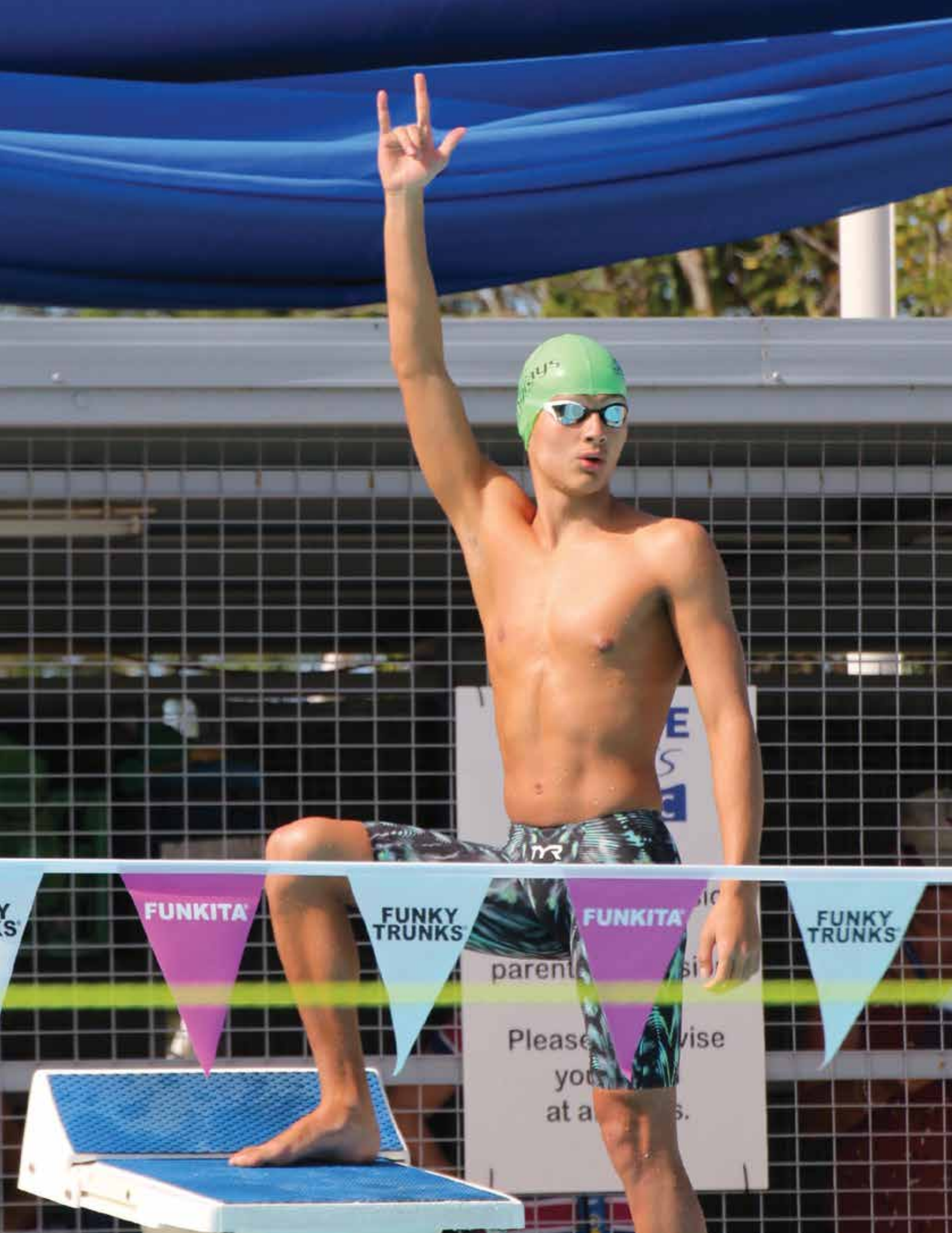




2020 - 21

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ABOUT FNQ SWIMMING

Far North Queensland Regional Swimming Association (FNQRSA) incorporates 19 swimming clubs in Cairns, north to Weipa, west to Normanton, south to Tully and on the Atherton Tablelands. FNQ Swimming provides support in many areas including membership drives, development clinics, and hosting swim events. FNQRSA, together with Swimming Queensland, has also developed pathways for swimmers to reach their goals at a regional, state and national level.

2020-21 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We are a dedicated group of parent volunteers that come together from many of the region's clubs to work for the benefit of swimming in Far North Queensland.

President	Jim Greatorex
Acting Secretary	Scott Snelling
Treasurer	Todd Olds
Race Secretary	Alice Foote
Technical Official	Kathy Hare
Committee Member	Jason Salecich
Committee Member	Louise Nicholson
Committee Member	Geoff West
Committee Member	Fiona Mundie
*Vice President	Position Vacant

President's Report



The region has seen a 10 percent participation increase this season with strong numbers building in our juniors across all regional clubs.

Congratulations to everyone who has been involved in swimming in Far North Queensland over the past 12 months and what a year it has been. FNQ Swimming's strategic role is to increase participation opportunities and performance pathways for competitive swimming in Far North Queensland.

The region has seen a 10 percent participation increase this season with strong numbers building in our juniors across all clubs. Through the concerted effort by coaches, parents, and volunteers we are seeing clubs rebuilding and strengthening throughout the region with Tully, Innisfail, Mossman, and Normanton swimmers now competitively involved in carnivals and winning medals at the FNQ Championships.

A special mention must go to the committee at Cooktown Swimming Club which held its first regional carnival in 17 years with more than 100 swimmers in attendance on the ANZAC Day long weekend. The success of the two-day event highlighted that grass roots development swimming is in demand. In attendance were some of our National and Olympic Qualifying level swimmers both competing and providing coaching at the clinic the following morning.

This year saw record numbers of swimmers qualifying and competing at events outside the region. More than 60 FNQ swimmers competed at the December 2020 Queensland State Championships in Brisbane, demonstrating the depth of talent being developed by so many of clubs. April 2021 saw a record 25 FNQ swimmers qualify for Age and Open Australian National Swimming Championships on the Gold Coast. Finally, eight FNQ swimmers qualified to compete at the June 2021 Olympic Trials in Adelaide, which was a highlight of Swimming Australia's calendar, and an outstanding achievement for our young athletes coming through.

FNQ Swimming has this year joined with the Cairns Academy of Sport (through TAFE Qld) to provide further opportunities for our senior swimmers to remain in FNQ and continue their training and education upon completion of secondary schooling. The opportunity to become a part of a high performance program with other elite athletes based in FNQ is another strategy to improve the retention of swimmers in our sport. Swimming Australia was instrumental in assisting with the planning of multiple events conducted in FNQ during mid-2021 to coincide with the Australian Dolphins training camp in Cairns prior to the 2021 Tokyo Olympics. We would like to thank the team from Swimming Australia for their commitment to providing world-class opportunities for our local swimmers.

