



2024 - 2025

Annual REPORT

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Presidents Report

We hit the ground running this 2024/2025 Season with the formation of a new committee consisting of an amazing group of parents committed to supporting their swimmers and the continual growth of our awesome swim club.

Kitted up with new Arena Backpacks adorned with our Bluefin Club logo thanks to our awesome committee (each swimmer receives a backpack and Portland Swim club cap when they sign up for their Swimming Victoria membership and join our club), and after receiving our Community Grant from the Glenelg Shire Council we purchased new training equipment – including hand and finger paddles, kickboards and pull buoys, we were set!

But where to begin? So much has happened within our club in such a very short period of time!

Our key goals for the club this season were to continue to grow our club and get more kids into swimming; in particular, to encourage swimmers to try competition and to help and encourage competitive swimmers to swim at their highest level. We set goals to get our clubs coaches qualified, to get equipment that would help with up to date training, to upgrade our meet equipment so we could run competition events on par with like clubs within our district, and to get information out there to the families of our swimmers and the community.

I can proudly say that by the end of September 2024, coaches Claire Ward, Michelle Beddows, Matilda Andrews, and myself completed and obtained our Swimming Australia Foundation Coach Accreditation. I would like to recognise the support given by Richard and Sarah at the Hamilton Swim Club, Julie from the Mount Gambier Swim Club and Paige Clay from Geelong Sharks for their support and guidance and hours provided mentoring to help get us where we needed to be.

In September of 2024 the club sent out a survey to gain vital feedback from families and swimmers to gauge how we were travelling as a club. What were we doing well and where could we improve. Communication came back as a key area that needed some work. So the Stack TEAM app was given a boost with the aim of it being our main source of information, from training schedules, meet dates and information, club news, coaches, news and messaging capabilities between coaches and swimmers. With Rachael, Emma and Scott's expertise in the IT department our new club website was launched in February 2025 and a public Facebook page was created to keep our community in the loop too.

We were very fortunate to have Vivienne Kennedy travel to Portland to facilitate a swimming Development Clinic on the 30th November 2024. It was a great opportunity for both swimmers and coaches alike. With Vivienne putting our kids through their paces in the pool and providing coaching and technical advice to our coaches on deck.

Presidents Report continued...

Our major event for the year was our annual Portland Swimming Club meet on Saturday 7th December, run both as a qualifier and an opportunity for swimmers to come and try competition, with encouragement entries in 50m events. In the lead up to the meet, a lot of work was done behind the scenes beginning on the 24th November with a massive cleanup of our clubrooms. It was great to see our committee, families and swimmers united to get an incredibly big job done.

With the purchase of 3 new laptops and an upgrade to our Meet Manager software, Matt Norman and Mel Mckenzie took on the enormous task of familiarising themselves with the program and setting up our meet with the support of our District Association.

'Sponsor A Lane For A Day' at the swim meet proved to be quite successful which attracted many local businesses to contribute. This assisted in covering the fees and costs associated with running a meet event and for that we are very grateful to those sponsors.

On the day everyone rallied and took on a role, whether it was as an official, setting up, or those who helped support the coaches with kids. Thank you to everyone who volunteered in the lead up to and on the day.

We mixed it up a bit at training throwing in a few Sunday Fundays, water polo, volleyball, a family fun night, aqua aerobics with Nettie, holiday pop up sessions, and my favourite was our first Triathlon with Kim, Gwyneth and Oliver on the 19th December 2024. They shared their passion for this sport and boy did we have some fun, with a laser shoot, run, and a swim - it was all happening! Just saying, – but Claire, Kayla and I did alright with the laser gun!

