

SURREY PARK SWIMMING NEWS



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**EXTRA
LESSONS**
in Term 3

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LEARN TO SWIM

WINTER PROMOTION NOW ON

Closes 31st August 2024

*50% off any extra class booked above your current enrolment for the remainder of the term - excludes private lessons

LEARN TO SWIM AND DIVE



MESSAGE FROM OUR SWIM SCHOOL

This term, the excitement of the Olympics and Paralympics has been a real highlight. To celebrate we've set up activities on both notice boards near the pool deck and a colouring in station at Blackburn. Take a look at your next lesson!

We're thrilled that so many families have taken advantage of our special offer to add extra lessons at 50% off. Thanks to your dedication, this summer should be safer and even more enjoyable. If you haven't yet taken up this offer, there's still time—the promotion ends on August 31st.

Today marks the beginning of Water Safety Week, where our focus will be on safety in backyard pools, public pools, and theme parks. These lessons are crucial, as they include stations and scenarios designed to help your child practice real-life situations in addition to their regular swimming skills. Please remember to bring a T-Shirt to your preschool or school age lessons this week!

Charity Dickins - General Manager Swim Schools

IMPORTANT DATES

- 15th Jul: Term 3 commences
- 12th Aug to 18th Aug: Water safety week
- 19th Aug: Intensive holiday program bookings open
- 2nd Sept to 15th Sept: Re-enrolment next term
- 22nd Sept: Last day of term 3 lessons

Holiday Intensive Program

- 23rd Sept: Week 1 commences
- 27th Sept: Public holiday, no lessons
- 30th Sept: Week 2 commences

No lessons on weekends during this period.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY INTENSIVE PROGRAM

Holiday program bookings opens 19th August

In addition to our regular preschool, school age and private classes, we have specialised classes you can book in for a week intensive program.

Aqualink additional lessons:

- Breaststroke and Butterfly skills (Level 6 and above only)
- Teen advanced class open in week 2
- Diving lessons running all days except Wednesday

All classes at Aqualink are 30 minutes (excluding development squad (Level 8) and diving)

Blackburn additional lessons:

- Blackburn tumble turns and turns lesson - (Level 6 and above only)

All classes at Blackburn are 40 minutes and cost \$30.00 per lesson

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
INTENSIVE PROGRAM
BOOKINGS OPEN
MONDAY 19TH
AUGUST

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WATER SAFETY WEEK - STARTS MONDAY

Remember to wear an old T-Shirt over your bathers in the water!

Educating children on the feel and experience of swimming in clothing is a requirement by the Victorian government for swim schools, forms part of our criteria for each level, and is important to practise before it occurs in an emergency situation.

Our flashback to the 1920's where kids were learning to swim

JIBBITZ HAVE LANDED!

For those who don't know the world of Jibbitz yet, they are the little collectables you put in the holes of your crocs. Perfect for swimming lessons. Grab yours while stocks last!

SP Jibbitz are \$2.00 and all raised funds go to our Club fundraising efforts.



ENTERING FOR YOUR SWIM OR DIVE LESSON

AQUALINK TURNSTILE

Good news! Repairs are complete and we wanted to thank all our swim school families for your patience over the past couple of months. All Aqualink families must use the turnstile to enter for lessons.

If you have a pram, wheelchair, or forget your QR code, you will need to line up at our Surrey Park Desk to obtain a check in card to show the Aqualink desk. This process can be lengthy at times due to queues, so please allow extra time.

LEARN TO SWIM REMINDERS

PLAN YOUR ARRIVAL

A reminder to be early to your classes each week as it can be disruptive when students arrive late when warm up or previous lessons skills have already been completed or covered.

ABSENCES

A reminder we require at least 1 hour notice prior to your lesson to issue you with a make up token. All learn to swim and dive families are eligible for 1 make up token per month per booking for missed lessons where prior absence has been reported. This token is automatically issued on your account after the missed lesson passes, but can be applied early if you contact your centre.

FINS FOR LEVEL 6+ SWIMMERS

A reminder all swimmers in level 6 and above must bring short blade fins to each lesson. We sell DMC fins at our Blackburn centre and all swim school families receive 30% off. We have all sizes currently in stock so pop in if you still need to purchase your fins for your lessons.

BLACKBURN

Swimmers should check in via our Kiosk for lessons. This now marks your attendance and ensure make up tokens and your child's skills are recorded accurately.



LOST PROPERTY AT BLACKBURN

All lost property will be placed on trestle tables in our entrance hall during re-enrolment time for you to come and collect your items. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of term.

WANT YOU OR YOUR CHILD'S ACHIEVEMENT ACKNOWLEDGED?

Email socials@surryepark.org.au or message us via social media with a picture, first name and their swimming or diving achievement. We love to share your successes and to make your child's day.



