

President's Report for the 2008/09 Season

2008/09 was another fantastic year for Neons swimmers. There have been many highlights including Sam Bramham's Para Olympic swims in Beijing and a number of our senior swimmers competing in Olympic and World Championship selection trials. I would also like to congratulate Matt Sterrenberg who has been selected to swim for Australia in Qatar at the world youth swimming championships.

There were many other highlights especially in the performances of our up and coming junior swimmers with many of them qualifying for the first time to swim at All Juniors and the Victorian State Championships for Long Course, Short Course and Sprints.

The swimming year finishes with the Australian Age Championships. This year they were held in Sydney. Ten Neons swimmers qualified to compete. There were some sensational performances with many swimmers qualifying for finals. After six tough days of competition Neons finished as the eighth best performed Victorian club. Special congratulations to Matt Sterrenberg and Tom Newton for their medal winning performances.

Our monthly time trials continue to be a real delight. This year has been no different and we have been able to welcome a number of new families to the club. The nights are short but sweet with the emphasis on having fun and creating a low key, relaxed environment where juniors learn to race.

At last year's AGM a new committee was formed. The new committee was comprised of five continuing and four new committee members. It is a sign of a good club when committees regenerate year after year with a seamless transition.

Fund raising continues to be the number battle for the club. This year's fund raising was aimed at raising funds in new ways especially outside the families of the club members. We ran a swim meet at MSAC on behalf of the swim coaches association. The meet was a success however given the number of people required to run a meet it is difficult to see Neons running it again on its own. The other innovative fund raiser was the big weekend away raffle. It was a lot of hard work for everyone and again we were able to raise some funds to help off set the running costs of the club.

Sadly this is my third and final report as President. I would like to pay a tribute to all of our coaches and especially to Joanne Love. I have known Jo for 15 years. Jo has dedicated her working life to swim teaching and coaching and the growing success of Neons as a competitive club is a reflection of Jo's hard work and dedication. I am particularly impressed by Jo's desire to innovate in coaching methods. This includes areas such as diet, strength and flexibility conditioning, video teaching, sports psychology and advanced swim training techniques. I wish Jo every success and good fortune into the future and look forward to more successes from Jo and her panel of terrific coaches.

I would again like to extend our thanks to Ivanhoe Grammar School where our training is based. To have the use of the pool is wonderful and certainly assists our swimmers.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank our dedicated and hard working committee members – Kate Sterrenberg, Michelle Newton, Lisa Randall, Oliver Bohun, Chris Makridis, Alison Burt, Angela O'Connor and Jenny Sherlock for their hard work during the year. It's been a great team effort.

Peter Cooper
President 2008/09 Season

Club Secretary's report for the 2008/9 Season

2009 saw the sad passing of Di Bayliss, Founding Member and Life Member of Ivanhoe Neons. Di lost her long battle to cancer at the age of 54 and will be remembered as a remarkable woman whose energy and determination helped launch Ivanhoe Neons in 1994 and whose continued involvement in the club has ensured its successful rise to rank among the top Victorian Clubs. Di held the position of Club Secretary for 5 years and the position of Club President for 3 years. Di was awarded Life Membership at Ivanhoe Neons in 2002. In addition, Di was awarded Life Membership at Metro North District for the many years of service at District level and was awarded Swimming Victoria's Administrator of the Year award in 2008.

As the 2008/9 swimming year closes I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their enduring humour and ability to tackle and complete club tasks quite cheerfully while holding down their strenuous day jobs and running their busy family lives. For those committee members who are retiring this year, thank you for the professionalism with which you have performed your duties. The 2008/9 committee has implemented fairly significant changes, including on-line registrations and a fundraising levy – tasks that were time consuming to finalise but that were seen through to the end.

Thank you also to all the families at Neons who support club initiatives and who never hesitate to help when asked to do so. Thanks to everyone who helped at the monthly Club Time Trials and the annual Club Championships, especially Oliver Bohun who has diligently kept track of the accumulating results and Tony Forno who kept track of any records that our swimmers broke. Many thanks to the O'Connor family who hosted the HPS team at their beach home. Your generous gesture and readiness to organise the whole trip is appreciated and valued, as our children had an absolutely wonderful time.

From an administrative point of view, we continue to make use of our website and weekly email newsletters to keep members informed of club activities. Please help us keep everyone informed by notifying us of any change of your details – by sending an email with your new details to administration@ivanhoeneons.org.au or by using the Contact Us function on the website. We always welcome new and fresh ideas so please send those along too.

Last but not least I wish to thank Head Coach Jo Love who is the driving force behind our successful club. Many swimmers and parents are aware of the passion, professionalism and sheer number of hours that Jo puts into our club but it's not until you work closely with Jo that you realise the enormity of what she does. Her far-sighted programs and relentless dedication to each swimmer are what makes our swimmers champions, regardless of the squad that the swimmer is part of. We look forward to this continued success in the next season.

I look forward to serving another year on our committee and hope you will consider joining this dynamic team of individuals who only want the best for every Neons swimmer. We're a unique group – we laugh more than we work – it's quite therapeutic!