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March 2025 Swimming Victoria provided the Barwon South West District Development Weekend in Warrnambool with coaches Jayden Brian, Matt Welsh, Col Pearce and Bowen Gough, for swimmers development, and district clubs to be involved in sessions on team building, clubs development and a coaching education forum with Jayden Brian. (Head coach of MLC) to help coaches get the best out of the swim season and session plans

We said goodbye to Kayla in April 2025. Through Kayla's creativity and social media wizardry, we were able to get to know our coaches a little better with her 'Meet the Coaches interviews'. She created mini newsletters that caught your attention. When we introduced our Sunday Funday sessions, she ran with Funday and provided a great Sunday program that rewarded our swimmers at the end of the session with a yummy smoothie or cooked BBQ breaky. We thank her for her enthusiasm and dedication and wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

In the pool our kids continued to shine. Whether it be in school competition swimming, local meets or further afield. We are continually seeing these guys challenge themselves to try something new, make P.B. times and qualify for bigger competitions. Claire will have highlighted much of this in her coaches report, but I would also like to highlight that our swimmers have competed in meets all over the district including Hamilton, Warrnambool, Mount Gambier, Casterton, Ballarat, Portland, Geelong and Melbourne (a number for their very first time).

Rhys Beddows and Riley Healy Swam in the JX competition at MSAC in October 2024; and the following seven Swimmers namely Gwyneth Homer, Oliver Homer, Leo and Riley Healy, Rebecca DeoCampo, Laurens Vosloo, and Matilda Andrews headed off to compete at the Victorian Country All Junior Competition at MSAC, thanks to the Glenelg Shire Council's Junior Sports Trust program assisting them to attend.

But to me, this is only part of how these swimmers shine. This year for me as both a coach, and President of this club it was swimmers actions within their community and in support of their community's that their swimming has made an impact. These swimmers used their skill and their passion for swimming to give back to those in need, for causes they hold close to their hearts.

- Matilda Andrews – lap it up for Live for Life October 2100 laps in 28 days
- Lexie Munn – Swim for Breast Cancer 14.65km and raised \$467
- Makaylee Cox, Kayla Gorry, Gwyneth Homer – Laps for Life

Other major activities and achievements over the past 12 months include:

- The Portland Swimming Club Easter Raffle fundraiser where our swimming members got involved in selling raffle tickets where the funds went towards the purchase of a P.A. sound system.
- 2024/2025 Community Grants through the Glenelg Shire Council, Grant combined with the funds raised from our Easter raffle enabled the club to purchase the recommended PA announcement sound system equipped to use at our annual swimming meet and other community poolside events including school swimming carnivals at a local and district level.
- The club's new sponsorship drive and package saw a number of businesses jump on board to support our club and vision for the future.
- In April we saw Ella Matters swim in the Australian Age Swimming Championships held in Brisbane QLD.
- On 23rd April, the club held a come and try session which saw a number of new attendees, who are now preparing to sign up for the new season.
- A new club uniform design and support from Prestige Promotions to get our swimmers decked out and looking fresh for meets.
- I'd like to personally offer a huge thank you to Portland Signworks who designed and produced our new sign 'Home of the Portland Swim Club Southern Blue Fins'. It is now fixed to the back wall of the indoor pool area at the PLACE. We also wish to thank Belgravia management, Ella for her support in getting this up and happening.
- Lexi Munn and Matilda Andrews were nominated to participate in the 'Beyond the pool', developing future leaders and role models within our sport and community.
- We say goodbye to a number of committee members this year. Tania, Rebekah, Lesa, Carmen, Emma R and Stef. These guys have been the backbone of the club after Paige Clay departed, and they took on an enormous task to keep us on track and running. They do and have done an immense amount of work and number of hours behind the scenes as volunteers, stepping up in support of a sport loved by their children.. They will be a huge loss of to the club but we thank them for passing on their knowledge and wisdom and wish them the best.

Presidents Report continued...

Moving forward, the club will continue to grow with the amazing group of families who step up big or small to help keep the cogs turning. We want the club to continue to grow and to encourage swimming for all ages and abilities in our community. To help us achieve these goals, we will continue to raise funds for essential equipment, support our coaches with ongoing development, encourage members to come forward in the committee with new ideas and vital skills, and work together to build a passionate swimming community and great friendships.



Kristy Andrews

President, Portland Swimming Club

24/25 Committee

President: Kristy Andrews

Vice President: Matt Norman

Secretary: Lesa Munn

Treasurer: Rebekah Payne

General Committee: Stef Munn, Emma Cleary, Rachael Healy, Tania Matters, Kim Ferguson-Thomas, Emma Rudge & Carmen Smith

Farewell to...

