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**Nyah Two Bays / Swan Hill
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Country Championships-Portland 2008

A very big **Congratulations to Vaughn** on placing: **1st Free, 2nd Fly** and **3rd Back** at Portland. Vaughn also placed 7th in his Breast. Vaughn's free swim in particular was fantastic to watch, as he turned level with his opponent on the first 50m, and then in *Vaughn's signature style* he "easily" took the lead to finish first! This was a fantastic achievement for a small country club swimmer, and as club members we were all proud to support our "Two Bay's" star!

The senior girls also gave us all a thrill when they snatched the bronze in the 4 x 50m Free. **Jenni, Lori, Stacey** and **Tess** swam one of the most exciting relays you could ever hope to see!

The girls also did well in the medley relay placing 5th in the finals.

Katelyn proudly represented the "Two Bay's" banner in the SWD events and swam in two finals, as well as being first emergency in two other events. Katelyn holds the honour of being the first SWD classified swimmer for Nyah Two Bay's club.

The **Boys U / 14 4x100m Free** placed 8th in the finals with some great swimming. Congrats to Karl, Vaughn, Joel and Riley.

The **Boys U / 16 4x 100m Free** placed 8th in the finals (Well done Vaughn, Riley, Karl and Aidan.

Representing the club in **individual events** was:

Vaughn Wilson, Aidan Wilson, Jenni Harris, Tess Fabry, Katelyn Gilbert, Scott Bruton, Karl Wilkins, Kyra Bennett, Chelsea Hird, Mellissa Sambrooks, Tricia Sambrooks and Emily McNamara.

All in **all our swimmers** swam very well, even those that partied into the "wee small hours", seemed to be able to pull out PB's the morning after!! Good on you James Heenan and "Old Boys"!!!

The **17&O boys** placed 7th in the finals of the **medley relay** and were 1st emergency for the **freestyle relay**.

On the **social side**, I think I could safely say for everybody there, that we had a great time, with two "Bistro" nights and "drinks on the lawn!"

The kids were hanging out in big groups, whether in hotel rooms, around the lawn and pool area, or getting together to support and cheer our squad. Pete and Ollie were certainly very heavily involved in the Cheer Squad, sporting club colours face paint, hats etc! Well done boys on the enthusiasm!

Recognition of a Legendary Country "Swimming Team"!

Finally some recognition for Shirley and Arthur for the years of dedication to country swimming, and to the children and youths of our district! This Country Championships was the **37th** for Shirl and Arthur!!

Like a lot of good things in life, they have become even better with age. Congratulations to you both on receiving the Herb Jeffrey award, which recognises **Outstanding Service to Country Swimming**, in excess of 20 years.

A summer story!

Difficult as it is to feature one's own child in the newsletter, I felt that if it was another child I would have no qualms in celebrating their success!

Hence:

Congratulations to **Peter Hession** on placing **1st** at the **Western Regional Surf Championships** mid January at **Warrnambool**. Pete competed for the Apollo Bay Surf Club in all of the U / 13 yr old events. Thanks to his fantastic swim coach (**Shirl of course!**), Pete won his surf swim event in some very difficult surf conditions, and against strong club competition from Lorne to Portland, with over 150m of a lead to spare! He also placed 2nd and 3rd in other events. The many local surf swimmers wondered how a **boy from the** "land locked" **bush** could swim so well, but they haven't met our Shirl!!!!

Upcoming Events

It's not over 'til the fat lady sings!

Carnivals

10th Feb **Bar-rook** Pool -10.30 am start.

16th Feb **All Junior Eliminations** Swan Hill Outdoor Pool 10.00 am start.

All Schools Swimming Carnival (Run by NTB) 22nd Feb (Friday evening at the Swan Hill Outdoor Pool - 5.30 pm start.

Kyabram Encouragement Meet – Feb 23rd

Club Championships – Nyah Pool – 24th Feb

District Championships – Sunday 2nd March- Boort Pool 11 am.

March 9th – **Eaglehawk Scratch Meet**-Bendigo

All Juniors 29th, 30th March 2008 MSAC.

MAKE SURE TO GET ENTRIES IN ON TIME. Check website for list of closing dates, also in District Carnival Book.

Coaches Corner

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”

-Booker T. Washington

Congrats to all who have personally achieved this swim **season.**

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