

WILLOUGHBY SWIM CLUB INC.



Welcome to the Willoughby Swim Club Inc.

Willoughby Swim Club was formed in 1990, by a group of parents, who decided there was a need for a swim club to service the local Willoughby community. Willoughby Leisure Centre was approached to assist with a venue and the Club still uses this facility as its' base. The Patron of the club is the local Mayor of Willoughby, presently Pat Reilly.

Willoughby Swim Club has Graeme Brewer as its Head Coach. Graeme was a Bronze Medallist at the 1980 Olympic Games and it is through Brewer Swimming, that he both coaches the children and is actively involved in the running of the swim club, guiding the swimmers through all stages of their swimming development. For information on swimming lessons or squads call Brewer Swimming on: 1300 363 019

WHAT CAN WILLOUGHBY SWIM CLUB OFFER YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN?

- Fun and Friendship
- Club Races
- Coaching at Carnivals
- Competitive development including subsidised tours
- Newsletter
- Poolside Insurance
- Social Events

We hope you find your experience with our club a rewarding one, and please do not hesitate to contact any of the Committee at any time should you require any information or assistance, or visit our web site at www.willswim.org.au

CLUB NIGHTS

The Club holds club races on five Friday evenings during school terms 1 to 4. Club race entry can be done through the website closing the Thursday night. If not already entered, swimmers should arrive at the Leisure Centre no later than 6.15PM to enable them to enter for that evening's races. Club starts as closes as possible to 6:30PM. If you are entering on the Friday evening see the computer operator.

The Club runs swimming programs known as Team Manager and Meet Manager (used at Australian and State Swimming Championships as well as a number of Clubs) for each meet or carnival. A record is kept in the Club's database of every time a swimmer races whether at Club or another carnival. A swimmer can get a printed copy of their best times by asking the Race Secretary.

Pool Entry Fee, into the Leisure Centre applies. This is paid at the front desk as you enter.

REGISTRATION / MEMBERSHIP

The official swimming year commences on 1st October of each year and concludes on 30th September the following year. This means that each membership (registration) must be renewed annually. Membership numbers are allocated by Swimming Australia Limited and this number remains the same every year. The membership number is also called capitation and it enables a swimmer to compete at any carnival within Australia and overseas although to swim outside NSW clearance must be provided by Swimming NSW Limited.

The Club Registrar responsible for all membership matters. Club Registrar is Lesley Collins Telephone: 0413 593 178, email: willswimclub@gmail.com or lfcollins@optusnet.com.au Further information including how to join online is contained on the website under Pages – Willoughby New Member Registration.

The Club expects all swimmers who swim with Willoughby to be 1st claim members of the Club.

The Club believes that it important for parents who assist at Club or during any carnival to be covered by insurance and for this reason membership fee is structured to included parents and guardians.

CARNIVALS AND ENTRIES

It is advisable to subscribe to the NSW Swimmer magazine which is a monthly publication, and keeps you informed of any forthcoming qualifying carnivals and provides you with 2 Almanac's/annum. The Almanac will give you qualifying times for Metropolitan, NSW State, National Age/Open Championships and Open Water Swimming Championships.

You can subscribe by contacting Swimmer NSW who publish the magazine. This is subject to change and is generally renewed annually. Go to their web site on: www.nswswimming.com.au Or you can go through the links on our website.

Each Season the Club enters various Carnivals as a Club. Entries for these carnivals are to be submitted on official entry cards, and handed, with entry money to the Race Secretary on the due date

designated by him/her which will be clearly marked on the program on the notice board.

You may wish to enter some Carnivals on your own that are not being attended by the Club as a whole. This is acceptable, however, please follow the entry instructions in the program and get your entries and entry fees in on time. All entries to Swimming NSW and Swimming Australia Championships must be sent in via the Race Secretary as neither organisation will accept entries sent in individually. Both organisations are however introducing online entries for swimmers to enter directly.

Relay teams are selected by the Club Coach, and are based on best times achieved, and his decision is final.

At the end of Term 1 each year the Club recognises the achievements of each swimmer who competed and represented the Club for the first time in a NSW short or long course Championships. A Club swimming cap is presented to the athlete with their name printed on it.

TOURS

There are regular tours as follows: the Club tours to Canberra for a winter short course competition generally in May/June and a summer long course competition in October each year. These 2 day tours are open to all members and travel is by bus. The Club also travels to Hobart for the Tasmanian 12 – 18 years State Championships at the beginning of March. Eligible swimmers aged over 12 years travel to the various Australian Championships depending on where the competition is located. A week long training camp is also held in Noosa in week 1 of the September holidays each year.

Fundraising enables the Club to the Coachs' expenses and to defray costs for competitors.

CLUB UNIFORM

The Club expects all representative swimmers to wear the Willoughby Swim Club clothing and cap. The Club expects all swimmers to wear either a Club polo shirt, jersey, leggings or track pants (if owned). This ensures that all our swimmers look the same and gives the Club a high level of visibility, when at carnivals.

