



GRACE SWIMMING



CLUB NEWSLETTER

6th Dec 2023

Club President's Message

Deck the pool with boughs of Holly!

We are just under 3 weeks until the man in red arrives! This is the last club night for 2023, so I'd like thank you for all coming and making club night what it is, a fun and relaxed environment for our kids to swim.

A big thanks to the committee and the helpers in Flippers, we could not run without any of you. You are an amazing team. Thank you for all your support! Thank you to all the volunteers who have timekept, baked and cooked the BBQ!!

Huge thank you to our wonderful coaches, Chris, Josh and Alanah who encourage, push and make our kids better swimmers. Thank you for the support you give inside and outside the pool. We appreciate you!

Good Luck to our State Swimming Team who are heading out on Saturday for the relays and individual swims next week. Congratulations to Coach Josh and Macey who have been selected in the Brisbane Regional Relay Team. Good Luck to everyone!

From me, I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I love this Grace Swimming family and I am very proud to be the president of such a great club. Thank you to all of you!

Enjoy the break and I will see you all in 2024!

Lyndsay Lawler
Club President



JOKE OF THE WEEK

Where does Santa swim?
The North Pool!

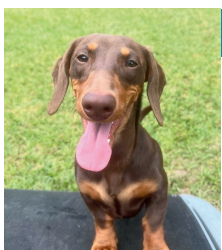
COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILES



Steve Tood

Club Night Coordinator

I grew up in Maryborough prior to joining the Police Academy in 1984. I have 3 years, 2 months and 19 days 'till I retire, but hey, who's counting! Jenny and I have been married for 36 years and have raised 3 children here in Rothwell. My family's first association with Grace Swimming Club started in 2001 when our youngest, Sarah now 28, learnt to swim with "Mr D" before the Learn to Swim existed. Sarah joined Aleisha & Ben for their first club nights in the 2003 season. Plucking up the courage to perform time keeping was probably my first volunteering task! Since then I have had many roles at the club including BBQ cooker, Saturday morning Bacon & egg and pancake flipper, race secretary, club night coordinator, team manager at National Meets, committee member and vice-president. Sarah's swimming saw us attend meets all over the country at National Championships. Being a swim parent has been about supporting Sarah to reach her goals. We would have loved to have seen how far Sarah could have gone in swimming, but it was her choice when she ended her competitive swimming to concentrate fully on her university studies. I was very honoured to receive a life membership from the club in 2013 and have been continuing as "Mr Music" and club night coordinator since. Some of you may know our daughter Aleisha and son-in-law Michael, as Mr & Mrs Still, who are teacher at Grace. We have 3 grandchildren who are 7.5, 6 & 2.5 years in various learn to swim levels, so I may be around for a few years to come, especially if any of them follow in Aunt Sar Sar's footsteps. I have enjoyed being involved in such a great family club for many years and look forward to continuing to support Grace swimmers in the future.



Amanda Rattenbury



Race Secretary

I've been race secretary at Grace since March of this year. When I'm not drawing up timekeeping rosters, I am a high school HPE teacher. I have 4 kids, the oldest two, Jack and Leopold, being Grace swimmers. We landed in the world of swimming clubs after Jack started squads. It came to a point where he had to choose between swimming and gymnastics. He chose swimming as he wanted to win age champion at the school swimming carnivals. I was happy with his choice as I thought it was a cheap sport. I quickly realised I was very wrong. Leopold was pretty much born swimming, able to swim unassisted in the pool since he was 18 months old. He is super competitive and lives for club nights, race meets, winning trophies and breaking records. I have zero history with swimming, however I used to be a keen outrigger canoe racer, and netballer. In my spare time (what spare time!?) you will usually find me at the dog park with my sausage dog.



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Keeping Up To Date

Our **website** and **social media** pages are great ways to stay up to date with what is happening in and around Grace Swimming. If you're interested, go ahead and like our **Instagram** and **Facebook** page [@graceswimming](https://www.instagram.com/graceswimming).

On **Facebook**, we have a community group called POGS (Parents of Grace Swimming) where you can ask any question, post about results, or you want to connect more with other members of the club.

Meet Mobile is an app which all results from Club Nights and outside competitions are posted to.



You can download it from your App Store and you can then track your swimmers' times each week.

Please feel free to ask any of our club members about the app, if you have any questions.

Uniform Information Update

Grace Swimming Uniforms are available for all swimmers who are competing at any level.

