



DECEMBER 25 / JANUARY 26

From the President



How are we already at the end of January! South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club is proud to celebrate a season filled with growth, resilience, and community spirit. From early-morning training sessions to weekend carnivals, our swimmers, coaches, volunteers, and families have all played a vital role in shaping a year to remember.

2025 has seen remarkable progress across all levels of our program. Swimmers have continued to strengthen their technique, confidence, and race craft, with many achieving impressive personal bests and standout performances at local and regional meets. We've welcomed new swimmers into the club and watched returning members continue to rise through their training pathways. A huge thank you goes to our coaching team for their unwavering dedication to nurturing each swimmer's development.



We also extend heartfelt appreciation to the volunteers who keep the club running, from officiating and timekeeping to fundraising, event support, and administrative work. Your collective efforts are the backbone of our success.

Our commitment to creating a safe, inclusive, and encouraging environment remains at the heart of everything we do. The positive atmosphere on pool deck, at meets, and at club gatherings is a testament to the supportive network of families, committee members, coaches, and swimmers who make up our community.

With momentum on our side, we're excited for the year ahead. In 2026, we'll continue strengthening our squad programs, hosting more community events, and championing the growth and wellbeing of every swimmer who proudly wears the SGB colours. To every swimmer, parent, coach, volunteer, sponsor, and supporter: thank you for being part of another outstanding year. We look forward to diving into 2026 together, stronger, faster, and more connected than ever.

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 7: GSI Warragul - All Junior selection
- 13: Vic Open LC Champs
- 21: GSI Moe
- 28: Fundraising Ball
- 28: Warragul Meet

MARCH

- 7-9: Gippsland Champs
- 14: National Fundraising BBQ - Leongatha Mitre10
- 21: All Junior Heats
- 22: All Junior Finals
- 26: Junior Race Leongatha
- 31: Junior Race Wonthaggi

APRIL

- 4-6: MC Nationals
- 6-8: Open Nationals
- 11-18: Age Nationals

MAY

- 17: Fundraising BBQ - Leongatha Market

See Team App Events for details





South Gippsland Bass Swimmers at the Mattioli Victorian Age LC championships at MSAC from December 10 to 15.



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Over 400 competitors took to the open water for the Championships.

Competitors brave the Vic Open Water Championships

SIX Gippsland swimmers braved the water at Geelong for the Victorian Open Water Championships over the weekend with some outstanding results.

The event was busy, with more than 400 competitors taking to the water in the events.

Kai Dettbarn (Sale) came first in his age group in the 7.5km event, Jacqui Sinclair (Tr), Masters 2nd in the 2.5km event, 40-44yrs, Brenton Ford (Tr) 5th in the 5km event.

Adelaide Ripper (ex-Sale), Bec Barclay (SGB) and Donna Lancaster (SGB) braved the 1.25km, with Bec coming in 7th in her age group, Adelaide 11th and Donna 20th. Emma Barclay (SGB) swam the 500m event and came 5th.

Swimmers compete at the Mattioli Victorian Age LC championships

SOUTH Gippsland Bass swimmers have had an outstanding meet at the Mattioli Victorian Age LC championships at MSAC on December 10-15. The event was extremely busy with 1380 competitors, with many swimmers coming from interstate and overseas, which really pushed the Gippsland swimmers to do their best.

Gippsland was represented by six of the region's clubs, with South Gippsland Bass the largest with 35. Traralgon 28, Warragul 24, East Gippsland 7, Sale 6 and Moe 4. Racing started on Wednesday with relays, with Moe excited to have their first relay team qualify to compete, highlighting the growth of the club.

The swimmers raced in the morning, with the top 10 swimmers coming back in the evening to compete in the finals, cheered on by teammates and friends in the stands, as well as at home via Kayo and the

Swimming Victoria Facebook page.

Gippsland clubs performed extremely well in the point score rankings. Of the 57 clubs that scored points, South Gippsland Bass finished 11th, Traralgon 12th, Warragul 15th, and Sale 25th.

