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I hope you have all enjoyed your break over the Easter school holidays and are now settled back into school and your squad training. I would like to take a moment to ask everyone to cast your minds back to early April and remember the outstanding achievements of our swimmers in Perth at the Junior State and End of Season Championships as well as our National Swimmers on the Goldcoast. Well done to all of our swimmers, you did South Shore and yourselves so proud. I hope you were able to follow along with our coverage of both events via our social media channels. It was a joy to witness such a fantastic showing of your athleticism and sportsmanship.

Our coaching staff have taken some much needed and well deserved leave following the completion of the summer season and we thank you for your patience and understanding with the few scheduling changes that have taken place since returning to the pool.

It's officially the winter season now and as such we are pleased to include a season overview in this newsletter to help you plan and organise your time. Before we get too deep into the new season however, we're excited to be able to celebrate a fantastic summer during our Summer Presentation. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 13th May at the new Shirley Strickland Pavillion. If you haven't secured your tickets yet, read on in this newsletter and follow the link to RSVP.



Samantha Hickman
President, South Shore Swimming Club

IMPORTANT DATES

The winter Target Meet schedule for SSSC has been released and many of you have been exceptional with your organisation and securing your entries, well done. The first four Target Meets for the season are now at capacity. The winter Club Night schedule will be released in due course, once the dates have been ratified by the committee. We are proposing a significant reduction in our club nights this season, with only 5 in total, 4 being official and all will be held on Friday nights. This is based on significant feedback from our swimming community and a desire to ease the volunteer burden on all families. Stay tuned!

Date	Type	Event	Book Now
20th & 21st May	Target Meet	SWA SC Season Opener	My Swim Results
Fri 26th May	Club Night	CN#1 SC Official	Await Notice

AN OVERVIEW OF THE 2023 WINTER SEASON

The winter swimming season is lighter than summer, but with the addition of many other winter sports in our active swimmer's lives, we know how important it is to schedule important dates in your calendars, so here is a brief overview of the main events to consider:

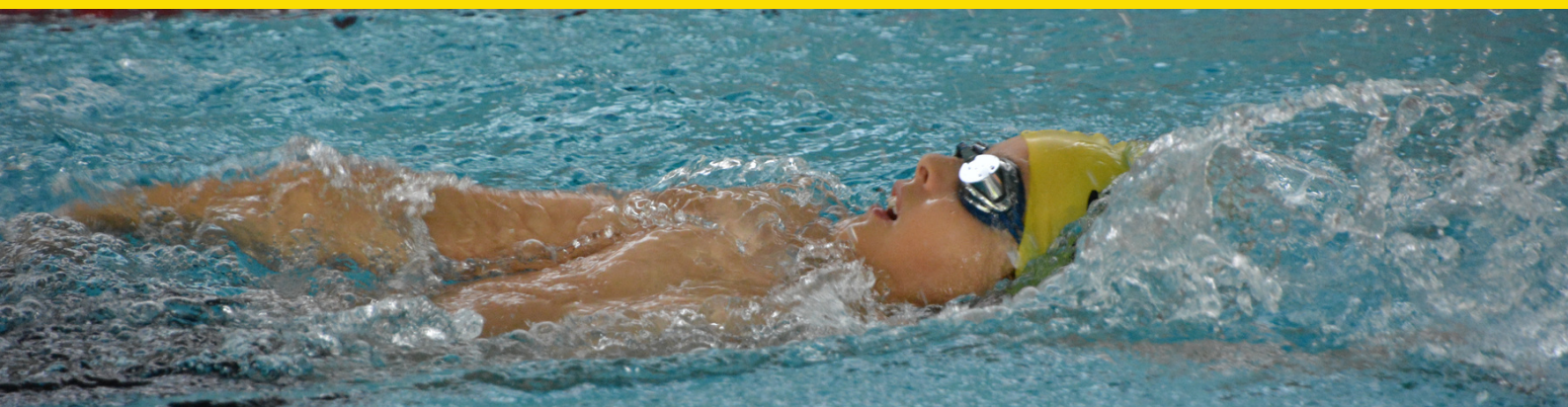
EVENT/S	DATE	DETAILS
SSSC Club Nights	Monthly (approx.)	Club Nights are internal SSSC competition events (usually held on Friday evenings) at LeisureFit Booragoon. They are a fun, low pressure way for swimmers to gain racing practice and improve their personal best times. The SSSC Summer Club Night Schedule will be released in May 2022. Four of the five club nights offered will be official for times achieved. In order to be eligible for SSSC Perpetual Trophies, swimmers must have completed the specific event at two club nights during the winter season (not including the heats and final).
Target Meets	Monthly (approx.)	Target Meets are competitive swimming meets sanctioned by Swimming WA that SSSC Coaches have recommended that our swimmers attend. Most meets selected by our coaches are held at HBF Stadium on a Saturday or Sunday. The SSSC Summer Target Meet Schedule was released in April 2023.
SSSC Summer Presentation	13th May 2023	The SSSC Summer Presentation is a subsidised social event to celebrate the completion of the summer season and the whole club is encouraged to attend. This ticketed event includes meals, entertainment and the presentation of all summer season perpetual trophies and awards.
SSSC Super Sprint	30th August 2023	This is a SWA sanctioned meet, open to all swimmers and also our major fundraiser for the year. Held at HBF Stadium, SSSC will run the event with all SSSC swimmers expected to attend as well as all families taking on significant volunteer duties throughout the day. Our signature event is the 'Super Sprint IM Skins' a knockout style event over the four IM strokes where the ultimate winner walks away with a cash prize.
2023 Hancock Prospecting Short Course Championships	4th-6th August 2023	This event is open to all senior swimmers that meet the WA 2023 SC State Qualifying Times. These times will be published by SWA at the beginning of the winter season and SSSC will include links to them in our communications when they become available.
SWA Junior Short Course Championships	2nd & 3rd September 2023	This event is open to all junior swimmers that meet the WA 2023 SC State Qualifying Times. These times will be published by SWA at the beginning of the winter season and SSSC will include links to them in our communications when they become available.
Australian Open & Age SC National Championships	October, date TBC	This event is open to senior swimmers that meet the Australian 2023 SC National Age Qualifying Times. These times (and the event location) will be announced by Swimming Australia and SSSC will include notice of them in our communications as soon as they become available.

