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**MEMO TO:** Country Club Presidents, Coaches & Swimmers **FROM**: SwimmingSA, Vitor Renmark Swimming Club

# RE: 2021 & 2022 Country Championships

Dear Members,

Please find listed below some changes to the upcoming Country Championships. As you will be aware the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 Pandemic has forced business and community activity changes upon us all and first and foremost it is for the health and safety of our wonderful state its residents and the sustainability of local community clubs that we make these changes.

### Change 1: New Venue for 2021

At this time after serious consideration and discussions between the Renmark Paringa Council, Vitor Renmark Swimming Club and SwimmingSA we are today announcing a relocation of the 2021 Country Championships to the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre.

As we all rebuild from the COVID-19 pandemic we feel the uncertainty, challenges and risks associated with hosting an event of this size at the Renmark pool outweighs the ability, enjoyment and reward of staging a successful event at the venue and therefore have made the decision to relocate now rather than cancel at the event at the last minute.

# Change 2: New Venue for 2022

In line with the above change to the 2021 venue we are pleased to also confirm today that the 2022 venue will be Renmark. The Renmark Paringa Council have a great dedication and commitment to support swimming in the Riverland and are pleased to support the 2022 event. Dates to be confirmed as per normal when the international, national, and state calendar of events are confirmed during 2021.

The Vitor Renmark Swimming Club, Renmark Paringa Council and SwimmingSA look forward to welcoming you back to Renmark in 2022 and encourage you where possible to reschedule your accommodation at the same venue for 2022.

# **Change 3: Tender for 2023 Event**

At this time SwimmingSA will not be calling for tenders for the 2023 event. Further advice in relation to this event will be forthcoming at which time tenders may or may not be called for.

#### Change 4: 2021 Event Dates

In line with the change of venue for 2021 the Country Championship dates have changed slightly. Still to be conducted in early January the event will be a Three-Day Championship commencing on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and concluding on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **Change 5: 2021 Event Programming**

Also, in line with the venue change for 2021 there will be some slight modifications to the Country Championships program for 2021. Most of which will revolve around relays and will be confirmed later in the year in line with any COVID requirements at the time.

However, at this time we can provide an update with regards to the Superfish competition. In 2021 the Superfish competition will not be conducted instead it will be replaced by the Junior Participation Meet on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January. This meet will be open to all SA swimmers (of the relevant age).

Details of all the above changes will be published on the SwimmingSA website shortly. We look forward to a great 2021 event as we celebrate the gathering once again of the Country Swimming Community.

Regards, Michelle Doyle Chief Executive Officer



