

COACH'S REPORT YEAR 2008/09

Another great and exciting season for the B.A.S.C., both socially and competitively.

COMPETITION

Local carnivals were extremely well attended by the Bega Club with greater emphasis on specific carnivals achieving good results.

Away carnivals attended included the Christmas Classic and Regional Carnival and again good swims with many PBs recorded.

At State Championships 9-12 years we were represented by Sarah Eastman, who swam well in 3 events contested.

At State Championships 13-18 Mitiana Arbon and our German exchange student Wiebke Steffen carried the Bega colours.

At Country Championships, Bega had a great team of Hannah Ubrihien, Sarah Funston, Sarah Eastman, Brooke Willis, Rachel Britten, Sarah Rowley, Mitiana Arbon and Wiebke Steffen represent the Club proudly, culminating in winning the Parade of Clubs as well as achieving many PBs. This weekend was something special for me.

Speedo Sprints saw Keira Hoyland, Jessie Hart, Toby Hart and Sarah Eastman competing competitively with Sarah achieving 2 top ten finishes, 9th in Fly and 7th in Breast. A great achievement.

Southern Districts. A large and happy contingent of swimmers attended the last as we know it District Championships, and came away with 3 Pointscore trophies and 1 Age Champion. To win the Women's Pointscore, the Combined Pointscore and the Handicap Pointscore with 1 Age Champion, Sarah Eastman (congratulations and well done Sarah, a hot age group as well) shows the depth of our club. Another special moment.

Brophy, and another large group of swimmers from Bega representing our district, all swimming well.

School Swimming. Ellie Parker and Sarah Funston made it through to the PSSA State Championships, and Sarah Eastman finished in the top 10 in the Breaststroke at CHS State Championships.

Mitiana Arbon and Riley Finnerty achieved the Christian Collage State Championships, with Mitiana going through to the Nationals.

Well done to all those kids.

Competition wise, we had a great year.

SOCIALLY

All our children swam well and carried the Bega colours and represented our Club throughout the year in a truly great manner. For this I thank the swimmers and the parents, who have given their time, energy and direction to help their children achieve this.

You have heard it all year, but I must again say that this has been the most full-on and still the most enjoyable season I have spent coaching the Club. Right from the start of the season with starting training, Olympians' visit, Thredbo camp, carnivals, representative carnivals, District Championships up to our own Club Championships, just fantastic.

I would like to thank Zoe, who does an amazing job with the kids, and also Kaycee West and Henry Britten, who many of you do not see, but who have been great with the afternoon squad.

The Club is in great shape thanks to the mountain of work you, the parents, put in and it would be remiss of me not to thank Andy Willis for his work over the last 3 of 4 years which he has been President. Great stuff Andy.

See you all next season.

Phil Harris
Coach