

AWWF – DISABLED DIVISION

SKI ABLE

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Although it is the “off season” things are moving along slowly for the Division. I am still trying to really understand what is happening around Australia and build up useful networks.

NATIONALS

Victoria has put their hand up to run the next Nationals. Jason is working on this and will hopefully have a venue and very date soon. Once we know the details then the training camp can be organised as well. Could the other Victorian's please help Jason organise the Nationals.

TRAINING

I have asked Drew to chair a committee to work out the training schedule (& costs) for the next 12 months. People need to self nominate if they are interested in joining the Committee. I suggest that Daryl and a few skier reps from different parts of the Country contact Drew (please copy emails to me). Remember this is your chance to get the training you need. When the plan is worked out the money can be allocated.

BROCHURE & LETTERHEAD

Thanks to Derek and Scottie for working on these, very close to completion.

AWWF

I attended an AWWF meeting recently, one of the main issues discussed was insurance and ASC funding. We are really lucky to receive funding given our small numbers compared with the other Divisions.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

We really need to get representative in each state who regularly attends the relevant state meeting. **This person doesn't have to be a skier, they can be a family member or friend, sometimes it's better that the skiers ski and others do the admin stuff.**

AWWF MEMBERSHIP

It is really really important for funding that we build up our paid up membership. The membership doesn't just need to skiers, but supportive family members and friends are welcome to join as a non-skiing official for \$60. This means they are supporting our Division and are also covered by AWWF Insurance when involved in water ski events. (see attached forms). WA are recruiting members which is great for our Division.

COME 'N TRY'S

Please let me know of any Come 'N Try's you are planning over Summer. We may need some volunteers to help run Come 'n Try's at Sydney Water Ski Club. Can anyone help? The Division should be able to help with some costs.

There is a Day/Come 'N Try membership which covers insurance for official "Come 'N Try Events. I have also started liaising with some of the other States e.g. South Australia and Jason and Sam have offered to help run Come 'N try's if I can make contact with the right people. Use the Membership form attached.

FUNDRASING

I have been in Contact with Leonie Davey who will be the official fundraiser for the Division. We are working on getting a formal contract and then the fun begins!! It will be really important for skiers and supporters to help with this process by using their networks and contacts who may be potential sponsors of the Division. So start networking!!! Liane has already offered to help with contacts.

MAILOUTS

I have a volunteer putting together a few databases of disability and disability sports organisations so that I can do email and "real" mail outs with the aim of getting more skiers & supporters.

I am also developing a list of Ski Clubs and Ski Schools around Australia so that when I get enquiries I have an idea of where to direct people. I will also do email and "real" mail outs to inform the Clubs more about our Division.

EMAILS

As I am working full time, I find emailing a really efficient way of communicating with everyone and will often email early morning and late at night. I know some people don't like emails but I would appreciate it if you try to email (or phone) me in response to queries etc.

Email is a way for everyone to have their say, so please don't complain about anything if you haven't responded or contacted me with issues, concerns, ideas etc. Feel free to ring me if you want to discuss anything.

CYCLE FROM TOWNSVILLE TO CAIRNS

Members of the Division have been invited by Liane Wild (Physio from the Worlds) to join a charity ride next July. I know some of the Victorians are planning to head up for it. Here's some of the info Liane has emailed about it.

"... it is a bike ride (NOT a race) from Townsville to Cairns to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Institute of Australia. It is held on the last week in July each year (including the Thur & Fri prior). Riders are put into teams depending on their ability to maintain certain speeds eg. 15 - 20 k/hr, 20 - 25k/hr, 25 - 30 k/hr. The trip is broken up with breaks for a rest &/- something to eat every 20klms. We leave Townsville on the Thur at 6am and head to Ingham for the first night, next day we head to Innisfail, the Saturday to Cairns with a welcoming ceremony in the city. That night there is a gala dinner where the amount raised to date is announced along with other hair letting down festivities. The nomination fee covers the cost of accommodation (in local PCYC halls) all meals whilst on the ride including the dinner, riders jersey etc."

Contact Liane for more information. "Liane Wild" <fitnut@hotmail.com>

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.

- *Renew your AWWF Membership*
- *Recruit other's to join as non-skiing officials*
- *Contact Drew if you'd like to help plan the training program*
- *Work on getting a representative attending State Water Ski Committee's*
- *Develop a plan to run Come 'n Try's in your local area*
- *Get information about business which could be approached for Sponsorship of the Division*
- *Keep skiing, training and having fun*