

QUEENSLAND DIVING ASSOCIATION inc.

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## QUEENSLAND DIVING ASSOCIATION inc. (DIVING QUEENSLAND)

**Patron:** Her Excellency Penelope Wensley AO. Governor of Queensland

### OFFICIALS

#### Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	Rob Eckersley
<b>Vice President</b>	Sue Barnard
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue Stafford
<b>Registrar</b>	Toni Toohey
<b>Directors</b>	Di Smith
	Narelle Todd
	Joe Zuber
	David Chiverton
	Chris Ryan
<b>Executive Director</b>	Janne Ellis

### OFFICERS

<b>Competition Director</b>	Alan Smith
<b>Coaching Coordinator</b>	Barbi Donnet
<b>Technical Coordinator</b>	Kevin Hall
<b>Uniforms Officer</b>	Toni Toohey

### COMMITTEES

<b>Finance Committee</b>	Sue Stafford ( <i>Chair</i> ) Di Smith Sue Barnard Rob Eckersley ( <i>ex officio</i> ) Janne Ellis ( <i>ex officio</i> )
<b>Competitions</b>	Alan Smith ( <i>Chair</i> ) Di Smith Toni Toohey Nikki Bliss
<b>Selection Panel</b>	Alan Smith ( <i>Convenor</i> ) Barbi Donnet-Carver Joe Zuber
<b>Coaching Committee</b>	Barbi Donnet-Carver ( <i>Chair</i> ) Alan Smith Joe Zuber
<b>Technical Committee</b>	Kevin Hall ( <i>Convenor</i> ) Sue Stafford Toni Toohey
<b>Clubs</b>	Chandler Diving Club Donnet Diving Paradise Diving Club RAPS
<b>Life Members:</b>	Terry Harte John Sherry <i>*Graham Deuble</i>
<b>Auditor:</b>	Colin Grant PNA



*\*(deceased)*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year has been one of challenge for Diving Queensland, both at the State Organisation level and at the club level. DQ has continued to pursue the strategic plan that was formulated in 2007, but on a more modest basis with recognition that the global financial crisis would affect local businesses, government revenues, and family budgets of our members. In many ways this has been a year of consolidation of programmes and changes that were started in the last two years. Despite the financial environment, and the very busy lives of our volunteers, we have been able to maintain our core programmes, make some improvements, and support our divers.

Only a year ago we were enjoying watching our Australian divers compete at the Beijing Olympics, including great performances by Sharleen Stratton and the other members of the Australian Team. Their performances still inspire our divers to develop and perform.

The Association has continued to benefit from having a staffed office with the State Executive Director employed on a part/time permanent basis to oversee the administration of DQ. Improvements have been made to some administrative processes, such as the introduction of electronic banking facilities, handling of merchandise, procurements, and other costs.

Competitions have been well attended, and the introduction of electronic dive recording at competitions has been a welcome addition.

This period also saw the continued development of our divers through our squads, support for coach development, and encouraging participation through 'Come and Try' programs. Diving for the Deaf project has expanded to include both Chandler and Southport.

Paradise Club has new coaching staff, with Joey Zuber taking over as head coach when Jack & Nancy Taylor relocated to WA.

The Association has expanded with the affiliation of a newly formed club based at Chandler - Chandler Diving Club, with head coach Chris Ryan.

The year has seen a range of issues that clubs and members have had to deal with, and as an association we have tried to support all of our clubs through what has been a difficult period of considerable change. Our divers continue to have a great love of

this sport of springboard and platform diving and, supported by great coaches, continue to achieve at a State and National level.

## COMMITTEE

The DQ Board has met regularly to provide oversight of the Association, including finances, policies & procedures, and to progress our strategic vision & operational plan.

Current DQ Board members are:

President - Rob Eckersley; Vice President - Sue Barnard; Treasurer - Sue Stafford; Registrar - Toni Toohey. Directors - Di Smith, Narelle Todd, Joey Zuber, David Chiverton, and Chris Ryan. State Executive Director - Janne Ellis. Thanks to all for your efforts and commitment. I also acknowledge the effort & commitment that Jack Taylor made as former Vice President prior to his appointment to a senior coaching position with WA Institute of Sport.

Two board positions have a very large time commitment on a regular basis. These are Treasurer & Registrar, so I particularly want to thank Sue Stafford & Toni Toohey for their efforts.

There are a number of Board sub-committees which also involve significant involvement of other members, including Finance Committee, Technical Committee, Competitions Committee, Selection Panel, Coaching Committee, and Uniforms. Thanks to all who have ably assisted in these areas.

Following their affiliation, Chandler Diving Club was invited to nominate two representatives onto the DQ Board in accord with our current constitution, and we welcome the participation of David Chiverton & Chris Ryan.

As the association grows through the formation & affiliation of new clubs, the method of appointing board members will need to be revised to ensure that the size of the board remains at an effective working number. This is one area which is addressed in the proposed new constitution.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Beijing Olympic Games
- Great results for our divers at club, state, national, and international competitions.
- Establishment & affiliation of a new club (Chandler Diving Club)
- Consolidation of the Dive for the Deaf program at Chandler & expansion to Southport.

- Continued funding from Qld Government Dept of Sport & Recreation,

## COACHING

A coaching course was held to train more Level 1 coaches. A number of those trained have now completed the practical training period and are assisting with club coaching.

