



From the President

As you may have already seen on Team App, we are excited to be welcoming our new coach, Nathan Foote, next month. This is fantastic for our club and will definitely add to our wonderful and experienced team of coaches.

There were several meets, including Warragul and two at Traralgon, all with a fantastic turnout from our swimmers. As well as the Victorian sprints, which sees multiple swimmers qualify for and attending. Unfortunately, due to low entry numbers, we had to cancel our own meet at Leongatha. This has had a financial impact on the club, as we missed out on important fundraising income from the event.

With Christmas fast approaching, many swimmers will soon be taking a well-earned break from training – whether it's a short or longer break will depend on squad level. We hope you all enjoy a safe, happy and relaxing festive season.

Finally, a massive thank you to each and every one of you. Without your commitment, encouragement and support, our club would not be what it is today.



NOVEMBER 2025

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- 3: Junior race night (W)
- 5: Junior race night (L)
- 6: GSI Warragul (Camp21)
- 10-15: Vic State Age
- 19: Christmas Party
- 20: Fundraising BBQ Leongatha

JANUARY

- 3: GSI Sale (Camp21)
- 3: Fundraising BBQ Inverloch
- 16-18: LC Country Champs
- 24: Fundraising BBQ Inverloch

FEBRUARY

- 7: GSI Warragul
- 13: Vic Open LC Champs
- 21: GSI Moe
- 28: Fundraising Ball

MARCH

- 6-9: Gippsland Champs

APRIL

- MC Nationals
- Open Nationals
- Age Nationals

See Team App Events for details

25m RACES
Freestyle, Backstroke
Breaststroke
Butterfly

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JUNIOR RACE NIGHTS

COME & TRY Cost: Venue Pool Entry Ribbons and Certificates

Wonthaggi: Wednesday 3rd December, 5.45pm-7pm
Leongatha: Friday 5th December, 4.15pm-5.30pm

AGES 7-12YRS FOR: Development, fitness & Junior Squads
CONTACT: secretary@sghswimclub.com.au

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SGB

Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER 19th

South Gippsland Splash
WEAR A TOUCH OF CHRISTMAS

Fundraising BBQ dates at Mitre 10:
20 Dec - Leongatha
3 Jan - Inverloch
24 Jan - Inverloch

Helpers Needed
Duty roster on team app

SGB SOUTH GIPPSLAND BASS SWIMMING CLUB

MIGHTY HELPFUL MITRE 10

MICHAEL'S IGA LEONGATHA





The ParaAble bodied relays at State Sprint Championships

SGB swimmers shine with PB haul at State Sprints

IT WAS a big weekend of racing for the 51 South Gippsland Bass Swimmers competing at the 2025 Victorian State Sprints Championships in MSAC on the weekend of November 29 and 30.

The swimmers who qualified for the event raced 50 metres in each stroke on Saturday, with the 10 fastest swimmers in each age group returning on Sunday for finals. They were cheered on from the stands, as well as supporters at home via the live feed.

The event drew 1700 swimmers from throughout the state, including 137 Gippsland swimmers.

The swimmers relished racing at MSAC against the top-level competition, in the 50 metre pool with the dive blocks, and many of them came away with personal bests for the event, including some with times for State Long Course, Countries and National Championships in the coming months.

The club also entered relay teams, leading the way with the most Para/Able-Bodied relay teams in the state, further highlighting the growth in the club's multi-class squad.

Mixed 12 and Under, Mixed 13-14 - 200 Free Relay, Mixed 15 and Over, Mixed Para and Able-Bodied 200 Free Relay.

Coach Dylan was really pleased with the results.

"We have a big season of Championship racing ahead of us, so it was a great guide for the swimmers of where they are at the moment and an indication of where they are heading. It's such a great confidence boost for them to come along, get a PB and know that as they go through the season they should go from strength to strength."

Coach Lorri was thrilled with her multiclass swimmers, who took home a number of med-



SGBs Emily, Archie and Claudia celebrate their success.

als, as well as, gained National qualifying times.

"They have all done so well, so have my younger swimmers in the younger squads I work with - so many PBs".

