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Welcome to another edition of *The Time Out*. The Time Out is Water Polo Queensland's electronic newsletter and endeavours to keep everyone up to date on what has been happening in Water Polo in Queensland.

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News from the Office

It doesn't seem that long ago that we were finishing off the last season and preparing for a little rest (just kidding). The new season is fast approaching and I am sure all clubs are now in full swing with sign on days and preparations for registrations.

The Office is preparing for the inaugural 16 and Under Club Nationals which will be held at the Valley, All Hallows and Musgrave pools from the 29th September – 4th October. The 44 teams who will be attending the tournament is a record for all National tournaments ever held.

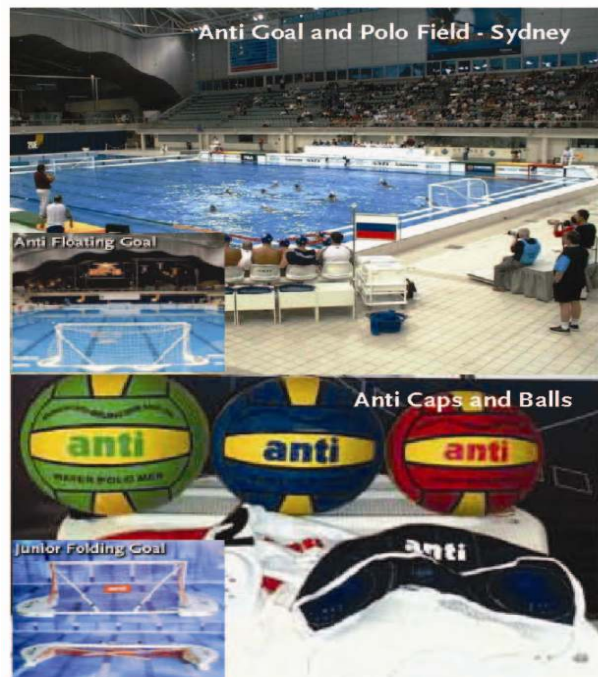
Preparations are also underway for the Awards Night and school visits for term 4 of the school year.

Melissa is back from the World Championships and is back meeting with facilities about competitions in new areas.

More about this later in this edition.



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Development Officer News

Expression of interest applications have been sent out to all clubs and advertised on our web site for Casual Development Officers to go out to schools and teach Water Polo and Flippa Ball. These positions have been advertised across Queensland for the first time and expressions of interest from schools in the Gold Coast to Townsville have started coming in. Positions are still available and if you are interested contact Daniel Almond on Daniel@waterpoloqld.com.au

Daniel will be visiting Cooktown from the 11th – 12th October after they heard about the Flippa Ball program.



Flippa Ball – Manual and DVD

A reminder if your club is considering doing work with Flippa Ball that manuals and DVD's are available from the office free of charge. This manual and DVD package is all you will need to learn how to teach Flippa Ball. This information is also available online at the Australian Water Polo web site;

<http://www.australianwaterpolo.com.au/content/view/799/342/>



In other news, plans are continuing with the creation of a 'Water Polo Queensland Coaching Forum' similar to the Queensland Government Sport and Recreation 'Locker Room' program. It is hoped that in the coming months Water Polo Queensland will be rolling out a fully integrated coaching development program covering all aspects of water polo coaching through a monthly forum / session / presentation. These forums will be a combination of theoretical and practical and it is also proposed to then download these forums to our You Tube website for the use of all coaches.

Plans are still underway to hold the first ever U12 water polo weekend. This will follow on from the 'Welcome to Water Polo' day that was held recently and with the positive feedback, it is proposed to now expand this and incorporate training sessions as well as games in this weekend. A proposal has previously been sent out but Water Polo Queensland are continuing dialogue with the clubs and associations to prepare this weekend and to ensure that this first point of competition is a fun and enjoyable experience for all.

Tournaments/Competition

East Coast Challenge

Our 14 and Under Queensland Teams competed in the East Coast Challenge in Sydney from the 11th – 13th of July. Both our Maroon Teams finished with Silver medals losing to NSW in the finals. Our White teams also had a successful tournament finishing 4th overall. Congratulations to all of the players, coaches and managers on their efforts in the lead up to and tournament.

16 and Under State Team tour NZ

Our 16 and Under State Teams travelled to Auckland New Zealand to compete against the NZ U16 and U15 national teams in the Trans



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Tasman Cup. They also competed in an U18 International Club competition which featured teams from the USA, New Zealand and the NSW State 16 and Under teams.

The teams did their State proud in and out of the water, our best performing team in the Trans Tasman was our Girls White team which drew their series against the much larger U15 NZ team. Our Boys Maroon Team unfortunately did not get the chance to draw their series against the NZ U16 team after losing their first game and drawing their second the all important 3rd game was cancelled due to a black out.