Rebekah Payne

Treasurer

The Portland Swimming Club sincerely thanks Rebekah for 10+ years and many hours of volunteer time and hard work as a committee member since 2015. Thank you.

Emma Rudge

General Committee

The Portland Swimming Club thanks Emma who was always willing and able to get in and help out at a meet and has volunteered her time for 10+ years and many more hours since 2015. Thank you.

Carmen Smith

General Committee

The Portland Swimming Club thanks Carmen for the past 5 years since 2020 for hours of volunteer time into the club. Thank you!

Farewell to...



Tania Matters

General Committee

I have been involved in the committee since 2018. Roles have varied from Swim Meet Helper, Secretary and President.

Some of my most proudest achievements were securing two grants both approximately \$10,000 each allowing PSC to purchase the indoor pool ropes and also the swim meet automatic timing gear.

I love watching the kids enthusiasm grow for swimming whether it be achieving a PB or swimming a lap.

I think some of the toughest challenges was when covid hit, it totally changed the dynamic of the club with very minimal swimming being allowed. We would just start to get going again and then we would have to stop, this was extremely hard on the kids especially.

Being on the PSC has been a very rewarding experience, broadening my knowledge of swimming (as I completely knew nothing) and making some long life friends along the way and watching other committee members grow and broaden their knowledge and horizons as well.

I think when Ella started swimming with PSC we could have never have envisaged where swimming would take Ella, it has been an incredible journey for us and Ella.

I personally want to thank Tania and Ella and recognise all the time, effort and dedication showed to the Portland Swimming Club and its committee, since its re-inception as an incorporated body in 2013. Tania literally came in blind but took everything in her stride, had my back at all times and ensured I got to be a 'coach'. Tania (& Kristy) are two of the kindest, strongest willed and most capable women I know.

Tania's work ethic, her commitment to Ella's swimming and the hours spent creating grant applications, liaising with SV, making phone calls, recruiting new families, completing multiple roles in the committee, helping run swim meets, and supporting me through Covid-19 and its challenges, has helped me to discover the coach I do want to be and the one that I don't want to be. At a time when I was ready to walk away, because I felt that no one believed in me, Tania (and Kristy) stuck around and got me through.

Tania is more than a committee member - she's a wonderful person, friend and most importantly swimming MUM who means the world to a lot of people. Thank you for all you did for Portland Swimming Club and continue to do for Ella, and for swimming in Victoria.

By Paige Clay (Olejniczak). Previously a Portland Swimming Club member and Coach.

Farewell to...



Lesa Munn
Secretary

I started volunteering on the committee in 2022 and at the time I felt that as a parent of a swimmer I should be involved in the club.

I've been the club Secretary for the last 2 years. This has involved organising committee meeting agendas and minutes, communication with club families, putting together the training session lists so that the Treasurer can send out the invoices each term, setting up the club details in Swim Central so that swimmers can purchase a membership each year, being the club's point of contact for Swimming Victoria, assisting with the coordination of the club's annual swim meet. I also complete the annual Swimming Victoria entity compliance.

I have loved seeing the club grow in numbers and seeing the swimmers enjoying themselves and cheering each other on at meets.

When I took over as secretary, we were essentially all new committee members and office bearers. It was at a time when there weren't many swimmers which meant not many parents to join the committee. We all had to learn our roles and supported each other to do this.

I enjoy watching the kids achieve their goals. The club getting together at meets and supporting and cheering on each other.

I've enjoyed my time with the committee. I think every parent at some point should join a committee. It's a great opportunity to learn about the club, to have a say in your club and support it and your kid. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes to keep the club going.

Farewell to...



Stef Munn
General
Committee
Member

I started volunteering on the committee in 2022 because at the time there weren't many parents on the committee.

I would describe my duties on the committee as...

general committee member. Chief BBQ cooker for the swim meet.

Major past achievement was... being part of the committee getting the first swim meet up and running post Covid.

Biggest challenge was... learning the general running of a swim club. The committee have always pulled together to get things done.

I have enjoyed... seeing my daughter swim and seeing how much she loves it.

Overall perspective is... watching the club grow.

Coaches Report

The 2024–2025 swimming season has been one of growth, collaboration, and ongoing development at Portland Swimming Club. We have been fortunate to have a dedicated and evolving coaching team, a positive response from swimmers and families and an enthusiastic club culture that supports continuous improvement.

