



MVC news

February 2018



A word from our head coach

I welcome the new board and look forward to working with them over the next few months.

This message is short and sweet as I prepare to head to the Gold Coast with our team of 20 competitors for Commonwealth Games Trials. I am grateful to enjoy the support of fellow coach Kenrick Monk on this trip. It is an exciting time for our entire club and I look forward to reporting back on our swimmers successes.



Update from the board

Dear Members,

The MVC Board met on Monday 19 February, welcoming new directors Roy Wilson, Jack Gerrard and Chris Stoupas, returning director Andrew Vidler and existing directors Nicole Dixon, John McDonough and Melissa Cameron to the group. All current Board director photos, contact email and background have been updated on the MVC website. Craig Jackson and Veronica Lyttle also attend Board meetings.

At this meeting the following board positions were agreed:

- Chair: Andrew Vidler (interim chair), supported by Chris Stoupas
- Finance Director: Roy Wilson
- Secretary: John McDonough
- Social & fundraising: Chris Stoupas

The MVC Board typically meet on the first Monday of each month from February to December. The Board has agreed to present a summary of board discussions each month which will be included in the MVC monthly newsletter.

The Board wishes to thanks to all members who attended the recent AGM, there was good discussion of what's working and what needs improving across the club. Picking up on the AGM feedback, the board had significant discussion on transparency and communication, member involvement around the club and building the MVC community. As an outcome of this discussion we are looking for volunteer members to lead and participate in the following:

- **Communication committee** – Amanda Tonkin-Hill has agreed to be the club communications coordinator (and scribe). Supported by a couple of additional volunteers to manage club communication activities through

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social media, MVC website, club newsletter, promotion of events and activities

- **Competition group** – Support admin for MVC meets and manage time keeping rosters for meets.
- **Social Committee** – support the club to organise National and State Age dinners, social events & fund raisers and the all-important annual presentation night (Save the date 9 June this year!)
- **Uniform Officer** – manage general club and National competition uniform/caps – ordering and stock take
- **Itoman Coordinator** – the long standing relationship between MVC and Itoman need a coordinator to help facilitate their annual visits. *Note from the Editor: I was fortunate enough to be asked to assist with this role in December 2017. This was one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences I have enjoyed as a parent of Melbourne Vicentre. Amanda*

At least one board director will join each committee to provide a link between the board and club activities. Please email veronical@vicentre.org.au if you are interested in participating

Additionally, the Board:

- Reviewed the proposal from Swimming Victoria's suggested changes and response prepared by MVC to Swimming Victoria. The Club's response was submitted to Swimming Victoria this week. Broadly the club is supportive of SV state objectives, but does not support the proposed changes to the competition calendar and has ask swimming Victoria for substantially more thinking and evidence for the proposed changes.
- Received the coaches report from Craig Jackson
- Discussed club staffing needs with Veronica Lyttle and Craig Jackson. The outcome of which the Board, in collaboration with Veronica and Craig, will take the next couple of months to determine preferred staffing requirements going forward for the club. Members will be kept across developments and any job advertisements in this area. In the interim, the need for real support for the above functions (particular the uniform role and the competition role) is very high so please consider if you can assist.

Thank you for your continued support, the Board is enthusiastic and focused on the job at hand.



Commonwealth Games Trials

We are very excited to be supporting 20 athletes in their quest to join next Australian Swim team to represent our country at the upcoming Commonwealth Games and all of our swimmers who have qualified for the 2018 Hancock Prospecting Swimming Trials. Whilst we have some exciting prospects for medals, we are equally proud of every athlete who will represent our club at this championship event.

You will all no doubt hold out your hearts to our beloved Koti who we had hoped would represent us in 3 events and is ranked 1st in the 200IM, but yet is suffering ill

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health and is unlikely to be able to race. We wish her the speediest recovery and express our gratitude to her for continuing to support our other swimmers during the championships.

Our congratulations to the 2018 MVC Open Nationals Team:-

- Ashleigh McConnell
- Benno Negri
- Daniel Cave
- Elyse Woods
- Gabrielle Peiniger
- Hayley Baker
- Isabel Ekelmans
- Jack Gerrard
- Jordan Merrilees
- Justin Woolley
- Koti Ngawati
- Mack Horton
- Marco Soesanto
- Mitch Davenport-Wright
- Oliver Nash
- Sam Durrant
- Sian Whittaker
- Theo Benehoutsos
- Thomas Houston
- Winn Oo



Over to you

This newsletter is for our members and we hope that you use it. We are looking to you for contributions:-

- We want to hear of your child's successes at their various school swim carnivals
- Stories of your prowess in the summer open water carnivals and triathlons
- Equipment you wish to sell or gift on to other swimmers.

This is your newsletter, so we are keen for it to meet your needs. Please contact Amanda Tonkin-Hill on communications@vicentre.org.au

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Commonwealth Games Selection Trials	2 Commonwealth Games Selection Trials	3 Commonwealth Games Selection Trials
4 Metro South all junior selection meet	5 MVC Board Meeting	6 <i>Volunteer for MVC meet</i>	7	8 Victorian All Schools Competition	9	10
11 MVC Long Course Meet 	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>National Prep meet</i>	19	20	21	22	23 Grand Prix Albert Park	24 Grand Prix Albert Park
25 Grand Prix Albert Park DVE Aquatic meet, Last chance to qualify for Nationals.	26	27	28	29 Term one last day of school - Vic State schools.	30 Good Friday Public holiday	31