

Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

Report - Season 2010 / 2011

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This season the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) planned to undertake further responsibility and action within the Gippsland Swimming Community. With strong ties and direction from Swimming Victoria, YAC was delegated more control in regards to the districts GO Club Development Day. Although YAC was used primarily as "on the ground" consultancy last year in conjunction with Swim Victoria, this year has seen a dramatic increase in our resources and scope of responsibility.

GO Club this year will primarily be organized and staffed by YAC committee members. Proactive initiatives for the day have included securing Michael Klim as a guest speaker, active advertising and attractive promotion ideas. Further initiatives for the day in the pipeline include;

- Ordering of custom caps for the GO Club day which will be available for the first 100 swimmers in the district who register for the event
- Guaranteed hours in the pool (training session) with Michael Klim, a session with Gippsland Academy of Sport Swimmers as well as Target Squad session later in the morning.
- Advertising for the event will include flyers, club websites, as well as GSI website advertising.

Other initiatives currently on the YAC agenda for this season include;

- Retention rate of older swimmers in the sport and possible solutions to this situation
- Active recruiting of further members into the YAC - increasing our reach and scope throughout the region
- Active participation with GSI - currently the status and program layout of the Gippsland Championships
- Active participation and research with regards to the development of an outdoor aquatic facility in the foreseeable future for Gippsland.
- Strong links with YAC and GSI initiatives such as Target Squad and 7-10 have been forged in the past. It is the intention of YAC to continue building on these strong foundations and as such would like to participate in the active coaching of these squads in the future. This is of course subject to ratification from higher authorities.

Thank you

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