Coaching Team:

This season our coaching team consisted of Kristy Andrews, Matilda Andrews and myself, with the welcome addition of Michelle Beddows to the coaching group. Each coach has brought their own strengths and energy to the role, contributing to a strong and supportive environment for our swimmers.

Kayla Gorry assisted with our Wednesday night sessions and made a fantastic contribution before heading off on her overseas adventure. Emre Rulton continued with us in a junior coaching role on Monday nights and more recently, Gwyneth Homer has also commenced as a junior coach.

A major accomplishment for our team was the successful completion of the Swim Australia Foundation Coaching Course by Michelle, Kristy, Matilda, and myself between July and September 2024. This ensures that all primary coaches meet the minimum requirement to coach competitive squads and participate on deck at swim meets—an important step in upholding coaching standards and providing quality instruction.



Coaches Report continued

Program Structure and Sessions:

Our weekly coaching sessions currently run on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, dictated by pool availability. We are also trialling a Friday morning session, which has had a promising start and may become a regular part of our schedule.

We continue to hold pre-term planning meetings as a coaching group to align our goals and focus areas for the term. Additionally, we ran pop-up training sessions during school holidays and a memorable “Sunday Funday” initiated by Coach Kayla, combining training with team bonding and a well-earned egg and bacon sandwich breakfast.

Engagement and Feedback:

In October, we conducted a club-wide survey to assess our programs and communication strategies. The feedback was largely positive, with some helpful insights, particularly around improving communication with families. We have since implemented changes based on that feedback.

We celebrated the end of the calendar year with a Fun Week, including water polo, a triathlon and a “bring a friend” session—activities that were not only fun but also great for building team spirit.

Coaching Development and Initiatives:

Our coaches benefited from a training session conducted by Vivienne Kennedy from the Geelong Sharks, which included valuable drills and coaching resources. Her session was not only beneficial for the swimmers but also gave our coaching team fresh insights and ideas to bring to our training plans.

We were also represented at a Coach Education Forum held at AquaZone in Warrnambool. This gave our coaches the opportunity to compare our session planning with what bigger clubs are able to achieve in their sessions.



Squad Structure and Progression:

One of the most significant changes this season was the introduction of new squad classifications in January. We moved from age-based groupings to ability-based groupings, renaming them as follows:

- Junior Squad → Foundation
- Intermediate Squad → Development
- Senior Squad → Advanced

This change has allowed us to better match training intensity and focus to each swimmer's current capabilities, which we believe will support stronger individual progress and long-term swimmer development.

Recruitment and Growth:

We held "Come and Try" sessions at the start of Term 2, which were well attended and brought in several prospective new members. Based on past trends and interest levels, we anticipate a further rise in membership at the start of Term 3, which aligns with the beginning of the new swimming year.

Conclusion:

It has been a rewarding season filled with achievements, both in and out of the pool. We are proud of our coaching team, our swimmers, and the broader club community. We have continued to build a strong foundation for competitive and recreational swimming in Portland and look forward to another successful season ahead.

Thank you to all who have supported our club this year—especially our committee, parents, volunteers and of course, our dedicated swimmers.



Claire Ward
Coach, Portland Swimming Club



Coaching Team



Claire Ward
Coach



Kristy Andrews
Coach



Michelle Beddows
Coach



Matilda Andrews
Coach




Emre Rulton
Junior Coach



Kayla Gorry
Coach



Gwyneth Homer
Junior Coach



In 2025 we farewelled Kayla as she embarked on a new exciting adventure. The Portland Swimming Club wishes Kayla all the best for her future endeavours.

Gwyneth is the Portland Swimming Club's newest recruit junior coach stepping in to a junior coaching role from Term 2 in 2025. Gwyneth is excited to learn a new skill under the Coaching mentors.

Take 5 with Kayla

Kayla Gorry, former Portland Swimming Club Coach took time out of her overseas working holiday to have a chat about her coaching career and looking back on her time with the club.

