



MARCH 2025

From the President

As we head into the Nationals Age and Multi-class Championships and the season break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey of our club.

It's hard to believe how much swimming our members accomplish across the season. Our team continues to grow and thrive.

My own 7 year old has decided to join in the fun with his sisters and has begun Junior Development Squad. I was sitting there reflecting on the journey of a swimmer in the club and am heartened to see the growing number of juniors. I'm most often at the other end of the squad groups these days so to head back down to the little kids was very exciting.

The journey of a swimmer can be a rollercoaster ride but I can definitely see the growth of our older teams and I think of them when they were the little kids of the club. Photo memories popping up all the time to these little people who are now doing amazing things in and out of the club.

What a privilege it is to watch and celebrate their achievements.

Good luck to the 13 swimmers heading to Brisbane. I can't wait to cheer you along and celebrate your amazing accomplishments. You are an inspiration to us all.



Upcoming Events

APRIL

8-12: Masters Nationals
10-18: MC & Age Nationals
13: Bunnings BBQ

MAY

1: SSV School States
18: SGB Encouragement Meet

JUNE

21-22: SGB Meet 1

JULY

27: SGB Meet 2

AUGUST

9-10: SC Country Champs

SEPTEMBER

12-14: SC Vic Age

OCTOBER

25: 8-11 Country District

NOVEMBER

29-30: Vic Sprints

See Team App Events For details

Gippsland Championships

8-10
March

112 SGB swimmers joined the rest of the Gippsland region's swimmers in the 3-day championship. Competition was fierce, there were no easy wins, but certainly plenty of smiles after the events, with many SGB swimmers in heats and finals. SGB showed their depth, fielding up to 10 teams in some relays and coming away with a number of medals.

SGB is still hot on the heels of Traralgon, who won the Ken and Pat Hewat Premiership Trophy for the most points overall with SGB coming 2nd for the 7th year in a row.

2025
Warragul

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

- Jedda Tagell was awarded the Jane Mitchell Encouragement award for females, finishing in 6 finals for the meet.
- Emily Croatto awarded The Alan Harlow Trophy for the most points by an under 14 female, with a total of 54 points.
- Rahni Matheson awarded The Jewell Family trophy for top female with 87 points.
- Archie Smyth awarded The Noelle Brajkovic Trophy for Outstanding Achievement Outside of Gippsland during the season by a swimmer 14 years and under, for his performances at Victorian Countries and States in this season.



National Fundraising

What a terrific evening celebrating the 2025 National Team at the Leongatha RSL last night.

Thank you to all the families that came along and helped with the RSL raffle. I think a few meat trays came home with SGB families. \$401 was raised to support the team.

Thank you to coach Sarah for organising the wood raffle. Well done Nathan for winning the wood.

Congratulations to all the swimmers and we look forward to cheering you on in Brisbane.



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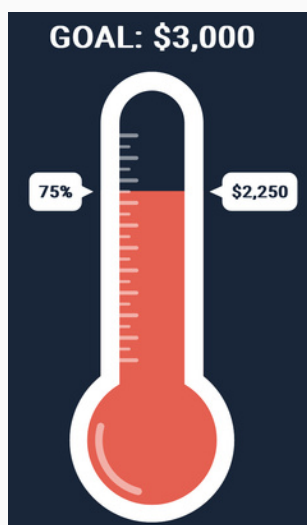
Term One Junior Race Nights



Donations Still Needed!

Amazing effort by club members and the local community. Since the scheme started approximately \$2250 has been deposited. Thats a lot of cans, bottles & cartons.

Keep the donations coming,
can we get to \$3000?



DONATE: 10c bottles,
cans, & drink boxes
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Wonthaggi, Wednesday 26th and Leongatha, Friday 28th March saw the first junior race nights for 2025 held. This year SGB is very lucky to have a sponsor on board to support the club in running these events. NAB Leongath and Wonthaggi have partnered with SGB to cover the cost of ribbons and certificates.