## OFFICIATING

A large number of volunteers continue to assist as Recording Secretariat at DQ competitions; and the computerised recording program introduced last year has been used effectively by the recording secretariat. However we often struggle to have sufficient judges. A judging course was held recently, to train more people to assist with judging at future DQ competitions. Kevin Hall accredited nine new judges and will update training for these and existing judges in October.

## COMPETITIONS

A number of DQ competitions were held over the past year. These competitions involve many people who volunteer their services as officials, judges, and coaches. Thanks to Competitions Director - Alan Smith, Recording Secretariat Coordinator - Toni Toohey, and the team of volunteers who have given so freely of their time to ensure the smooth running of our competitions. In the summer months, some of these competitions are held at the regional pools in Southport and at Kawana. This provides an opportunity for the regional clubs to compete in their 'home' pools, and for metropolitan clubs to gain experience diving at outdoor facilities.

This year we rescheduled our DQ State Championships to be held early in the calendar year and closer to the National competitions to allow our divers to better prepare for both events. This was seen as a positive change and will continue into future years.

The State Championships for Open & Elite Junior athletes was run in Jan 2009. The Open events included athletes from interstate, and our own Queensland divers. The State Championships for Age & Masters athletes was run in March 2009. A large number of our divers achieved qualifying scores.

The ADS squad and some other club divers attended the NSW State Age Championships 2009, and competed well with many obtaining medals.

Queensland had a good representation at the Age National Championships held over Easter 2009. All Qld clubs were well represented, winning 18 of the medals.

At the Elite National Championships held in Sydney in July 2009, Queensland divers achieving 27 medals - a fantastic result. In the National TID competition held at the same time, Queensland divers won 6 medals.

Two of our divers, Ethan Warren and Jesse Carver, competed in Aachen, Germany in September 2008 as members of the Australian World Junior Team.

Sharleen Stratton attended various State, National and International competitions throughout the year and was selected in the Olympic Team and competed at the Beijing Olympics.

## MEMBERSHIP

This year has seen the establishment and affiliation of a new club - Chandler Diving Club. Hence there are now four affiliated clubs; RAPS based at Chandler (Brisbane), Paradise Diving based at Southport (Gold Coast), Donnet Diving based at Chandler and Kawana (Sunshine Coast), and Chandler Diving Club based at Chandler (Brisbane).

Retention of members continues to be an issue. During the report period, the membership of Diving Queensland had dropped slightly. It was expected that membership would increase again in the six months following the Beijing Olympics, however that was before the global financial crisis struck with its affect on family disposable income! It is encouraging that we have had some new members participating, and we hope that those whose life situations require them to forgo their participation at the current time will return in the future.

The two main areas where we lose members appears to be

- a) the late teenage years - due to the increased work load in Grade 11 & 12 schooling, and
- b) the young primary school aged children who - after becoming interested in the sport - find that the late access to the Chandler pool (6pm) is not compatible with their family logistics.

## FACILITIES

We are fortunate to have access to good indoor diving pool facilities and dry-land training facilities at Chandler in Brisbane. However this remains the only pool available to us in Brisbane.

The regional pool at Southport on the Gold Coast provides outdoor facilities and limited dry-land facilities. The dedicated Paradise club divers train through the winter months using their dry-land facilities, and the occasional visit to Chandler to use the more extensive dry-land facilities.

The regional pool at Kawana on the Sunshine Coast has 1m and 3m springboards only and is an outdoor pool (non-heated). The dedicated Donnet club divers travel down to Chandler to use the platforms and the dry-land facilities.

Having the AIS and QAS both located at Chandler is of major benefit to our club divers in many ways; however the down side is that our clubs can only access the pool after 6pm on weekdays. This is a limiting factor to participation - especially for younger children. Furthermore the pool facility is often used for swimming competitions, which sometimes restricts availability over the summer months.

Hence access to diving facilities remains a major impediment to the expansion of the sport in Queensland. Regionalisation in such a large state is possible, but extraordinarily difficult given the limited deep water pools that are willing to take on diving as part of their business opportunities.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

Diving Queensland was pleased to receive funding from the Qld Govt to start a 'Diving for the Deaf' project. This innovative project seeks to encourage the involvement of deaf children and children of deaf parents. This has been a passion of Di Smith's for a long time, and she has been instrumental to getting this project underway. Last year was very much a learning experience, with close liaison with the Deaf Sports Qld. The program was run initially at the Chandler pool, and then expanded this year to the include Southport, with Libby and Steve Lambert looking after that area. The project is funded for a further year and will be 'broken out' at the Sunshine Coast.

## MARKETING & PROMOTION

New togs and uniforms have been introduced with the DQ logo. We have had some media exposure of some events, including our State Competitions. We were also fortunate to have Sporting Images take some great photographs of our divers. However we still need to develop and implement a strong marketing plan to seek increased participation in the sport. This will be a focus for next year.

## FUTURE PLANS

The next year will focus on the further consolidation and implementation of our operational plan.

This will include a focus on

- Increased Participation (eg through our 'come and try' programs),
- Retention in the sport of our teenage divers (eg by encouraging them to develop coaching and judging skills),
- Skill development of divers, coaches, and judges ( through our squad programmes, coach training, and judging courses)
- Increased Profile (eg through marketing & media)
- Increased Facilities (eg working closely with DA, QAS and Stadiums Queensland. Also through alliances with other sporting bodies such as Water Polo)
- Supporting clubs to maintain viability (eg by supporting funding application, negotiating pool access & costs, etc)

## CONCLUSION

The past year has been one of consolidation for Diving Queensland as we continue to implement our operational plan.