Kayla's swim coaching career started seven years ago and she commenced coaching at the Portland Swim Club in 2022. "I'd just moved back to Portland and wanted to get involved with swimming again, so Tania Matters connected me with the club." Kayla was mentored by and coached alongside Paige Clay. "It was slightly weird at first, because Paige actually used to coach me when she first restarted the Club!"



Swimming isn't the only sport Kayla has been involved in. Since the age of 15 she has had an interest in sports coaching and has been involved in coaching many other sports such as netball, athletics, hockey, gymnastics and rounders, openly admitting she loves sport in all their various forms. "When I lived in England, coaching became part of my teaching duties and I realised that it was something I wanted to continue doing."

Although life as a swim coach can be chaotic at times, Kayla has learned to embrace the chaos and adapt quickly. "The chaos is part of what makes coaching so fun and you start adapting to and even pre-empting these chaotic moments."

As with everything coaching comes with its challenges at times, but Kayla takes that in her stride and finds some of the challenging aspects of coaching actually enjoyable. "It can be so rewarding finally figuring out how to correct a technical error or explain something to an athlete struggling with a concept. I've definitely used my work mates and my parents as sounding boards, even if they aren't swimmers, just to talk through an idea and find the answer for myself... Talking to other coaches always helps, because we're a team and we work together!"

When challenges are overcome, the rewards are there. "For me, the most rewarding part of coaching isn't actually swimming related. While it's always a good moment to crack a PB or master a technique, I place a lot of importance on building relationships with the athletes and families I coach, and watching 'my' athletes grow as people is so incredible to see." Kayla emphasised that getting to know the swimmers personally is the best part of coaching.

Kayla's coaching style is an amalgamation of all of her previous coaches she had as an athlete. "I always try to think about good coaches I've had or seen and aim to emulate what it was that made them so good, or why they were so influential to me." Kayla's advice to a new coach is "If you're coaching, that probably means you're passionate, and that's possibly the most important thing, so stick with it!"

"I'd love to continue my swim coaching journey in Canada and I plan to coach for a long time because I really do love it...I just want to keep watching athletes improve!"

PORTLAND SWIMMING CLUB



Annual Swim Meet 7 DECEMBER 2024

Competing clubs:

Portland Swimming Club
Warrnambool Swimming Club
Hamilton Olympic Swimming Club
Mt Gambier Swimming Club
Geelong Swimming Club



5
CLUBS

31
EVENTS

107
COMPETITORS

440
STARTS



Southern Blue Fins

7 DECEMBER MEDAL TALLY

10
GOLD

10
SILVER

14
BRONZE

2023 / 2024 Portland Swimming Club Award Recipients



At the last AGM on Sunday 16th June 2024, the following awards were received by club members.

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Rhys

OVERALL EXCELLENCE

Gwyneth

COACH'S AWARDS

Makaylee, Vossie, Quinn, Elora & Riley



From left: Rhys Beddows, Riley Healy, Quinn Ward,
Makaylee Cox, Elora Cleary.

Absent: Gwyneth Homer, Laurens Vosloo

Portland Members 2024 Winter Short Course

MOUNT GAMBIER 2 DAY SHORT COURSE REPORT

Oliver started the day by knocking a huge 8.61 seconds off his 200 free time and then backed it up with another 0.24 out of his 100m Free time making 3 PBs from 3 events which is a great effort.

Gwyneth swam really well and really pushed herself to get close her qualifying times in both 100m and 200m free.



From Left: Matilda Andrews, Oscar Smith,
Oliver Homer, Leo Healy, Gwyneth Homer,
Riley Healy, Makaylee Cox

Makaylee pulled up a little sore today after the 400m on day 1 and gave her 100 and 200 free times a nudge.

The club need to think about a fund-raiser as Leo and Riley needed a trailer to bring home their medals.

Leo starred with three 1st places in 25 Fly (4.39 second PB) 25 free (2.93 second PB) and 50 Breast (new time) and a second in 50 Back with a 1.05 second PB.

Riley swam two new events and placed third in the 25 fly. He was very close to his other two PBs did really well.

Matilda swam the 200 free for a warm up and smashed her PB by a lazy 11.69 seconds and then took on a dreaded 1500m free for the first time and did an amazing job by doing 60 laps.... yes 60 laps in 22.26 minutes This was a proud moment for Matilda putting in an amazing effort that was great to watch. All that training paid off and her lap times were consistent.

