

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to thank all who attended our meeting last night at Waterside Pool.

To all who were not able to attend, Todd Miller the General Manager of Waterside Community Trust and Rosa Gallop from Swim England (formerly the Asa) explained the below changes that will effect the club in 2019:

*"Waterside Community Trust were drafted in earlier in the year as the club was being fully funded by the Charity for its pool time, which is something that couldn't continue. We have since worked closely with Ryde Swimming Club and spent a considerable amount of time looking into the clubs running costs and overall development of the club.*

*It has been decided that to ensure the club can continue to operate and to provide stability for the club, Waterside Community Trust are going to take over financial responsibility. To aid in the growth and development of the club, as well as supporting the club with administrative tasks, and to provide a sufficient and qualified workforce as well as water time.*

*Swim England membership (formerly the Asa) will still be paid directly to the club and the structure of the club will remain the same.*

*This will relieve club volunteers of some of their administrative tasks, giving them more time to spend on the swimmers.*

*There will be a more fluid pathway from Waterside's learn to swim programme, through to club swimming through talent lanes. Aiding the growth of the club and making it clearer to parents and swimmers.*

*We believe this is the best decision, to secure the future of the club and to enable the club to provide the best training and opportunities possible for its swimmers."*

Following on from the consultation with yourselves, there are a few final meetings to be had between RSC and WCT. We aim to be in contact with you all by the end of next week clearly outlining our intentions for 2019, detailing how this will effect you and the swimmers.

This is a great opportunity for us to develop the club and we thank you all in advance for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Ryde Swimming Club