

## News from the **Technical Swimming Committee**

Welcome to the **August 2018** Edition of the Technical Swimming Committee Newsletter.

### **Queen's Birthday Honours**

Congratulations to Chris Hayes who was recently awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Chris has made significant contributions to the sport of swimming at State, Area and Club Level. Well done, Chris.

### **2018 Annual Technical Official Awards Dinner**

The Annual Awards Dinner for Technical Officials was held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July at the Marriott Courtyard, North Ryde.

Congratulations to the following recipients –

<b>Technical Official of the Year</b>	Cherry Smith
<b>Open Water TO of the Year</b>	Sue Worthington
<b>Services to Officiating</b>	Chris Hayes OAM
<b>Berry Rickards Encouragement Award</b>	Brett Patrick
<b>ATSC Convenor of the Year</b>	Kayleen Murphy
<b>Appreciation Award</b>	Ben Ramsden

### **2018 Sport NSW Awards**

The awards have kept flowing at the annual Sport NSW Awards Night.

**Graham Towle OAM**, received the Volunteer Director of the Year Award for his continued efforts in advancing swimming. **Cherry Smith** was awarded the Community Official of the Year for a fantastic year of Officiating at a national, state and international level while **Suzanne Bergersen** and **Jeanette Watts** received Distinguished Long Service Awards.

Congratulations to Graham, Cherry, Suzanne and Jeanette.



*Graham Towle OAM with Jeanette Watts and Cherry Smith*

## My Lane – Dave Cooper

### 1. What Club did you start your swimming career? What Club are you with now?

I started at Nepean Swimming Club, which folded to form Nepean Aquatic Centre Swim Club

### 2. What was your first TO credential and what year did you attain that credential?

Starter 2001

### 3. Why did you become an official? Why do you still officiate?

The reason I started officiating was to help out at club night and maybe at club carnivals, I didn't want to be an official. But Jann Fathers talked me around, luckily for swimming, the reason I still officiate is that I enjoy it and get a lot of satisfaction from the work. I also have a really tight knit group of friends that I have formed due to officiating.

### 4. What is the highest credential attained?

FINA Starter

### 5. What is your goal(s)?

At present my goal is to start at the Tokyo Olympic Games selection Trials, which is the pinnacle of our sport domestically. After 2020 I will reassess my goals and set new ones.

### 6. What is the highest-level meet at which you have officiated?

2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast; Junior Pan Pacific Championships in Maui USA



### 7. With respect to your answer to Question 6, can you please pass on some of the strategies/tips you used to help you achieve your appointment?

Work hard, seek feedback from those you look up to, but don't keep seeking feedback until you get the answer you want. Surround yourself with people that are actually good at what they do. The most important one: get a great Mentor, make sure your Mentor has the runs on the board, so to speak. Learn to listen to all advice but know what is good, and what is not. Regularly set goals. Once you reach your goal reset new ones or you will stagnate. Enjoy the experience because trust me you can have a great time if you let yourself.

### Ask SAM

Don't forget the SNSW Online "Question and Answer" forum to help you if you have questions about Technical Officiating and training course content. The forum, called "Ask Sam" can be found [HERE](#).

### 2018 Pan Pacific Championships

**Faye Lewis** was recently appointed to officiate at the upcoming Pan Pacific Championships in Tokyo. This is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations Faye.

### 2018 State Teams Meet

Congratulations to the following Technical Officials who have been appointed to the upcoming State Age Teams Meet and TO Workshop, to be held at the AIS, Canberra in September –

- Jacqui Currey
- Kayleen Murphy
- Matt Neale
- Ben Ramsden
- Murray Smith
- Isaak Wilson and
- John Rohloff (Mentor)

Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate. However, there were many more nominations received than positions available.

### 2018 Pan Pac Para

Congratulations to the following Technical Officials who have been appointed to the Pan Pacific Para Meet, to be held in Cairns during August –

- John Hart
- Chris Hayes OAM
- Cherry Smith
- Murray Smith
- Pam Weste
- John Williams

### 2018 Pan Pac Trials

The June Newsletter listed the NSW Technical Officials who have been appointed to the 2018 Pan Pac Championship Trials. Apologies to Murray Smith for his omission on the list. The full list of NSW Officials is below. Congratulations to you all -

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| • Dave Cooper     | • Brett Patrick |
| • Jacqui Currey   | • Cherry Smith  |
| • Christine Etter | • Murray Smith  |
| • John Hart       | • Karen Walsh   |
| • Chris Hayes OAM | • John Williams |
| • Nick Keith      |                 |

### 2018 Australian Short Course Championships

Congratulations also to our Technical Officials appointed to the Australian Short Course Championships to be held in Melbourne in October –

- Christine Etter
- John Hart
- Phil Jobling
- Faye Lewis
- Peter Shell
- Murray Smith

### Pool Deck Protocols

A revised version of the Swimming Australia Deck Official’s Protocol (incorporating recent FINA Rule Changes) was recently distributed to all Technical Officials, along with a revised Quick Reference Card. The Protocols and Quick Reference Card can both be found [HERE](#).

### Next NSW Meets

Nominations are open for the 2018 Winter Season, which include the following Meets -

Meet	Location	Dates	Closing Date for Nominations
2018 SNSW 13&Over SC Championships	SOPAC	24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
2018 SNSW 12&Under SC Championships *	SOPAC	8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> September	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
2018 SNSW MC LC Championships	SOPAC	20 October 2018	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2018

To nominate, please click [HERE](#).

\* **Please note:** The 2018 SNSW 12 & Under State SC Championships is a Development Meet (National A Squad) and forms part of the Technical Official Development Program. Therefore, some of the Appointments will be made with consideration to those on the Development Pathway.