BALLARAT SEPTEMBER 2024 SHORT COURSE MEET

Portland swimming club successfully wrapped up this meet with all our competitors swimming PBs in either all or most of their events, some smashing them and even walking away with first and second places in Ballarat!



From left: Gwyneth Homer, Oliver Homer, Laurens Vosloo,, Riley Healy, Leo Healy

COUNTRY JUNIOR DISTRICT COMPETITION MELBOURNE SPORTS AQUATIC CENTRE

Leo, Riley, Bonnie and Vossie were selected by Barwon South West Swimming Association (BSWSA) to compete at the Country Junior District competition, MSAC on Saturday 26 October 2024.

Leo Healy - Leo achieved personal best times in both backstroke and breaststroke, breaking his goal of swimming under 1 minute in 50m breaststroke and achieving 3rd place in his age group for breaststroke. Leo swam freestyle in both relay events for Barwon South West and the team achieved 3rd in both events and improved their overall combined times.

Riley Healy - Riley swam his first 50m butterfly event in a 50m pool and improved on his time which was set in a 25m pool by a whopping 10 seconds! Riley also set a personal best in breaststroke and participated in 2 relay events with the Barwon South West team.

Bonnie Shipard - This was Bonnie's first time swimming at MSAC! To add to the excitement, she successfully improved her times in both her personal events of 50 Breaststroke placing an impressive 7th in her age, and 50 Freestyle, knocking off 4 seconds!

Laurens Vosloo - Vossie was in fine form in his 50m breaststroke event improving his time by a second! He also swam in the Barwon South West Freestyle relay with the team achieving 3rd place for the district!



Rhys Beddows (middle) and Riley Healy (Right)
Participated in the JX competition

VICTORIAN JX COMPETITION OCTOBER 2024

Swimming Australia's Junior Excellence (JX) program recognises the performances of swimmers aged 9 – 13 to encourage and inspire the next generation of competitive swimmers.

JX Award recipients in 24/25: Riley Healy, Rhys Beddows, Laurens Vosloo, Bonnie Shipard, Rebecca Deocampo. All achieving 'Blue' status.

Successful Community Grants



Thank you



Thanks to the Glenelg Shire Council 2023 Community Grants the club picked up some new training equipment at the start of the 2024/2025 season.

The money from the grant aided the club in the purchase of new kickboards, hand paddles and pullbuoys.

The much needed equipment will be of great benefit to all of our swimmers



The Portland Swimming Club is beyond excited to be the recipient of the Glenelg Shire Council Round 2 2024-25 Community Grants Program.



The funds from this grant combined with funds raised in our Easter Raffle, will enable the club to purchase the recommended PA announcement sound system suitably equipped for use at our annual swim meet and other future poolside events.

Once it is up and running, it will benefit our local community as Portland Swimming Club provides essential equipment for the successful running of swim meets for our local schools both at a local and district level.

2024 Celebration Week: 16th – 19th December



THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER Triathlon Thursday

What an awesome night! This week has been so much fun and tonight was the cherry on top. Our first Triathlon was a success!

Thank you to Jamuna Kim Ferguson-Thomas, Oliver and Gwyneth for sharing their equipment, knowledge and love of the sport with us all. It was definitely a new experience for everyone and there was a lot to learn but you guys really helped us all out.

Our team captains Emre, Gwyneth and Oliver led with enthusiasm and encouragement but it was Team Gwyneth who came out on top. If you missed out on tonight, don't worry! We're planning more next year... Also, just in case anyone was curious, Claire Ward came a very clear second to me in the coaches' duel.



MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER Bring a Buddy Monday

Swimmers were asked to bring a buddy or family member to the first fun session of the week resulting in much laughter and delight from all. Parents and friends dived in and dashed to each end together as the coaches put together a cleverly curated mixed bag of fun activities throughout the night.

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER Water Polo Wednesday

A very hard-fought water polo match! Congrats Team Caps who won 6-5, proving you should always wear your swim cap at training.

Lots of laughs and some very competitive swimmers made for an entertaining session. Thanks to Coach Michelle for the equipment and knowledge and Rachael for the expert goal-holding.