*Kate Sterrenberg
Club Secretary
6th May 2009*

Treasurer's Report for the 2008/09 Season



Ivanhoe Neons Swimming Club Inc.
ABN 47 514 890 410

Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2009

Retained Surplus as at 1st May 2008	\$ 9,685.84
Income	41,502.16
Expenses	42,278.53
Retained Surplus as at 30th April 2009	8,910.47
Represented by	
Bal as per Bank statement 30th April 2009	9,038.07
less unpresented cheques	128.70
Available Funds	8,910.37

Income

Membership	4,815.00	
Swim Meet Entries	9,213.00	
Sale of caps goggles, shirts	1,674.00	
Time trial Competitors	1,420.00	
Uniforms		
Fund raising	835.75	
Club Champs	466.00	
ASCTA Swim Meet	2,200.00	
Misc		
Raffle	3,252.85	
Brisbane Trip	2,749.56	
Australian Nationals		
AGM	1,914.00	
Sponsorship	1,062.00	
Stationery	-	
Sundries	20.00	
Patrick Murphy Night	462.00	
Thredbo Trip	11,400.00	
BBQ at Bunnings		41,502.16

Expenditure

Membership	345.00	
Swim Meet Entries	10,424.00	
Sale of caps goggles, shirts	2,733.67	
Time Trial Competitors	89.67	
Uniforms	1,051.88	
Fund raising	86.50	
Club Champs	903.96	
Accounting Fees	100.00	
Thredbo Trip	11,406.88	
Printing	944.90	
SV Membership Registration	4,854.00	
Australian Nationals	1,891.49	
AGM	1,662.10	
Web site	625.00	
Stationery	72.30	
Sundries	969.53	
Affiliation	150.00	
Patrick Murphy Night	255.54	
Brisbane Trip	3,702.13	
BBQ at Bunnings		42,278.53

Alison Burt
Treasurer
4th May 2009

Declaration: I declare that the information given on the above Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30th April 2009 is true and correct and that I am authorized to make this declaration.

Audited by:  Date: 4th May 2009

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Membership Secretary's report for the 2008/9 Season

Membership:

- Current membership pending for renewal with Ivanhoe Neons is 82:
- Current competitors: 52

Membership 2009 / 2010:

There are a number of changes to the fee structure and the way that we will collect fees for the upcoming year. The most obvious and significant change will be that we are going fully on-line for all of our membership records and will be using the 'Clubs On-line' database system that was introduced by Swimming Australia in 2008.

Over the past two years we have found it difficult to stay ahead of the costs of running the club. In the past additional swimmers in the family only attracted the registration fee required by Swimming Victoria. From this year, all swimmers will be required to pay a fee that goes to the club as well as to Swimming Victoria. As we enter the 2009/10 swimming year we are again faced with an increase of fees from Swimming Victoria which has also contributed to our increase in club fees.

We have found it necessary to introduce a fundraising levy to each family within the club. We have a number of families who contribute tirelessly to the fundraising efforts of the club, but the task of coordinating events and getting the commitment of all club members has become too difficult. Therefore, the first swimmer in any family will also have an \$88.00 fundraising levy added to their membership fees. Swimmers in senior squads will be asked to participate in one fundraising activity each year (Bunning Sausage Sizzle) to reflect the additional resources that they draw from the club.

Until now we have only registered committee members and officials with Swimming Victoria, and registered all other parents with the club only. From this year we will register one parent per family with Swimming Victoria as a non-swimming member. As such the above membership numbers do not reflect the majority of our parent group who are still in the process of joining.

I thank my fellow committee members for their support over the past two years that I have held this position. I would encourage others to take on the role, which assists in a small way to the smooth running of the club.

*Michelle Newton
Membership Secretary
5th May 2009*

Head Coach's report for the 2008/9 Season

Building on Success:

Over the past 12 years Ivanhoe Neons has continued to hold its own against much bigger clubs. Neons has produced many National level swimmers, finalists, medallists and winners, also International swimmers and swimmers that have held State and National records. Some swimmers represented Victoria, had been given the opportunity to attend training camps abroad. We are carrying on the tradition and will continue to develop systems that will ensure a successful future.

Achievements in 2008/09:

- 10 National Age qualifiers in 2009 & 4 finalists (8/3 in 2007)
- 6 National Open qualifiers in 2009 – one finalist - Bryce Glover
- Paralympic representation by Sam Bramham and 1 Gold medal, 1 Silver Medal at Paralympic Games
- Numerous State Age records for our swimmers – Kayne Johns, Matt Sterrenberg, Ash Simons, Michael Forno
- 2 swimmers selected onto the Australian Dolphin Team – Nick Cordner and Sam Bramham
- 2 swimmers selected as VIS members - Nick Cordner and Sam Bramham
- 5 swimmers selected as Victorian representatives at the Australian Secondary Schools Championship in Canberra – Troy Gazzola, Michael Forno, Matt Sterrenberg, Tom Newton, Kayne Johns
- Neons swimmer selected as Team Captain of the Victorian Secondary School Team – Kayne Johns
- 1 swimmer selected to Represent Australia in the Australian Secondary Schools team in Doha, Qatar, Dec, 2009– Matt Sterrenberg
- 2 swimmers were selected onto the Victorian Duel Meet Team to swim in Caloundra, Queensland– Michael Forno and Matt Sterrenberg
- Neon's Head Coach selected onto Australian Coaching staff for the Paralympic team
- Neon's Head Coach Selected as Head Coach of the Target 2012 Victorian Gold Squad team
- Neons Coach selected as Team Coach on the Target 2012 Victorian Bronze Squad team

Our associated LTS programme is very successful with 1000's of children/young people of all ages and abilities successfully completing our term programmes. We are now reaping the rewards of the re-structuring with many of our LTS swimmers moving into the squad system.

Special thanks to

- All parents who lent their time volunteering throughout the year, especially our dedicated club committee!
- All our dedicated Coaches over the past season Grant, Jules, Michael and Lynne.

*Joanne Love
Ivanhoe Neons Head Coach
6th May 2009*