Results:

Butterfly

11s: Tahlia Maccubbin Tr 3rd, Milli Kyle SGB 10th, Henry Arnup Tr 3rd, Hayden Rawson Tr 9th

12: Zachary Gray Sale 9th, 13: Archie Smyth SGB 3rd, 14: Xavier Gray Sale 4th, 15: Phoebe Balcombe Tr 3rd, 16: Claudia Croatto SGB 10th, Miah Roberts SGB em, Zayden Burton Tr 9th,

17: Jessica Whiting Tr 1st, Rahni Matheson SGB em

18: Ashley Nicholes Tr 4th, Sam Wells Tr 9th, Darcy Connell 5th, Olivia Baillie Tr 5th,

MC: Mackenzie Gibbs Sale 2nd, Gemma Cook SGB 3rd, Cerys Nicholson War, Zoe Cox SGB 5th,

Levi Jarrett SGB 3rd, Darby Smyth SGB 4th, Oliver Jarrett

SGB 5th, Blake Warne Tr 6th, Lochie Bellion Tr 2nd,

Backstroke

11: Tahlia Maccubbin Tr em, Henry Arnup Tr 1st, Riley Bartlett Tr 10th

12: Zayden Vine Sale 6th, 13: Emily Croatto SGB 9th, Leila Van Aswegen War em Archie Smyth SGB 1st, 14 Xavier Gray Sale 8th, Rex Brocklesby SGB 10th

16: Miah Roberts SGB 2nd, Claudia Croatto SGB em, Zayden Burton Tr 7th, Brody Cargill Tr em

17: Zane Poxon Moe 6th, Zach Shearer SGB, Jessica Whiting Tr em.

18: Olivia Baillie Tr 1st, Emily Auteri Tr 7th, Ashley Nicholes Tr, 2nd Darcy Connell Tr 3rd, Sam Wells Tr 9th

MC: Mackenzie Gibbs Sale 1st, Gemma Cook SGB 8th, Cerys Nicholson War, Zoe Cox SGB 9th, Oliver Jarrett SGB 8th, Levi Jarrett SGB 2nd, Darby Smyth SGB 5th, Blake Warne Tr 7th, Lockie Bellion Tr 3rd Luke Wilson SGB 6th,

Breaststroke

12 Lucas Wendt War 7th, 13 Emily Croatto SGB 1st, Archie Smyth SGB em.

16: Claudia Croatto SGB 3rd, Billy Fisher SGB 10th, Cormac Flynn SGB em

17: Rahni Matheson SGB 4th,

18: Olivia Baillie Tr 5th, Ashley Nicholes Tr 2nd, Sam Wells Tr em.

19+: Sophie Mckenzie SGB 4th, Trinity O'Keefe, SGB em

MC: Mackenzie Gibbs Sale 6th, Gemma Cook SGB 7th, Cerys Nicholson War, Zoe Cox SGB 8th, Levi Jarrett SGB 1st, Darby Smyth SGB 5th, Blake Warne Tr 4th, Lockie Bellion, Tr Luke Wilson SGB 6th

Freestyle

11: Tahlia Maccubbin Tr 5th, Henry Arnup Tr 4th, Cayden Gunn SGB 7th, Hayden Rawson Tr 8th

12: Lucas Wendt War 10th, 13: Archie Smyth SGB 1st, 14: Xavier Gray Sale em, 15: Phoebe Balcombe Tr 9th, 16: Claudia Croatto SGB 9th, 17: Jessica Whiting Tr 3rd, Rahni Matheson SGB 6th

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Relays

12s: Traralgon 8th, 16th, SGB 12th, 25th and 26th

13-14: SGB 7th, 22nd, East Gippsland 19th, Tr 26th

15 and over: Traralgon 4th and 14th, SGB 7th and 19th
Relays Para and Able-bodied: Traralgon 1st, SGB 3rd, 4th, 5th.



GSI 5 - Hosted by Traralgon Swimming Club

53 SGB swimmers and Coaches Dylan & Lorri attended the meet, they were very happy that this meet was inside as it was very wet and cold outside.

Swimmers really like the new format with all distances 100m & over swam as mixed events, "it's great being able to race against the boys we train with, we don't get that opportunity very often, it gives me someone to chase!" said one of our older female swimmers.

We are so lucky to have our Gippsland clubs only series of swim meets, where swimmers get to make great friendships with their fellow swimmers from all the different clubs.

SGB race outdoors at the GSI 7 Warragul

IT WAS a great day of racing at GSI 7 Warragul on Sunday, November 17, with 40 South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimmers competing in the outdoor pool under brilliant sunshine.

Plenty of smiles from swimmers as they adjusted to the outdoors, with great times coming through and plenty of personal bests (PBs). There was great excitement in some of the 50 metre events as swimmers used their last chance to snag a race at State Sprints in two weeks.

For many of the new swimmers, racing outdoors was a whole new experience, especially as some of the clubs only train indoors, but they overcame the challenges of wind, clouds, sun and the ducks to enjoy themselves.

It was like a mini reunion with several of the more senior SGB Swimmers returning to racing after time off for travel, work and study. The swimmers are excited to race in several events in the coming months.

Thank you, Gippsland Swimming officials, volunteers and Warragul Swimming Club for a fantastic swim meet.



