

Hythe Aqua Continues to be a Quality Club.

Hythe Aqua Swimming Club has been a Swim21 quality assured club for a number of years and it has just been celebrating its reaccreditation by the Amateur Swimming Associations National Quality Panel. Hythe Aqua Club President Barbara Gadenne has been the driving force behind managing the accreditation process on behalf of the club and has put in many hours of hard work to ensure that the club maintains this high level national quality mark.

Swim 21 is the Amateur Swimming Associations Club Development model - a planning tool, based on the principles of Long Term Athlete Development, enabling clubs to help athletes, teachers, coaches and administrators to achieve their full potential. It focuses particularly on the needs of athletes - striving to provide them with the best possible support and environment.

Swim 21 Accreditation is a 'Quality mark' and linked to Clubmark. It recognises nationally and regionally the clubs that are committed to providing safe, effective and quality services for the benefit of their members. Swim 21 Accreditation covers all aquatic disciplines and covers

- Teaching - where the emphasis is on quality teaching using a multi skill approach, underpinned by sound governance
- Skill Development - where the athletes develop their technical skill within a quality programme of coaching and competition, supported by sound governance
- Competitive Development - where, supported by sound governance, athletes are part of a quality training and development programme, which consistently enables athletes to compete successfully at regional and national levels
- Performance - where athletes can access training and support services in a performance development environment that is focused and coach driven

The Swim21 quality assurance process enhances club management, strengthens the structures and unites the club with a philosophy and programmes that ensures the best environment is available for swimmers. Club Chairman Jim Parris was very pleased that the club continued to be accredited and felt that it reflected the hard work of all the teachers, coaches, administrators and officials within the club that had been recognised by the Amateur Swimming Association.

