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## Key Dates ...

- 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Race Night
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mar Race Night
- 18<sup>th</sup> Apr Race Night
- 14<sup>th</sup> May Trivia Night
- 19<sup>th</sup> June Clubs champs
- 16<sup>th</sup> July AGM & Presentation night

## Flyers rank 6<sup>th</sup> State Age LC Championships

What a magnificent week! Dec 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> witnessed forty swimmers don the Flyers colours to proudly represent our club in over 134 events. Their hard work, determination and comradery secured them 44 finals places and brought home 21 medals (6 Gold, 9 Silver, 6 Bronze), gaining the club 599 points to maintain our 6<sup>th</sup> place ranking amongst Victorian Clubs.

Congratulations to all our athletes and coaching staff, what an inspiring example of dedication and sportsmanship. Check out the Flyers website for all the highlights.

## Flyers take part in the Pacific School Games

Congratulations Samantha Howe, Roman Nestoriwskyj, Jackson Lazzar & Brayden Miles, who were selected to represent Team Victoria against all the States and Territories of Australia as well as athletes from China, Fiji, New Zealand, Macau, India and Pakistan. The games took place in Adelaide in late November and our 4 athletes collectively achieved 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze. Check out the Flyers website for more details and photos.

## Flyers face big guns at Open Champs

The names don't get any bigger in World swimming let alone National or State titles; Magnussen, Copeland, Coutts, Barret, Beaver, Mc Keon, Larkin & Horton plus a list of Olympic hopefuls from interstate and abroad joined the cream of Victoria's swimmers at VIC State Open Champs at MSAC 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January.

Twelve teenage Flyers plus old man Jack Waterfall (20 years) took the opportunity to compete against these superstars in an international standard competition. Though PB's were hard to come by in such a high level of competition there were some super results from the young Flyer's that would have had coach Alex smiling at their future prospects.

Special mentions must be made of performances by Adam, Kurt, Ben, Roman & Harry while not forgetting our old friend but new foe Ben Schreiner whose swimming focus is paying dividends with some impressive results in the butterfly.



Thanks to Lance Miles

## Getting to know the Leadership Group

### Jamie Burton



**Years with Flyers:** 8 years

**Fav. event:** 200m Backstroke

**Other Interests:** Water polo & Volleyball

**Fav. quote:** “If you tell the truth you won’t have to remember anything” Mark Twain

**Least fav. dryland:** Burpees

**Fav. song:** Photograph Ed Sheeran

**Describe your coach:** Quirky

### Mitch Hutton



**Years with Flyers:** 5 years

**Fav. event:** 200m Backstroke

**Other Interests:** Photography & Gym

**Fav. quote:** “If you want to breathe as much as you want to succeed, then you will be successful”

**Inspired by:** Mitch Larkin

**Fav. book:** I Am Number Four series (Pittacus Lore)

**Describe your coach:** Phenomenal

### Sam Howe



**Years with Flyers:** 5 years

**Fav. event:** 100m & 200m IM

**Other Interests:** Lifesaving, Reading, Writing & Eating

**Fav. quote:** “A man can be wealthy with no money in the bank”

**Fav. meet snack:** Nutella & Saladas

**Describe your coach:** Supportive

## Club Management - 2016 and beyond

Currently we have six parents (following the resignation of our President), two life members, two coaches and one athlete who make up this committee. There has been considerable effort over past years to bring Flyers from a small local club to a significant entity; a growth and change which has not gone unnoticed by Swimming Victoria and other clubs. For a club with around 150 swimmers we are actually very light on with regard to committee representation. It is amazing we have been able to increase our membership and provide a great environment and great coaching for an increasing number of kids. To continue this we must succession plan and recruit new committee (sub-committee) representation, so I would like to ask for those who have time – and even those who don’t, to please contact me as soon as possible to discuss how you could become gradually involved in committee life and take an active part in the further success story of Flyers. For anyone who thinks “I would like to but I don’t have time”, or “I never know if (*insert your child’s name here*) is going to keep swimming” rest assured everyone on the committee has thought, or thinks, the same thing. The reality is if your child has started swimming one or two mornings per week and is still coming then you you’ll most likely be around for a while. **We all have work, we all have commitments – being involved with Flyers is however extremely rewarding. PLEASE, don’t leave the work up to others and risk not having a solid club structure in 12 or 18 months’ time, get involved, learn about how it works and help take Flyers to the next level!**

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## Fundraising

A very big thankyou to Glen, Kim, Taki and a handful of parents who gave up their Boxing Day to run the Bunnings BBQ. It was great to see swimmers and parents alike lending a hand and persevering the rain.