On behalf of the FNQ Swimming community I would like to thank Swimming Queensland's team for their ongoing support administratively, with swimmer and coach development and for their unwavering advocacy for the return to competitive swimming through the COVID pandemic. A special mention must go to Brant Best who has been instrumental in growing the continued local collaboration amongst our coaches/clubs, accelerated technical skill development both in and out of the water and generally supported our improvement goals throughout the region. You are one of us now. Finally, I would like to thank the FNQ Swimming Committee, Technical Officials, and those of you providing much needed time and skill in the background for all your hard work and incredible dedication that helped make the season 2020/21 such a success.

See you on the pool deck for season 2021/22.

Jim Greatorex
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JG', enclosed in a blue circular scribble.



■ FNQ SWIMMING LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs Judy Billiau
Ms Julie Majer
Mr Frank Thompson
Mr Harold Carne
Mr John May
Mrs Ethel Woods
Mr James Crompton

Mrs Angie Pennisi
Dr Roxanne Wu
Mr Glen Evans
Mr Wayne Sexton
Mr Peter Brittain (memoriam)
Mrs Joyce Leon
Mrs Karen Stanton

NEW INDUCTEES

Mrs Kathy Hare

Mr Matt Bromley

■ SWIMMING QUEENSLAND SPECIAL GUESTS

FNQRSA would like to thank Brant Best for his expertise throughout the season with everything clubs, parents, committees and most importantly our Swimmers in the role of Coach and Club Development Officer. Thanks also go to Drew McGregor, Kellie Ball, Julie Majer, Jade Edmestone, Trudee Stafford and the rest of the SQ team for their support throughout the year. They are always on hand to support the region with any query, and we thank all staff for their support.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR PHOTOGRAPHER

Martyn Foote

who never misses a carnival or FNQ special event



FNQRSA Affiliate Clubs



CLUB	HEAD COACH	COACH	8YR OLD & UNDER JNR DOLPHIN	9YR OLD & OVER	PARENT	OFFICIAL
Atherton	Jodie Scheu	1	1	21	8	1
Cairns Stingrays	Sander Ganzevles	2	10	50	38	4
Central Cairns	Herbie Howard	3	12	41	25	3
Cooktown	Donald McMillan	3	26	25	48	0
Dimbulah	Elena McDermott	1	4	10	5	0
Edge Hill	Gail Eales	3	33	17	16	0
Etheridge Shire			7			
Innisfail	Nick Cook	3	7	21	22	0
Malanda	Keenan Wockner*	1	17	25	21	0
Mareeba	June Cotter	1	11	52	50	0
Marlin Coast	Troy Gazzola	1	3	34	14	0
Mission Beach						
Mossman Meteors	Treena Skeggs-Grant	2	6	11	7	0
Normanton	Denise Crilly	3	33	15	24	0
Saints	Kirk Donaldson	2	4	46	35	3
TAS	Duncan Todd	1	3	44	41	1
Tobruk		1		3	7	0
Tully	Ridge Grimsey	1	14	5	20	0
Weipa						

*2020-21 Season only / Employment has ended



2020-21 FNQRSA Technical Officials

Without our officials, meets could not be held. Our officials generously give up their time to ensure meets are held at a high standard.

Matt Bromley (Central Cairns)

Louise Nicholson (Central Cairns)

Alice Foote (Cairns Stingrays)

Keith Layton (Marlin Coast)

Kathy Hare (TAS Swimming)

Deb Telford (TAS Swimming)

Deb Steinhofer (Cairns Stingrays)

Peter Clark (Cairns Stingrays)

Anuschke Wilson (Mareeba Wildcats)

Jason Salecich (Cairns Stingrays)

June Cotter (Mareeba Wildcats)

Doug Telford (TAS Swimming)

Scott Snelling (TAS Swimming)

Kim Greatorex (Saints Swimming)

Simon Hallett (Cairns Stingrays)



Graduating Swimmers

FNQRSA would like to acknowledge the swimmers who have either completed Year 12 in 2020 or are completing Year 12 in 2021. These swimmers' commitment while completing their final year of school is to be admired and congratulated. Many will conclude their time in swimming, however more and more are continuing to train and compete while working or undertaking further studies.



2021 GRADUATES

- Joel Tenni
- Naomi Maszak
- Kiana Turnbull
- Nicole Theakston
- Flynn Riordan
- Jasmine Olds
- Harvey Harris
- William Layton
- Olivia Luxford
- Tobias Brown

2020 GRADUATES

- Nathan Foote
- Konnor Furber
- Ella Goddard
- Oliver Kurukchi
- Rohan Hickey
- Genavieve Kidd
- Connor Lloyd
- Aleisha Lyons
- Darcy McKay
- Amber Muter
- Olivia Muter
- Liam Newlands
- Edward Orchard
- Alisha Reppel
- Keely Salecich
- Jack Shinn
- Max Telford
- Enna Thorpe
- Marcus West
- Lari Wilkinson
- Li-Ann Wilson
- Ryan Woodward



Vale Darcy Connor McKay, one of our swimmers who would have graduated in 2020. Darcy, who was 18, from TAS Swimming, tragically passed away on September 20, 2020 from a motor vehicle accident near Innisfail. His loss continues to be felt far and wide, and our thoughts and prayers remain with the McKay family.



FNQ Swimming Short Course Championships 2020

TAS Aquatic Centre • 11th - 13th September, 2020 • Total Athletes: 150



2019/20 SEASON MCDONALDS SWIMMER OF THE YEAR AWARDS
L-R: Ella Goddard, Leah Snelling, Thomas Chen, Marcus West, Ike Martinez, Albert An and Ryan Woodward.



FEMALE AGE CHAMPIONS

AGE	1st PLACE AGE AGGREGATE	RUNNER-UP AGE AGGREGATE	THIRD PLACE AGE AGGREGATE
8 YEARS	Ella Palmer	Madeleine Sneddon	
9 YEARS	Abbie Millar	Lisa Njaramba	Sienna Field
10 YEARS	Jamie Percy	Amelie Cockrem	
11 YEARS	Sophie Greatorex	Ruby Walkear	Tanasyn Hunter
12 YEARS	Joanna Chen	Summer Tottman	Chloe Donovan
13 YEARS	Leah Snelling	Bailee Zammit	Tara Olds
14 YEARS	Lauren Morris	Jasmine Harpley	Aisling Rothwell
15 YEARS	Jacinta Kome	Emilee Salecich	Madelin McAuley
16 YEARS	Jasmine Olds	Abbie Curtis	Nicole Theakston
17 & OVER YEARS	Enna Thorpe	Kiana Turnbull	Genavieve Kidd

