

Annual Report 2019 – Race Secretary

Introduction

The 2018/2019 season witnessed a decline in the number of competitive swimmers at our club. The remaining competitive swimmers faced increasing pressures of homework, study and assignments at high school, which resulted in less time for training and competing. The conflicting demands of other sports and part-time paid or volunteer work further challenged regular competitors, impacting on their availability for swim meets.

Despite these challenges, Sandgate swimmers still managed to compete at three State Championships, four Brisbane Championships, thirteen preparation meets and eight transition meets – from the Denis Cotterell Long Course meet in April 2018 through to the National Preparation and Jess Schipper Challenge meets in March 2019. A summary of meets attended and performances is included in Table 1.

State Championships

Queensland Short Course Championships

Chloe Edwards and Anneli Murdoch competed in the Queensland short course championships. Congratulations to both swimmers on achieving the tough qualifying times to compete at state level.

Queensland Championships

Four Sandgate swimmers competed in the Club Relays in the Queensland Championships. Competition was fierce and we were very proud of our swimmers. Girls 14&U, Naomi Dufourq, Chloe Edwards, Jasmine Fraser and Anneli Murdoch, all 13yos and in the younger part of the combined age group, came 36th in the medley and 33rd in the freestyle relay. Well done, girls, on a tremendous effort.

Queensland Sprints

For the Queensland Sprint Championships in February 2019, three swimmers – Naomi Dufourq, Chloe Edwards and Jasmine Fraser – competed in a total of 11 events. Jasmine Fraser swam three top 20s in free, breast and fly. Well done to each of our girls competing at this high level.

Regional Championships

This season our club was represented at four Brisbane championship meets.

Brisbane Short Course

Six swimmers – Naomi Dufourq, Chloe Edwards, Jasmine Fraser, Ivy Lauder, Jessica Mikitis and Anneli Murdoch – competed in nineteen events. Our swimmers gave of their very best. Jasmine Fraser had a great meet, with a 4th, three 5ths and a 7th and Ivy Lauer's best result was a 6th. Chloe Edwards, Ivy Lauder and Anneli Murdoch had top 20 finishes. Ten short course club age records were broken by Chloe Edwards, Jasmine Fraser and Jessica Mikitis. Seven all age records (fastest time ever by a Sandgate swimmer) were broken by Chloe Edwards and Jasmine Fraser.

Brisbane Open Water

Ivy Lauder (11th) and Leni Lauder (18th) competed in the girls 10 – 11 years 1.25km swim. Anneli Murdoch (12th), Chloe Edwards (22nd) and Naomi Dufourq (25th) – competed in the girls 12 – 13 years 1.25km swim. Liam Keith and Brock O'Sullivan also swam in the club relay. Well done to all our Sandgate competitors, especially Ivy Lauder, who broke the 10yo club record, Leni Lauder, who broke the 11yo club record and Anneli Murdoch, who swam a new 13yo club record.

Brisbane Sprints

At the Brisbane Sprint Championships, three swimmers competed in 15 events. This season's competitors were Naomi Dufourq, Chloe Edwards and Jasmine Fraser. Highlights included Jasmine Fraser's 8th place in free, 10th place in fly and 12th place in breast and Chloe Edwards' 17th place in fly.

Senior Mets

At the Senior Metropolitan Championships, Sandgate was represented by Chloe Edwards, who swam in six events. Chloe's best results were 10th in the gruelling 400 individual medley and 11th in the 200 breast.

Brisbane Premiership

Sandgate competed in the Second Division of Brisbane Swimming, along with 20 other clubs. After competing in four of the six Brisbane Championship Events, Sandgate finished 19th and, so, unfortunately, our club will be relegated to the Third Division next season.

Queensland National Preparation meet

Chloe Edwards qualified for the State National preparation meet held at Chandler in March 2019. Chloe also competed in the Jess Schipper Challenge meet that was also held at Chandler that same weekend. Chloe's best result was a win, and a PB, in the 100m freestyle. Congratulations, Chloe, on a great effort.

Club meets

In total, 17 Sandgate swimmers attended at least one swimming meet during the 2018/ 2019 season, with 2 swimmers, Chloe Edwards and Anneli Murdoch, attending seven or more meets. Across the short and long course seasons, Sandgate swimmers won a total of 66 medals – 19 gold, 19 silver, and 28 bronze medals. Giorgia Agostini, Naomi Dufourq, Chloe Edwards, Jasmine Fraser, Thorfinn Gilbert, Jasmine Hockey, Ivy Lauder, Jessica Mikitis, Anneli Murdoch and Brock O'Sullivan, all won medals.

