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The Surrey Park Masters

We are pleased to officially welcome Surrey Park Masters as part of the Surrey Park Swimming community.

This integration brings together swimmers across all stages of life, from first lessons through to lifelong participation, under one united club. Masters swimming has long been an important part of our broader swimming community, and we are proud to see it formally aligned within Surrey Park Swimming.

What is Surrey Park Masters? Masters is a group of enthusiastic adult swimmers ranging from former competitive athletes to swimmers looking to stay active. We are about promoting swimming for lifelong fitness, health, and pleasure.

Why Join Masters?

Fitness at Your Pace: Whether you're looking to get back into shape, maintain your fitness, or push your limits, swimming is an excellent low-impact exercise that enhances cardiovascular health, flexibility, and strength.

Stress Relief: Dive into the water and leave your day-to-day stresses on land. Swimming has been proven to reduce stress levels and improve mental health.

Social Interaction: Meet new friends and reconnect with old ones in our friendly and supportive environment. The group hosts regular social events, swim meets, and group practices.

Family-Friendly Timing: We understand the busy schedules of parents! Our practice sessions are designed to fit conveniently into your day, with multiple time options to ensure you can find a slot that works for you.

Open Water and Bay Swims: Adventure beyond the pool with our open water and bay swims. Many of our members participate in open water competitions and enjoy regular swims in the bay during the open water season. It's a thrilling way to experience swimming in natural environments.

Competition: For those with a competitive spirit, our members actively participate in competitive swimming events, from state-level meets to national championships and even the World Championships. It's a fantastic opportunity to challenge yourself and achieve new personal bests.

How to Get Started?

Joining is easy! Visit our next practice session as a guest and meet our coaches and fellow club members. We offer trial sessions for you to experience the fun first hand before making any commitments.

For session times and locations, please contact us. We look forward to swimming with you!

Website: surreypark.org.au/club-swimming/#squads

Email: masters.membership@surreypark.org.au





LEARN TO SWIM NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SWIM SCHOOL

We are now well into Term 1, and it has been fantastic to see swimmers settling into their lessons and making steady progress in the water. From first splashes to stronger stroke development, our instructors are enjoying working with each swimmer as confidence and skills continue to grow week by week.

Consistency is one of the most important factors in swimming progress, and it's great to see so many families maintaining regular attendance and supporting their children as they develop this important lifelong skill.

A few helpful reminders as the term continues:

- Please arrive a little early to allow time for changing and poolside preparation
- Ensure swimmers bring goggles, caps and drink bottles to each lesson
- Let our team know if there have been any updates to medical information or availability
- If you have questions about your child's progress, please speak with our Lead Instructors wearing the red tops
- Please remember our no-photo policy on pool deck

We look forward to seeing swimmers continue to build confidence, technique and water safety skills throughout the remainder of the term.

Thank you for being part of the Surrey Park Swimming community — we'll see you poolside!

Charity Dickins
Swim School Manager

SWIM SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

- Last day of term 1 -Thursday 2nd April
- **Payment for term 2 due Thursday 2nd April**
- Block 2 dates (Aqualink - midweek pm and weekend swimmers) Monday 13th April to Sunday 5th July
- **Term 2 dates (Aqualink – all divers, midweek am swimmers and all Blackburn swimmers) Monday 20th April to Sunday 28th June**
- Please note, to deliver 46 week program, there is no break between Block 2 and 3, you will continue to have lessons over the July school holiday break

SCHOOL HOLIDAY INTENSIVE PROGRAM

- **Week 1 Tues 7th to Friday 10th April**
- **Week 2 Monday 13th to Friday 17th April**
- **Preschool, School age, Private and Teen classes available**
- Diving classes available at Aqualink Box Hill

SPECIALIST LESSONS AVAILABLE:

- Breaststroke and Butterfly skills
- **Breaststroke kick lessons**
- All lessons at Aqualink are 30 minutes (excluding development squad (Level 8) and diving)
- **All lessons at Blackburn are 40 minutes**



IMPORTANT UPDATES

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SWIM SCHOOL

Changes to Our Re-Enrolment Process

Following feedback from our swim community, we are updating our re-enrolment process to give families greater control over their accounts and class places.

Going forward, swimmers will automatically remain in their current class for the following term unless families advise us otherwise. 3 weeks before the end of each term (16th March), a charge for the next term will be added to your account and payment will be required before the end of the current term to secure your place.

If you do not wish to continue, you can submit a Drop Class request through the Customer Portal (in the Enrolments section, where the Transfer option is located).

Requests will be reviewed by our team and fees will be removed once approved. Alternatively please speak to a member of our customer service team.

We kindly ask families to submit drop requests as early as possible, as many swimmers are waiting to transfer into available classes.

