

2016-2017 Season – Race Secretary’s Report

Introduction

At the 2016 Annual General Meeting, our Race Secretary, Scott Estreich, retired after many years. Scott was an extraordinary Race Secretary, with an encyclopaedic knowledge of racing matters. Through the years I have known Scott, he has always been obliging and patient with parent enquiries and most attentive to the needs of competitive swimmers. On behalf of our club, I warmly thank Scott for his devoted service.

During the 2016/2017 season, Sandgate swimmers competed at two State Championships, six Brisbane Championships, six A Grade meets, one B Grade meet, six Development meets and one introductory meet – from the Australian Crawl A Grade Short Course meet in June 2016 through to the Brisbane Senior Metropolitan Championships in March 2017. A summary of meets attended and performances is included in Table 1.

Championships – Regional and State

This season our club made history. For the first time, Sandgate was represented at all six Brisbane championship meets.

Brisbane Short Course

Four swimmers – Chloe Edwards, Tim Estreich, Caitlin Pett and Edyn Winn – competed in seven events.

Brisbane Open Water

Four swimmers – Chloe Edwards (12th), Jasmine Fraser (14th), Jessica Mikitis (24th) and Edyn Winn (17th) – competed in the gruelling 1.25km swim and did our club proud.

Brisbane Relays

A great highlight of the club’s season was the remarkable attendance by 35 swimmers at the Brisbane Relay Championships. In the recorded memory of our club, this is the largest contingent – 14 teams – to contest the championships and the only one to place in the march past – 2nd. There were four top 20 placings in the 4 x 50 relays. Boys 16&U, Tim and Harry Estreich, Josh Thomas and Lucas Abbey, came 11th in the medley and 16th in the freestyle. Girls 12&U, Anneli Murdoch, Jessica Mikitis, Jasmine Fraser and Chloe Edwards, came 16th in the freestyle and 18th in the medley.

Brisbane Sprints

At the Brisbane Sprint Championships, 16 swimmers qualified in 56 events, up from 12 swimmers in 35 events last season. This season’s qualifiers were Lucas Abbey, Poppy Clements, Bless Daly, Naomi Dufourq, Chloe and Riley Edwards, Harry and Tim Estreich, Jasmine Fraser, Olive Hutchinson, Ivy and Leni Lauder, Jessica Mikitis, Anneli Murdoch, Caitlin Pett and Joshua Thomas.

Highlights included:

1. top 10: Bless Daly – 9th in free and fly; Harry Estreich – 10th in breast and Jasmine Fraser – 7th in free and 5th in fly;
2. top 20: Bless Daly – 12th in back and 16th in breast; Chloe Edwards – 18th in fly; Riley Edwards – 19th in breast, Harry Estreich – 16th in back; Jasmine Fraser – 16th in breast and 19th in back; Olive Hutchinson – 17th in breast and 18th in back and Ivy Lauder – 15th in fly;
3. Lucas Abbey, Chloe Edwards, Harry Estreich, Jasmine Fraser, Anneli Murdoch and Joshua Thomas competed in all four strokes; and
4. Lucas Abbey, 16, Harry Estreich, 16, Tim Estreich, 15, and Anneli Murdoch, 12, competed in open events.

Junior Mets

This season, 11 swimmers qualified in 33 events; up from 5 swimmers in 18 events in 2016. The 2017 qualifiers were Bless Daly, Jesse Daly, Naomi Dufourq, Chloe Edwards, Riley Edwards, Jasmine Fraser, Olive Hutchinson, Ivy Lauder, Leni Lauder, Anneli Murdoch and Caitlin Pett.