MALE AGE CHAMPIONS

AGE	1st PLACE AGE AGGREGATE	RUNNER-UP AGE AGGREGATE	THIRD PLACE AGE AGGREGATE
8 YEARS	Patrick Kidd		
9 YEARS	Benjamin Kome Lucas Gray		Oscar Loveridge
10 YEARS	Logan Lockyer	Matthew Rowbotham	Mark Molford
11 YEARS	James Harpley	Matthew Butcher	Nicolas Thouroude
12 YEARS	Hugo Loveridge	Nathan Turnbull	Callum Robertson
13 YEARS	Ike Martinez	Albert An	Thomas Greatorex
14 YEARS	Bryce Menzies	Michael Theakston	Ashley D'Andrea
15 YEARS	Thomas Chen	Lenny Williams	Ned Donovan
16 YEARS	Ryan Woodward	Joel Tenni	Adam West
17 & OVER YEARS	Marcus West	William Leyton	Jack Hendy
MULTI-CLASS	Joel Mundie	Alf Cunneen	



SHORT COURSE CHAMPION CLUB

TAS SWIMMING CAIRNS



SHORT COURSE CHAMPION RELAY CLUB

TAS SWIMMING CAIRNS



SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONS



TROPHY TABLE



RELAY & CLUB CHAMPIONS - TAS



MULTI CLASS CHAMPIONS



GIRLS AGE CHAMPIONS 8 YEARS



BOYS AGE CHAMPIONS 8 YEARS



GIRLS AGE CHAMPIONS 9 YEARS



BOYS AGE CHAMPIONS 9 YEARS



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BOYS AGE CHAMPIONS 14 YEARS



GIRLS AGE CHAMPIONS 15 YEARS



BOYS AGE CHAMPIONS 15 YEARS



GIRLS AGE CHAMPIONS 16&0 YEARS



BOYS AGE CHAMPIONS 16&0 YEARS

FORM STROKE AND DISTANCE CHAMPIONS



15&0 BOYS DISTANCE
FREESTYLE CHAMPIONS



15&0 BOYS DISTANCE
FREESTYLE CHAMPIONS



14&U GIRLS DISTANCE
FREESTYLE CHAMPIONS



15&0 GIRLS DISTANCE
FREESTYLE CHAMPIONS



14&U BOYS FORM
STROKE CHAMPION



15&0 GIRLS FORM
STROKE CHAMPION

FEMALE DISTANCE & FORM STROKE CHAMPIONS

	1st PLACE AGE AGGREGATE	RUNNER-UP AGE AGGREGATE	THIRD PLACE AGE AGGREGATE
14 & UNDER DISTANCE FREESTYLE AGGREGATE	Leah Snelling	Annabel Galea Briarna Wilkinson	
14 & UNDER FORM STROKE AGGREGATE	Annabel Galea	Aisling Rothwell	
15 & OVER DISTANCE FREESTYLE AGGREGATE	Jacinta Kome Enna Thorpe		Emilee Salecich
15 & OVER FORM STROKE AGGREGATE	Jasmine Olds		

MALE DISTANCE & FORM STROKE CHAMPIONS

	1st PLACE AGE AGGREGATE	RUNNER-UP AGE AGGREGATE	THIRD PLACE AGE AGGREGATE
14 & UNDER DISTANCE FREESTYLE AGGREGATE	Ike Martinez	Oscar Brown	Callum Robertson
14 & UNDER FORM STROKE AGGREGATE	Ike Martinez		
15 & OVER DISTANCE FREESTYLE AGGREGATE	Marcus West	Joel Tenni	
15 & OVER FORM STROKE AGGREGATE			



PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

The Joyce Leeon

The Julian Crawford and Family

The Sexton Family

Savills – Cairns

Airfirst Pty Ltd

Ella Palmer

Logan Lockyer

Lara Warnest

William Layton

Kelsie Millar



COMPLETE SWIMMER MEDALS

Mark Molford

Jamie Percy

Sienna Field

Amelie Cockrem

Patrick Kidd

Abbie Millar

Oscar Loveridge

Lucas Gray

Logan Lockyer

Ella Palmer

Dylan Robertson

Matthew Rowbotham

Benjamin Kome

Lisa Njaramba

Jesse Snelling

Noah Turnbull



FNQ Swimming Long Course Championships 2021

MARLIN COAST BICENTENNIAL POOL • 5TH - 7TH MARCH • TOTAL ATHLETES: 244



PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Julie Majer Perpetual Trophy

Eddie Leon Memorial Trophy

Cannon Trophy Male

Cannon Trophy Female

Jeff Zahmel Memorial

Club Spirit Perpetual Trophy

March Past / Best Dressed Club

Jack Hendy

Ike Martinez

Ike Martinez

Ella Goddard

Ryan Elliot

Stingrays Swimming Club

Stingrays Swimming Club

FEMALE AGE & DISTANCE CHAMPIONS

AGE	1st PLACE AGE AGGREGATE	RUNNER-UP AGE AGGREGATE	THIRD PLACE AGE AGGREGATE
8 YEARS	Piper Allcorn	Madeleine Sneddon	Indianna D'Addona
9 YEARS	Kyah Jones	Siena Goulding	Mia Bamford
10 YEARS	Abbie Millar	Ava Bamford	Neena Curzon
11 YEARS	Sophie Greatorex	Ruby Walkear	Emily Vickers
12 YEARS	Lexi Graham	Isabella Higginson	Eden Cini
13 YEARS	Jessica Deane	Summer Tottman	Keely Bull Rayner Ganfield
14 YEARS	Lauren Morris	Leah Snelling	Tara Olds
15 YEARS	Emilee Salecich	Amber Robinson	Jasmine Harpley
16 YEARS	Nicole Theakston	Abbie Curtis	Mia Harris
17 & OVER YEARS	Enna Thorpe	Jasmine Olds	Kiana Turnbull
14 & UNDER DISTANCE & FORM STROKE AGGREGATE	Bailee Zammit	Summer Tottman	Rhiannon De Lai
15 & OVER FORM STROKE AGGREGATE	Emilee Salecich	Aisling Rothwell	Cara Keith





MALE AGE & FORM STROKE CHAMPIONS

AGE	1st PLACE AGE AGGREGATE	RUNNER-UP AGE AGGREGATE	THIRD PLACE AGE AGGREGATE
8 YEARS	Liam Camarlinghi		
9 YEARS	Oscar Loveridge	Joshua Cheng	Koby Craig
10 YEARS	Tyler Johnson	Noah Turnbull	Charlie D'Addona
11 YEARS	Logan Lockyer	Matthew Butcher	Jonathan Galea
12 YEARS	Ryan Elliot	Joshua Lowrey	James Harpley
13 YEARS	Aidan Stemp	Henrik Sorensen	Hugo Loveridge
14 YEARS	Ike Martinez	Albert An	Thomas Greatorex
15 YEARS	Ned Donavan	Rhys Kurukchi	Michael Theakston
16 YEARS	Thomas Chen	Mark Clark	Lenny Williams
17 YEARS & OVER	Jack Hendy	Ryan Woodward	William Layton
MULTI CLASS AGE SWIMMER	Joel Mundie		
14 & UNDER DISTANCE & FORM STROKE AGGREGATE	Ike Martinez	Oscar Brown	Bryce Menzies
15 & OVER DISTANCE & FORM STROKE AGGREGATE	William Layton	Marcus West	Patrick Martin