SWA CONCERN FOR OVERBOOKING MEETS

Swimming WA are very aware of the issues that are arising around pool meet entries being booked up very quickly. SWA have added an additional Age and Open Competition during the July school holidays: 2023 SWA Age & Open Qualifier - Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th July 2023 at HBF Stadium. Please note, this is not a Target Meet for SSSC and we are therefore unable to guarantee at this stage whether a Coach will be present or not. This meet does however, provide a welcome opportunity for those swimmers who have missed out on entries to secure times.

Further measures to manage this situation are being worked through. These include the 'No Refund' Policy, which has been published previously. Additional measures including event number limits and increasing the number of meets throughout the year, which may see more than one meet occurring on the same weekend. The SWA Competition Planning Committee will work through these issues in their upcoming meetings.

South Shore Swimming Club is in close and regular contact with SWA to represent our members and the issues you are facing and we are committed to supporting you all to achieve a resolution.



RSVP FOR THE SUMMER PRESENTATION

Please join us for a fantastic whole club event with an excellent reputation for being a wonderful evening of fun with friends old and new. We will celebrate and congratulate everyone on an incredible summer season on **Saturday 13th May 2023** from **4pm until 9pm** at the new **Shirley Strickland Pavillion**. The event includes the presentation of all of our perpetual trophies and coaches awards for the season.

Tickets are \$30 per person and covers all food during the event, which will include 3 courses comprised of an antipasto platter starter, a selection of main course curry dishes, finger foods and sliders, followed by a dessert buffet. Soft drinks and water will also be provided.

Adults, please note that we have secured a liquor license to enable everyone to BYO your own beverages and we kindly ask that you also bring along your own drinkware as well. There will NOT be a bar onsite to purchase drinks at any point.

Please secure your attendance before Friday 5th May 2023 to enable us to confirm catering numbers, by clicking [here](#).

TIMEKEEPING RESPONSIBILITIES

South Shore Swimming Club relies on volunteers to make things tick. Without active involvement from parents, we cannot hold club nights or participate in SWA sanctioned target meets. A huge component of our volunteer duties is timekeeping. Beth Jones is a committee member and holds the position of Volunteer Meet Co-ordinator. This is no small task and Beth regularly spends hours co-ordinating schedules to minimise the impact of volunteering hours for everyone at our club. It is therefore with great respect and understanding that we would like to clarify some details about timekeeping duties to continue to help things run as smoothly as possible.

All parents are expected to take their turns as timekeepers at **club nights**:

- If your swimmer is attending club night, it is expected that they also provide a timekeeper. If you are unable to attend, please ensure you arrange/agree with whoever is taking your child, that they too will be responsible for carrying out timekeeping duties.
- If all timekeeper chairs are filled, please be mindful of relieving other parents from timekeeping duties part way through the club night to share the load.
- If you've only entered a couple of the earlier races during club night and want to leave immediately after, please arrange with another parent in the stands to take over timekeeping duties from you so that you can leave.

At Swimming WA **sanctioned target meets** South Shore is given an allocation of timekeeping seats based on the number of swimmers we have entered each day. Our Meet Co-ordinator then draws up a roster for the day. Generally, each family is expected to time keep for at least one hour. The system currently used by SWA to allocate duties to clubs means that we are being allocated timekeeping seats to fill for the whole day, no matter the number of swimmers we have in the pool during each hour. Therefore, whilst every effort is made to line your timekeeping duties up with your child's warm up/swim/cool down time, this may not always be possible if there are events running with fewer South Shore swimmers than we have timekeeping seats to fill. Likewise, if a meet is running early or late. Whilst we appreciate that having to timekeep at a time when your child is not swimming isn't ideal, it's the system we have to work with for the time being and your cooperation is valued.

- If you are scheduled for Timekeeping and are unable to complete your duties, it is your responsibility to arrange cover/a replacement. This includes if your child scratches after the roster has been sent out.
- Do not under any circumstances fail to turn up or fail to arrange alternative cover. It is often the case that there may not be enough parents left in the stands to cover a no-show.
- Our Meet Co-ordinator diligently includes all mobile numbers on the roster to facilitate ease of contact for you, if you would like to request a swap with another family.

WINTER MEMBERSHIPS

We are thrilled to be welcoming so many new members to our club and with so many new swimmers as well as emerging athletes moving into more competitive pathways, we have lots of families who may benefit from the winter special that both Swimming WA and SSSC are offering for memberships to cover the winter season. If you have not already joined SWA and SSSC, membership fees have now been reduced for the 'Winter Only Competitive Membership'. More information and links to register via My Swim Results can be found on the [South Shore Swimming Club Website](#).