Three way meet – with Boondall and Aspley clubs

On Sunday 11 November 2018, our club participated in a three way meet with Boondall Barracudas and Aspley swim clubs. The Storm team turned out in force with nearly 60 swimmers attending. It was great to see our club band together and put not only one, but two, teams into many events. Some of our swimmers overcame their jitters to swim for the first time at a meet, others swam up in older age groups and everyone cheered loudly in support of their team mates. It was an excellent effort by all.

Three way meet – Grill'd Cup

Sandgate Storm defended their local pride at a three way friendly meet at Boondall Barracudas on Sunday 3 March 2019. About 40 Sandgate swimmers swam their hearts out against the Barracudas and the Virginia Dolphins swimming club. The atmosphere was great and Sandgate came second behind Virginia.

Murdoch Mile 2018

Recognising that history is important to our almost century old club, former Head Coach, Jacqui Francis, introduced the Murdoch Mile, named in honour of Jim Murdoch, winner of the Open Mile in the 1964/65 club championships. Honours for the club's inaugural 1500m record and the mile race went to Anneli Murdoch, with Jasmine Fraser and Chloe Edwards taking out the minor placings. Congratulations to our former Head Coach for preparing the seven girls who competed and to each and every competitor. We are in awe of your fitness and determination.

From learn to swim to competitive swimming to surf lifesaving

In her 12th, and final, season with Sandgate Swim Club, Anneli Murdoch qualified as a surf lifesaver and now regularly patrols at Northcliffe SLSC. From her first learn to swim instructor, Charmaine James, to later instructors, Mark Otter and Lorraine Killalea, to past coaches Rosemary Woodward, Erika Rose and Jacqui Francis, Anneli extends her grateful thanks. Anneli competed at local, regional and state meets, medalling and breaking many of our club records in the pool – 65 records in one season alone. In open water, we believe, following historical research, Anneli was the first swimmer in our club's almost century old history to compete at state level, finishing 5th. Now, by using the skills Anneli acquired at our club to help keep others safe on our beaches, Anneli hopes she is doing her mentors and her Sandgate Swim Club proud. Congratulations, Anneli!

Conclusion

Congratulations, too, to our swimmers and their parents, former Head Coach, Jacqui Francis, and her coaching staff for a great season of swimming.

Our family now bids the club farewell after many years' service as honorary legal advisers, committee member and race secretary. We wish the club all the very best.

Yours in swimming, Catherine Murdoch

Table 1: Swimming meets

Date	Meet	Swimmers	Events	PBs	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Records
13.4.18	Denis Cotterell LC	1	12	4	3	1	2	1
14.4.18	Commercial SC	1	4	3	1	2	1	
26.5.18	Redcliffe Trans LC	5	22	9		5	1	
10.6.18	East Bne Trans SC	1	4	2	2		1	1
16.6.18	Samford Prep SC	5	22	16	5	2	7	6
8.7.18	Genesis Prep SC	2	5	3	1		2	5
14.7.18	Speedo SC	1	5	5				6
21.7.18	Commercial SC	1	4	1		2	2	2
4.8.18	Brisbane SC Champs	6	19	17				17
19.8.18	Qld SC Champs	2	4	1				
9.9.18	Carina CJs LC	3	13	1		1	3	4
22.9.18	Brisbane Open Water	5	5	1				1
6.10.18	Somerset Trans LC	1	2					
7.10.18	Redcliffe Prep LC	2	8	2		1	1	2
14.10.18	Genesis SC transition	2	8	3	1	2	2	
28.10.18	Churchie	1	3					
11.11.18	Medal Shots Prep	2	8	3				1
23.11.18	Southport	1	3					
24.11.18	Lawnton	3	13	4	1	3	2	1
8.12.18	Nudgee Junior	1	2					1
19.1.19	Miami Super Chall	1	4	1				2
19.1.19	Albany Creek Sprint	2	7		3		1	4
19.1.19	Pelican Waters	1	6					1
3.2.19	Brisbane Sprints	3	15	10				3
10.2.19	Nudgee College	11	38	9	1		2	3
17.2.19	Qld Sprints	3	11	4				2
24.3.19	National Prep	1	5	2	1		1	
	Totals	68	252	101	19	19	28	63

Full results from all meets can be found at [http://sandswim.com.au/?Swim Meet Info and Results](http://sandswim.com.au/?Swim+Meet+Info+and+Results)