Special mention must be made of:

1. top 10: Bless Daly – 6th in 50 fly, 9th in 50 free and 10th in 50 back and Chloe Edwards – 8th in 400 free;
2. finalist: Anneli Murdoch in 200 back and Anneli finally received her Top 10 ribbon for 5th in 800 free last year;
3. top 20: Bless Daly – 14th in 50 breast, Chloe Edwards – 11th in 100 breast, 12th in 100 fly, 17th in 100 back and 19th in 200 medley, Jasmine Fraser – 15th in 100 free and 18th in 100 back and Olive Hutchinson – 20th in 50 breast;
4. Bless Daly, qualifying in all four strokes, Jesse Daly, Naomi Dufourq, Riley Edwards, Ivy Lauder, Leni Lauder and Caitlin Pett, competed in their first Junior Championships.

Senior Mets

At the Senior Metropolitan Championships, Sandgate was represented by club stalwarts, Harry and Tim Estreich. Tim swam a great PB in the 100 freestyle and Harry, also swimming a PB, was a finalist in the 100 breaststroke, placing 7th.

Brisbane Premiership

Sandgate competed in the Third Division of Brisbane Swimming, along with 39 other clubs. After competing in all six Brisbane Championship Events, Sandgate finished 2nd – up from 6th last season – and, so, our club will be promoted to the Second Division next season. This is an extraordinary achievement by our swimmers and coaches, who are to be congratulated on their magnificent team effort.

Queensland Short Course Championships

In the previous 2015/2016 season, no Sandgate swimmer had competed at the state short course championships. Pleasingly, in the August 2016 state championships, three swimmers – Chloe Edwards, Jasmine Fraser and Edyn Winn – competed in eight events for six PBs.

Queensland Championships

At the Queensland Championships in December, eight of our swimmers (up from four last season) competed in the Club Relays. Competition was fierce and we were very proud of our swimmers' efforts. Girls 12&U, Anneli Murdoch, Chloe Edwards, Jasmine Fraser and Jessica Mikitis, came 27th in the medley and 28th in the free. Boys 16&U, Tim and Harry Estreich, Joshua Thomas and Lucas Abbey came 31st in both medley and free.

Queensland Sprints

For the Queensland Sprint Championships in February, 11 swimmers – Lucas Abbey, Naomi Dufourq, Harry Estreich, Tim Estreich, Jasmine Fraser, Leni Lauder, Blake Mikitis, Jessica Mikitis, Anneli Murdoch, Caitlin Pett and Joshua Thomas – competed in a total of 26 events; up from nine swimmers competing in 19 events last season.

Of special note:

1. Jasmine Fraser swam a sub 30 second 50 free, to qualify for the finals and finished 5th;
2. Jasmine Fraser also finished 12th in 50 fly and Harry Estreich finished 19th in 50 breaststroke;

3. Naomi Dufourq, Leni Lauder, Blake and Jessica Mikitis and Caitlin Pett swam in their first State Championships;
4. Jasmine Fraser and Anneli Murdoch qualified in all four strokes;
5. Lucas Abbey and Harry Estreich swam in open events, as well as individual age groups.

Club meets

In total, 39 Sandgate swimmers attended at least one swimming meet during the 2016/ 2017 season, with 11 swimmers attending seven or more meets. This is an increase from 24 swimmers last season and 20 swimmers the previous season. It is a very welcome continuing upward trend and largely due to the gentle encouragement of younger swimmers by our Head Coach, Jacqui Francis.

Across the short and long course seasons, Sandgate swimmers won a total of 103 medals – 43 gold, 31 silver, 29 bronze and 4 IM Champ medals. Cyd Ansell, Bless Daly, Jesse Daly, Naomi Dufourq, Chloe Edwards, Riley Edwards, Harry Estreich, Tim Estreich, Rhiannon Hagan, Olive Hutchinson, Jasmine Fraser, Ivy Lauder, Leni Lauder, Blake Mikitis, Jessica Mikitis, Anneli Murdoch and Joshua Thomas all won medals at meets this season.

Records review

To recognise the achievements of our competitive swimmers, our club has reinstated long course records, which had not been maintained since the 1994/ 1995 season when we still called the Sandgate Foreshore pool home, and expanded short course records to include those set at external meets.

