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Toowoon Bay
Surf Life Saving Club
&
The Entrance
Amateur Swimming Club**

**Saturday
26th November, 2011**

The 7th Annual Toowoon Bay Ocean Swim in 2011, unfortunately, had to be cancelled. The event organisers are extremely disappointed with this outcome and did not make the decision lightly. The weather, as most of you would recall, was very nasty but the weather alone was not the reason for the cancellation.

The event committee convened at 6.00 a.m. on the morning of the swim along with the Race Referee and the Patrol Captain to assess the conditions and make a judgment regarding the running of the event. The Patrol Captain sent a I.R.B. crew out to assess the water and that crew reported the conditions as they saw it Upon consultation with the P.C., Race Referee and committee the decision was made to cancel the event. The reasons for cancelation were as follows

- A high number of blue bottles blown in on the strong Nor Easterly wind
- A higher than expected 2 metre swell.
- A strong and dangerous rip running through the course at the Northern end of the course (approximately at the 400 metre start line)
- Poor visibility
- A high risk of exposure to the elements for both competitors and Water Safety officials who would be in/on the water for long periods.

Once the decision was made we immediately rang Paul Ellercamp at oceanswims .com to inform him of this decision and request the information be pasted onto the site, phone calls to local media were also made advising of the decision and to be announced "on air". For those who tried to contact myself my telephone did not cope to well with the weather and the volume of calls so I apologise for that. For those people that did not get the information and arrived I can only apologise as every effort was made to inform all concerned.

Unfortunately prepaid entries do have a non-refundable clause but as a measure of goodwill the committee will send each prepaid entry an item from the merchandise goods purchased for this event. The item cost and postage costs will be covered by the 2011 event. We are aware a generous number of entrants have swum with us many times previously and we hope they will continue to attend future swims.

The 2011 committee would like to thank the members of The Entrance Amateur Swim Club, Toowoon Bay Surf Club & Tuggerah Tuffs Winter Swim Club for committing to the event & attending on the morning of the event even though the weather was terrible.

We, the 2011 committee, hope the Toowoon Bay Ocean Swim will continue to receive the same support from entrants as in previous years as it is such a fine event in a beautiful part of the world. We also thank you all for your understanding in relation to this years event outcome

Greg Owen, Chairperson
For the Committee 2011 Toowoon Bay Ocean Swim