

# **SURREY PARK SWIMMING NEWS**

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# CELEBRATING 120 YEARS

## STORIES OF OUR MEMBERS

**Mary Johnson (nee Griffin) was a Surrey Park Swimmer in the 1930's. Here is her swimming journey:**

Surrey Dive was a wonderful place. Surrey Dive filled with water when workers of the quarry inadvertently struck a spring. Very rapidly, the water rose, until it reached approximately 18m deep. One side of the cliff around the dive was as low as 3m, which was where the club rooms were built - the foundation for Surrey Park Swimming Club. These clubrooms had a deck built out over the water.

It was here Mary learnt how to swim with two re-sealed fruit tins strapped to her back as a floatation aid. After 10 days she could swim unaided in 18m deep water - what a natural!!!

She recalls when she jumped from the 3m high deck that it was hazardous and being inexperienced she had to quickly learn to push against the water to swim up. There was nowhere to touch the bottom in that dark, green water. She quickly became a strong swimmer and had many happy memories from those times.

Mary went on to swim for Surrey Park and came 5th in the 3 mile swim (4828m) defeating 395 male and female competitors. She did this and even had time to wave to spectators on the bridge as she swam by. Swimming was her passion.

Mary finished 3rd in the Victorian Breaststroke 200m Championship and was Club Breaststroke Champion in 1932! What a brave and courageous woman!



Photo at Surrey Dive 20/04/1934 - Mary is second from the right

# LEARN TO SWIM



## MESSAGE FROM THE SWIM SCHOOL - WATER SAFETY WEEK

Welcome to 2024 at Surrey Park Swimming!  
This summer has definitely highlighted the importance of the lifesaving skill of learning to swim!

Last week saw our students learning and practicing water safety skills that relate to beaches including; identifying lifeguards, why we swim between the red and yellow flags, how to identify a rip and what to do if you get caught in one. They also experienced the use of a personal floatation device and the knowledge of when, where, and how it should be used. Along with their weekly classes building on their strokes, they are continuing to develop into competent swimmers who are safer and enjoy being in and around water.

If you have questions regarding your child's progress your first point of call should be our Lead Instructors in the red tops, who are on pool deck during class times. They are there to assist our families.

Stay safe and keep cool with continuing hot weather.

Charity Dickins  
General Manager - Swim Schools

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 4th March: school holiday bookings open
- 11th March: public holiday, no lessons
- 11th March to 24th March (at 1:00pm): re-enrolment opens for term 2
- 28th March: last day of term 1
- 15th April: first day of term 2

### Holiday Program

- 2nd April: week 1 commences
- 8th April: week 2 commences

No lessons on weekends during this period





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## CUSTOMER PORTAL

Do you know how to:

- Change your class time or level?
- Mark an absence?
- Make a payment?
- Book a make up lesson?

We have you covered with how to videos in the [news section](#) of the customer portal!

## MAKE UP LESSONS

Our system automatically issues make up tokens to you under the following circumstances:

- Absence is notified at least 1 hour before class time
- You have not been issued a token already in the last 30 days
- Tokens are only issued after the relevant class is completed, not when you notify us of the absence.

Make up classes are offered if there is space and are never guaranteed. A make up spot only becomes available if another family mark their student absent from a class. If absences are not reported for the class you need, then you may miss the opportunity to use your make up token. You have 4 weeks to try and utilise a token.

## SUPERVISION

Children under 10 years must be actively supervised during the lesson. Children under 10 years will not be admitted to their lesson unless they are with an adult. This is a duty of care requirement for our staff.





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## ENTERING FOR YOUR LESSON - AQUALINK

All students **must** use the Surrey Park turnstile to enter for every lesson. Our turnstile works perfectly and marks student attendance when you enter for your lesson.

### Using the turnstile:

1. Scan the QR code for the student attending
2. Hold the code at a sufficient distance for the scanner to read the code
3. Wait for beep and a green tick
4. Student goes through turnstile
5. Scan the family QR code for spectators
6. Enter the aquatic space for your lessons

We suggest you take a screenshot of each child's QR code from the app and share with any guardian bringing your children.

Families who forget to bring their QR code will need to wait in line to be served at the Surrey Park desk. As this will delay your entrance into the pool hall, we strongly advise all families use their QR code at the turnstile.

