



## OCTOBER 2023

### *From The President*

We started the month of October with the delivery of our new club bathers. The sea of purple at our GSI meet in Leongatha looked amazing. Then again at the Traralgon meet our swimmers stood out proudly in the bright purple and black. Many wore them again at the Country District competition and other private Melbourne meets over the last few weeks. Well done to Penny for your effort in getting these to our swimmers.

Another addition at the beginning of the month was our major raffle tickets being handed out. We have received many back already which is fantastic. We will be drawing the raffle at our November meet. So make sure you hand in your sold tickets to your coach as soon as you can and definitely by the 18th of November.

GSI events are well and truly underway now and our swimmers have been out doing their best and look to be having fun. I wish all swimmers the best of luck as they are reaching goals for state age LC, state sprints, country and age national. No matter what your goals are, our club is so proud of you all.

I was especially proud of our 11 and under representatives at the Country District competition. SGB had 22 swimmers at the event. With 89 swimmers in our district it was a great experience for them to be on the same team as those that they swim against at GSI meets. Friendships being made and cheering each other on was a highlight. Well done to Sam and Lorri for coaching this event, Janelle Smyth for rounding up all the swimmers as Team Manager and to the district for winning. District team captains Archie and Emily were very excited to be presented with the trophy at the end of the day.

Thanks again to all the parents and guardians who continue to support our club and help with all the roles needed when hosting and participating in meets. Without the support we couldn't give our children the experiences they need to participate in competitive swimming. If anyone is interested in becoming a technical official (the ones who wear the blue shirts at meets) please let me know as it would be great to have some more SGB club members join ours already in these roles who do a fantastic job.

I look forward to seeing you all on the pool deck soon.

Janelle Croatto  
President

## Upcoming Events

### **NOVEMBER**

11: GSI Warragul  
19: SGB GSI Meet B  
25: GSI Sale

### **DECEMBER**

2: GSI EGWD Sale  
3: Warragul Private  
9: GSI Traralgon  
16-20: LC Vic Age

### **JANUARY**

6: GSI Warragul  
13-14: Vic Sprints  
20-22: LC Country

### **FEBRUARY**

3: GSI Moe  
10: GSI Warragul  
17: GSI All Junior Sale

### **MARCH**

9-11: Gippsland Champs  
16-17: All Junior Finals

See Team App Events For details

# SWIM FEES

Swimming Victoria Registration is OVERDUE. This must be paid by junior, district, country, state dev, state, senior and national squads.

**Quarter 4 Fees are now OVERDUE as at 16th October.**

Any fees unpaid after the 30th October without prior correspondence to Louise will attract an overdue fee of \$10 as per SGB fees policy.

OPTIONAL automatic direct debit of swim fees available through iclass pro. Set it up and fee payment will automatically come out on due date. If this option has been set up, do not pay your fees manually, as the account will be double charged.

**Fees are payable until Louise is notified in writing that the swimmer is no longer attending.**

Contact Louise for any queries: [treasurer@sghswimclub.com.au](mailto:treasurer@sghswimclub.com.au)



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The Victorian Government is offering \$200 rebates that can be redeemed on payments made towards our Swim Squad Fees.

All you have to do is jump over to <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/> ensure your family meets the eligibility and apply for your voucher code.

Don't forget to select us on the list as your activity provider!

Provide us with your voucher code and we'll credit your program payments!

🌟 Get in quick as vouchers will only be available until the allocated has been exhausted.

# D21 Gippsland Team

October 28th saw 22 SGB 8-11yr old swimmers swim as part of the 89 strong Gippsland D21 team competing against the other districts at the Victorian Country District Competition at MSAC. For many swimmers it was their first time at such a big venue and it gave them valuable racing experience. Team selection required swimmers to rank fastest in the top 8 in their age group from the 7 clubs within Gippsland.

D21 dominated the meet, winning the points score by double that of the district that came 2nd. Emily Croatto and Archie Smyth had the honour of leading D21 as team captains and were delighted to accept the winning shield on behalf of the team.

A big thank you to coaches Lorri and Sam for joining Heather from Warragul to coach the Gippsland team, and Janelle Smyth for her role as team manager, a challenging task not know many of the swimmers from other clubs.



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## GSI Meet 1 - Morwell

A great start to the 23/24 GSI season saw 27 swimmers and coach Lorri attended the first GSI meet hosted by the Morwell Swimming Club. This meet was one of the few in a 25m pool which was fantastic for the new and younger swimmers.

Well done swimmers on a fantastic meet.



## GSI Meet 3 - Traralgon

This was a huge meet for Gippsland with approximately 340 swimmers attending. Dylan and Sam were kept on their toes with 85 swimmers from SGB.

To accommodate everyone the meet started at 9am an hour earlier than usual and finished about 5pm. A very long day especially for the junior swimmers who had a 3hr break between their 1st & 2nd swim.

