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Dear Sir

## **FNQRSA Regional Report Season 2019-20**

On behalf of the Far North Queensland Regional Swimming Association I have the pleasure in presenting our Regional Report from the 2019-20 season.

### **Development**

Our regional Development calendar was full of activities for all levels of swimming. Six Clinics were held over the season which included visits by Jade Edmestone for our Junior Development, and Brant Best for our State Development and High Performance Squads. Our swimmers and coaches always look forward to these clinics and they were well attended.

### **Regional Events**

Our Regional SC Championships held in August 2019 had 171 swimmers (10% increase on previous year) attend and our LC Championships, held over days in March 2020 attracted 234 swimmers (same as previous year and we saw a 10% increase in total entries). We were fortunate to have been able to hold the LC championships just prior to the initial COVID-19 lockdown.

Due to ongoing commercial/infrastructure negotiations with the Belgravia and Cairns Regional Council that were unsatisfactory, FNQ Swimming took the Long Course Championships in March away from the new Tobruk Memorial Pool and held the event at Marlin Coast Aquatic Centre. Despite some concerns raised around the speed of the older pool in comparison, numerous FNQ records were broken and most excitedly 4 national records were also broken. Joel Mundie broke 3 Multi Class records and Ike Martinez broke the 13years boys 200m Butterfly record by more than a second.

The financial outcome was more than \$5,000 better for FNQ Swimming in comparison to holding the event at Tobruk. The feedback from the competitors and spectators was also very positive due to the atmosphere created.

The most concerning issue however of holding events at Tobruk Memorial pool is the lack of control room which leaves the team of people and the computer equipment open dangerously to the elements during



wet weather or even with pool overflow despite our best efforts with gazebos. There is also no timing display.

At Marlin Coast Bicentennial Pool there is a fully air-conditioned and enclosed control room for our timing equipment that also includes an electronic timing board displaying results immediately.

## Strategic Direction

As a part of efforts to increase the participation rates in swimming, FNQRSA has established a position on the committee dedicated to setting strategy for the region. While evolving, we hope to be in a position to attract more swimmers, corporate and government funding and to generally raise the profile of swimming and its benefits reaching further into the community that we have ever before.

With 2020 being an Olympic year, we were looking to maximise the hype that will build and leverage the exposure swimming will gain from many of the international teams training here in Cairns in the lead up to these next major swimming events. We will look to do something similar in 2021 should we move from the current COVID-19 restrictions

## Squads

On going use of the previously developed squad pathway programme has seen a number of our swimmer achieve state and national level qualifying times. Our High Performance, State Development, Relay and Junior Development Squad Clinics have been well received and highly successful. Numbers of swimmers achieving State and National times is increasing and junior swimmer retention is on the rise.

## Coaching

Since 2017/18 the FNQRSA committee along with the assistance of Brant Best and SQ, has invested in the FNQRSA Coaches Scholarship and Coaches Forum which are each held year about. The intent for 2020 was to hold some coaching workshops in South Queensland with coaches travelling from FNQ during the period between our LC and SC seasons post nationals. COVID-19 has unfortunately put this plan on hold and we will review for 2021.

During year we continued to hold our squad development days, a number of our local coaches have also participated to assist Brant and Jade Edmestone, while at the same time taking the opportunity to learn some further skills themselves.

## Technical Officials

We are fortunate to have some very talented and dedicated Technical Officials led by Matt Bromley - although small in number they are big on commitment. This year a focus has been on growth and development to see a sustainable number of technical officials in our ranks that has seen a number of our FNQ officials participating in state, nation and international events.



## Management Committee

Committees consist of volunteers who dedicate time and energy and strong commitment to ensure that things just don't happen but happen seamlessly and well. We are very fortunate to have such a strong committee within our region:

### Management Committee

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Committee - General	Louise Nicholson	

A huge thank you must be given to these people in acknowledgment of their efforts.

## Branding

The region continues to refresh of the branding to reach further into our general community to grow our swimming numbers.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members of our region - we have a strong family attachment throughout our vast area and this is a credit to our Clubs. Thank you also to Swimming Qld for the support given to us in all areas but particularly this year with Brant Best and Drew McGregor. We look forward to re-entering swimming competitively with everyone globally post COVID-19.

Sincerely

**Far North Regional Swimming Association**

**Jim Greatorex**

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