

## 2017 All Junior Qualifying meet 18<sup>th</sup> February @ Warragul



Well, what a day! The weather wasn't the best but the enthusiasm of the swimmers definitely made up for it.

We were lucky enough to experience the Warragul pool being used for the first time and it did not disappoint. The water was warm and the swimmers would much rather have been in the pool than out in the chilly weather.

I personally think that all the swimmers should be proud of themselves. They were so respectful to both Sarah and I on the day and did everything we asked both in the water and out. So many swimmers and parents thanked me at the end of day. And while I don't think I do much I really appreciate their sentiments and good manners. This shows that the village we call a club is really creating amazing people both in the water and out.

The fantastic results of the day included approximately 22 swimmers in close to 50 events, qualifying for the Semi Finals/Finals at MSAC on the 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March.

Some highlights of the day included:

- The number of people who are starting to see success for the first time recently due to their hard work; gorgeous 8 and unders' Josh Hunt, Hugh Munro and Rahni Matheson, Will Carter, Max Hoise and Angus Baird
- The amount of PBs that came out of the day
- Cooper Quaife giving me the idea that swimmers can pay to get their misplaced equipment back- by the way you still owe me \$10 for your cap and goggles
- Izzy O'Neill looking like a breastroker after we joked about it not being her best stroke pre-race- she is off the finals in that event!
- Mayson doing as she was told the first time when I told her to put her shoes on! Next I will be working on her not arguing with me about things.
- Our awesome coaches Sarah and Lorri swimming for the first time this season- Gippies look out!
- Our team work and enthusiasm to show our appreciation for the sponsorship we have secured from AquaSure and WaterSure. The photo is attached and show cases the talents of our junior squad who made the posters for our photo. And thank you to Sandi Norton who came up with the idea and executed it to perfection!

Not long until Gippies. When you are feeling a little tired or flat in the weeks leading up to the biggest event our club participates in during the season, remember the fun you have with your team mates and how much your parents and coaches love seeing you swim and being the Best You Can Be! So push yourselves that extra mile and chase times, results or technique you have been looking at improving. To use Merrin Giles and the quote of the week she had on Friday night- IF IT DOESN'T CHALLENGE YOU, IT WON'T CHANGE YOU! Now go and SMASH SWIMMING AND SMASH LIFE!

- Gemma Tschiderer