

**Important information about  
the 2009 Country Short Course Swimming Championships.Wangaratta**

The increasing popularity of the annual meet has resulted in record entries. We have 477 swimmers entered with in excess of 2000 individual entries. This is an increase of 120 swimmers on last year. We are aware of **the shortage of space** in the centre and ask your co-operation in making the event as comfortable as possible. Please consider the following.

**PARKING**

The car park at the pool is shared with the adjacent netball complex. As a result **parking on Saturday morning will be difficult**. We strongly recommend car pooling to help the situation. The football ground to the right at the entrance to Schilling Drive is not being used and we suggest parking at this venue and walking the 300 metres to the pool as an option. We have asked the Wangaratta Council to allow parking in part of the showgrounds. The availability of this option will depend on the weather. Signs will direct you to this area.

**VENUE ACCESS**

The front door of the complex is the only spectator entry to the pool. **The pool will open at 8.30am on Saturday and 7.30am Sunday.**

Admission charges: **Children** and adult swimmers and **Technical Officials** in uniform **free**. All other **adults \$6**. Pass outs are at the discretion of the pool management.

**Souvenir programmes** will be available for purchase outside the venue prior to pool opening. **Cost \$10**.

**IN THE COMPLEX**

There are 180 tiered seats in the stand and we have imported 625 spectator seats as well as the complex seats in the foyer. There will be **no space for your own seats inside the pool area**. Most clubs will have someone who attended the venue last year who can help to familiarize you with the layout of the complex. We have asked the management of the centre to allow access to the indoor basketball arena at the rear of the foyer and, if fine, to the outdoor lawned area. Your own seats may be used in these areas.

Marshalling will again be in a marquee outside the building at the start end.. **Access to and from the marshalling area will be via pool deck**. Parents and coaches are not required in this area. The **event board** will be in a prominent position **at the start end of the pool**. Please have your swimmers at marshalling in plenty of time **The area between the two small pools is set aside for viewing by people from outside the pool area**. Once you have seen your race please clear the area so that others may enjoy theirs.

Pool management will be operating the canteen. The projected time line suggests that there will be about 1 hour between sessions on both Saturday and Sunday.

Thank you for your assistance.