## <u>Caims Stingrays Swimming Club News</u> the month ahead **February**

2019–20







Chandler Aquatic Centre Brisbane



## CHANGES TO CARNIVAL PROCEDURES

The national swimming federation has decided to introduce across-the-board changes to marshalling procedures - this has been termed 'self marshalling' and does away with the need for marshalls and a marshalling area. Instead all swimmers are expected to report to an allocated 'chief timekeeper' for the lane in which they shall be swimming, who will check them off of their list and place them in sequence behind their starting block. It is therefore essential that swimmers take responsibility themselves for timely arrival for their race/s, to the correct lane. Parents of younger ones may need to be proactive on this matter too. Please refer closely to the announcer and event board on the day.

Our carnival has been designated to introduce this new system, although we have trialled it at Atherton, and again at our club night, so that we can all familiarise ourselves with the new system and iron out any problems along the way.

## at a glance

**CLUB NIGHT NOTICES** Club Nights begin again now that the school term has started, with two club nights this month as per the dates shown at right. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> are break weeks just to introduce a

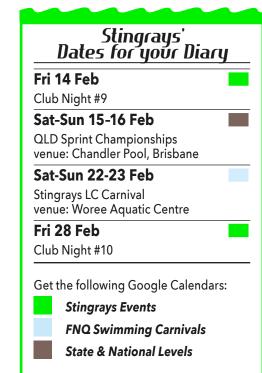
bit of recuperation time. As we are coming towards the conclusion of our season, please be aware we still have two more Series Awards to present in that time, so there will still be chance for your child/ ren to attain possible placement in these as long as they attend each week and improve their times in their races! Don't forget, this will all add towards their end-of-season trophy assessment at our Prizegiving later in May.

Also note our two-day carnival happening on 22-23 Feb for which we would appreciate a great turnout from our members; details below.

## This month's Carnivals

**CAIRNS STINGRAYS** - Saturday 22 Feb & Sunday 23 Feb. gates open 08:30 am for a 09:30 start

Entry costs \$2 for adults each day. Programmes: limited number available at the



door for \$2; or downloadable from FNQ website, or will be distributed to members via email when available.

Nominations close - midnight Friday 14 Feb. (brought forward from Monday cutoff).

This is our Club's turn at hosting a swimming carnival, and this year we have been given the opportunity to stage it as a 2-day Preparation Meet; held over two days, Saturday and Sunday, hoping to finish early afternoons. would like to have as many of our members participate and show our strong support - or if you would just like to come and experience it if you haven't done so before, and maybe it may inspire your kids to get more involved? There will be raffle prizes, and random spot prizes on the day.

Our committee members will be heavily involved with running the event, co-ordinating, marshalling and other officiating jobs - and it would be great to have other backup parents to fill in with any timekeeping slots, helping in the kitchen or being the general runabout.

If any of our members can assist with some baked goods it would be great to have a selection of slices, muffins, cup cakes etc. to sell on the day (please list ingredients so that we can advise customers who may have allergies). Sweets and protein balls would also be welcome as items to sell.