Major Meets

BARWON SOUTH WEST SWIMMING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 2025



Barwon South West



From left: Leo Healy, Gwyneth Homer , Matilda Andrews, Oliver Homer, Riley Healy, Rebecca Deocampo, Laurens Vosloo

2025 VICTORIAN COUNTRY ALL JUNIOR FINALS COMPETITION 22 - 23 MARCH

Thanks to the assistance of the Glenelg Shire Council Junior Sports Trust.

Seven of Portland Swimming Club's junior competitors hit the pool for the 2025 Victorian Country All Junior Finals Competition with athletes recording some personal best efforts. Leo Healy recorded the best finish from the group with a ninth place in the nine year old 50m Butterfly



Individual results:

- 9yrs** Leo Healy: 50 butterfly 1:00.36 - 9th Place, 50 backstroke 57.25 - 22nd Place, 50 breaststroke 1:00.16 - 12 Place, 50 freestyle 48.42 - 20th Place
- 10yrs** Rebecca Decampo: 50 backstroke 49.64 - 28th Place, 50 freestyle 40.33 - 22nd Place
- 11yrs** Riley Healy: 50 butterfly 53.89 - 25th Place, 50 backstroke 46.52 - 26th Place, 50 breaststroke 52.70 - 27th Place
- 11yrs** Laurens Vosloo: 50 breaststroke 51.55 - 21st Place, 50 freestyle 37.71 - 24th Place
- 14yrs** Gwyneth Homer: 50 freestyle 32.58 - 25th Place
- 16yrs** Matilda Andrews: 50 butterfly 36.23 - 17th Place
- 16yrs** Oliver Homer: 50 freestyle 29.30 - 14th Place

The Portland Swimming Club extends thanks to Vivienne Kennedy and Paige Clay from Geelong Sharks swimming club for providing coaching and guidance throughout the weekend. Congratulations to all swimmers for their individual achievements!

Barwon South West District Club Development Weekend



The weekend of 29 - 30 March 2025 saw a fantastic abundance of development in Warrnambool for Barwon South West Swimming Clubs. Swimmers, Coaches and Committee members were all treated to various clinics and forum sessions designed to strengthen and develop clubs. Nine swimmers from the Portland Swimming Club were in for a treat today gaining valuable skills from this rare opportunity.

A huge thanks to Swimming Victoria and it is fair to say that the highlight of the weekend was facilitating four amazing coaches providing skills, drills and tips to our swimmers. These included Jayden Brian (head coach from MLC), Matt Welsh OAM (Olympic medallist and former member of the Australian Dolphins), Col Pearse (Paralympic medallist and former member of the Australian Dolphins), and Bowen Gough (Australian champion in the 200m butterfly in 2022, 2023 and 2024 and represented Australia at the World Champs and Commonwealth Games as an Australian Dolphin).

Feedback from all who participated from Portland was extremely positive, and such an awesome experience for our club to be a part of.

2024 - 2025

Treasurers REPORT



Portland Swimming Club Inc.
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