### Reaccreditation of Returning NSW Technical Officials

As you are aware, SAL Technical Official accreditations are valid for four years and require regular attendance at swim meets and participation in educational sessions over that four year period. However, some Technical Officials may take some time away from the sport, during which time their accreditations may have lapsed.

Once an official decides to return to swimming, they will need to re-activate their accreditations and the process to do this should be as smooth as possible.

SNSW has developed a protocol for the reaccreditation of returning officials, which can be found [HERE](#).

### Technical Official’s Forum

This year, the Annual Technical Officials Forum was held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July. It was great to see so many Officials in attendance.



Topics covered during the Forum included –

- Impact of Officiating on Officials and Methods of Recovery: Sam Yardy-Phelan from the University of the Sunshine Coast;
- Nutrition for High Performance Officiating: Sally Anderson, founder Apple to Zucchini;
- Officiating from a swimmer's perspective: Matt Abood, former Australian National Champion;
- Protest and Jury of Appeal – a Commonwealth Games Case Study: Faye Lewis and Cherry Smith.
- John Hart led a quick discussion on SAL's Values and Behaviours which was followed by a discussion on the Rules of Swimming.

An online evaluation survey has now been emailed to all attendees. Please contact [Josh.Karp@nsw.swimming.org.au](mailto:Josh.Karp@nsw.swimming.org.au) if you believe did not receive this.

#### **Advanced Officiating General Principles**

If you are a developing official and would like a deeper understanding of officiating, the Office of Sport hosts an Advanced Officiating General Principles Course, which is conducted by correspondence. The course costs \$60, however SNSW will provide a full refund to a candidate once the Certificate of Completion has been supplied to the SNSW Office and the following criteria are met –

- Values and behaviours consistent with SAL Values and Behaviours, to a very high standard
- Current "Working with Children" check
- Proven commitment to support State Meets
  - Evidence of commitment to support national meets considered an advantage
- Participation in the Development program

This course opened in late May and ends 31 May, 2019. You can join the course by correspondence at any time, but you must finish by the end date of 31 May 2019.

More information, or to book your place in the course, can be found [HERE](#).

#### **Announcer Course**

Barry Lovegrove and Gail Cauchi will be running another Announcer's Course on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Josh Karp [HERE](#) to register your interest to attend. The course will be held at SOPAC.

#### **Recorder Module NOW ONLINE**

Adding to the list of on line training courses, the module for Recorder is now available [HERE](#).

#### **New SOPAC Security Arrangements**

A reminder that recently the Sydney Olympic Park Authority implemented new safety and security procedures at most venues within the precinct, including the Aquatic Centre.

As of 3<sup>rd</sup> July, there is no longer any pedestrian access TO the pool by the back entrance, as the pedestrian access gate has been removed. Access will only be through the entrance at the front of the building –

- Please enter on the left as you're walking in, through the swimmer's entry lane. Do not use the general public entrance on the right hand side.
- However, if there is a bit of a line upon arrival, simply walk through to the front, make yourself quickly known to Carol at the desk, by maybe flashing your TO badge, or notifying her of your name so she can mark you off.
- You can still EXIT the venue via the rear of the building.

The green car pass will still allow you to park in the rear car park as usual.

### Revised National Officiating Program Guidelines

In May, SAL revised the NOAP Guidelines. Essentially the main changes include the addition of Advanced Officiating for those wishing to be considered for Level 2 Referee or Starter; the re-introduction of the Finish Judge Module; and the Recorder qualification has been included in the list of pre-requisites for Level 1 Referee. Additionally, the Guidelines now contain links to SNSW on-line training modules.

### 2018 Technical Official Development Programme

Expression of Interest Forms have been distributed to Technical Officials as dates and locations have now been confirmed. The National A Meet has now been incorporated into an existing programmed meet -

1. National A Squad Meet 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September (Little State) - SOPAC.
2. Achievers Squad Meet 13<sup>th</sup> October – SOPAC

## The QUIZ

### June Quiz Answer

To recap the June Question – A coach has protested the result of a race. As the Referee you accepted the protest and then, after further consideration, dismissed the protest.

However, the Coach is not happy with your decision, and wishes to appeal to the Jury of Appeal. Who establishes the Jury of Appeal, who composes the Jury and generally, how is the Jury run?

### Answer

For SNSW Meets, prior to the commencement of both the Summer and Winter series, the SNSW Board appoints several people to comprise a Jury of Appeal. Generally, the Board will appoint Board Members, Technical Officials and Coaches, with the view that one from each discipline will be available on the day of the Appeal process.”

The Technical Manager will then appoint people to the Jury from the group listed above and who are present at the Meet. The Jury will comprise of one Coach, one Technical Official and one Board Member. The Technical Manager will then appoint of Chair of the Jury.

The Jury will firstly consider all the relevant documents – Disqualification Card, result slips and any other paperwork deemed necessary. The Jury will normally wish to interview the Referee and Coach (separately), but may also interview the reporting official and swimmer. Members of the Jury may also wish to view other evidence, including any video footage, if available.

A Guide for the current Jury of Appeal process is available [HERE](#).

Note that the TSC has recently put forward a recommendation to the Board to approve a more enhanced procedure, and at time of writing, the TSC's recommendation is still before the Board.

### August Question

You have been appointed JOS 1 for Session 1 at the SNSW 10 Years and Under – 12 Years State Championships at SOPAC. The first heat of the Boys 10 Years and Under 100 Backstroke is in the water waiting to start. After the start, you notice the swimmer in Lane 3 surface before the 15 metre mark, and then resubmerge. He surfaces again prior to the 15 metre mark. What do you do?

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please email Josh Karp:  
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