You can enter 90 minutes before your lesson starts for a swim. If you would like to swim or dive at other times, you will need to pay for entry.

If you are a member of Aqualink, please do not use your membership to enter the aquatic space for a lesson.

## RE-ENROLMENT TERM 2

Re-enrolment into term 2 commences Monday the 11th March and closes at 1:00pm on Sunday the 24th of March. (please note we are closed on the 11th due to the public holiday).

We have enrolled you into term 2. All you need to do is pay for your spot and this will confirm your lesson. Its that simple. Payments can be made online via the customer portal.





# CLUB SQUADS

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB SQUADS

It has been a fantastic start to 2024 for Surrey Park Swimming with a large number of competitions completed and many more underway. Surrey Park finished 2nd in the overall point score at the Victorian Sprint Championships!

Last weekend the Victorian Open Championships attracted some high profile names including Kaylee McKewen and Emma McKeon!

There is plenty going on for our Junior Squads, with the upcoming Metro East All Junior selection trials. This meet is open to all swimmers at Surrey Park.

**Our final Club Night is on Friday 15th of March.**

Club nights are a great way of putting into practice all the technique and skills swimmers have learnt in their lessons and a fantastic way to meet new people. Hopefully, we see some level 7 and 8 swimmers there on the 15th!

Justin Bell - Head Coach





# COMMITTEE NEWS

## MESSAGE FROM THE SURREY PARK SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Dear Surrey Park Community,

I trust that everyone has settled into their swimming lessons and squad training for Term 1. It's wonderful to welcome new faces to both the swim school and the club. After splashing around in the water for most of the summer, my three-year-old is pumped to be back in Pre Level 1. She particularly enjoyed the water safety lessons we had recently!

The committee and our fantastic staff have been working hard together to keep things running smoothly at our swim school and club. We're aware that there might be some challenges ahead with the Aqualink tender, but rest assured, we're collaborating closely to ensure we make the best decisions for our swim school and club.

As Surrey Park celebrates its 120th anniversary this year, we reflect on our rich history as one of the oldest swimming clubs in Victoria.

Originating in the Surrey Dive, we are thrilled to commemorate the past, embrace the present, and envision the future of Surrey Park. We're really excited to share some interesting club history with you in the upcoming months!

As we keep moving ahead, let's give a big shoutout to our National Qualifiers! They're gearing up to head to Queensland in April for one of the year's biggest showdowns. Wishing them all the luck in the world! Go get 'em!

Simone Wendt - Club President

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Executive Committee

President - Simone Wendt

Vice President - Lucinda Richards

Secretary - Andrea Phillips

Treasurer - Joe Zhao

### General Committee

- Xavier Perronnet
- Jim Bian
- Luke Harris
- Anthony Clements
- Flynn Phillips
- Maaïke Vrij







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## REMINDERS AND NEWS

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Holiday Program bookings are now open!  
Programs will operate at all centres over the school holiday period.

Week 1: Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 5th March

Week 2: Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April

Diving lessons are running at Aqualink on all days except Wednesday. Use the App or call us on (03) 9898 8876 to book in.



### WANT TO BECOME A SWIMMING TEACHER?

Swim teaching is an incredibly rewarding job. It pays well, has flexible hours, and is a stable and growing industry. A friendly, warm, and patient personality is all that is needed. You will be taught the rest!

**Accredited 'Swim Australia Teacher' courses are running at our Blackburn pool:**

Teacher of Babies and Toddlers

8:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday 7th April

Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety

8:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday 14th April

Teacher of Learners with Disability

8:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday 14th April

Book in now: <https://scta.org.au/learn/course-calendar/>

### GOT GASTRO?

Reminder that swimmers must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to lessons after a bout of gastro and 14 days after being symptom free from Cryptosporidiosis.

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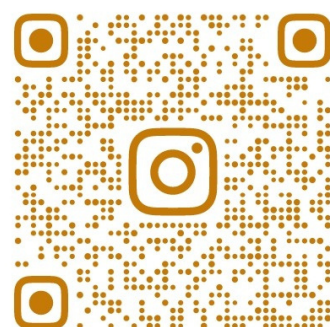


### SURREY PARK SOCIALS

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