It is encouraging to have the support of our club members as we continue to consolidate these programmes in the coming year.

**For our divers, and for the sport of  
springboard and platform diving in  
Queensland**

  
**Rob Eckersley**  
President

## STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Diving Queensland will become a "master of its own destiny" as it sustains the hard work so necessary to achieve its goals.

### STATE GOVERNMENT

We are grateful for the assistance received from the Department Officers. Their advice and attention to our sport is most gratifying, and we enjoy a mutual respect for what is sometimes a difficult role. We are nearing the end of the second year of the three year funding cycle, and our attention is turning to the review of our Strategic Plan and then the application for the next round.

The experience of the past must be married to the needs of the future and the progress of the sport, to enable a sensible and positive application for the maximum funding available for the 2011-2013 round.

A special note of mention is the Volunteer Recognition Certificate awarded to Toni Toohey by the former State Member for Chatsworth Mr Chris Bombolas, at a special presentation night. Our thanks go to all volunteers, and the opportunity to nominate Toni and for her to be accepted for the award, was most satisfying.

### AVAILABLE GRANTS

During the course of the past year, much information has been provided to Clubs to ensure their awareness of the myriad of schemes available.

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund is no doubt one of the best schemes for Clubs to apply for, along with several other State and Civic Government and private opportunities.

With the size of each Club and therefore the organisation, obvious external financial assistance is necessary, and any availability for these resources should be taken up. However it must be understood, that total reliance is not good planning, so while the assistance is necessary at this time, each Club should be working towards being as much as possible, self-funded.

### QLD ACADEMY OF SPORT

QAS Diving is a development program aimed at fast-tracking the development of Queensland's young talented divers that demonstrate the potential to excel at an elite level.

The program acts as an important stepping stone into the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and Diving Australia (DA) elite programs. The 'Centre of Excellence' based at the Sleeman Centre Chandler is the

training ground for both the AIS and DA elite programs. Complementing the DA national program, the QAS squad forms part of the 'Centre of Excellence'.

*Source: QAS Yearbook 2008 (released July 2008).*

Diving Queensland is very fortunate to have the backing of Diving Australia to ensure that the diving programme is maintained within the Queensland Academy of Sport.

### POLICIES

The Constitution has been rewritten with the best of intentions for the organisation at its heart, and is based on looking closely at a new, modern and revitalised structure. Many of the policy documents required have been written, and require a fair knowledge of their contents. The web site will 'house' all the documents and therefore be available for members and non-members to view.

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

As part of our commitment to Government and our membership, we moved forward and brought our banking facilities up-to-date. Through the good graces of Diving Australia, more improvement will be made soon with an on-line banking facility to be made available.

### MEMBERSHIP

The growth of the membership is reliant on many aspects, none-the-less for the Clubs and the Association to remain viable.

Deeper consideration of the conversion rate from Come 'n Try days into Club participants is at the uppermost of the Board's strategic planning.

Without assistance from marketing specialists, an endeavour to identify various tactics to improve this rate is somewhat difficult.

### SPONSORSHIP

Konica Minolta is continuing its relationship with DQ and has provided a new photocopier, along with a copier used at the Australian Open Championships. We are grateful to Thrifty; Sporting Images and via DA OAMPS for continuing to engage with our organisation. We welcomed on board Jumar and Whytetide during 2008. WhyteTide will provide a small rebate to DQ should Clubs or individuals use the benefit of the Code when ordering swimwear.

We are grateful to these companies, and feel sure that we can grow this list with our marketing plan.

### MARKETING/MEDIA/PROMOTION

The best marketing tool that DQ has at its disposal is the web site. Having created a 'free' subscription tool for e-news, we have improved contact immeasurably.

The web site also allows for individuals and Clubs to contribute. This can be done in so many ways, and should be seen as a partnership rather than in competition with each other

### CONCLUSION

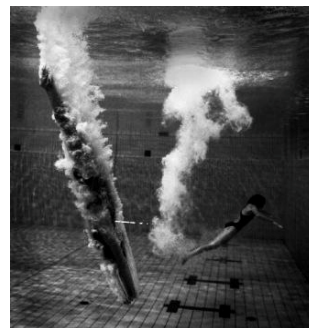
The agreement by the newly appointed Governor of Queensland to continue the patronage for Diving is a keen reflection of where our organisation sits.

Rob Eckersley took over the reins of Presidency, and has seen a number of modifications to enable our 'moving forward' attitude to continue. Under pressure of work commitments etc, he has managed to keep the "ship" steady and on course - many thanks Rob.

The Board is to be commended for their commitment to their roles. There remains a steep learning curve for all of us, but as time goes on and we continue to work as a team, everyone will reap the reward for effort so understandably required.

There is no competition out of the pool - we all strive together to provide opportunity for members to enjoy this absorbing sport, there is no doubt that there is exciting times ahead.