LONG COURSE CHAMPION CLUB

TAS SWIMMING CAIRNS



LONG COURSE CHAMPION RELAY CLUB

TAS SWIMMING CAIRNS



LONG COURSE CHAMPIONS



GIRLS AGE CHAMPIONS 8 YEARS



BOYS AGE CHAMPIONS 8 YEARS



GIRLS AGE CHAMPIONS 9 YEARS



BOYS AGE CHAMPIONS 9 YEARS



GIRLS AGE CHAMPIONS 10 YEARS



BOYS AGE CHAMPIONS 10 YEARS



GIRLS AGE CHAMPIONS 11 YEARS



BOYS AGE CHAMPIONS 11 YEARS



GIRLS AGE CHAMPIONS 12 YEARS

FORM STROKE AND RELAY CHAMPIONS



14&U BOYS DISTANCE CHAMPIONS



14&U GIRLS DISTANCE CHAMPIONS



15&0 BOYS DISTANCE CHAMPIONS



15&0 GIRLS DISTANCE CHAMPIONS







Congratulations

2021 AUSTRALIAN Swimming Championships Attendees

Grant (Scooter) Patterson

Amber Robinson

Bailee Zammit

Ella Goddard

Thomas Greatorex

Albert An

Annabel Galea

Thomas Chen**Qualified*

Joel Mundie

Nicole Theakston

Lauren Morris

Emily Taylor

Emilee Salecich

Jessica Deane

William Layton

Leah Snelling

Marcus West

Tara Olds

Jack Hendy

Ryan Woodward

Rayner Ganfield

Ike Martinez







FNQ Swimming Development Squads



FNQ SWIMMING STATE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD







MALE	FEMALE
Thomas Chen	Ella Goddard
William Layton	Jacinta Kome
Marcus West	Lauren Morris
Ryan Woodward	Jasmine Olds
Albert An	Leah Snelling
Ike Martinez	Nicole Theakston
Jack Hendy	Enna Thorpe
Joel Mundie	Li-Ann Wilson
Thomas Greatorex	Emilee Salecich
Rhys Kurukchi	Amber Robinson
	Bailee Zammit
	Jasmine Harpley
	Jessica Deane
	Annabel Galea
	Emily Taylor
	Rayner Ganfield
	Tara Olds



FNQ Swimming High Performance Squad



MALE	FEMALE
Hugo Loveridge	Abbie Curtis
Aidan Stemp	Aisling Rothwell
Lenny Williams	Ema Kuwabara
Takeru Oguchi	Briarna Wilkinson
Henrik Sorenson	Kiana Turnbull
Daejahn Tutu	
Mark Clark	





2020 MCDONALD'S QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS FNQ REGIONAL STATE TEAM

FNQ Swimming was proud to have over 30 relay swimmers representing Far North Queensland at the 2020 Qld State Swimming Championships and many more competing from our FNQ clubs too.



RELAY TEAM MANAGER Todd Olds





12 & UNDER BOYS

FREESTYLE RELAY ORANGE

- 1 Joshua Lowrey
- 2 Mitchell Olds
- 3 James Harpley
- 4 Nathan Turnbull

Reserves

NIL

MEDLEY RELAY ORANGE

- | | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Back | Nathan Turnbull |
| Breast | Mitchell Olds |
| Butterfly | James Harpley |
| Freestyle | Joshua Lowrey |

Reserves

NIL



14 & UNDER BOYS

FREESTYLE RELAY ORANGE

- 1 Thomas Greatorex
- 2 Hugo Loveridge
- 3 Albert An
- 4 Ike Martinez

MEDLEY RELAY ORANGE

Back	Thomas Greatorex
Breast	Albert An
Butterfly	Ike Martinez
Freestyle	Hugo Loveridge

Reserves

Takeru Oguchi



14 & UNDER GIRLS

FREESTYLE RELAY ORANGE

- 1 Jessica Deane
- 2 Annabel Galea
- 3 Leah Snelling
- 4 Lauren Morris

MEDLEY RELAY ORANGE

Back	Amber Robinson
Breast	Aisling Rothwell
Butterfly	Jessica Deane
Freestyle	Lauren Morris

FREESTYLE RELAY BLUE

- 1 Rayner Ganfield
- 2 Amber Robinson
- 3 Emily Taylor
- 4 Bailee Zammit

MEDLEY RELAY BLUE

Back	Bailee Zammit
Breast	Emily Taylor
Butterfly	Leah Snelling
Freestyle	Annabel Galea

Reserves

Kyah Craig





15 & OVER BOYS

FREESTYLE RELAY ORANGE

- 1 Lloyd Lucey
- 2 Will Layton
- 3 Ryan Woodward
- 4 Jack Hendy

MEDLEY RELAY ORANGE

- | | |
|-----------|---------------|
| Back | Jack Hendy |
| Breast | Ryan Woodward |
| Butterfly | Will Layton |
| Freestyle | Lloyd Lucey |

FREESTYLE RELAY BLUE

- 1 Rhys Kurukchi
- 2 Joel Tenni
- 3 Daejahn Tutu
- 4 Marcus West

MEDLEY RELAY BLUE

- | | |
|-----------|---------------|
| Back | Marcus West |
| Breast | Thomas Chen |
| Butterfly | Rhys Kurukchi |
| Freestyle | Daejahn Tutu |

15 & OVER GIRLS

FREESTYLE RELAY ORANGE

- 1 Stephanie Armstrong
- 2 Abbie Curtis
- 3 Kiana Turnbull
- 4 Emilee Salecich

MEDLEY RELAY ORANGE

- | | |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Back | Kiana Turnbull |
| Breast | Jasmine Harpley |
| Butterfly | Stephanie Armstrong- |
| Freestyle | Emilee Salecich |

Reserves

Emma Kuwabara

IKE

MARTINEZ



**FNQ SWIMMER
OF THE YEAR**

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

IKE'S OLYMPIC DREAM

A strict routine revolving around swim training and schoolwork, self-belief and the support of his parents and TAS club 'family' are the mainstays that keep Australian age champion Ike Martinez on track for a date with the 2024 Paris Olympics.

At 14, the year nine Trinity Anglican School student is the best age group 200m butterfly swimmer in Australia. In June he raced against the nation's best – most at least three years older than him – at the Australian Olympic Swimming trials in Adelaide and finished sixth in the B Final.

His time of 2:03.76 places him third in the Top 10 Australian All-Time for 14 years. He came within 0.7 seconds of toppling Olympian Ian Thorpe's 25-year record for his age and was the 14th fastest swimmer at the meet.

Ike's drive saw him happily undertake a 20-hours a week training schedule in the pool and gym before and after school in the lead up to the Olympic trials.

Coach Duncan Todd, a former Olympian, used the trials to introduce his talented charge to a new level, to experience a different atmosphere and an opportunity that comes around once every four years.

"I am pretty happy with what I achieved, it's pretty awesome and good to know that my hard work paid off," Ike said.