This change helps reduce the risk of families losing their preferred class due to missed payments and allows smoother movement for swimmers progressing through levels.

If you need assistance with the portal or your enrolment, our team is always happy to help.

Make ups

Please remember you must have a current active enrolment to be able to book into a make up class. As we have extended the time you have to find an alternative class, we are not able to extend them further.

Membership benefits for our families

Many private health insurance policies include extras that may cover swimming and water safety lessons for children.

Because Surrey Park Swimming is a registered provider through our industry membership, families may be able to claim a rebate on their lessons depending on their health fund.

We encourage parents to check with their provider to see if swimming lessons are included in their policy and whether they may be eligible to claim.

Follow Surrey Park Swimming on RedNote and WeChat

We're excited to share that Surrey Park Swimming is now on RedNote and WeChat.

These platforms allow us to share swimming tips, water safety information, program updates, and videos from our instructors and pools.

If you use these platforms, we encourage you to follow and connect with us to stay updated with what's happening across our swim school and club.

Another way to stay connected with our community and your child's swimming journey.

THE GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER CLAIM YOURS NOW

USE TO PAY YOUR TERM 2 FEES FROM 16 MARCH

Great news for families!

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program now open – which means you could get up to \$200 off your child's swim lessons at Surrey Park Swimming for Term 2 or our holiday program.

If your child (0–18 years old) lives in Victoria and meets one of the following, they may be eligible:

Named on a Health Care Card and Medicare Card

Named on a Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare Card

Hold a temporary, provisional or student visa, or be an undocumented migrant

- Round 10 applications open: 3 March 2026
- Round 10 applications close: 2 April 2026 at 10am (or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted)
- Voucher expiry date: 29 April 2026

Just use our Surrey Park Swimming Provider code: **2931371** when applying.

Don't miss out on this amazing saving – enrol your kids into swim lessons today and give them the skills for life, with a little extra help from the Get Active Voucher!

APPLY FOR VOUCHERS NOW

Once you receive your voucher, email it to us before end of Term and we will apply this against Term 2 charges.





A Gentle First Swimming Experience for Your Baby

Introducing **FREE 3-6 month Teeny Tots** classes.

Give your baby a calm and gentle introduction to the water with our **FREE** 3–6 Month Baby Swim Introduction.

Designed especially for first-time parents, these nurturing classes help you learn how to safely hold, support and read your baby's cues while building early comfort and confidence in the water.

Sessions are available at:
Blackburn & Heidelberg:
 (32°C mineral water pool) and
Aqualink Box Hill
 (33°C warm indoor pool).

Guided by infant-trained instructors with parents in the water at all times. Early swimming supports water familiarity, safety awareness and coordination, providing the perfect first step in your baby's learn-to-swim journey.

Sign up via the customer portal or speak to our customer service team.

Call 9898 8876



Try Diving with a Free Trial Lesson.

Dive into a **FREE** Lesson, Book **NOW**.

Curious about diving?

Surrey Park Swimming is offering **FREE** Learn to Dive trial lessons at Aqualink Box Hill for swimmers ready to try something new in the water.

Guided by experienced coaches, students learn the basics of springboard diving, body control and safe water entry in a supportive environment.

Diving is a fun way to build strength, coordination and confidence while exploring a new aquatic pathway.

If your child is level 3 and above and over the age of 6, speak to our customer service team to book your trial session today.

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If your child is enrolled in two lessons per week. For example, one swim lesson and one dive lesson, or two swim lessons - you'll receive a **25%** discount on the second lesson.

**It's a great way to boost skills
and save!**

SAFELY ENGAGING WITH WATER

Beginner adult water safety program for our cultural and linguistically diverse communities

Ready to learn to swim? Our 10 week beginner swim program is open to adults from our multicultural communities. Our program is designed to help you build confidence, learn essential swimming skills, and feel safe in the water - all under the guidance of our friendly swimming instructors!

THE DETAILS:-

- 10 week program
- Aqualink Box Hill facility
- Wednesday nights 7.30 - 8:00pm
- 30min lessons
- Separate classes for women and men

Classes begin Monday 20th of April

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SWIM SCHOOL REMINDERS

BLACKBURN CUSTOMERS

- Please sign in at the check-in kiosks located at reception when you arrive for your lesson.

SIGN IN



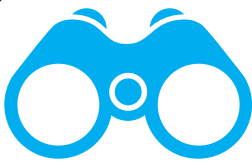
AQUALINK CUSTOMERS

- Please download the Customer Portal App for easy access.
- Use the app to scan the QR code on entry to your lesson.
- If someone else is bringing your child or you sometimes have connection issues, we recommend taking a photo of the QR code in advance.



No photography or video recording

Taking photos or videos at any of our centres is prohibited. As is use of video and recording devices in our change rooms.