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DIVE INTO
LESSONS TODAY**

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Turns

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CLUB SQUADS

MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB SQUADS

The past few months have been exhilarating, with the 2024 Australian Olympic trials shining as a standout event that has undoubtedly captivated swimming fans everywhere. We were proud to have ten Surrey Park Swimming athletes compete, many of whom achieved lifetime bests. Competing at this level is the pinnacle of our sport in Australia, and all our athletes should be immensely proud of their accomplishments.

We launched the short course season with a series of meets, including several regional competitions in Warrnambool and Traralgon. At Surrey Park, we prioritize team travel and exposure to different environments, which play a crucial role in our athletes' development.

In July, we hosted the Surrey Park Short Course Meet at MSAC, where over 180 swimmers participated. The meet was a resounding success, marked by a strong team atmosphere and a true sense of club community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all Surrey Park families, volunteers, and senior swimmers who contributed to the day's success, and to our Junior swimmers for showing up and giving it their all.

The Metropolitan Championships were a major highlight for the Club, with Surrey Park securing an impressive 2nd place overall! Over two days of intense competition, our Junior and Senior swimmers showcased their exceptional talent, excelling in multiple events. The relays, in particular, stood out as some of the meet's most unforgettable moments. Congratulations to everyone who competed and contributed to this remarkable achievement.

We are also proud to announce that several of our swimmers were selected to compete on representative teams. Nine athletes qualified to represent Victoria at the Australian School Sport Nationals on the Gold Coast, and seven were chosen to travel to Canberra over the weekend with the Metro East Team. It's an exciting way for our Club to broaden our horizons and seize the opportunity to travel and race at the highest level.

On Saturday, August 3rd, we held our Annual Presentation Night at Box Hill Town Hall, which this year also marked the Club's 120th anniversary. It was a truly memorable evening

for all who attended, as we celebrated the rich history of the Club and recognized this year's Club Champions, Coaches Award winners, All Junior Finalists, and many others.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and everyone who participated and volunteered to make this event such a successful celebration!

The coming months promise even more exciting competitions, with the Victorian Open SC, Victorian Age SC, and Australian SC Championships on the horizon. Congratulations to everyone who has qualified, and best of luck to the team!

I hope everyone is enjoying the Olympics as much as I am!

Justin Bell - Head Coach

UPCOMING MEETS

- 11th August - EDA Winter SC Meet
- 17/18th August - Vic Open SC Championships
- 6-8th Sept - Vic Age SC Championships
- 26-29th Sept - Australian SC Championships (Adelaide)



A huge congratulations to Sascha for winning the HA Bennet Trophy for backstroke. This trophy is awarded to the most outstanding male or female backstroke competitor for the swimming season (based on the World Aquatic Point score) at the Swimming Victoria Awards night.

What an honour and highlights the outstanding achievements by our Open High performance swimmer and customer service officer superstar, Sascha!



Congratulations to Jamie, Ishaq, Lachie, Ashton, Aaria, Maddie and Layan who swam over the weekend!

COMMITTEE NEWS

SURREY PARK SWIMMING COMMITTEE NEWS

On Saturday, August 3rd, after many months of planning and the efforts of countless dedicated individuals, Surrey Park Swimming Club illuminated Box Hill Town Hall in blue to celebrate our annual awards night also marking 120 incredible years. The event was a resounding success, with 320 members and families coming together to honour the achievements of the past, present, and future. The evening was a true reflection of the strong community we've built for our swimmers and the remarkable journey of Surrey Park Swimming School and Club.

We were fortunate to have Whitehorse City Councillor Cr Denise Massoud, along with seven other Councillors and our local state member, join us for the evening. We were also honoured by the presence of several life members who came to celebrate with us. A special highlight of the night was when our CEO, Phil Kong, was awarded Life Membership of Surrey Park Swimming Club in recognition of his dedicated hard work.

Our talented marketing staff also dedicated countless hours to create a very special video for the night – I highly recommend everyone check it out!



As we look ahead, I'm excited to welcome many of our swim school graduates into the club program. I know it can be daunting, but it's also incredibly rewarding!

Simone Wendt - Club President

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Executive Committee

- President - Simone Wendt
- Vice President - Lucinda Richards
- Secretary - Andrea Phillips
- Treasurer - Joe Zhao

General Committee

- Anthony Clements
- Daniela Greening
- Flynn Phillips
- Jim Bian
- Luke Harris



PRESENTATION NIGHT



120 ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION NIGHT

Surrey Park Swimming has reached an impressive 120 year milestone in 2024. Since our establishment in 1904, many outstanding achievements have led us to become one of the largest, oldest, and most successful swimming clubs in Victoria.

