

The MLC Marlins would like to thank all the swimmers for their support of the MLC Marlins Winter Short Course Carnival held at The Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre 4th September 2005.

The carnival was a success, with **562 swimmers from 72 clubs, swimming 2711 individual events.**

The carnival is expected to raise approximately **\$2 300 for CanTeen** (young people living with cancer).



Congratulations to everyone.

The MLC Marlins managed to run another **successful carnival**. It was great to see so many involved, and so many getting to the pool early to help organise everything.

At this point it is important to express our thanks to our sponsors:



Zoggs, Metro Demolitions, Bruce Chiene Insurance Brokers, Kellaway Cridland Chartered Accountants, Eurest, B&A Anton, West Ryde Trophies & Peter Wynn's Score.

Please **support** these companies whenever possible, they support the swimmers and **swimming**.

The officials and helpers from other clubs should also be thanked for their help. Without them all carnivals could not run.

Suay Toprak (MLC Marlins) just edged out Melanie Tan (MLC Marlins) for the \$100 award for female swimmer of the meet, based on total points scored, she also won 9 medals in 9 events. The \$100 award for male swimmer of the meet went to 11 year old, **Anthony Truong from S.A.C. Seals. Willoughby** won the \$200 as the top scoring visiting club.



It is important to acknowledge that it was the team effort that made the day a success. Our club relies on everyone to make an effort. The club members that gave up a large chunk of Fathers day to support their children and the club should feel good about the day. **Almost every member in the club contributed** in one way or another. I think it is great that the club gets together once a year to support our swimmers and the sport of swimming by running this event.

This carnival is a lot of work. We are not a huge club and do very well to run the biggest carnival held by a club at SOPAC each year. **We should all be proud that a club of our size manages to run a carnival of this size.** This year numbers were down a little, this has been typical of all carnivals held at SOPAC this year, however we still needed to run two pools.

I was very happy that so many of the **Senior swimmers** competed this year. A number are in the middle of exams and struggle to fit carnivals into their schedule, but almost all made the effort to compete in at least a few events.

Margot Tiems will be preparing a full report for the club over the next week to highlight the achievements of the day.

It is also very important to acknowledge the key people involved in organising this event. These individuals have contributed many hours of their busy lives over the last 5 months to make this event possible:

Warren Schafer:

Warren organised the following sponsors: Metro Demolitions, Bruce Chiene Insurance Brokers, Kellaway Cridland Chartered Accountants, Eurest, B&A Anton, West Ryde Trophies. Without these companies support the carnival would not have been financially successful.

Warren organised the venue, the catering, the outside officials, the medals and started at the meet.

Steve & Sue Messervy:

Steve & Sue entered all the entries in the program and created the program. This is a huge job. Steve & Sue helped run one of the recording rooms through out the meet. He also prepared all the State entries on Sunday night, and is now working out the results for the winter presentation night.

Margot Tiems:

Margot has a very difficult job. Margot is tasked with organising the club members. This is a long, often difficult and tiring job. In the days before the meet the roster seemed to change every 30 minutes. Margot organised the catering and general task of getting things done. Margot was also the Meet Director for the first time, well done.

I apologise if I have forgot to mention any of jobs that the above mentioned champions undertook.

Maria El Safety and Tony Sarno (web site) also played important roles in helping make the carnival a success. Sorry if I have missed anyone, I am a little tired myself!

Everyone that helped should be proud of the club's efforts.

The following MLC swimmers achieved state qualifying times on Sunday:

New times

Greta Conlan – 50 Free, Jordan Kelly – 200 IM, Taylor Pascale – 50 Free (1st state time), Sylwia Pasieczny – 50 Fly and 100 Fly, Luke Woolfe – 100 Free

Improved State times

Olivia Allan, Tim Antalfy, Joshua Chang, Greta Conlan, Samantha El Safty, Stephanie El Safty, Ben Lau, Kate Laxton, Maggie Luck, Kiara Maza, William Messervy, Ciaran Morgan, Benjamin Park, Simone Piper, Ian Sarno, Connie Sloane, Melanie Tan, Suay Toprak, Laura Vaccari.

Possibly the most outstanding performance on the day was Melanie Tan. Melanie swam 9 events, won 9 medals and swam 8 PBs – all of which were already State QTs.

Taylor Pascale as a first time State qualifier is worthy of special mention.

The MLC Marlins State Team will consist of 43 swimmers with a total of 181 entries.

John Bladon, Chairman MLC Marlins Swimming Team.