Supervision

All children under 10 years old must be actively supervised by an adult during their lessons. Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe!

MAKE-UP LESSONS

- Please provide at least **1 hour's notice** if you're going to miss a lesson. **Please remember, no notice = no token**
- With this notice, you are eligible to 2 make up tokens per month
- All make-up tokens will be added to your account after the missed class.
- Tokens are valid for 90 days and can only be used if you have an **active current enrolment**.



Reporting Absences

- We strongly recommend reporting any absences through the Customer Portal App.
- Even if you don't need a make-up, letting us know when you're not coming helps others find a make-up spot.
- Your help really makes a difference in keeping the schedule flexible for everyone!

Swimming Questions and progressions

Did you know that you can keep a track of your child's progression on the customer portal. Just look in your child's account and click on the evaluations tab (the one with the star). If you have any questions please feel free to chat with the Lead Instructor on deck. They're always happy to help!

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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.





CLUB SQUAD NEWS

Following on from our last newsletter, it has been an incredibly successful period for Surrey Park Swimming Club across multiple competitions.

At the Victorian Age Long Course Championships, the club delivered an outstanding performance to place 3rd overall, a tremendous achievement and a reflection of the depth and strength of our age group program.

We also had a very successful outing at the Victorian Open Water Championships, with strong performances across the board.

Two of our High Performance swimmers recently travelled to Dubai with the Horton Squad to compete at the Dubai Open.

Both swimmers achieved new personal best times, with Anthony Boussonis earning a fantastic bronze medal in the 50m Backstroke. Congratulations to Anthony and Tanin on representing the club so strongly on the international stage.

Closer to home, we competed at the Victorian Metro Championships, where the club placed 2nd overall, followed by another 2nd place finish at the Victorian Open Championships

These results highlight the consistency, commitment and quality of work being produced across all squads.

Congratulations to all swimmers and coaches on what has been a very successful stretch of competition.

Club Nights will return in Term 4 and we've seen excellent participation numbers across

all sessions. We strongly encourage all Junior Squad and Development Squad swimmers to keep an eye out for its return and take advantage of these racing opportunities.

We strongly encourage all Junior Squad and Development Squad swimmers to get involved and take advantage of these racing opportunities.

As we look ahead, preparations are well underway for the Australian Age Championships and Australian Open Championships in April.

We wish all Surrey Park swimmers competing the very best — we look forward to seeing you represent the club with pride.

Regards,
Eli



VICTORIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Recently at the Victorian Open Championships, our swimmers had plenty of quality performances, PBs and tough battles across the 3 day program.

It was great to see our swimmers step up, execute race plans and compete with confidence against some of the state and nations best.

Finishing 2nd overall in the point score is a credit to the depth, consistency and team culture within the club.

The competition provided valuable preparation and learnings as we build towards Open and Age Nationals.

Results: 45 swimmers 47 finals



Mixed 200 LC Metre Freestyle Relay:
Ishaaq, Andy, Nasia, Cici



Women 800 LC Metre Freestyle Relay
Bre, Farida, Judy, Cici



Men 800 LC Metre Freestyle Relay:
Tanin, Ishaaq, Jesse, Dan



Women 50 LC Metre Breaststroke:
Cici



Women 1500 LC Metre Freestyle:
Arika



Women 400 LC Metre Freestyle Relay:
Nasia, Farida, Bre, Cici

CONQUERING THE RIP SWIM

Two **Surrey Park Swimmers** recently took on the Rip Swim from Point Nepean to Point Lonsdale, one of Australia's most challenging stretches of open water. Swimmers jump from a ferry and navigate strong tidal currents through the entrance to Port Phillip Bay.

Conditions this year included swells building to around 1.5 metres and a mid-course bombora as the tide changed.

Despite the demanding conditions, Logan (men's division) and Krys (women's division) both finished first in their categories.

The swim begins with currents pulling swimmers out toward the ocean before flattening briefly and then shifting to draw them back into the bay, requiring constant adjustment and strong race awareness.

A fantastic achievement and a great reminder that open water swimming is as much about confidence, determination and experience as it is about swimming ability.

Congratulations to Logan and Krys on an outstanding result!





Presentation Night

The Masters section recently had their annual presentation night recognising achievements and announcing the winners from the 2025 intraclub competitions.

Endurance Award: The Alan and Lyn Davis Trophy

The Endurance Award recognises the swimmer who achieved the highest number of points for long swims completed over the calendar year in the club. It is named after Alan and Lyn Davis who were the founders and life members of our Club in 1991. **Winner was Kelly, followed by Andrea and Sue.**

Aggregate Award:

The Aggregate Award is an intraclub competition which is focused on shorter swims closest to nominated times with a focus on sprinting.

