

Maccabi Open Water Swim Series Update

Another busy weekend just completed....

MMAD Swim – 26 January 2019

A huge day at Mt Martha on Australia Day for the MMAD Swim, with 24 Maccabi swimmers taking part! The weather gods were kind to us and conditions were terrific, with only a slight breeze and minimal chop.



It was a day full of highlights:

- **Michael Carp** (pictured below) was the star of the day coming 4th out of 62 swimmers in his category in the 1.2km event in a super-fast time of 15 min 39secs.



- **Tess Burger** was the top Maccabi performer among the women swimmers, coming 5th in her category in a superb 16 min 18 secs.
- **Asia Carp**, the youngest swimmer of the Maccabi group, was just behind Tess in a time of 16 min 44 secs – its only a matter of time before catches (and passes) her dad Michael!
- **Nikki Burger** was an impressive 6th out of 46 swimmers in her category.
- **Bev Michael** successfully completed the 400m event, her first-ever open water swim – a fantastic effort which required her to well-and-truly conquer her “open water” demons!
- Not to be out-done by Bev, **Max Michael** completed his first ever 5km swim in a touch over 1hr 30 mins – a very strong result.
- **Roelof Vogel** successfully completed the 5km swim in spite of having to battle severe cramps along the way.
- It was fantastic to have the involvement of a group of the Maccabi All Abilities swimmers – **Zac Chester, Mattie Michael, Guy Slome and Harley Rose** (pictured below with All Abilities Coach **Alexia Keats**). A big thank-you to Lexi who supervised their activities on the beach.



The barbeque that followed the swim was equally memorable, particularly the spectacular flare-up on the grill that almost threatened to destroy half the neighbourhood..... And the absolute highlight of the day will have to be **Peter Cebon's** pavlova, a very fitting way to top off a perfect Australia Day!



For those who missed the swim, here is a link to some spectacular drone footage of the event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNuU-RwC1TU&feature=youtu.be>

We also have quite a few photos from the day and are looking into uploading them to the Maccabi website. I will send out a link when we have this in place.

Ocean Grove Open Water Swim Festival – 27 January 2019

As if the 5km on Australia Day was not enough, **Roelof “Energiser Bunny” Vogel** (pictured below) took part in both the 2.5km and 1.2km events in the Ocean Grove Open Water Swim Festival on 27 January. Conditions were perfect and, impressively, Roelof did a PB of 47 min for his 2.5km swim.



Upcoming Events

Below are details of upcoming events over the next few weeks. A complete list of all events can be found at www.caseyseals.com.au/misc/swim_calendar_2018_19.pdf. Please let me know details of the events that you register for.

Event	Location	Date	Distances	Registration Website
Port to Park	South Melbourne	2 Feb 19	1.1km, 2.2km	southmelbournesc.com.au
WOW Challenge	Williamstown	9 Feb 19	750m, 1.2km, 2.5km, 5km, 10km	wowchallenge.com.au
Bathing Box Classic	Brighton	10 Feb 19	1.2km, 2.5km	brightonlsc.com.au
Pier to Perignon	Sorrento	17 Feb 19	4.5km	portseasurf.com.au
Club to Club	Edithvale	23 Feb 19	1.8km	club2clubswim.com.au
Jalna Big Bay Swim	Sandridge Beach	24 Feb 19	3.2km	bigbayswim.com.au

All the best!

Clive