South Gippsland Bass (SGB) senior swimmers reunited at the GST 7 Warragul on Sunday, November 17.

GSI 8 - Traralgon - 22nd November - Camp 21

CAMP 21: A big day for 9 SGB swimmers with the first of the Camp 21 training sessions & time trials. They joined together with swimmers from the other Gippsland clubs for a morning of skills training at the Morwell pool before heading to Traralgon for some time trial racing. Well done to the swimmers who achieved a qualifying time.

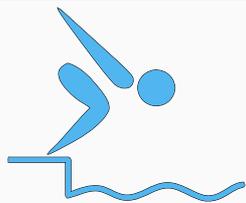
TRARALGON SWIM MEET: PB's were smashed and lots of qualifying times ticked off for the upcoming Vic Age and Vic Country LC Championships.

It was a busy weekend for some, playing in a local basketball tournament & popping in to tick off a few swims when they had a break in between games.



MEET THE SGB MULTI CLASS SWIM TEAM

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PATHWAYS & COACHING

From school meets to international championships,
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At SGB, our squad ranges
from S6 to S19, aged
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Their achievements prove
that with the right
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inclusive excellence to
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integrity at South
Gippsland Bass.



WHAT IS MULTI CLASS ?

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Modeled after the Paralympic system, swimmers are
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performance, competing from local meets
to national championships,
with training tailored to their individual needs.

HOW DOES IT WORK ?

Multi Class Point Scoring (MCPS)

In Multi Class swimming,
the fastest swimmer doesn't always win.

Instead, each swimmer earns points based on how close
their time is to the world record in their classification.

This scoring system is called Multi Class Point Scoring (MCPS).
It levels the playing field and rewards excellence across
all impairment types.



The swimmer with the highest
points wins...
...even if they hit the wall last!

1000 points = world record
Highest points = race winner
Competition = fair & fierce.

THE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Each swimmer is assigned a classification between S1 & S19,
reflecting the nature and severity of their impairment.
The lower the number, the more significant the impairment.
"S" represents swimming.

- **S1–S10: Physical impairments (PI).**
Ranked from most to least severe (e.g. limb deficiency,
coordination impairment, impaired muscle power, cerebral palsy
and short stature).
- **S11–S13: Vision impairments (VI).**
Ranging from total blindness to less severe visual disabilities.
- **S14: Intellectual impairment (II-1) (IQ-related).**
- **S15: Hearing impairment.**
- **S16–S19: Other classes:** transplant (S16), temporary
transition class (S17), down syndrome (II-2) (S18), and autism
spectrum disorder (II-3) (S19).

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE CLUB

Every year the SGB committee run a tight budget to try and keep our squad fee rises as low as we can. Through fundraising avenues, sponsorship and grants we try to offset large fee increases and still pay the bills.

However with the loss of our GSI meet 2 income and the rising challenge of finding large sponsors we are looking at a budget shortfall.

We are asking you to find a Swimmer Supporter in the name of your swimmer, it can be a business, a family member, a friend.

If each swimmer can get one supporter we will raise enough to help cover the shortfall, keeping fees and any rises at an affordable level for families. Our aim is to keep swimming accessible for all our families.

Swimmers can have more than one supporter. The swimmer who raises the most will be rewarded with a Gift Pack.

How amazing are the swimmers pictured that have already found a supporter.

See the Post on Team app for the sponsor form and details.

Support Our Swimming Club

Support a swimmer today for just **\$50**

We're inviting local businesses, family and friends to support a club swimmer with a \$50 donation.

What you'll receive as a supporter:

An appreciation certificate from the swimmer you support
Recognition on our club social media
The knowledge you're helping young swimmers chase their goals!



25/26 SWIMMER SUPPORTER

We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for the four Croatto Family swimmers is **URSULA CROATTO (Mama)** who is their biggest fan. Thank you for helping these swimmers chase their dreams.

25/26 SWIMMER SUPPORTER

We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for Leo Lofgren is **Rhonda Small** who is his biggest fan. Thank you for helping this swimmer chase their dreams.



25/26 SWIMMER SUPPORTER

We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for the four Croatto Family swimmers is **Uncle DANNY CROATTO** who is extremely proud of his neices & nephew for putting their hearts into their swimming & giving it their all. Thank you for helping these swimmers chase their dreams.

25/26 SWIMMER SUPPORTER

We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for Kye Whiteside is **Jackie** from South Gippsland Tutoring. Thank you for helping this swimmer chase their dreams both in and out of the pool.



25/26 SWIMMER SUPPORTER

We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for Gemma Cook is **RAZOR LAND MANAGEMENT** who is her biggest fan. Thank you for helping Gemma chase her dreams.

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