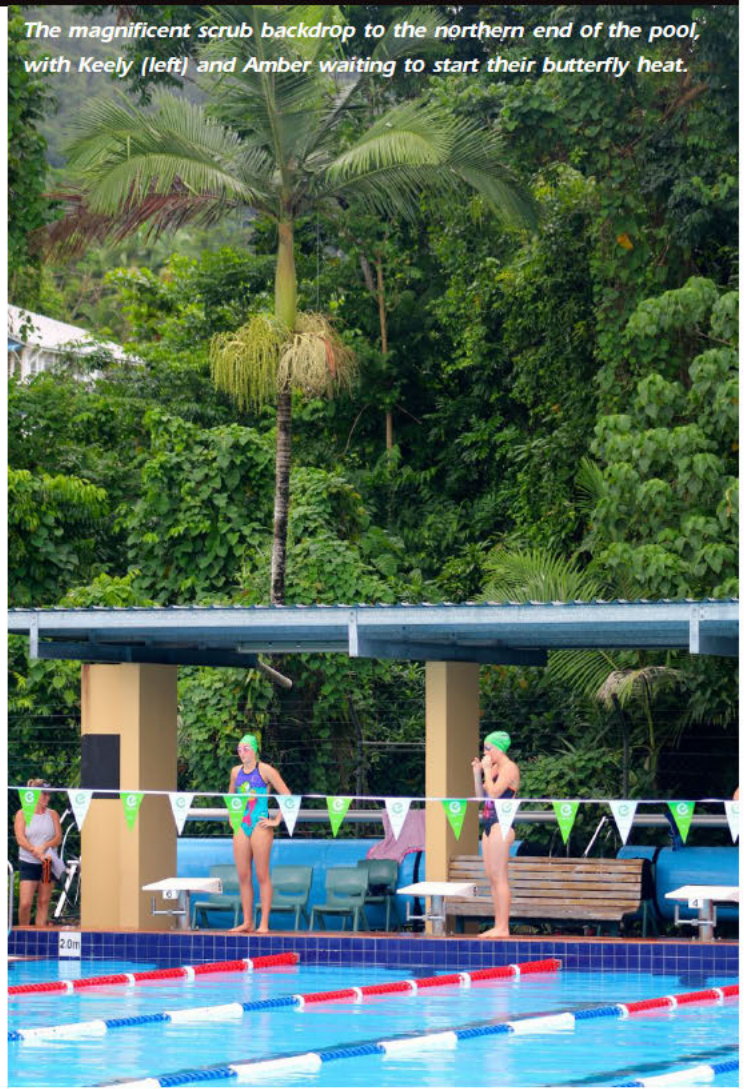
A new appearance on the carnival circuit this year - after an absence of eight years, was a refreshing change even though it meant a couple of hours travel; at least it was an afternoon/evening carnival enabling a relaxed travelling time in the morning.

Being in a renowned high-rainfall region, the day could have been rather washed out if the ominous sky was anything to go by, but once an early shower was over with the overcast conditions was a blessing, keeping everyone cool despite some humidity. The day got progressively better, and with so many overall entrants the meet went well into the evening, turning clear and a bit chilly. With an outstanding turnout it proved a big success for the host club, and they laid on some excellent food as well.



Ben (above) and Sam (right) swimming butterfly of their 200m IM.

The magnificent scrub backdrop to the northern end of the pool, with Keely (left) and Amber waiting to start their butterfly heat.



TULLY TWILIGHT CARNIVAL

DATE: 25 FEBRUARY: **VENUE:** TULLY POOL

32 PARTICIPANTS: Adam Foote; Adam Woodward; Albert An; Alexandra Greatorex; Amber Waters; Belle Potts; Ben Waters; Braydon Hutchins; Daniel Foote; Edward Diola; Edward Orchard; Ella Diola; Emilee Salecich; Grace Grainer; Hayden Beck; Isabella Higginson; Jamie Potts; Jane-Lee Pregl; Keely Salecich; Kelsey Orchard; Maggie Peden; Natalie Beck; Nathan Foote; Neve Houlihan; Nicholas Martin; Owen Hallett; Patrick Martin; Ryan Woodward; Sam Tress; Thomas Greatorex; Triton Smith; Zara Hallett



Natalie showing good form in her dive.



Neve (front) and Jane-Lee in their breaststroke heat

STATISTICS	
Improvements	27%
First time swims	6
No swims	1
DQ's	0

Participation Ribbon (7&U)		
Belle-Marie	Hayden	Isabella
Maggie	Nicholas	Sophie

	Medals			Ribbons		
	G	S	B	1	2	3
Albert	4			1		
Sam	3			2	1	
Ezlan	2			4		
Patrick	2	1	1	1	1	2
Nathan	2	1	1	1		
Ryan	2			2	2	
Natalie	1		1		3	
Emilee	1			2	1	
Jane-Lee		2	1		1	1
Adam W		2			2	1
Keely		2		2	2	
Owen		1	1		2	1
Thomas		1		2		1
Triton		1				2
Neve		1				
Amber			2			1
Ben			2			
Daniel					1	1
Isabella					1	1



Hayden at the finish rope to his 25m butterfly.