  
**Janne Ellis**  
State Executive Director





## COMPETITION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 2008/09 competition year went according to plan with Sharleen Stratton, Ashleigh de Muelenaere, Brittany Broben, Maddie Phillips, Ethan Warren and Jesse Carver all qualifying for Open Nationals, held in Brisbane in February 2009. Ethan Warren and Jesse Carver attended the World Junior Diving Championships in 2008 and Youth Olympics in 2009.

Our Queensland Open divers continue to shine, with Sharleen Stratton winning gold on both 1 & 3 metre events at Nationals, and also competing at the World Championships in Rome this year, finishing in the top 6 on 1 metre, 3 metre and synchronised.

The Age National Titles held in Melbourne in April showed a strong influence in the medal tally and diver's Sansanee Lagerway, Lucy Larkins and Erin Toohey received the award for Diver of the Year in their respective age groups. These Championships showed a very strong contingent with Queensland placing 2<sup>nd</sup> as State of the Year, Paradise Diving Club winning Club of the Year, and RAPS in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Coaches of the Year Awards were made to 1<sup>st</sup> Joe Zuber from Paradise Diving Club and 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Smith from RAPS Diving Club.

Elite Junior Nationals held in Sydney in July, was also a highlight for Diving Queensland with QAS athletes Ethan Warren, Gemma Allinson and Brittany Broben all awarded Diver of the Year in their respective groups. Matthew Barnard, Marcus Gangell, Ashley de Muelenaere, Brittany Broben, Taneka Kovchenko and Gemma Allinson medalled in their groups. This year was the first time some of the TID group had represented at the Elite Junior Nationals. Maddie Phillips, Beth Nicolson, Keelan Bilton-Philp and Matt Skennar, all bringing home medals.

The Association recently ran a Judges Courses, which will give Diving Queensland more, much needed Judges to ensure the competitions run efficiently.

10 qualifying competitions (including Age & Elite Junior & Open State Championship) were held throughout the year, mostly being held at Chandler. However competitions are also run at Southport and Kawana Aquatic Centre.

The quality of our competitions is reinforced by the attendance of a number of interstate athletes at our Open & Elite Junior State Championships.

**Alan Smith**  
*Competitions Director*

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

At the start of the registration year 2008-2009, Diving Queensland had 3 affiliated clubs, Donnet Diving Club, Paradise Diving Club and RAPS Diving Club. During this year we welcomed into the Association Chandler Diving Club. Through the Clubs, Diving Queensland had 366 financial members made up as follows:

	2009	2008
• Full Competitors:		
Juniors	79	73
Senior	1	3
Masters	10	14
• Club Competitors	61	76
• Official	100	127
• Coaches	29	23
• Extended Clinic	75	72
• Diving for the Deaf	11	
	<b>366</b>	<b>388</b>

These numbers are DOWN by 22 on last year. Although our numbers are down from last year we still had another 356 people join through various clinics, camps and Come 'n Try days.

Going into our new registration year all 4 affiliated Clubs re-registered. We have also been fortunate this year that there hasn't been any increase in fees.

**Toni Toohey**  
*Registrar*

## COACHING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A Diving Australia Level 1 coaching course was held at Chandler Aquatic Centre on Nov 22-23rd 2008. Five coaches did the Level 1 course and four are now fully qualified and actively coaching and one is still completing hours. The Course was great with all coaches enthusiastic and keen to use what they learnt. Practical sessions were, of course, the most popular and coaches really appreciated working with both club divers and TID squads. All really appreciated working with Xiangning.

The next Level 1 Coaches course is to be held at Brisbane Aquatic Centre on the weekend of October 24/25<sup>th</sup>. Various information on different coaching courses being run in Queensland has been sent to Clubs for distribution to interested coaches/members.

**Barbi Donnet**  
*Coaching Co-ordinator*

## CLUB REPORTS

### CHANDLER DIVING CLUB

Chandler Diving Club officially came into existence on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009. There was however an inaugural group of divers that started training in February (with the assistance of Paradise Diving Club (PDC)) under the watchful eye of Chris Ryan, Chandler Diving club's founder and Head Coach. Thanks to PDC, Chris was able to prepare these divers for the upcoming state and national events.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> March all our divers attended the Qld State Age Championships as their first outing together as a team. They had all worked hard and the results were outstanding with 5 - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup>'s and 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup>'s out of a possible 16 events being achieved.

In April the team then travelled to Melbourne for the 2009 Australian Age Championships and although we officially became a club 2 days before the event the divers had to again compete under the PDC banner. The results for these divers for the 1 meter and 3 meter boards were as follows:- Alex Bax 11/U - 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, James Ryan 12/13 - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, Haley Tuaoi 12/13 - 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, Tegan Du Toit 14/15 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>, Emily Boyd 14/15 - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, Amy Chiverton 14/15 - 16<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, Deanna Bax 16/18 - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and Jasmine Matkovic 16/18 - 10<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In July Megan Eckersley was to become our first official diver to compete at a national event when she travelled to Sydney to compete at the Australian Junior national titles. Competing in the Junior A division she achieved 7<sup>th</sup> on 3 meter and 3<sup>rd</sup> on 1 meter. This is a fabulous result for Megan and we are pleased to also have her as one of our training coaches. We look forward to her completing her level 1 and providing valuable knowledge and coaching skills to our flourishing club.