We raised \$997. **Our next Bunnings BBQ is in October!**

Fundraising is essential to our club and enables the club to support and invest in our athletes, at all levels. To this end we appreciate any assistance that our members, parents and our local community are willing to give. That being said we also believe that this should be shared, we hold a variety of different fundraising activities throughout the year and encourage everyone to lend a hand, big or small, through-out the year.

## Race Night

November's race night saw Purple team maintain their lead (348), whilst the Black team managed to turn its October wooden spoon position into a tie with the Yellow team (291).

We hope everyone is eager for some friendly intra club competition.

It's not too late to get involved, so don't forget to sign-up and we'll see you poolside on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

Tally Board	
Purple	348
Yellow/ Black	291

## FLYERS Water Polo

Water Polo Training has commenced at the Toorak College Pool. Thursday 6pm – 7p.m \$10 per person. We have a lovely player/coach by the name of Rosie Saunders and a wide age group. There have been lots of new people joining and novices are welcome. Teams will be determined in April.

This is a great opportunity to learn a new sport and capitalize on those strong swimming skills. More details on Flyers Water Polo facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Flyers-Water-Polo-113289465709122/>



### Congratulations

**Jamie Burton** has been selected for the U18 Girls water polo team. We wish her all the best at the upcoming National Competition in Perth, from 11th - 16th April.

## Club Records

Club records continue to be smashed! Here's a list of achievers in December.

- Tom Cook (1)
- Kurt Hendrickson (1)
- Madison Howe (1)
- Samantha Howe (8)
- Adam Howgate (4)
- Jackson Lazzar (3)
- Logan Marshall (2)
- Brayden Miles (9)
- Roman Nestoriwskyj (1)
- Timothy Nguyen (2)
- Corey Snyders (1)
- Harry Waterfall (1)



**Happy Birthday !**



Feb - April

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|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Shem Alyousef         | Rhemmy Gibbs   | Jackson Lazzar     | Brayden Miles       |
| Charity Athersych     | Evie Giddings  | James Light        | Felissia Piovillico |
| Rose Bentley          | BJ Treloar     | Soara Leitch       | Oliver Simpson      |
| Caleb Beschi          | Ben Hewitt     | Miranda Linssen    | Jasmine Sims        |
| Siena Bond-Scott      | Adam Howgate   | Ryan Longden       | Gemma Sliskovic     |
| Latoya Burrows        | Steph Howgate  | Lizzy Macintyre    | Cordelia Sweeney    |
| Atty Chesser          | Mitch Hutton   | Lucy Manton        | Hudson Ward         |
| Tahlia Crema          | Imagine Jobsz  | Sophie Matters     | Jessica Woodyatt    |
| Austin Degg           | Rachael Jansz  | Benjamin McConnell | Katherine Xin       |
| Keehlan Ferrari-Brown | Hassan Kahlouf | Hayden McGuigan    |                     |
|                       | Teodora Knezic | Jhye McMillan      |                     |



**Sponsors** are an extremely vital part of the Flyers Swim Team community. This year we have the continued Sponsorship of Peninsula Sports Academy (PSA), Bendon Lingerie, PARC and LJM and we are delighted to have Flood Restoration Australia (Gold Sponsor), ADDsignage and Southern Partners join us. Each year we are also grateful for the support of Mt Eliza Meats and their ongoing contribution to our BBQ's!! We do ask that all our Flyers families **support our sponsors** as much as possible. If you know of a business that could benefit from the increased exposure being part of Flyers now offers please contact [vicepresident@peninsulaflyers.org.au](mailto:vicepresident@peninsulaflyers.org.au)