



The Newsletter of

# Wodonga Swim Club

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It's hard to believe that it is the month of June already, and that only a short time ago, our swimmers were competing in the major competitions that come at the end of the swimming season. Welcome to all our swimmers and families for the start of the new season, and a special welcome to all our **new** members. We are excited and looking forward to a fantastic season ahead.

Last month, many of our swimmers attended a special Stroke Development clinic, conducted by club coaches, Michael Ursu and Jenny Weldon. Our swimmers were able to view themselves on the new club underwater camera, many for the first time. This is a great coaching and development tool and a sophisticated development for the club. The clinic was highly successful and will be a cornerstone for many swimmers.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 6th June** W SC General Meeting, including organisational proposals and election of office bearers.
- 9th June** GT Short Course meet
- 11th June** Queen's Birthday holiday training will be 2-4pm. No morning swimming.
- 24th June** Wodonga Short Course meet
- 1st July** Rutherglen SC meet
- 3rd July** WSC General Meeting
- 15th July** Wangaratta SC meet

Refer to coaches memos and O&M website for recommended meets, events and closing dates for entries. Entries should be submitted to Peter Koch prior to closing dates, to allow adequate processing time.

[Checkout Wodonga Swimming Club on Facebook!](#)

## CLUB MEETINGS

Wodonga Swim Club (WSC) General Meetings are held at 6.00pm on the first Tuesday of each month upstairs at the Leisure Centre. All welcome to attend. Any agenda items should be given to the secretary, Sue Robey prior to the meeting. An agenda will be sent out by email before the meeting. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

## BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

- Willis Morrow** turns 10 on 11th June.
- Blaynee** turns 10 on 27th June.
- Happy Birthday to both of you.

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## NEW POOL UPDATE

Watch this space as we bring you progress on the new complex.

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## DEVELOPING THE CLUB FOR THE FUTURE

As the new swim season commences, club president Harald Stadelmann has taken the opportunity to develop the organisation to help meet the future needs of an increasingly successful and growing club. A copy of the proposed organisational structure is attached and will be explained at the next club meeting. The bottom line is to give swimmers the best opportunity to achieve their ambitions, but the structure gives great opportunities for parent involvement and shared workloads. If you have skills or interests that would strengthen the club, Harald would love to hear from you.

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## New Swimmers

Welcome to fourteen new swimmers who have commenced training with our club:

- Emily Crispin, Adam Davies, Sarah Davies, Sean Jones, Will Matheson, Ella McLean, Euon McLeod, Lucinda McLeod, Tom Newton, Pat North, Emma Parker, Georgia Polkinghorne, Alex Seyes and Claudia Ziebarth.

## REMINDER

Our club will be hosting the Wodonga Short Course meet on 24th June. With all hands on deck, we should have a great meet.

## NEW INITIATIVES

Wodonga Swim Club is proud to have had 8 national swimmers and 15 state swimmers amongst our membership. Our club has increased its national rank in the last season and club coach, Michael Ursu believes we have the potential to achieve an even higher rank!

This can be done by investing in our swimmers and to that end, the club will be establishing an **Athletes Fund**. This fund will be held separately to money that is used to run the operations of the club. We gratefully acknowledge the generous contribution by the McLeod family to the Athletes Fund.

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## MAGNIFICENT

It has already been said, but it was such a great job that it is worth saying again-

MAGNIFICENT effort by Jo Jarrou and her team to clean and revitalize the clubrooms for the O&M AGM. Thank you to all who donated food and precious time to the cause. We are truly proud.

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## OVENS AND MURRAY NEWS

**We are proud to announce that Wodonga Swim Club is the winner of the Red Gum Trophy for 2011 –12. This is determined on a points system and is awarded to the Champion club in the Ovens and Murray district and our club won with a staggering 1000 points. Full story on the website.**

## CLUB WEAR

Our new manager (designate) of Equipment and Uniforms, Julie McLeod is the lady to see for club bathers, caps and uniforms. See Julie at the pool .

[www.wodongaswimclub.org.au](http://www.wodongaswimclub.org.au)

The club website is going to be updated regularly.

*Many thanks to the HOUSE family for donating bread to recent club events. Support them by shopping at Bakers Delight in Albury (both centres).*

*Thanks also to Harald who has quietly and very generously donated so many things to the club, including a computer and software.*

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## FUNDRAISING

Our new Grants and Fundraising Manager, Michelle House, is enthusiastically investigating grants and potential sponsors for the club, as well as club fundraising activities. If you have any business contacts or suggestions, she is all ears!

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## NEW TO SWIMMING??

If you are new to swimming you may find the following websites helpful:

[www.wodongaswimclub.org.au](http://www.wodongaswimclub.org.au)

[www.oandmdistrictswimming.org.au](http://www.oandmdistrictswimming.org.au)

[www.swimmingvictoria.org.au](http://www.swimmingvictoria.org.au)

[www.swimmingaustralia.org.au](http://www.swimmingaustralia.org.au)

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## COMMUNICATIONS

Karen Hindmarsh is the Club Communications Manager. She has done a fantastic job for the club on Facebook

Talk to Karen if you can help her or if she can help you by getting messages out.

## HouseWalks

Jodie House takes a waking group at 6.15am most mornings from the pool. Join in and get some exercise while the kids swim!

## TRAINING FEES

Our new treasurer will be up and running shortly and whizzing off tax invoices faster than a speeding bullet. In the meantime, we are grateful for your patience.