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## Presidents Report 2008/2009

The 2008/2009 season has been another busy but successful season for the Bega Amateur Swimming Club with further increases in swimmer participation in club nights and carnivals as well as many other highlights to the season:

**Club night participation** – numbers increased again this season with a consistent 45-50 swimmers taking part each week. Participation from parent members in setup, timekeeping, kitchen duties and pack down was also very pleasing.

**Carnival participation** – this season saw more attendance at carnivals from our swimmers than we have seen for a number of years. This included several families travelling to Queanbeyan for the Country Regional Championships for a weekend away.

**Pizza Nights** – the Pizza Night concept was repeated with success again this year with 2 Pizza nights being well patronised and enjoyed. The pizzas were again subsidised from the profits of the kitchen.

**Swim for Life Promotion** – the visit from Olympians Patrick Murphy and Ashley Delaney will remain fond in our memories for many years to come. This event was a huge success and a great way to start the season off, motivating kids and parents.

**Business House Relay** – this event was again successful as a fun night out, good publicity for the club and an excellent fundraiser.

**Country Championships** – 10 of our swimmers qualified for the Country Championships, 8 of which competed, this was the most swimmers to qualify and compete for our club at this event since 2001.

Not only did these swimmers perform well at the event, they also won the March Parade trophy in the large teams division, this was a first ever for our club and a very proud moment.

**Southern Districts Championships** – another great effort with our biggest team for many years qualifying for and competing at what was the last Southern District Championships.

Our team of 33 swimmers put in an outstanding performance to take out 3 of the 4 major trophies – Female Pointscore, Handicap Pointscore and the big one the Southern Districts Shield for the overall pointscore.

This was a great reward for both the swimmers and our coaches, a job well done by all concerned.

It was also great to see the majority of our families all staying in the one place with over 50 members staying in the 2 Olympic Cottages plus other cabins at the Island View Resort.

A great weekend in so many ways for all concerned.

**Parents night out** – the end of season parents night out at the Bank Hotel Restaurant (and later at the Commercial Hotel) was well attended and enjoyed by all..

I would like to sincerely thank the many people that have helped to make the 2008/2009 such a great success:

Phil, Zoe and all of their coaching team, the results speak for themselves and these results are not only a reward for the swimmers that achieve them but also for the coaches that put in a huge amount of work to make these sort of results possible.

Jeff Brichacek and all the people that had their turn in the kitchen, not only do members get to enjoy a wider variety of food on club nights but we now make a good profit from the kitchen even after subsidising the Pizza Nights – great effort !!

The hard working committee members, most of which are staying on to continue the good work next season. Its been a great mix on the committee with some that have been there for quite a while joined by some new faces, this combined to result in a very balanced and workable committee.

I would like to conclude in saying that it has been a very satisfying experience and an honour to be President of the Bega Amateur Swimming Club for the past 2 years. By choice my position at the club has taken much of my time, but the presiding over a time when the club is so active and successful has been well worth the time and effort put in.

We move into a new era for the club and all the clubs in our area as next year we combine with SCAT to become South Eastern Swimming Association, this will be a challenging time but something that we need to approach with an open mind to ensure that our club and our kids benefit from this new concept.

Whilst this year I have decided not to stand for any position on the committee I will still be very involved in the background (if that's possible for me), I will still administer the website, assist Fiona with the pointscore, run the computer side of things at the Business House Relay and help out everywhere possible.

I would like to wish the new committee every success for the 2009/2010 season and look forward to seeing the club continue to grow and prosper over this time

Andy Willis  
President