"These Olympic trials were more of an experience for me with the best of the best. Next time I will be 17 so it will be focusing on the Olympics and possibly even medals."

With the big meets for 2021 concluded, Ike returned to the TAS pool with an eye on the calendar as well as the clock in the hopes of smashing the "Thorpedo" record before his 15th birthday in October. This record would complement the Australian Long Course 200m butterfly record Ike set as a 13 year old – the fastest ever in Australian swimming history.

"Ian Thorpe was a great athlete and Olympian and it's good to aspire to beat his records. I am pretty close at the moment."

Two months before the Olympic trials Ike blitzed the National Age Championships at the Gold Coast, claiming five gold medals, a silver and a bronze, and setting six new personal best times across his eight events.

He shaved three seconds off the Queensland 800m freestyle record and nine seconds off his personal best in a time of 8:25.75, finishing 23 seconds ahead of his nearest rival.

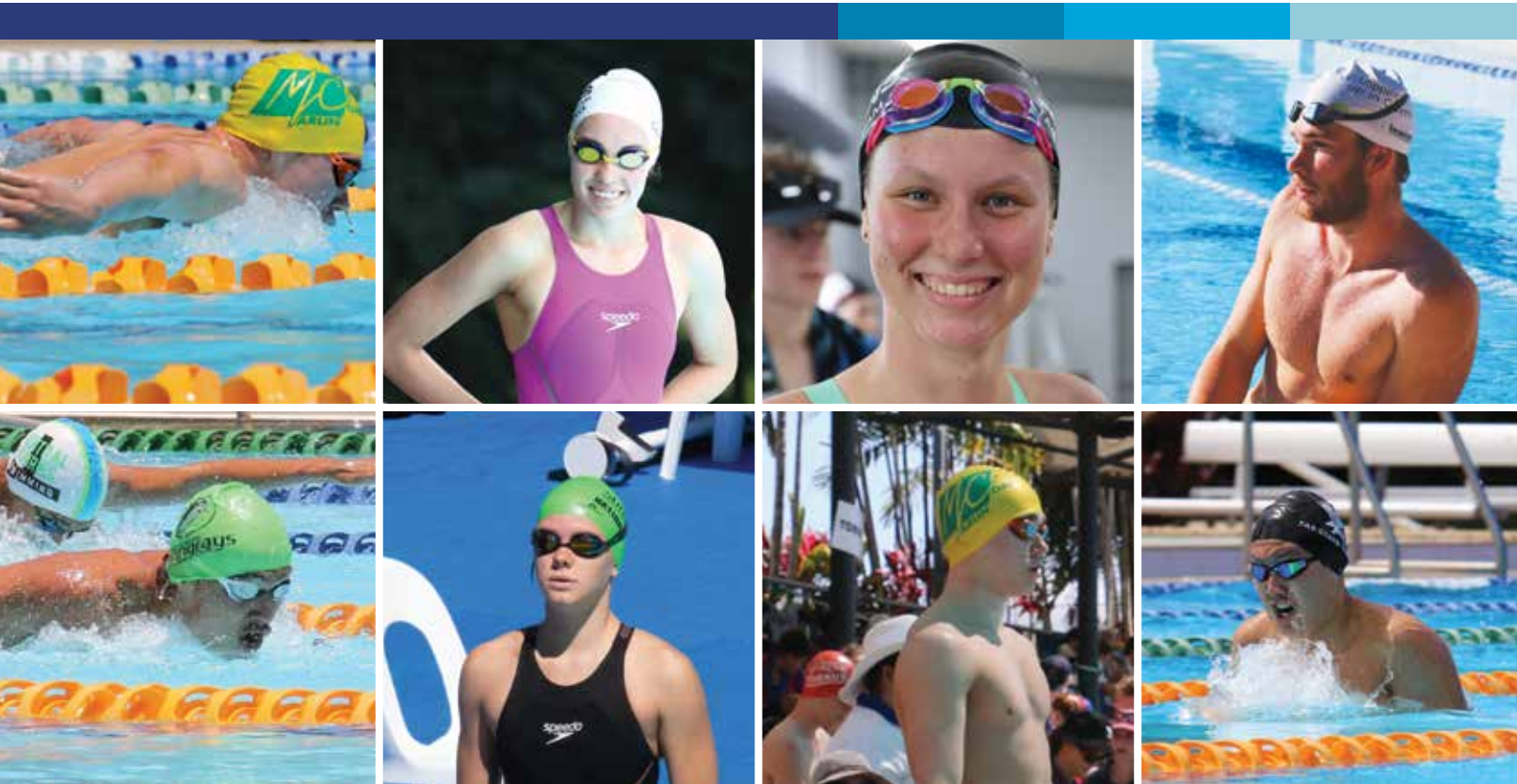
Ike attributes his focus, discipline and motivation to the help of his parents, who work in the medical industry, his "awesome" coach Duncan Todd and watching clips of Olympic legend Michael Phelps. "It's great to have someone like Phelps to look up to.

"I am still growing and not anywhere near my peak so hopefully I will get there (to the Olympics)." Ike is sponsored by Funky Trunks and he was delighted to meet other "F-Teamers" at the Olympic trials.

"It was good to meet Brendan Smith who made the Olympic team. That was cool. And I talked to Isaac Cooper for quite a while. Funky Trunks give me products to try out, like clothing and swimwear. It's cool stuff and it's been really awesome.

"My club pretty much is my family and that helps with motivation and training, swimming with friends like Lauren Morris, Ella Goddard and Albert Damin An. He is really good to swim against. He's very competitive and won two bronze medals at Nationals in the 400IM and 200 breaststroke."

Cairns-born Ike turns to the alto sax to relax. "I've been playing five years and it's great to have another hobby outside of swimming. I am preparing for the Grade 8 AMEB examination. Music gives me an option for a career path once I retire from competitive swimming."



FNQ McDonalds Awards

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Winner: **Ike Martinez**
 Runner up: **Albert An**

FREESTYLE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Winner: **Ike Martinez**
 Runner Up: **Leah Snelling**

BREASTSTROKE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Winner: **Albert An**
 Runner Up: **Emily Taylor**

BACKSTROKE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Winner: **Jack Hendy**
 Runner Up: **Ryan Woodward**

BUTTERFLY SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Joint Winner: **Ike Martinez**
 Runner Up: **William Layton**

DISTANCE FREESTYLER OF THE YEAR

Winner: **Ike Martinez**
 Runner Up: **Marcus West**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD **JACK HENDY**