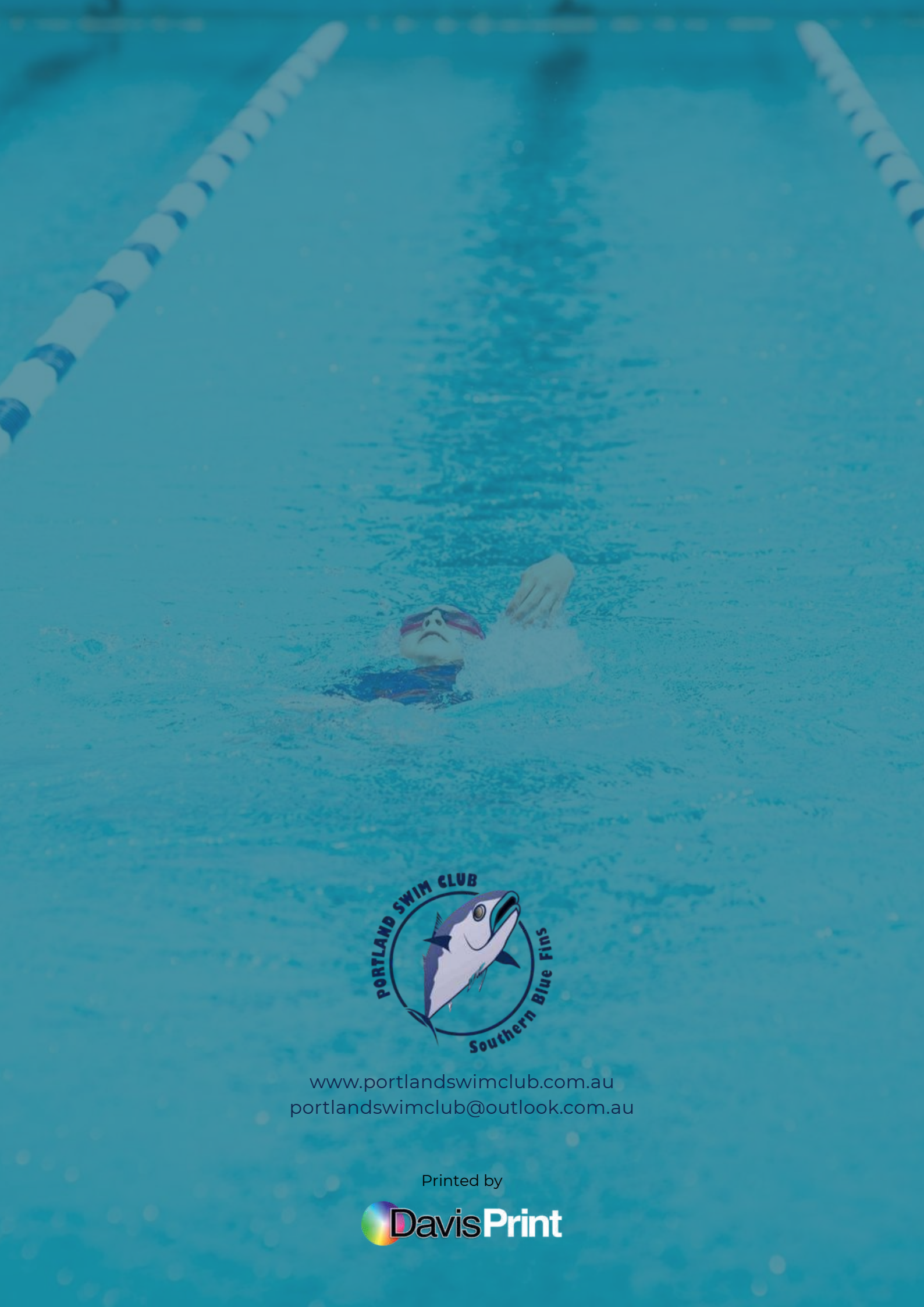
	2025	2024
Opening Bank Balance 1 April	35,335.78	31,566.27
	-	-
Receipts		
Swimming Fees	12,889.05	8,450.30
Fundraising - Raffle	-	2,940.00
Grants	700.00	967.21
Lane Sponsorship	500.00	-
Swim Meets	4,298.11	-
Uniforms	120.00	1,055.85
	18,507.16	13,413.36
	53,842.94	54,979.63
Payments		
Advertising expenses	349.75	-
Affiliation fees - Swim Vic	250.00	615.00
Annual Statement Fee	461.10	61.20
Bank Charges	0.20	1.00
Equipment - Gazebos	-	717.00
Equipment - Timing	-	432.00
Equipment - Hand Paddles, Kickboards Etc	2,618.00	-
Equipment - Laptops	3,100.00	-
Gifts	655.55	211.90
General Expenses	250.00	145.66
Insurance	-	803.75
PO Box Rental	181.00	174.00
Meet Manager	579.38	-
Repairs & Maintenance	437.34	552.30
Staff Training	-	2,275.00
Swim Meet Expenses	2,501.21	2,466.35
Superannuation	598.06	291.22
Swimming Uniforms/Bags	1,132.00	3,086.00
Trophies	693.00	3,045.00
Wages	6,358.20	4,653.17
Workcover	-	113.30
	20,164.79	19,643.85
Closing Bank Balance	33,678.15	35,335.78
Trading Account	-	-
	53,842.94	54,979.63





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