Club clothing and caps can be purchased by contacting the Uniform Co-ordinator who is presently, Karen Elliff telephone (02) 9410-1676 karen.elliff@bigpond.com

CLUB POINT SCORE

As mentioned earlier, a point score is run on club nights with 1 point being allocated for each event entered up to a maximum of 3 events

and 1 point being allocated for each better time than that in the data base for a club swim. Our Summer and Winter seasons are combined for the point score and awards are made at Presentation Day held at the end of every September as follows.

Senior point score: Perpetual Trophy for 13/over for both male and female.

Junior point score: Medals for the 10 highest points scorers - 12/under all ages combined for both male and female.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Club Championships are held once a year, generally May/June.

Eligibility for Club Championships is based on being a fully paid, 1st claim member who has participated in a minimum number of six (6) Friday evening Club races. State and Northern Suburbs carnivals can be substituted for some Club races, however three (3) Friday evening Club races must be included in these to make up the minimum number of six.

Entries for Club Championships are on official entry multi cards and are to be submitted to the Race Secretary on the date elected by him/her. The program will be placed on the notice board.

Age Champions are decided from the Club Championships and these are worked out on a point's basis. For Club Championships the points are calculated as follows:

1st Place	8 points	4th place	3 points
2nd place	6 points	5th place	2 points
3rd place	4 points	6th place	1 point

Open events are not included in the age champion point score however, are calculated on a separate point's basis. Any swimmer is eligible to enter the Open events, provided they have reached the nominated qualifying time. At the Presentation Day the following trophies are presented to our swimmers who have participated in the Club Championships.

Perpetual Trophies Age Champions in the following age groups:

- 15/over Female 15/over Male
- 14 Female 14 Male
- 13 Female 13 Male
- Perpetual Trophy winners and runners up receive a small trophy to keep

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd are given by age group to ages 12/Under, both male and female.

BRETT HILL MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Brett Hill Trophy is part of our Championships and is open to all swimmers who participated in either a 50 or 100 metre butterfly race in those Championships. Points for this event do not go towards the Age or Open point scores. At the conclusion of the Championships a 50 metre handicap butterfly race is held with heats and then the handicapped final. The winner of the final is the trophy holder for the following year.

CLUB RECORDS

There are three types of Club records:

1. Long Course external records
2. Short Course external records
3. Age Club Records, achieved at Willoughby Leisure Centre on either a Club night or at the Club Championships

LONG COURSE AND SHORT COURSE EXTERNAL RECORDS

- The fastest time achieved by a fully paid, 1st claim member of the Club, at a Swimming NSW Limited recognised carnival.
- These are not age records, the swimmer can be any age as long as it is the fastest time achieved, by a Club Member.
- Records will be recognised, at Presentation Day and posted onto the large records board, above the swimming lanes at Willoughby Leisure Centre

CLUB AGE RECORDS ACHIEVED AT WILLOUGHBY LEISURE CENTRE

- The fastest time achieved by a fully paid, 1st claim member of the Club, who must have competed in at least 6 club nights.
- Records may be attempted by club members any Friday evening as long as the Chief Timekeeper, Marshall and Starter are informed that a record attempt is being made.
- The swimmer attempting the record must have three timekeepers taking his/her time for the event.
- Records achieved at Club Championships are also recognised.

CLUB COMMUNICATION

The Club endeavours to keep swimmers and their families involved and up-to-date. This is done by a regular newsletter, notices on the noticeboard, having a six month calendar of carnivals and Club nights prepared for Summer and Winter, social events such as family dinners and ocean swim picnics and by publishing material on the website www.willswim.org.au. Everyone is always welcome at social events – the more the merrier!

PARENTAL ASSISTANCE

As with all Sporting Clubs, the Club relies on Parental assistance. There are many ways in which you can support the Club:

- Timekeeping on Club Nights. We always require timekeepers on Friday nights at Club, and it ensures that the night runs quickly and efficiently if we have enough timekeepers.
- Timekeeping at carnivals where Willoughby is the host, such as our own carnival held annually at SOPAC and as required for the Northern Suburbs Championships.
- Fundraising assistance such as volunteering for a few hours once a year at our BBQs held at Bunnings Artarmon. Raffles are also an important function of the Club. Donations of raffle prizes are always greatly appreciated and can also be useful rewards for swimmers who participate in our swim-a-thon.
- The Club also needs assistance with other Club night functions such running the computer and marshalling. Training can be arranged for all technical swimming duties if you are interested. Contact the President.
- Tour organisers. Parents to assist with organising travel, accommodation and food requirements when our swimmers go on tours to carnivals to Canberra and similar interstate destinations.
- The Club Committee meets once a month to discuss Club matters. The Office Bearer positions are decided at our AGM each year usually in May/June. If you are interested in any of the positions or joining the general committee, please see one of the existing Committee. Names of committee members and their telephone numbers are on the web site under "Committee". If you require a nomination form, please see the Club President.
- If you believe you may be able to add value to our Club, in any way, in particular with sponsorship or fundraising activity, please see the Club President, who would be grateful for any support and assistance.

The Club looks forward to you and your family joining us by the pool or at the beach!