On Saturday the 3rd of August we celebrated 120 years since being established in conjunction with our annual presentation night. The event was opened by Whitehorse City Council Mayor, Cr Denise Massoud and was also attended by 7 other councillors and the local state member.

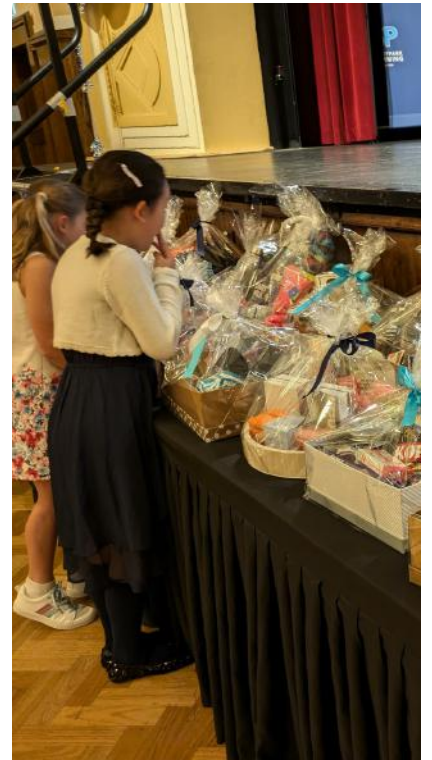


Our CEO, Philip Kong, was awarded Life Membership of Surrey Park Swimming Club. This prestigious honour is a testament to Phil's tireless dedication and hard work, which have been instrumental in Surrey Park Swimming's success over the years. His commitment to the club has left a lasting impact, making this recognition well-deserved.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, dignitaries, life members, swimmers, and staff who continue to make Surrey Park Swimming an incredible community.



To our amazing and dedicated volunteers, thank you for your hard work and commitment in making this night such a tremendous success!





WOODEN PLANK KICKBOARDS

MEMBER STORIES - PART 3

Love those kick sets? Try this one on: wooden planks as kick-boards getting waterlogged and heavier as the set goes on. Welcome to the training sets of Surrey Park superstar Mrs Alwyn Barrett (1956-79)!

If that's not challenging enough: the training pool had no lane ropes and was open to the public during squad training time. The solution? The senior 'flyers' would often take off first, almost literally bulldozing a path through the pool with the younger swimmers following behind. And winter mornings? An unheated outdoor pool, air temperatures as low as 5 degrees Celsius, and water so cold that swimmers with asthma had injections after sets to prevent serious attacks. Yes, seriously tough training.



Alwyn came 2nd at her first Victorian Championships. With fellow Surrey Park swimmer, Cynthia, coming third.



Alwyn and members of Surrey Park Swimming in 1960:



As a competitive swimmer Alwyn was good across all strokes but favoured breaststroke and Individual Medleys. She won 20 Victorian State gold medals including, in 1964, five golds, four in State record times. Alwyn very narrowly missed out on Olympic squad selection that year as selection was different back then and although she came second at the Australian Olympic Trials, the swimmers who places 1st, 3rd, and 4th were selected instead of her. Times are now different and the two fastest swimmers who qualify at trials get to represent Australia at the Olympics. Alwyn has been known to out swim Dawn Fraser on occasion.

Alwyn later went on to become - and continues to be - one of Victoria's most respected swimming coaches and is a Surrey Park Swimming life member.

A huge thank you to Alwyn from everyone at Surrey Park Swimming for telling us about her history with Surrey Park Swimming over the years.

[Follow this link to listen to her stories.](#)

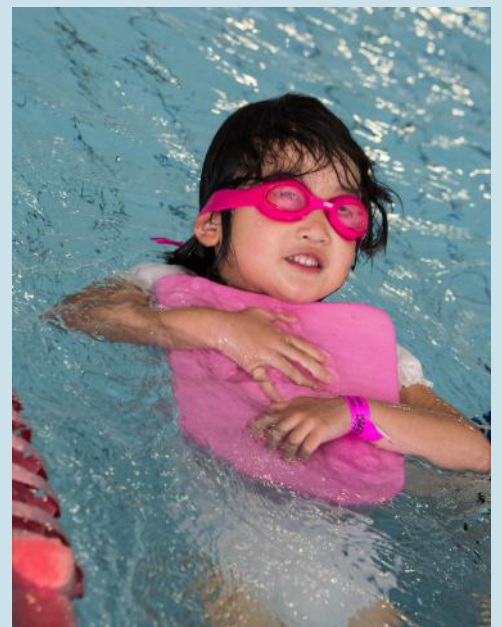




Our Surrey Park Community

Learn to swim, learn to dive, club squad meets, camps and trips.









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A huge thank you to everyone who completed our social media survey. We greatly appreciate your input.



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