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From the President

Hello to everyone at the Clem Jones Centre Triathlon Club.

This is the first newsletter I've put out in the role as President of your Club since I was elected to the position at the Annual General Meeting on the 15th of October. It is my intention to keep you updated with Club news on a regular basis via the newsletter.

Having said that, it's good to see that our numbers are growing. May I remind everyone of the need to ensure they are a financial member of the Club. Your membership fees go towards the purchase and maintenance of Club equipment, such as the wind trainers and shade tent, and help to ensure our continued viability. It is hard to justify allowing persons who have not paid Club membership fees the use of Club equipment.

I would also encourage all triathletes to be license holders with Triathlon Australia. License holders are insured for injury sustained whilst training or competing. You may also have noticed that discounted race fees are offered to those athletes who are license holders.

As a point of interest the Club will be having it's photograph taken after training on the morning of Saturday the 3rd of December. There will also be a barbeque breakfast with all money raised going to the Club. I encourage all members to be there for the Club photograph which will be used as a part of our promotional material, and to stay for the barbeque.

The Club is seeking to address some challenging issues at present. Our Coach, Mr. Warwick Dalziel has raised issues of a financial nature with the Committee that require considerable thought. In order to address issues raised the Club Development sub committee will be meeting over the weekend of the 26th and 27th of November. I hope to be able to report back to you all on the progress of this issue in the next Newsletter. To those of you who are assisting me with the Club Development Network work books I am keen to get them back from you this week.

The Cocktail Party held at the Brisbane Sailing Squadron on the evening of Friday the 18th of November was a resounding success. I received many favourable comments from guests both in relation to the event itself and to the way in which our junior triathletes: Chayse Jones, Nick Maeder, Brad Chittick and Jessica Smith conducted themselves as they assisted with the running of the event. Of course the event would



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not have been the success that it was without the tireless efforts of Kim and Evan Natrass-Jones and Trudianne Maeder. My thanks to all three of you. A special thanks to Tim Maeder for his assistance securing the beverages. The night was all the more memorable for the entertainment supplied by The Blue Cats. It has been suggested that we hold next years Cocktail Party on the night of River Fire. If this is possible it is something I think we should seriously consider given the fantastic river side setting and outlook over Brisbane city.

To those of you who gave up your spare time and were there on Friday helping with the setting up and then on the morning after for the clean up I extend my thanks on behalf of the Club. These functions don't just materialise out of thin air and your support and assistance was greatly appreciated by the organising committee.

Many businesses assisted our fundraising efforts at the Cocktail Party. I would like to acknowledge the support of Cartridge World, Carina; Rebel Sports, Carindale; S & S Hair, Carina Pharmacy, The Grape, Camp Hill; Lure on Latrobe; Lambs Laser Clinic; Carina Fresh; and Kellogs.

Ultimately Triathlon is all about racing and I would like to thank Warwick Dalziel for his efforts to date coaching many triathletes to achieve personal milestones: many of our juniors achieved Metropolitan East Regional selection at the recent All Schools Qualification race held at Lakeside on Sunday the 13th of November, and our senior athletes who finished their first Noosa Triathlon.

If you have any issues concerning the Club that you wish to discuss please feel free to approach either myself in person or you can e mail me at dkbeat@bigpond.net.au, or your Vice President Steve Heald, or your Treasurer Ian Critchley or your secretary Christine Anderson.

The next Clem Jones Centre Triathlon Club General Meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday the 13th of December at the Carina Bowls Club. All welcome.

David Beattie
President
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