The coaches were happy with their swimmers' results over the meet.

Head coach Dylan was very happy to see his club's results.

"It has been a tough few weeks for the club with the flu going through, but they have dug deep, and we have seen some outstanding efforts and results. They have learned there are ups and downs when competing, and you have to ride the waves, and it's how you deal with it all that matters. To see the results, including the medals they earned, has just been wonderful," Dylan said.

"For some of the swimmers, it is like swimming at Nationals; there are so

many visitors in their section, they hardly know anyone in their heats."

Lorri was thrilled to see her multi-class swimmers having success.

"Our swimmers have competed at a number of big events like this and are just growing in confidence. To see all their smiles after their races is such a reward."

Results:

- Age Champions:
 Mackenzie Gibbs Sale
 Levi Jarrett SGB
 Gemma Cook (13): 7th 50m backstroke, 1st 200m Freestyle, 5th 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly, 1st 50m Freestyle, 4th 200m IM
 Zoe Cox (12): 6th 50m breaststroke, 7th 100m Breaststroke, 6th 200m Freestyle, 10th 100m Freestyle, 10th 50m Freestyle
 Claudia Croatto (16): 1st 100m breaststroke, 2nd 50m breaststroke, 1st 200m Breaststroke
 Emily Croatto (13): 3rd 200m breaststroke, 1st 50m breaststroke, 5th

200m IM, 1st 100m breaststroke, 5th 200m Freestyle

Billy Fisher (16): 9th 50m breaststroke

Sienna Hunt (15): 5th 200m Butterfly

Levi Jarrett (13): 1st 50m breaststroke, 1st 50m backstroke, 1st 400m Freestyle, 1st 100m Breaststroke, 1st 100m Backstroke, 1st 200m Freestyle, 1st 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Butterfly, 1st 50m Freestyle

Rahni Matheson (17): 4th 50m breaststroke

Miah Roberts (16): 4th 100m Backstroke

Archie Smyth (13): 1st 50 backstroke, 1st 100m backstroke, 1st 200m backstroke, 4th 200m IM, 2nd 50m Freestyle

Darby Smyth (12): 2nd 100m butterfly, 2nd 50m backstroke, 2nd 100m Backstroke, 2nd 200m Freestyle, 4th 100m Freestyle, 4th 50m Freestyle

Luke Wilson (14): 2nd 50m backstroke, 4th 100m Backstroke, 6th 200m Freestyle, 6th 100m Freestyle, 6th 50m Freestyle



Back in the swim at Sale

SWIMMING

The sun was shining as the 200 Gippsland swimmers raced at Sale in GSI 10 on Saturday.

The event was the last chance for swimmers to get a

qualifying time for the Country Championships in Geelong in a fortnight.

It was also a chance for the swimmers to get back into racing after the festive season.

Competition was fierce

and the progress over the past few months was visible, with many swimmers achieving PBs and several adding to their list of events at Countries.

There were also several swimmers who achieved Na-

tional qualifying times.

Coach Lorri was thrilled with how the 33 SGB swimmers performed on the day.

"It was wonderful to see some of the new swimmers overcome their nerves and try their best."





Gold medal winners freestyle relay team Bel, Bec, Claudia and Mia.

SGB giving their best at Championships

SWIMMING
 A 71-strong SGB swim team competed at the 2026 Mattioli Country LC Championships, hosted by the Barwon Region in Kardinia Pool in Geelong.
 The team gave their all against the best of the rest of regional Victoria.
 The event attracted 770 regional swimmers, including 232 Gippslanders, making it a busy event. The purple caps were frequently spotted going up and down the pool in the heat and finals, buoyed by the support of friends and families.
 Swimmers raced in the heats in the morning, with many competing in the afternoon in the finals, including in the

relays which rounded up each session.
 The coaches were thrilled with the team effort.
 Coach Dylan was very happy with their determination.
 "It really has been a team effort in getting the points."
 "There has been a lot of people pushing hard to improve their ranking, they may not have won a medal – but a top 10 spot gains a few extra points."
 "Our B relay teams have really worked on this and scored us about 40 points by just pushing that little bit harder," Dylan said.
 "We have a lot of swimmers at their first Countries this year. So many of