We are also very proud to have Gemma Allinson who is a member of QAS and also in the EDS squad for 2009 to be a member of our Club. Earlier this year Gemma competed in the 2009 British Elite Junior Diving championships where she attained 12<sup>th</sup> on Platform, 4<sup>th</sup> on 3 meter and 2<sup>nd</sup> on 1 meter in the Junior C events. She also attended the Australian Junior Elite Championship held in Sydney in July and competed in the girl's junior C division where she won the Platform and 3 meter event and was 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1 meter.

The club now has grown to 16 divers with Head Coach Chris Ryan and assistant Coach Olivia Wright and trainee coach Megan Eckersley. Our club members are always keen helpers at diving events and more recently we have provided members for Judges Courses and hopefully later this year will have participants for the level 1 coach's course. Being a small club we rely heavily on our divers and parents to support this sport and our fundraising activities.

Finally, the executive of Chandler Diving Club would like to thank Diving Queensland and particularly Janne Ellis for her support in establishing our new club. We believe we will be a force to be reckoned with in the coming years as our divers mature under the guidance of Chris Ryan.

David Chiverton  
President

Erica Bax  
Treasurer

Julie Matkovic  
Secretary

**David Chiverton**  
**President**

### DONNET DIVING CLUB REPORT

Donnet Diving Club Qld Inc continues to make its presence felt on the national scene. Excellent results were attained at all levels in State, National and International events by Chandler and Kawana divers. Our Club membership varies with the weather and changes in the economic situation. Our divers are excelling learning new technique and harder dives.

During the year, the Club conducted a number of clinics at both venues. Thanks to the continued support in the way of Grants from the Dept of Sport and Recreation, DQ and Sunshine Coast Council. The Kawana clinics have all been sell outs, with over 50 divers attending each clinic. As many as 14 divers continued on with the sport after the clinics had finished.

Grant money is being used also to foster diving in schools on the Sunshine Coast, with the first ever Sunshine Coast Interscholar competition in 2007. The 2008 competition attracted one more school and hopefully will be a growing yearly event. The 2009 competition is to be held in September.

The Stockland Park/Australian Sports Commission/Diving Australia TID program is going extremely well, with all 8 divers going to the 2009 Elite Junior nationals. The program started in February 2008 and has proved to be a very successful program for all involved. The program is running very well, with all 8 athletes improving quickly and achieving a very high standard of diving. Our Kawana divers still travel to Chandler to use the dryland and platforms to ensure maximum learning in all areas.

2008/9 saw great results for a lot of our divers - especially some of our elite divers. Sharleen Stratton, Ethan Warren, Jesse Carver, Matthew Barnard and also club coach Melissa Wu all had a bumper year.

**Sharleen** really shone with excellent results: Beijing Olympics - 5<sup>th</sup> in Synchro, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 3 Metre and 3 Metre Synchro - World Cup in China, and FINA Grand Prix she came home with silver and bronze for 3 Metre and 3 Metre Synchro. 2009 Open Nationals - gold in 3 Metre and 1 Metre events and also 3 Metre Synchro. Fantastic year for Sharleen!!!!

**Melissa Wu** - 1<sup>st</sup> platform Synchro, Grand Prix, Beijing Olympics; 2<sup>nd</sup> platform Synchro. 2009 Open Nationals - gold in platform and also bronze in 3 Metre Synchro and gold in platform Synchro, and also did well at the FINA World Champs in Rome - 2<sup>nd</sup> in platform.



**Ethan Warren** - 2009 Youth Olympics - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Synchro with Jesse, 3<sup>rd</sup> in platform, 2009 Open Nationals - 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1 Metre, 5<sup>th</sup> in 3 Metre, 4<sup>th</sup> in platform. 2009 Elite Junior nationals - 1<sup>st</sup> in 1 Metre and platform and Synchro with Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 3 Metre. He also did well overseas in Spain - coming 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Ethan also did well in the World Junior games in Germany.

**Jesse Carver** - 2009 Youth Olympics - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Synchro with Ethan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Synchro platform with Darcy Taylor. 2009 Open Nationals - 5<sup>th</sup> in 1 Metre, 6<sup>th</sup> in 3 Metre, 2009 Elite Junior nationals - 1<sup>st</sup> in 3 Metre and Synchro with Ethan, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1 Metre, 3<sup>rd</sup> in platform. Jesse also did well in the World Junior games in Germany

**Matthew Barnard** - 2009 Elite Junior nationals - 1<sup>st</sup> in platform, 2<sup>nd</sup> Synchro, 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 Metre, 4<sup>th</sup> 1 Metre. England meet - 6<sup>th</sup> platform, 7<sup>th</sup> 3 Metre, 8<sup>th</sup> 1 Metre.

The 2009 Elite Junior Nationals saw divers Ethan Warren, Jesse Carver, Matthew Barnard, Rebecca Stafford, Bridgette Squires, Luke Clohessey, Kellie Smoth, Rachel Walsh, Tennille Roots, Chelsea Marsh, Emily Scott, Finn Dunstan and Rose - Beth Taylor all compete well. A good effort by all.

The 2009 Age Championships in Melbourne were attended by Melanie Russell, Erin Bennett, Erin Toohey, Jordan Weymark, Ross Hughes. Great results, with Erin and Ross medalling. Erin came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1 Metre, platform and Synchro and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 3 Metre. Erin also won diver of the year - an excellent job!!!! Ross won the masters 1 Metre.