MULTI CLASS FNQ SWIMMER OF THE YEAR



Sir Thomas Covacevich Award Recipient

JOEL MUNDIE



JUNIOR RISING STAR **LAUREN MORRIS**
RISING STAR **MARCUS WEST**

■ Tadpoles & Junior Swimming







The Road to Tokyo 2020

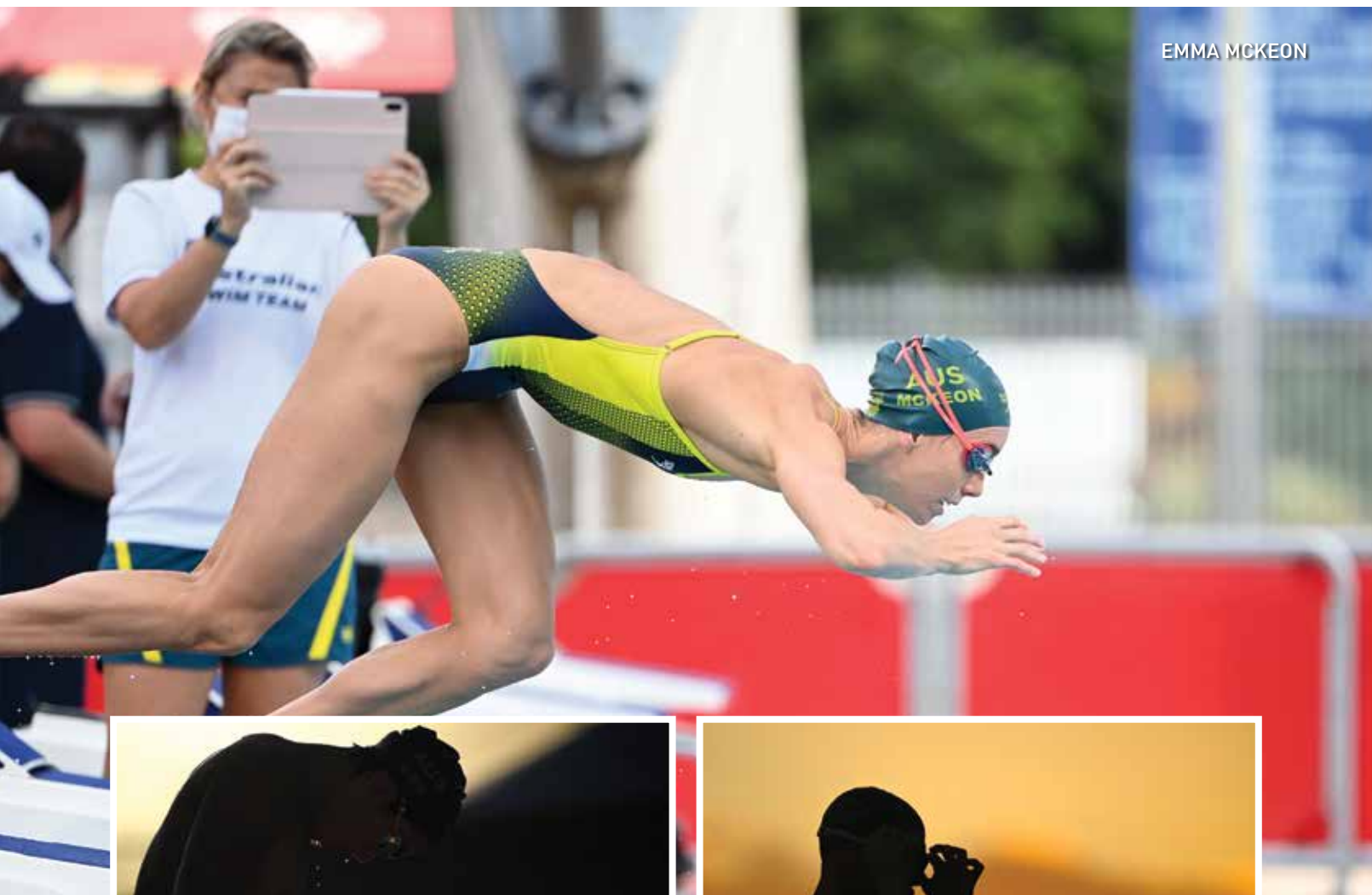
June 2021



DOLPHINS OLYMPIC TRAINING HUB CAIRNS

PHOTOGRAPHY BY DELLY CARR

EMMA MCKEON



SE-BOM LEE



MATT WILSON



Images courtesy of Swimming Australia and the Australian Olympic Committee.



TRISTAN HOLLARD



MACK HORTON



ZAC STUBBLETY-COOK



KYLE CHALMERS



CATE CAMPBELL



KAYLEE MCKEOWN



ARIARNE TITMUS



BRIANNA THROSSEL



1961-2021

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF REGIONAL SWIMMING IN FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND



2013 LONG COURSE QLD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FNQ LONG COURSE CHAMPS 2012





A LASTING LEGACY

FNQ Swimming's history starts in 1961 at which time Sir Thomas Covacevich became the first President. Since then, the Far North Queensland region has grown to 19 clubs and spans an area in Queensland from Tully in the South, to Weipa and Cooktown in the North. The region's clubs collectively have a membership of around 1000 swimmers ranging from learn-to-swim through to novice and on to the more competitive higher performing A grade swimmers.

Over the past 15 years, the organisation has continued to evolve, with its focus remaining on fostering the next generation of young swimmers while providing competitive pathways for those looking to take the next step in their swimming journey. Through a strategic partnership with Swimming Queensland, FNQ Swimming's active target squad programs, provide opportunities for personal growth and development for swimmers of all ages. Today, the High Performance and State Development squads have some of the highest numbers in its history.



CHAMPIONSHIP CHASERS: The Marlin Coast Swimming Club's Ryleigh Lammert, Ryan Clark, Simon Moore, head coach Ben Geard, assistant coach Nick Moore, Jack Hare, Lauren Arenas, Will Layton and Nathan Lang will all head down to the state titles in Brisbane, which start today.



TAS SC MEET 2013



STATES LONG COURSE RELAY TEAM 2015



QLD STATE TITLES 20210



FNQ SWIMMERS AT QLD STATES 2014



TAS SWIMMING KIDS WITH EMILY SEBOHM 2011



FNQ LONG COURSE CHAMPS 2012



STINGRAYS CARNIVAL 2011



TAS SHORT COURSE MEET 2013



FNQ LONG COURSE CHAMPS 2012

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF PHOTOS 2010 - 2020



FNQ LONG COURSE STATE
RELAY TEAM 2018



CENTRALS SC MEET 2013



FNQ LONG COURSE CHAMPS 2012



TAS LAST CHANCE
QUALIFIER 2010



ATHERTON AUSTRALIA
DAY MEET 2011



MAREEBA LC MEET 2010



MARLIN COAST KICK OFF MEET 2011

1986 - MID 1990s



FNQ LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS SAINTS SWIMMING MARCH
PAST 1986 - AN FNQ TRADITION THAT STILL CONTINUES