SGB team spirit was on display with all swimmers giving it everything, both in the pool and on pool deck in their support for their team mate's.

## GSI Meet 2 - SGB

It was all purple at GSI 2 hosted by our own club, with many wearing the new club bathers. 110 SGB swimmers raced their hearts out against 50 swimmers from a mix of other Gippsland clubs. Coaches and some parents also joined in the fun racing against the kids. A highlight of the day was a showdown between Coach Dylan and National swimmer Cooper in the 50m butterfly. Cooper was victorious, breaking Dylan's age group club record.



## Ringwood 29th Oct

A small group of swimmers went to the Ringwood private meet to show them the same support they showed us at our meets a few months ago. Swimmers who went were Bec & Emma Barclay, Andi, Billy & Maggie Fisher, Josh & Sienna Hunt, Holly Hurst, Isabella Lynch, Anna Miletto, Jedda & Jarrah Tagell. Well done, a different pool set up, with a 5m depth at the deep end due to the high diving platforms. A number of swimmers achieved qualifying times for upcoming championship events and others were so close. A few swimmers even came home with a medal.



# BYRON

# DORAN



Byron Doran has been swimming since he was six months old. Byron's always loved water whether playing with it or being in it! Living in a coastal town his parents always saw the need for Byron to learn to swim especially having a disability and not understanding the dangers of water. This is Byron's third year training with SGB in Leongatha with Lorri as his coach. Byron trains two nights a week and some weeks he trains three nights. Byron swims all strokes with breast stroke being his strongest but we just have to keep practising his stroke technique!

Byron has recently joined and started training with the Special Olympics team - Dandenong Casey Titans (DCT). DCT team trains every second Sunday in Dandenong. Last September there was a Melbourne Inner East (MIE) swim meet in Bullenfor the athlete's. Byron competed in three individual 25m events.

This year though Byron was lucky enough to compete with SGB in the Victorian Country SC Championships in Wangaratta.

Due to Byron being classified as a multiclass swimmer with a national classification of S18 through Sports Inclusion Australia, Byron automatically qualified to compete at this meet.

Byron just loves to swim but doesn't understand the competitive side of racing! He just knows he has to get in and swim, listening to his coach and their instructions. But doesn't necessarily go fast. Sometimes he thinks he is doing exactly what the other swimmers are doing but it doesn't come out that way in the water for him!

Byron's disability makes learning a slow process and takes a lot longer for him to learn the process but he does learn and totally understand all you say to him.

The Vic Country Champs was the largest event Byron has attended and the first time he has competed in a relay team. Even though Byron was disqualified in two of his events he was still proud to contribute to our team as a whole with his other three events and enjoyed his time in Wangaratta. Byron is proud to be a SGB swimmer, loves being part of a team and will continue to swim for some years to come!

We would like to thank the whole club for supporting Byron especially his coach Lorri, the relay team in Wangaratta (Trinity, Cooper and Mackenzie (Sale SC)) and also a friend who helps out all the time when Byron attends swim meets Brooklyn!

## Diversity & Inclusion

SGB IS AN INCLUSIVE SWIMMING CLUB, WELCOMING ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

SGB IS PROUD TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PEOPLE OF THE BUNURONG AS THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND AND WATERS. WE RECOGNISE THE UNIQUE DIVERSITY OF THE FIRST PEOPLES HERE IN SOUTH GIPPSLAND AND BASS COAST.





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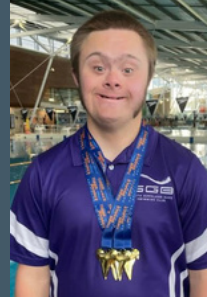
### Woolamai Swim School

Enrolments open  
Contact Sam: 0427422987



SGB had five swimmers compete at the Tigersharks Splash & Dash Encouragement meet on October 8th at Casey Race and all came home with placings!! So proud of their teamwork in encouraging each other and cheering each other on, they had a fantastic, full on day.

Brooklyn, Mitchell, Callum, Byron & Anna represented SGB so proudly and certainly put our club's name on the board. Congratulations!



Anna 6 x Gold, 1 X Silver & 1 x Bronze  
Brooklyn 1 x Silver & 1 x Bronze  
Mitchell 4 x Gold & 2 x Silver  
Callum 3x Bronze  
Byron 4 x Gold

## SGB FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Tickets have been sent out to all families. If you have not received your book please see your coach. Tickets are due back on the 18th of November.

## Sponsors 23/24 Season

Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring SGB for the 23/24 season. We are extremely grateful for your support.

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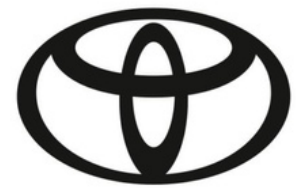
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