Club News

As the school year begins anew so too does the second half of our season, with the return to weekly Club Nights. We continue to see a good turnout of regular members, keen to practice their swimming skills; the young ones getting familiar with the Dolphin races in the undercover pool and showing improvements. Littlies like Miley and Sienna are keen to start doing some 25m races in the main pool.



'Smiley' Miley

The rotating schedule of events continues through the month for the older ones, with the addition of longer distances, by popular consensus; so in February we staged a 400m free and an 800m free on different nights, while the Dolphin races were on.

In the third week of the month we had an influx of visiting guests as the Club welcomed young swimmers and their parents of Gary Lenton's Southside Aquatics - a joint initiative whereby their Learn-to-Swim members can try out our club for a few weeks, as a means to entice them into advancing their swimming abilities, and trying out the swimming club format. We staged a 'Meet-and-Greet' between our swimmers and theirs, to show them we are 'the friendly club' of Cairns! Unfortunately the weather was not being as friendly and the rain came in with gusto just as these new recruits were preparing for their first race.



'Splashing' Sienna

Southside Aquatics members continued to join us at our successive Club Nights through

Southside Aquatics EDMONTON

Cairns' Stingrays members 'meeting-and-greeting' our new visitors of Southside Aquatics



Our senior racers preparing for their race

Upgrades

The following swimmers were upgraded from 25m to 50m over this period:



Maggie



Sophie

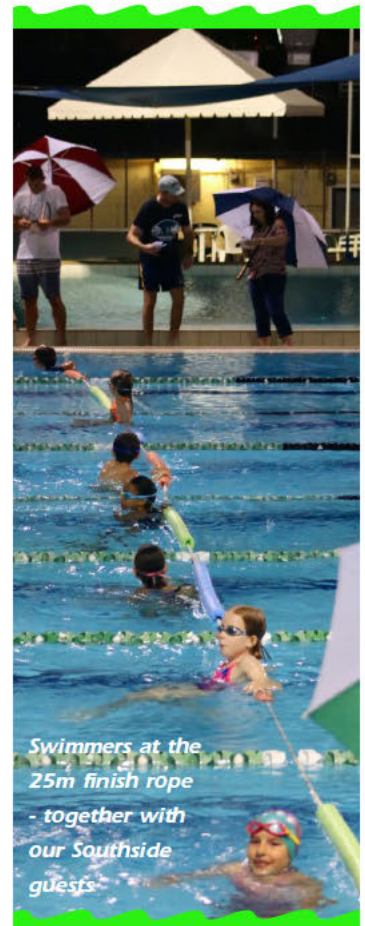


Kyrhan

Well done to these swimmers on their achievements.

Maggie Peden	to 50m Breaststroke to 50m Backstroke
Sophie Greatorex	to 50m Freestyle
Kyrhan Torres	to 50m Breaststroke

February, with their swimmers integrating with ours and getting used to our procedures, like marshalling and check-starting to the correct lane, and hopefully enjoying their time with us!



Swimmers at the 25m finish rope - together with our Southside guests

Club Night Series Awards #3

Our third Series Awards was presented on 10th February to the ten most-improved swimmers over the previous four weeks; they were presented with their personalised certificates. The personalised towel for top achiever went to Edward Orchard.

(Patrick and Nicholas not present)

Pos	Name	Pts
1	Edward Orchard	89
2=	Albert An	46
2=	Kelsey Orchard	46
4=	Maggie Peden	38
4=	Ryan Woodward	38
4=	Patrick Martin	38
7	Alex Greatorex	33
8=	Liam Thieme	32
8=	Thomas Greatorex	32
10	Nicholas Martin	31



Kelsey Edward Liam Ryan Albert Alex Maggie Thomas

Cairns Stingrays Swimming Club wishes to thank our sponsors for this season:



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Stingrays Date Claimers

- CLUB** Fri 3 Feb Club Night #12
- Sat 4 Feb Cairns Stingrays 'B' Qualifier Sprints Meet Carnival
- CLUB** Fri 10 Feb Club Night #13
- CLUB** Fri 17 Feb Club Night #14
- CLUB** Fri 24 Feb Club Night #15
- Sat 25 Feb Tully Twilight Carnival

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Cairns Stingrays Swimming Club is collecting car, boat, truck, tractor etc. Lead-acid batteries for recycle

Call Chris on 0467 550 421 for details

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