2009 World Masters Games we will have our Charters Towers diver Cheryl Callcott compete so good luck to her!

The 2009 NSW State Championships we had a team of 5 Donnet Divers. Matthew Barnard (QAS), Ethan Warren (QAS), Jesse Carver, Bridgette Squires and Rebecca Stafford - all did very well.

All in all, a great year for results, and we look forward to the numbers picking up over the summer months.

**Barbi Donnet Carver**  
**Secretary/Head Coach**

## PARADISE DIVING CLUB REPORT

On behalf of the Paradise Diving Club, I would have to say that from everything we have been through in the past eight months, it has taught us to be conscious of our place in this world and to be aware of what is important to us in our lives. Let's take more time to be social and spend time with our loved ones. We should strive to take other people's feelings into consideration. We should forgive more easily. We are all trying our best, let's be more understanding. Let's take a step back from the rat race and take time to be still.

Since November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 I think it is fair to say 'What hasn't happened to us?' On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November only ten days after a newly appointed coach and board members, the Southport Pool and eight other Council pools on the Gold Coast were closed for 5 weeks due to serious electrical faults. In order to keep up the training, the divers had to be shifted around from gymnastics clubs, to Chandler pool and to the recently revamped Murwillumbah Pool. The manager of the Murwillumbah pool Glen Nott, was particularly generous in allowing us to train at the pool before its official opening on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> November. To reciprocate Glenn's good deed, we agreed to put on a diving display for the official opening of the pool, which received a great deal of local media coverage.

After four weeks of the pool closure and complicated training arrangements, the parents and coaches sighed a breath of relief as a start date to enter the waters of the Southport Pool was finally announced to us. Upon this news there was a brave decision to put on the Paradise Diving Club Show with only two weeks to prepare. The show featured our local divers with the wonderful aid of the TID, QAS and the Australian Beijing Olympic Diving Team, including Mathew Mitcham. The show took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December with great success. We received a huge media response from three TV stations and an array of print media. The show helped to publicise our Club and as result we more than doubled our members, but most importantly it gave more exposure to our beautiful sport of diving. The Paradise Diving Club is pleased to sincerely thank all of those involved to make the show possible. We thank the parents, the volunteers, the TID divers, the QAS divers, Chantell Newberry and a big thank to Hui Tong.

In the New Year we gave a helping hand to Chris Ryan by affiliating him with the Paradise Diving Club to allow him time establish a constitution to start the Chandler Diving Club, and we wish all the best with his future endeavours a coach.

From January to March 2009 our competitive divers showed true dedication to their training to prepare themselves for the national age championships. Their hard work paid off with a string of solid results from the junior, senior and master divers. Due to the strong medal tally from our divers and Chris Ryan divers, we were awarded Australian National Age Club of the Year. In addition with my partner in crime Kevin Hall, we were also awarded National Age Coaches of the year. Lucy Larkins won the girls 11 and under National Age Diver of the Year and Saneer Lagerway won the 16-18 girls National Age Diver of the Year. Our dear Libby Lambert also picked up a silver and gold Medal in women's Masters event.

As an additional activity for the club, Libby Lambert and Steve Lambert (PDC President) decided to run the first diving for the deaf program on the Gold Coast. The program was very successful - "why was it successful"? - because the kids and the parents were smiling. That was the most important factor in this program, to make people happy, to bring joy to life. Steve and Libby showed true kindness and generosity in the way in which they operated the programme and there was plenty of positive feedback from the deaf community.

Our coaches deserve a pat on the back for their due diligence to the sort of diving. Kevin Hall's experience, knowledge and ENTHUSIASM have been a great asset to the divers. Kevin has also taken on the role as Technical Coordinator for Diving Queensland and he has done an exceptional job of co-ordinating his first judges course and we thank him for volunteering his time to take on this role. Evelyn Winkler from flew from Brazil to come and coach with us and I have to say that she has

been a wonderful inclusion to the club. She is reliable, punctual and eager to learn. She has taken regular trips up to Brisbane to watch the TID and the AIS coaches to improve her knowledge. I could not ask anything more from a coach like her.

It is very important for me to acknowledge the wonderful hard working Board members, Robyn Boatswain, Sven Puetter, Tania Pogson and Steve Lambert. Without the generous volunteer support network it is impossible to run a diving club - your time and efforts have not gone un-noticed. Thank you!

As many of you know Libby Lambert was diagnosed with cancer - this was a shock to us all and her family. However we are all so impressed with the speed of Libby's recovery from the operation. Libby's fighting spirit is an inspiration and we are very proud of you! We will stand behind Libby and the entire family to provide support whenever and wherever it is needed. Libby we love you! I would like to personally like to thank everyone from our club and the clubs in Brisbane for your understanding and support of Steve and Libby during this difficult time. You have all acted honourably.

To Al and Di thank you for your ongoing work with co-ordinating Qld diving competitions, it's not an easy job that's for sure, and we appreciate you both. To Barbie, I wish you all the best for your future endeavours with diving. Your experience is truly beneficial to diving in Australia. To Janne Ellis last but not least, thank you! I don't think anyone doubts your passion, enthusiasm and dedication to your role. You work hard and this is an admirable quality.

Enjoy life.

**Joey Zuber**  
**Head Coach**

## **RAPS DIVING CLUB 2007/2008 CLUB REPORT**

RAPS Diving Club in 2009 is into its 13<sup>th</sup> year of affiliation with Diving Queensland and it has had a successful year to date, with 120 members in 2008/09 and 93 members for 2009/2010 to date. 2009 is the first year of RAPS Incorporation.