Surprisingly, in this digital age, compiling long and short course records was a complex task – requiring the sourcing of times from many different data bases – and consuming countless hours. Scott and Helen Estreich, life members, provided invaluable assistance in locating older data and I am most grateful to them. After months of painstaking detective work, the club now has a comprehensive set of long and short course records.

Records broken 2016/ 2017

Our Sandgate swimmers broke 74 records at long and short course meets this season. Head Coach, Jacqui Francis, inspired her swimmers to give of their very best and they were sensational in the pool.

Total records	Name	All Age records	Long course records	Short Course records
15	Anneli Murdoch	3	6	6
13	Bless Daly		6	7
13	Chloe Edwards	3	2	8
11	Rhiannon Hagan	2	6	3
7	Jasmine Fraser	1	2	4
3	Harry Estreich		3	
2	Tim Estreich		1	1
2	Olive Hutchinson		2	
2	Jessica Mikitis		1	1
2	Joshua Thomas		2	
1	Lucas Abbey		1	
1	Jesse Daly		1	
1	Riley Edwards			1
1	Mikayla Thomas			1
1	Edyn Winn		1	
74		9	34	32

Records broken pre-2016/ 2017

The thorough review of long and short course records revealed a number of records that had been broken by current club members in their earlier years with the club, but, until now, these records had not been recognised and celebrated.

Breaking records in their past seasons with the club were:

Total records	Name	All Age records	Long course records	Short Course records
34	Harry Estreich	8	23	3
18	Anneli Murdoch		16	2
12	Kate Estreich	1	9	2
8	Rhiannon Hagan		6	2
8	Mikayla Thomas	1	6	1
6	Chloe Edwards		3	3
6	Joshua Thomas		6	
5	Lucas Abbey		4	1
5	Bless Daly		4	1
2	Tim Estreich		2	
104		10	79	15

Conclusion

Congratulations to our awesome swimmers, our inspirational Head Coach, Jacqui Francis, and her enthusiastic coaching staff, Claire, Hamish and Lucas, and a huge thank you to our incredibly supportive parents for a brilliant season of swimming.

Table 1: Swimming meets

Date	Meet	Swimmers	Events	PBs	Gold	Silver	Bronze
12.6.16	Australian Crawl A Grade SC	3	14	7		3	
26.6.16	Albany Creek SC Qualifying	3	15	11	4	2	4
17.7.16	Speedo SC Qualifying	2	9	8			
31.7.16	Brisbane SC Championships	4	7	4			
20.8.16	Runcorn SC Introductory	13	50	24	12	3	3
28.8.16	Qld SC Championship	3	8	6			
11.9.16	Australian Crawl A Grade LC	4	15	7		1	
24.9.16	Miami Spring B Grade LC	1	5	2			1
9.10.16	Redcliffe Spring A Grade LC	4	16	10	3	3	2
16.10.16	Colmslie Development LC	3	13	8	6	1	2
23.10.16	East Brisbane Development LC	4	18	8	2	3	1
6.11.16	Lawnton A Grade LC	10	39	12		6	6
13.11.16	Pine Rivers SC Development	2	13	4	4		2
26.11.16	Albany Creek Development LC	12	44	11	2	2	3
3.12.16	Acacia Bayside IM Dev LC	5	24	10			
15.1.17	East Brisbane development LC	1	3	3	1	1	
22.1.17	Commercial A Grade LC	17	58	24	1	4	1
5.2.17	Brisbane Sprint Champs LC	16	56	28			
19.2.17	Qld Sprint Champs LC	11	26	12			
26.2.17	Brisbane Junior Met Champs SC	11	31	23			
12.3.17	Redcliffe Development LC	11	45	11	8	2	4
18.3.17	Brisbane Senior Met Champs LC	2	2	2			
	Totals	142	511	244	43	31	29

Full results from all meets can be found at <http://sandswim.com.au/?Swim Meet Info and Results>



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Great Racing, Sportsmanship &
2nd: Club March-Past Competition