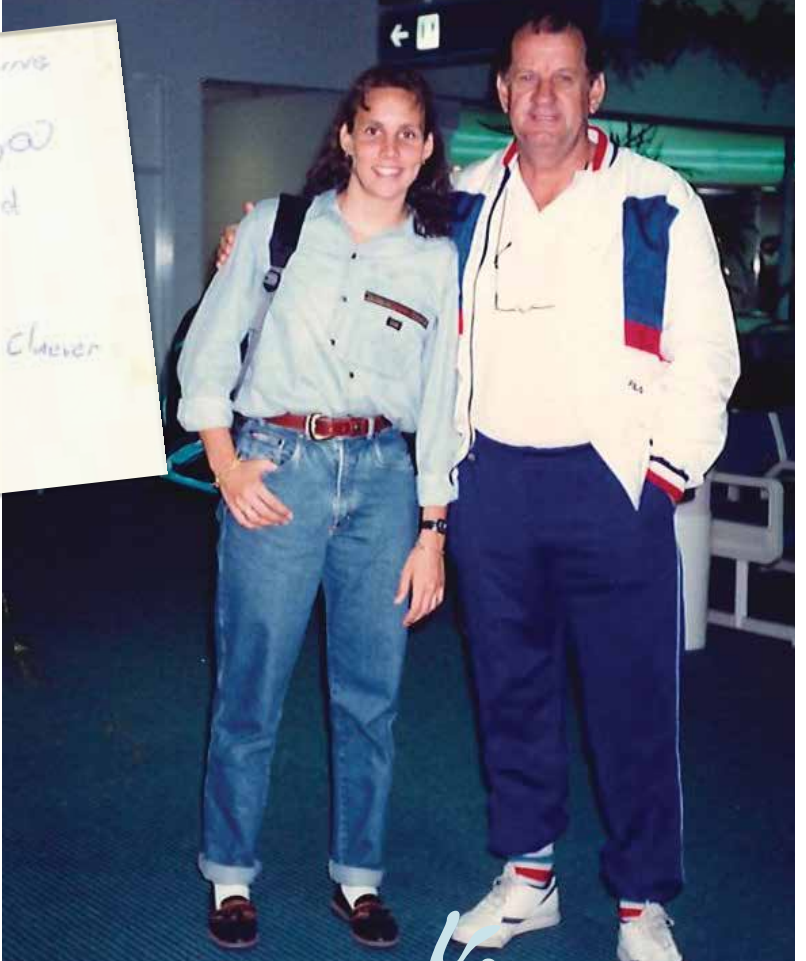
FNQ SWIMMING
LONG COURSE CHAMPIONS
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SAINTS SWIMMING - TAKEN JANUARY 1986 AFTER THE STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 CHAMPIONSHIPS
 W. J. Lancaster D. Davenport
 L. N. Moorehead Heather Moorehead
 A. Moorehead Bozo Darvo
 Natalie Cook Julie Majer Jeff - ahme!
 P.R. Graeme Zahmel Christian Chever
 Chewing Gum Sonia Majer



1991: Julie Majer pictured with her Saints Swimming coach Glen Evans at Cairns Airport as she headed to an Australian long distance training camp. Julie was a wonderful role model for swimmers in Cairns in the 1990s achieving great success on the world stage, racing against some of the greats in the sport such as US distance swimmer Janet Evans.

Crocodiles, Jelly Fish and a Near Miss - How Swimming Evolved in Far North Queensland

The history of FNQRSA is closely linked with that of the Cairns Amateur Swimming Club, which dates back to the early 1900s when it operated in a fairly unstructured form. The 1922 committee was the first formal committee of the club. The president was Bob Lebas, who is well remembered for helping to build the mud pool on the Cairns Esplanade.

Cairns swimmers in those days didn't have the luxuries of swimming pools - to train they had to swim among the jellyfish, or the local "wildlife" in Alligator Creek or the Mulgrave River in Gordonvale.

A huge step forward for regional swimming was identifying a site on the Cairns Esplanade for a pool. The land was donated by the Cairns City Council and the Harbour Board gave use of its pontoon for the transport of the logs. The basic mud pool served the club for a number of years but was unfortunately destroyed by a cyclone two days after the final payment for its construction. Swimmers then used any of three wire enclosures on the Esplanade. Harry Hill's pool in front of the R.S.L was one of the favourites because it was well maintained. A near crocodile miss hastened the erection of the "new" pool, which was opened in 1930 and served the Cairns club for 32 years.

Just as our swimmers today enjoy a close rivalry with Townsville, so did they. Championships were hosted by both cities, as competition heated up over the next three decades. The war years saw a slight recess, but once the troops had shipped out, swimming was able to resume. In 1952 the North Queensland Championships were held in Townsville. Cairns took a large team and won the aggregate from Townsville Tourists, 188 to 126 points. Cairns' dominance continued throughout the decade.

The first important swimming event of the 1960s was the Olympian Swim Meet when the Olympic Swimmers travelled north from Townsville to stimulate a continued interest in swimming in Cairns. A short time later, these athletes competed at the Olympic Games in Rome. The next big move of the 1960s was the transition to Tobruk Pool.

It was the first time many had swum in chlorinated water. The most outstanding swimmer of this decade was John Covacevich, whose father Sir Thomas Covacevich was president of the club for many years. He was also the founding president of the Far North Queensland Amateur District Swimming Association (FNQADSA now FNQRSA) and continued in the position of Patron for many years. During this time, John was to make five Queensland records and one Australian record.

John Covacevich also founded the Cairns Triathlon, which was first held in 1981. He was so engulfed in striving to establish himself in his career as a local solicitor, he had neglected his weight and fitness. John founded a running club, becoming the self-appointed, president, secretary, PR officer and every other role required in those early days. It took 18 months to get himself into shape, eventually clocking a 2 hour 51 minute marathon and low 34 minutes for 10km - not bad for a swimmer. John cemented his name in the triathlon history books and winners list - taking out his own event. - and like his father, gave his time and passion generously to local sport.

While the driving force behind the establishment of the Far FNQADSA is not clear, it is assumed that it was a general understanding and agreement that an all-encompassing association was necessary to grow swimming and provide opportunities for the next generations.

This foresight has created a strong legacy of swimming in Far North Queensland and it is with great honour FNQRSA continues to recognise Sir Thomas Covacevich's spirit, courage, dedication and commitment to the sport of swimming with the annual perpetual trophy.

The award recognises achievement, but regards commitment to the sport and the continuous dedication to strive, as a measure of outstanding excellence. Recipients of this award include Mercedes Bowen 2013, Daniel Simpson 2014, Nathan Lang 2015, Ryan Clark 2016, Leanne Davidson 2017, Ella Goddard 2020, and Joel Mundie 2018 and 2021.