Swimmers from junior, development and fitness squads were joined by learn to swim school swimmers to enjoy a fun filled night of 25m racing. For many swimmers it was their first time experiencing this type of event. All swimmers went home with a certificate, some ribbons and lots of smiles.



SGB took on the Country All Juniors 2025 Championships

IT WAS all smiles at MSAC on Saturday as the 32 SGB swimmers aged 8-16 competed in the Country All Juniors 2025 Championships, competing in the heats after finishing in the top eight for the Gippsland region a month ago.

Coaches Lorri and Sam were on hand to help their young chargers. For many of the younger swimmers, it was their first time on the big stage, seeing their names on the big screen and seeing their families in the stands.

"We are so proud of them, 50 metres off the blocks is such a big deal when you are eight," said Lorri.

"Some of them get so nervous but they give their all and have such fun. The older kids in their last few years are on hand to help the little ones, many of them remember their first times here and how overwhelming it was. It is reassuring for the little kids to have them around and know they once felt that way too."

On Saturday the eight to 11-year-olds swam in the morning, while the 12-16-year-olds swam in the afternoon. On Sunday, 19 swimmers returned to participate in the finals and three came back as emergencies.

The event highlights the best of regional swimming, giving swimmers in rural Victoria areas a chance to race against



Bec Barclay secured a first in freestyle and third in backstroke.

others of their level and ability in a high-quality pool – something that many swimmers in regional areas don't often get. It is encouraging for the swimmers to start young at MSAC so that when they come back in further years for other championships, they are familiar with and more comfortable and relaxed competing there.

The swimmers finish up at the April School Holidays, having a few weeks of well-deserved sleep-ins and enjoying the swim break before returning for the winter season starting in June.

Eight-year-olds: Eden Bennett, Eliana Gunn, Lathan Lucas,

Lucy Pirouet, and Ryan Thornby
Nine-year-olds: Taj Kimmer, Ruby Pirouet, Mila Potter, and Mya Richer.

10-year-olds: Oliver Jarrett, Heidi Peters, and Abbie Saario.

11-year-olds: Ava Lucas, Mitchell Packer, Harper Perry, Josie Richer, and Madison Andreatta.

12-year-olds: Emma Barclay, Emily Croatto, Anna Mileto, Brooklyn Packer, and Jedda Tagell.

13-year-olds: Rex Brocklesby, and Georgia Perry.

14-year-olds: Rebecca Barclay, Isabel Croatto, Sienna Hunt, Tayyah Matheson, and Finn Middleton.

16-year-olds: Molly Dettbarn, Joshua Hunt, and Zoe Paterson.

Finalists:

Eden Bennett: 4th Backstroke
Eliana Gunn: 3rd Backstroke, and 6th Freestyle
Lathan Lucas: 7th Backstroke
Brooklyn Packer: 8th Backstroke

Lucy Pirouet: 1st Butterfly, 5th Backstroke, 3rd Breaststroke, and 2nd Freestyle

Ruby Pirouet: 1st Butterfly, 4th Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke, and 3rd Freestyle

Oliver Jarrett: 1st Backstroke, and 1st Freestyle

Ava Lucas: 9th Butterfly
Josie Richer: 7th Butterfly, 7th Backstroke, and 8th Freestyle

Emily Croatto: 2nd Butterfly, and 2nd Backstroke

Jedda Tagell: 9th Breaststroke
Rex Brocklesby: 2nd Butterfly, and 3rd Freestyle

Georgia Perry: 3rd Backstroke, and 3rd Breaststroke

Rebecca Barclay: 1st Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke, and 8th Butterfly

Isabel Croatto: 6th Butterfly, 8th Backstroke, 7th Breaststroke, and 4th Freestyle

Sienna Hunt: 5th Butterfly, and 7th Backstroke

Tayyah Matheson: 3rd Breaststroke

Finn Middleton: 8th Butterfly, and 10th Breaststroke

Molly Dettbarn: 3rd Freestyle, 4th Breaststroke, and 8th Butterfly.



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