The Club currently has 3 of its athletes in the QAS Squad and 6 athletes in the TID group. This year saw the QAS members (Ashley de Muelenaere, Taneka Kovchenko and Marcus Gangell) and 2 TID members (Maddi Phillips and Beth Nicolson) competing in the British National event. These athletes competed, extremely well all bringing home medals.

Six divers contested the Pacific School Games in Canberra in November last year - all divers had a very successful meet with 2 divers medalling and the rest coming in the top 7.

State Championships held in Brisbane - medal winners are Hannah Allinson in 11 & under, gained silver on 1 & 3 metre, Jack Houghton in 12/13 years, 1<sup>st</sup> on 3 metre and 2<sup>nd</sup> on 1 metre, 12/13 years girls - Selda de Wilzem 1<sup>st</sup> on 1 metre, Mary Holgate 12/13 years - 1<sup>st</sup> 1 metre, Breanna Houghton 12/13 years - 1 metre 2nd, and 3<sup>rd</sup> on 3 metre, Courtney Graymore 1<sup>st</sup> on 12/13 Platform, Maddi Houghton 2<sup>nd</sup> 16/18 years Platform. Synchronised 13 & under 1<sup>st</sup> Jack Houghton and Mary Holgate, 14 & over 2<sup>nd</sup> Maddi Houghton and Tegan Todd.

Age Nationals in Melbourne saw 10 of our athletes competing, with 6 returning home with medals. Jack Houghton and Mary Holgate won gold in the Boys and mixed 13 years and under synchronised event, and Selda de Wilzem and Breanna Houghton winning gold in the 13 years & under girls synchronised event. Jack Houghton received an individual gold medal on 1 metre at these championships, Mary Holgate received silver and bronze individual for 1 & 3 metre, Hannah Allinson silver on Platform. Alan Smith was named runner up Coach of the Year and the Club was 4<sup>th</sup> top Club of the Year.

RAPS Diving Club has successfully conducted the Diving for the Deaf program last year and continuing this year in Brisbane. As the funding will not continue in Brisbane in 2010, RAPS is sorting out funding, to continue this program in Brisbane under the RAPS banner.

Six RAPS divers competed in New Zealand for their Winter Nationals in Wellington in September 2008, with four of the six member bringing medals home. Six RAPS members competed at the Pacific School Games in Canberra in November last year. We have successfully run school programs for the last 12 years with 6 schools, adding another 2 schools in the last 12 months giving us 8 school altogether.

We had 3 members in the Queensland Diving EDS and 3 in the ADS Squads for 2008/09 selection year.

RAPS, Come 'n Try and Development programs run most school holidays for 1 week - this is the main way of increasing our diving membership and giving our current members the opportunity to develop their skills with consistent training.

We currently have 2 Level 2 Coaches, and 4 Level 1 Coaches.

**Di Smith**  
**RAPS Secretary**

## DIVING QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVES AND RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS

### Diving Australia - National Squad

*Coach - Hui Tong; Xiangning Chen*  
Sharleen Stratton

### Diving Australia - National Development Squad

*Coach - Hui Tong; Xiangning Chen*  
Ethan Warren

### Diving Australia National Junior Squad 2009

Girl's Group 'B' - Brittany Broben; Ashley de Muelenaere; Taneka Kovchenko

Boy's Group 'B' - Matthew Barnard; Marcus Gangell

Girl's Group 'C' - Gemma Allinson

### Queensland Academy of Sport - 2008/2009

*Coach - Xiangning Chen*

Ashley de Muelenaere

Taneka Kovchenko

Brittany Broben

Gemma Allinson

Ethan Warren

Matthew Barnard

Marcus Gangell

### Elite Development Squad - 2008/2009

Ashley de Muelenaere

Gemma Allinson

Taneka Kovchenko

Bridgette Squires

Matthew Barnard

Jesse Carver

Ethan Warren

### Age Development Squad - 2008/2009

Erin Bennett

Breanna Houghton

Maddie Houghton

Claudia Larkins

Lucy Larkins

Brittany Lambert

### National Talent Identification Squad A

*Coach: Jinlan Wang*

Sherilyce Gowett

Madeline Phillips

Keelan Bilton-Philp

Abby Harris

Nicole Swanepole

Acacia Teixeira

Lara Tarvit

Mat Skennar

Beth Nicolson

### National Talent Identification Squad B

*Coach: Shanming Zhu*

Madeline Wu

Tess Hannah

Elodie Rousseau

Georgia Sheehan

### National TID Squad Sunshine Coast

*Coach: Barbie Donnet*

Luke Clohessy

Kellie Smith

Chelsea Marsh

Rachel Walsh

Tenille Roots

Rose-Beth Orman

Emily Scott

Finn Dunstan

### 2009 International Open Competition

#### Stratton

China FINA World Series 3m GOLD

Qatar FINA World Series 3m BRONZE

Canada FINA GP 3m GOLD and 3m Synchro GOLD

Italy FINA World Championships 1m 5<sup>th</sup>, 3m Synchro 5<sup>th</sup> and 3m 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Warren