them are starting their journey into competitive swimming and at the same time, we have many of our older swimmers returning for their 8th or 9th Countries, including our new coach Nathan, to help guide them and help them on their way, which makes for such a fun time."
 "When they all eventually finish swimming, we want them to look back and remember this as a fun time in their life and consider it as something they are proud of, of what they did and what they achieved."
 Nathan Foote, who has returned to the club as a coach enjoyed his time getting to know everyone.
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3rd place relay team: Mostyn, Billy, Zac and Dylan.



25/26 SWIMMER SUPPORTER
 We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for Levi & Ollie Jarrett is their Nan & Pop who are their biggest fans. They are proud of them & love watching them swim.
 Thank you for helping them chase their dreams.

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 Thank you to Leongatha Garden Supplies for supporting the SGB Team. Your support has helped the swimmers shine at the recent Victorian Country Championships.



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 We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for Amy Hodson is Jan Clark who is proud of her for giving her all to the sport she loves.
 Thank you for helping Amy chase her dreams.



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 We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for Amy Hodson is Greg Clark who is proud of her for giving her all to the sport she loves.
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14 girls Gold medal medley winners: Jemma, Nyah, Maggie and Emily.

SGB giving their best at Championships

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 "I've been to Countries many times as a swimmer with SGB."
 "The first time there was just a handful of us, so to have 71 swimmers in the team now is amazing and shows how much the club has grown."
 "I look forward to working with everyone and seeing them enjoy their racing."
 "It's been fun getting in the water too, competing and enjoying the atmosphere."
 Nathan was also the winner of the Coaches 50m Freestyle race.
 Coach Lorri saw some great performances from her Multi Class team.
 "We have taken out back-to-back golds in the relays and I just love the support from everyone when they are racing."
 "There's always another

swimmer who offers to help calm the nerves at marshalling and help wrangle the under 12s," she said.
 "There has been a lot of great relay swims from our under 12s who are just starting out on their Countries journey."
 Coach Sam loved watching the older swimmers compete.
 "My daughter is here as a swimmer for the ninth time and she and her friends are just as competitive in the over-17 relay as they were when they were in the under 12s."
 "They are great role models for the club – last night the younger kids got to see their B team celebrating 7th spot – showing them that it isn't just about the medals, but about putting in as a team for the club."
 The swimmers were well sup-

ported by all the SGB families, who made the most of the time and spent time enjoying the region's sights between racing.
 The Gippsland clubs were extremely competitive and all featured high on the club scores table.
 The final points score had Traralgon in 2nd, Warragul 6th and Sale 10th.
 South Gippsland Bass maintained their place as one of the dominant regional clubs finishing fourth overall.
 It was a real team effort with points being earned by many of the swimmers as they competed in their events.

Visit pisra.com.au/sport for a full list of results





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We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for Rhylan Lathan & Taiden Lucas is P&P Products Tooradin who is proud of them for giving their all to the sport they love. Thank you for helping the Lucas Boys chase their dreams.



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We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for Macy Dent is Judy Edwards who is proud of her for giving her all to the sport she loves. Thank you for helping Macey chase her dreams.



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We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for Jaz Cox is Cindy Minogue who is very proud of her. Thank you for helping Jaz chase her dreams.



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We are thrilled to announce the swimmer supporter for Harvey Dent is Thea Dent who is proud of him for giving his all and doing his best. Thank you for helping Harvey chase his dreams.



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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.

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BBQ Fundraising

Three fundraising BBQ events were held over Dec & Jan, two at Leongatha Mitre10 and one at Inverloch Mitre10. The BBQ's raised funds to help send our teams to Championship events, going towards team relay entries and costs for sending our team coaches.

There are two more planned BBQ's that will need volunteers to put up their hand to help at, see the club calendar and put your name down.



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