In the U18 club tournament our Maroon girls team finished 4th

16 and Under National Club Championships

As mentioned earlier Water Polo Queensland will be hosting the inaugural 16 and Under National Club Championships. A record 44 teams will be competing in Brisbane from the 29th September to the 4th of October at the Valley, All Hallows and Musgrave park pools. Every State plus the ACT will be in action.

QWPI will need assistance in holding this tournament with table official duties and goal judging for the first games of each day. If you are able to assist please contact Gina at the office.

If clubs are interested in being a duty club for a day during the tournament then there are opportunities for a percentage of gate takings to be donated to the club as well as BBQ and raffle opportunities.

Come along and watch the best 500+ junior water polo players in the country in action and cheer on the local teams.

National Water Polo League

Our Brisbane Barracudas Women's team were the toast of Australian Water Polo when they defeated Balmain 11-9 in the final of the NWPL in Sydney.

KFC Breakers Men had to settle for Bronze after losing their semi final to Drummoyne.



Our People

Toby Jenkins, Chris Corbin and Rafael Sterk from the KFC Breakers will be swimming for Charity. The 3 National League players have agreed to do a 1km swim behind the Tangalooma Ferry in a shark cage to raise money for the Royal Childrens Hospital. The 3 players have a goal to raise at least \$2000 towards the charity and need your help. To donate money towards their swim click on the following link.

<http://my.imisfriendraising.com.au/TeamPage.aspx?teamID=38584&LangPref=en-CA>



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Jane Moran was named player of the NWPL final series.



Anthony Martin was named Captain of the Aussie Sharks for the World League and Robert Maitland was named Captain of the Australian University Games team. BJ Howden rounded out the Captains honour board for Queensland being named Captain of the Australian Junior Boys Team to compete in the FINA Junior World Championships.

Congratulations to the new Water Polo editions to the Barracudas and Breakers family. Natalie and Fabio Pavanello are the proud parents of Kiara and Glen and Marni Griffiths are the proud parents of Charli.



Rising Stars continue to work closely with Water Polo Queensland in organising State team travel both domestically and internationally. Rising Stars is a fully registered travel agent so if you are looking to book flights or accommodation do not hesitate to contact Rising Stars.

Coaches and Referees



Congratulations to Rikki Kerr and Elliott Lucas on their selection to Referee at the East Coast Challenge in Sydney.

Andrew Carney has recently returned from Refereeing at the FINA Junior Women's World Championship in Russia.

Andrew and Nicola Johnson were chosen to Referee at the NWPL finals series in Sydney.

Expressions of interest has been sent out to all Commission Referees interested in helping at the 16 and under Club Championships. Requests from some of the visiting teams have been made to referee their games

For more information or to express an interest in the above positions contact Brad Lauder on brad@bubhub.com.au

For information on the upcoming courses for both Referees and Coaches click on the Water Polo Queensland Web site.

What's On

- 16 and Under National Club Championships – Brisbane 29/9 – 4/10
- Australian University Games – Gold Coast 28/9 – 2/10
- Water Polo Queensland Awards Night – Ballymore 18/9
- BWPI competition commences 10/10
- U14 State Championships 5-7/12
- U18 State Championships 10-12/12
- U12 tournament 12 – 13/12
- U12 National Championships TBA



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Sponsors

Collins Food Group – KFC has recently re-signed their sponsorship with Water Polo Queensland for a further 2 years. KFC sponsorship will continue to support the establishment of the Flippa Ball program which is run in the primary schools across Queensland.



Water Polo Queensland has recently changed Bankers and people will start seeing advertisements for their local clubs popping up in Westpac branches. If you are holding a sign on day or a come and try program contact the office and we will try and get the information up on the notice boards in the local Westpac branches.



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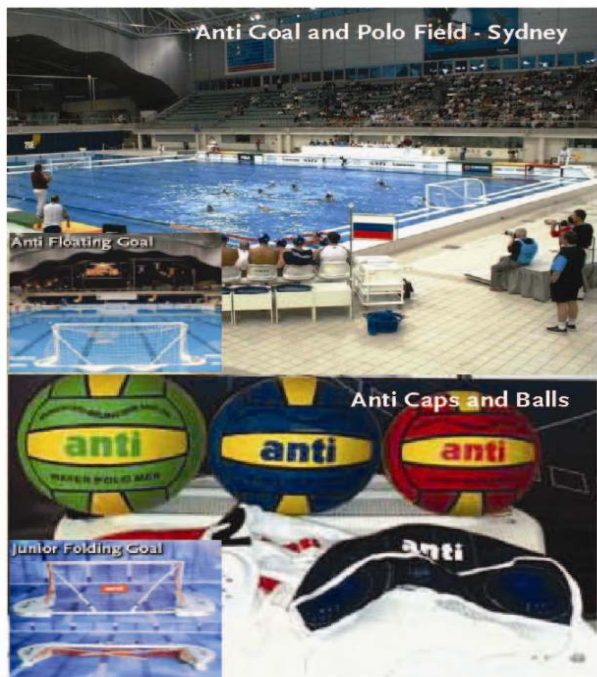
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