We are currently looking at a new supplier and will have samples next week for try-ons and orders. While we are in the transition, we have old stock on sale.

Polos = **ON SALE**
Hoodies = **ON SALE**
Caps = \$20
Trucker Hats = \$15
T-Shirts = \$25

Renee Tragis
Uniform Co-ordinator



SATURDAY, 16 DECEMBER



GRACE SWIMMING

Pool
Christmas
party

**BBQ AVAILABLE II INFLATABLES
@ GRACE SWIMMING POOL**

8AM - 10AM



CLUB NIGHT

The summer storm season beat us again last week, so no club night news.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas period with family and friends, and remembers "the reason for the season"

Don't forget to get your nominations in for next club night, it will sneak up on you before you know it!!

EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

24/01/24

Freestyle
200/400/800/1500

Butterfly
12.5/25/50/100

Freestyle
12.5/25/50/100

Backstroke
12.5/25/50/100

All enquiries about club night nominations can be directed to me at: clubnight@graceswim.org.au

Steve Todd
Club Night Co-ordinator



CLUB PAYMENTS



Bank Account Details

Please ensure that any payments that are related to Grace Swimming Club are deposited to the Swimming Club account with a meaningful reference. For example you can provide the following: swimmers surname and an abbreviation of the funds purpose (see below). This is to ensure the funds are allocated to correct swimmer for correct purpose. Account details and suggest reference list is as follows:

Account Name:	Grace Swim Club	Purpose	Abbreviation
BSB:	034 059	Training Shirt	TS
Account Number:	219053	Swim Cap	SC
Reference:	Bloggs_TShirt	State Singlet	SS
		Club Shirt	CS
		Trophy Night	TN

Any deposits for Squad or Learn To Swim fees are to be deposited to the Grace Swimming Operations account:

BSB: 034 059
Account Number: 344735

We have a PaySquare at each club night for any EFTPOS purchases.

Should you ever want to clarify the account details or have any enquiries regarding Swimming Club payments, you are welcome to contact the treasurer at treasurer@graceswim.org.au

Harvey Foroush
Club Treasurer



OUT & ABOUT

Welcome to all our new members! Please find below a list of Upcoming Meets (entries currently open on Swim Central), and Save The Date meets (entries not yet open). Nominations for meets are via Swim Central. If you would like any help with entering meets, please let me know.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR STATE SWIMMERS

Relay Teams: Savanna A, Sam B, Abbey C, Hayden D, Lauren D, Hayden F, Soha F, Cayleigh G, Mia H, Leo L, Macey L, Josh M, Maddison M, Xander M, Lachlan M, Blade M, Andrew P, Jack R, Chloe S, Alia S, Freya S

Individual Swimmers: Sam B, Samantha B, Hayden D, Lauren D, Hayden F, Lachlan F, Soha F, Macey L, Josh M, Xander M, Blade M, Alia S, Lily S, Sheldon V-D, Chloe W



UPCOMING MEETS

Sunday 14th January - Lawton LC Sprint Prep Meet

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 20th January - Bracken Ridge Junior SC Transition Meet
Entries close Friday 12th Jan

Sunday 21st January - Southern Cross Transition Meet

Wednesday 24th - Saturday 27th January
- 2024 Australian Open Water Championships
Qualifying times apply.

Saturday 27th - Sunday 28th January
- 2024 Brisbane Sprint Championships
Qualifying times apply. Minimum age 8 years.

Sunday 4th February - Belgravia LC Prep Meet

Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th February
- 2024 QLD Sprint Championships
Qualifying times apply. Minimum age 10 years.

HAPPY SWIMMING!

Amanda Rattenburg
Race Secretary



UPCOMING MEETS

APR **MAR** **FEB** **JAN** **DEC**

9th to 15th - QLD State LC Championships



14th - Lawnton LC Sprint Prep Meet

24th to 27th - Australian Open Water Championships

27th & 28th - Brisbane Sprint Championships

4th - Belgravia LC Prep Meet

11th - QLD Sprint Championships

2nd to 3rd - Brisbane Junior Metropolitan Championships

8th to 10th - Brisbane Senior Metropolitan Championships

16th to 17th - Speedo National Prep Meet

6th to 14th - Australian Age Championships

17th to 20th - Australian Open Championships

SAVE THE DATES



6 & 13 March **Club Championships**

Please note: these dates are Wednesday nights



11 May

Trophy Presentation Night
Norths Leagues Club

How many Santa's can you find?

See Coach Josh if you know the answer!