Spain FINA GP 3m Synchro 5<sup>th</sup>

### 2009 International Junior Competition - 2009 British Elite Junior Championships

**Gangell** - 1m SILVER

**Broben** - 3m GOLD, 10m SILVER and 1m BRONZE

**Kovchenko** - 10m BRONZE

**Allinson** - 3m 4<sup>th</sup>

### 2009 Australian Elite Junior Championships

**Warren** - 1m GOLD, 3m SILVER and 10m GOLD

**Broben** - 1m GOLD, 3m SILVER and 10m GOLD

**Kovchenko** - 1m BRONZE and 10m SILVER

**de Muelenaere** - 3m GOLD

**Barnard** - 3m BRONZE and 10m GOLD

**Gangell** - 1m BRONZE and 3m SILVER

**Allinson** - 1m BRONZE, 3m GOLD and 10m GOLD

### 2009 Australian Elite Junior Championships Awards

Coach Of the Year - Xiangning Chen (QAS); Group A Male Diver of the Year, Ethan Warren (QAS); Group B Female Diver of the Year, Brittany Broben (QAS); Group C Female Diver of the Year, Gemma Allinson (QAS); Most Promising New Talent, Brittany Broben (QAS)

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2008

### QUEENSLAND DIVING ASSOCIATION INC.

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2008

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
Bank Interest	3,929	4,544
Club Affiliation Fees	745	570
Coach Accreditation	-	75
National Fees	5,182	8,855
Interstate Competition	520	180
QDA Comp	-	5,023
Qld Sport & Recreation Grant	40,040	21,320
Qld State Championships	5,810	3,396
Other Funding	50,520	6,363
Refund	-	10
Registration Fees	21,835	21,476
School Championships	740	495
Sundry Merchandise & Raffles	-	-
Uniforms	2,452	2,640
National Competition	15,562	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>147,334</b>	<b>74,946</b>

#### **EXPENDITURE**

Administration Expenses	43,930	20,928
Courses	2,090	-
DA Affiliation	3,881	14,933
Depreciation	1,852	1,175
Donation	-	406
Expenses Contingency	1,000	-
Function Expenses	-	3,045
National Competitions	-	12,923
QDA Competition Expenses	21,905	2,053
Qld Sport & Recreation Grant		
Expenditure	46,292	24,452
School Competitions	2,300	-
Sporting Affiliation Fees	660	-
State Championships	0	-
Sundry Expenses	38	-
Uniforms	1,484	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>125,431</b>	<b>79,915</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>21,903</b>	<b>-4,968</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2008

MEMBERS FUNDS	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Opening Balance 01.01.2008	73,685	78,708
Add: Opening Balance Adjustment	5,161.36	-
		-
Add: Surplus/( Deficit)	<u>21,903</u>	<u>4,968</u>
<b>Closing Balance 31.12.2008</b>	<b><u>100,748.9</u></b>	<b><u>73,685</u></b>

*Represented by:*

### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash At Bank		
- General Account	2,450	2,767
- Cash Management Account	<u>91,609</u>	<u>68,191</u>
	94,059	70,958
Petty Cash	<u>249</u>	<u>250</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>94,308</b>	<b>71,208</b>

### NON CURRENT ASSETS

Plant, Office Furniture and Equipment	24,250	18,022
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>14,562</u>	<u>12,646</u>
	9,688	5,376
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>103,995.9</u></b>	<b><u>76,584</u></b>

### LESS:LIABILITIES

Payroll Liabilities	2,248	2,899
Sundry Creditors	541	-
Superannuation	<u>458</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>3,247</b>	<b>2,899</b>

<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>100,748.9</u></b>	<b><u>73,685</u></b>
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## INDEPENDANT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### To the members of Queensland Diving Association Inc

#### Scope:

I have audited the special purpose financial reports comprising of Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Notes to the Financial Statements of Queensland Diving Association Inc for the period ended 31st December 2008 as set out in the following pages.

Queensland Diving Associations Inc Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. The committee has determined that the accounting policies are consistent with the financial requirements of the Association's constitution and the needs of the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of members.

The Financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members and to the Department of Fair Trading/Office of Fair Trading for the purpose of fulfilling the association's financial reporting requirements under the constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on any financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members and Department of Fair Trading/Office of Fair Trading, or for any other purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

I have conducted an Independent Audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on to the members of Queensland Diving Association Inc. My audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the requirements of Department of Fair Trading/Office of Fair Trading to obtain a reasonable assurance to whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

My procedures included examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the Financial Report and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates.

These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the Financial Report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other requirements, so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of Queensland Diving Association Inc's Financial position and, the result of cash flows.

#### Limitation Of Scope:

##### Income

As is common for organizations of this type, it is not practicable to cost effectively audit the system of internal control over cash receipts donations, subscriptions, or other fund raising activities. Accordingly our audit tests over receipts were limited to amounts already recorded in the books and records of the entity,

##### Assets

Amounts shown at the statement of Assets & Liabilities are at cost less depreciation. We have not verified these assets, but have accepted the values presented to us and therefore give no guarantee as to the accuracy of these amounts.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### **Audit Opinion.**

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, the financial position of Queensland Diving Association Inc as at 31st December 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Colin E. Grant PNA  
AUDITOR

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**VISION**

To be the most innovative and powerful State Diving body

**MISSION**

To encourage, promote, advance, govern and administer the sport of Diving in and throughout Queensland for the benefit of all participants



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