Winner was Sue, followed by Shane then Kelly.

Flukes award:

The Flukes Trophy is a Club Award that recognises club members who have performed well or their performance has improved over time but not to the point where they have achieved state or national recognition. **Winner: Kath**

The 2025 Endurance 1000 results:

The endurance program is run through the year, with most swims completed on Sunday mornings. It involves swimming distances from 400m to one hour, in all strokes, with points awarded dependent upon distance and speed.

The Surrey Park Masters finished first in Victoria (12th Nationally) with 7533 points.

We also finished first in Victoria (14th Nationally) for points per registered swimmer. Five Victorians completed the whole program - 3 were Surrey Park Masters. Four gained top points - 2 were Surrey Park Masters."

This is the third year in a row that we have won both categories and reflects the contribution and enthusiasm of many club members during the year. The top three club members are the same as those who won the intraclub endurance program.

Winners: Kelly, Andrea and Sue.

Masters Records

Congratulations to the following swimmers who recently broke Surrey Park Masters records in their respective age groups:

Winners: Jenny - 200 free, Sue - 400 back, 800 back, Christy - 400 back, 800 back, 400IM, Trish - 100 free, 200 free.





COMMITTEE NEWS

President

2026 has crept up quickly and the last few months have certainly been busy.

As we move into a new year, many families are settling into new routines. I know firsthand how challenging this can be. Between school, multiple sports and family life, it can all feel like a lot at times. One thing that is really important for the development of our swimmers, especially our younger ones, is consistency.

Now that summer is behind us and the weather will start to cool, this is often when swimming can drop off. It is really important that it doesn't. Staying consistent helps swimmers continue to build skills, confidence and fitness, and makes a big difference over time.

Cold weather alone shouldn't be the reason young swimmers stop. The pools are heated and lessons continue as normal, and for younger children, staying in the water helps them feel comfortable and confident. Even short breaks can make lessons feel harder when they return, which can be unsettling for little ones.

Keeping a regular routine through the cooler months helps children feel settled, familiar with their environment and continue progressing in a calm and positive way.

We are lucky to have three pools available for lessons across Blackburn, Box Hill and Heidelberg, which gives families flexibility as routines change.

As we move into 2026, the club is strongly focused on swimmer development, volunteer support, and

continued growth across both our swim schools and the club. These areas are key to ensuring we continue to provide a supportive, inclusive and sustainable environment for all swimmers and families.

It has already been a very busy couple of months for our squad swimmers, with full training schedules, competition opportunities and training camps, and it has been great to see the commitment and effort being put in across all squads.

We also look forward to welcoming many of our development squad swimmers into the club program this year as they continue to progress.

We have also recently launched our new website, which will become an important hub for updates, information and resources. Please take some time to have a look as we continue to build and improve it throughout the year.

Thank you, as always, for the ongoing support you give to the swim school and club, our coaches, swim teachers, staff and volunteers. I look forward to keeping you updated throughout the year and sharing what's ahead.

Simone Wendt

President



CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFE SPORT

Surrey Park Swimming Club is committed to providing a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment for all.

The Victorian Child Safe Standards and Swimming Australia's Child Safeguarding Policy confirm the shared responsibility everybody in the swimming community has to ensure there is an overarching culture of child safety.

Surrey Park Swimming Club has adopted Swimming Australia's National Integrity Framework. The National Integrity Framework (NIF) is a set of rules that all members of our sport need to follow when it comes to their behaviour and conduct in swimming including obligations to report misconduct. These rules are contained in the following policies:

- 1. Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy**
- 2. Member Protection Policy**
- 3. Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy**
- 4. Competition Manipulation & Sports Gambling Policy**
- 5. Complaints, Disputes & Discipline Policy (CDDP)**
- 6. Code of Conduct**

Copies of these policies can be accessed through the National Integrity Framework page on Swimming Australia's website.

Surrey Park members are required, at all times, to comply with any Child Safe Codes of Conduct which the Club may adopt.

Specific additional Codes of Conduct apply for Club members participating in team camps and trips.

In accordance with Swimming Australia's Child Safeguarding Policy and the Victorian Child Safe Standards all applicants for employment at Surrey Park are required to undergo extensive screening and background checks.

All paid staff, committee members, officials and other volunteers who could potentially have unsupervised contact with children are required to have a valid Working With Children Check.

To find out more and view our policies.

[VIEW OUR POLICIES HERE](#)



SURREY PARK MERCHANDISE

WINTER ESSENTIALS

Your winter essentials are sorted with our Surrey Park Hoodie, Track Pants, Deck Jackets.

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Luke offers a complimentary home loan review for all Surrey Park Swimming members

This 15 minute session is designed to determine if the home loan you currently have is still the best option for you in the market.

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