For the full history visit fnqswimming.org.au

FNQ SWIMMING LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS CHAMPION CLUBS

- 1993-94 Saints Swimming Club
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- 1996-97 Marlin Coast Swimming Club
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- 1998-99 Cairns Stingrays
- 1999-2000 Cairns Stingrays
- 2000-01 Saints Swimming Club
- 2001-02 Saints Swimming Club
- 2002-03 Marlin Coast Swimming Club
- 2003-04 Saints Swimming Club
- 2004-05 Saints Swimming Club
- 2005-06 Saints Swimming Club
- 2006-07 Saints Swimming Club
- 2007-08 TAS Swimming Club
- 2008-09 TAS Swimming Club
- 2009-10 TAS Swimming Club
- 2010-11 Marlin Coast
- 2011-12 Marlin Coast
- 2012-13 Marlin Coast
- 2013-14 Marlin Coast
- 2014-15 Marlin Coast
- 2015-16 Marlin Coast
- 2017-18 TAS Swimming
- 2018-19 TAS Swimming
- 2019-20 TAS Swimming
- 2020-21 TAS Swimming



Back Row (left to right):

JOHN COVACEVICH, WAYNE STONE, BRYAN BELL

Front Row:

SNOWY STONE, WAYNE BOOTH, MARGARET McALISTER and EDDIE McALISTER

NORTH QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS AT TOWNSVILLE 1951-52



Top Row (left to right): R. GUY, IAN GOUGHTLY, TOM BARRETT, MAX CRITTENDEN, NOEL PRICE, NOEL McKAUGE, BOB WILES, D. HARDING, BARRY CRITTENDEN.
 Second Row: JOAN VINCENT, WENDY SCHOLZ, FAY SCHOLZ, DOT HEATTEY, THELMA PERRY, JAN DONALD, PAT SCHOLZ, JILL ROBINSON, DOT McQUILLAN, GORDON McINTYRE
 Front Row: LES WILLIAMS, ANDREW OLSEN, ALAN MCKENZIE, BRIAN BARRETT, FRED MELLICK, NOEL CARNE, GORDON PERRY. Front: JEFF BRODRICK.
 Manager and President: REG ANDERSON. Chaperon: Mrs ROBINSON



Right: John Covacevich at Valley Pool—Queensland Championships about 1958



1958-59 TEAM
 C. McHEIKIN, C. BURROWS (Manager), F. BOYD, H. BOYD, C. HENDRICK, C. FRY, P. PEARSON (Manager), M. E. POLLARD, E. POLLARD, W. WYER
 S. HETTON

Life Member Inductees

KATHY HARE

When Kathy Hare took her son Jack to TAS to learn to swim in 2001, she had no idea it was the first stroke of a volunteer commitment that would take her all over Australia as poolside witness to the rise of some of our finest young athletes.

“Jack’s coach basically said you will be joining the club. He had some talent and like a good parent I went along for the ride. After a couple of carnivals I was committed. I joined the TAS committee in 2002 and became a Technical Official and Delegate in 2003 when club member Dr Roxanne Wu said she needed someone to help her on the technical side,” Kathy recalls.

Kathy’s commitment over the past two decades includes both poolside officiating and behind the scenes administration. She was Treasurer of FNQ Swimming 2005-2014 and President 2014-2017; in 2019 she became Chief Referee, in 2020 she continued as a Committee Member and Technical Official Representative. She has been a Swimming Queensland and Swimming Australia Technical Official since 2010.

Her ‘day job’ is Finance Manager at Gindaja Treatment & Healing Indigenous Corporation at Yarrabah, and she has a consultancy in data management and financial bookkeeping specialising in Indigenous not for profit organisations. She believes her “mathematical brain” is a good fit with being a swimming Technical Official.

“Basically I just love the opportunity to give back, but being a Technical Official is also the best seat in the house. I started off in the Control Room. You see the joy and disappointment on the swimmers’ faces and you see the results and think, my gosh, you are disappointed and you just did that!”

Highlights of her commitment to the global swimming family include her first time on the pool deck when sprinter Ashley Callus broke a Commonwealth record at Chandler Aquatic Centre, winning Games selection. Another was the 2018 Pan Pacific Para Swimming Championships in Cairns.

“It was a highlight of my career when this international meet was held in my home town. It was one of the most exciting meets I have ever been to,” she said.

Kathy says she is “quite chuffed” with Life Membership recognition of FNQ Swimming Association. “I am honoured and appreciative and humbled by the fact I have been recognised because there are so many people who put so much into swimming.

“I do it because I love it. As Chief Referee you are out there in the face of everybody but I am quite happy to just do my thing.” Kathy is passionate about the opportunity to ‘Close The Gap’ through enabling and supporting Indigenous swimmers, particularly those from rural areas, to be part of competitive swimming.

“If we can raise the level of interest in places like Hopevale, which has a beautifully developed pool, we have the opportunity to get some structure around them and essentially close that gap. ... I am keen to support them to get some good swimming happening.”





MATT BROMLEY

Matt Bromley admits it was inevitable the swimming world would become part of life when he married into the swimming Howard family. Nearly 20 years later, the timeline of his experiences in the sport reads like a list of exciting volunteer PBs.

“Since 2003 as a parent with three kids at Trinity Aquatics (now TAS Swimming) when he began local officiating within the region, he has achieved National Level 3 Referee accreditation and reached the pinnacle of FINA Technical Official accreditation, officiating and refereeing around Australia and overseas.

Along the way he co-founded the Central Cairns Swimming Club and was the club’s inaugural President and Grants Officer from 2004-2012. Despite the demands of “giving back” in a world of disappearing volunteers, Matt has a full time position managing a unit of ICT staff for Qld Health, providing information and communication technology support to health services from around Cardwell north.

“I took on the role of officiating at swim meets because trying to get volunteers is like pulling teeth, it’s bloody hard,” Matt said. He acknowledges standing at a pool for eight hours in the heat can be challenging, especially running a meet over a couple of days. And officiating at distant meets presents its own set of challenges.

“But we have got some kids and coaches on that national stage. If you put your mind to it, and effort, and are a little patient about it, you can go a long way with it. ... Distance doesn’t have to be a barrier. Having your partner there and being able to experience some of these things together is really good.”

Matt says he was taken aback to be recognised with Life Membership of FNQ Swimming Association. “I look around and see people who are involved and think maybe they should be recognised before me. I wasn’t expecting it and I am humbled by it,” he said. Looking back, a high point was receiving an Australian Institute of Sport National Officiating Scholarship in 2012. This provided elite official mentorship and mental and physical support to prepare for accreditation and coaching on the national and international stage.

“Going to the AIS was just phenomenal. I really enjoy the big stuff and going to events like the Pan Pacs but doing the local events is really good as well. “The thing I get the biggest kick out of is really just working with little kids, the six to 12 year olds, teaching them how swimming is and what their stroke is. It’s very satisfying seeing a local kid get up to the national events and their coaches, knowing you have had a little bit to do with them through officiating.”

Officiating Snapshot: World Junior Swimming Championship Indianapolis USA 2017, Commonwealth Games Gold Coast 2018, Pan Pacific Swimming Championships Gold Coast 2014, Youth Olympics Sydney 2013, Australian National swimming championships Open and Age 2012 – 2019, BHP Billiton Aquatic Super Series Perth 2014-2016, FINA Swimming World Cup Tokyo 2016, Pan Pacific Swimming Championship - Tokyo 2018, Reappointed FINA Accredited Technical Official in 2019 List 20 for another four years, FNQ Swimming Committee representative 2015 – 2018, Swimming Queensland – Swimming Technical Committee member 2017 – current.

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