

# Our Guiding Principles

# Our Purpose

Developing and inspiring a life-long love of Swimming

## **Values**

We are PROGRESSIVE, always striving for improvement

We are RESPECTFUL, and INCLUSIVE, accepting all people

We foster COURAGE and build RESILIENCE

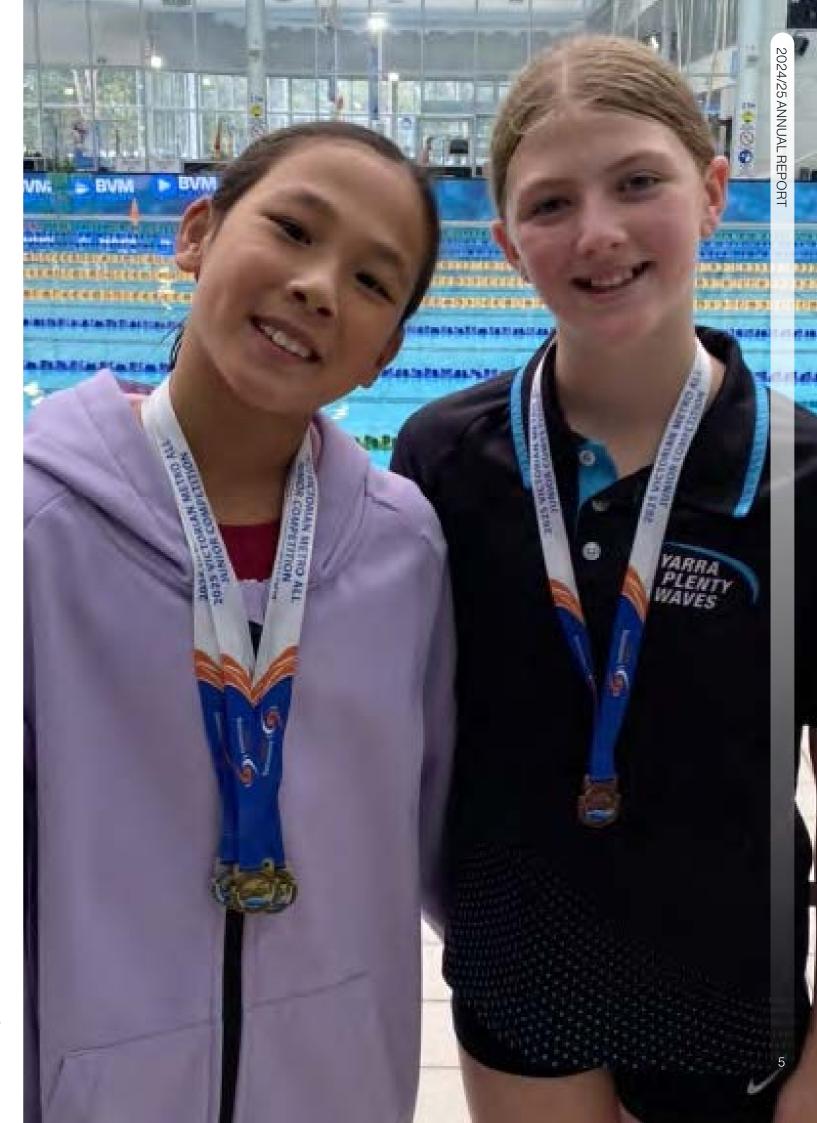
We are SUPPORTIVE.
Working together, we can achieve anything!

We enjoy a balance of FUN and HARD WORK

We are PROUD to

BELONG to Yarra Plenty

Waves



# **Key Personnel**

# Swim School Team

Manager

Kris Bartlett

Schools Coordinator

Tarnya Iddon

Customer Service

Taylah Reddan

# Squad Coaches

Head Coach

Alex Hirschauer

#### **Assistant Coaches**

Gabe Watson

Milly (Amelia) Burnett

Lucia Calderone

Max Bovalino Yash Lonkar

Strength & Conditioning

Huy Lui

# Committee of Management

#### President

Oliver Wein (2019-Jan 2025) Irene Lynch (Jan 2025-current)

#### Senior Vice President

Hayley Harrington

#### Treasurer

Rose Derrick

#### Secretary

Linda Wein

#### Memberships

Susan Daly & Mel Chan

#### **Records Officer**

Alice Izard

#### Grievance Officer

Donna Burnett

#### National Team

Kate Hartley

#### Fundraising

Suzannah Siddles

# Year of Service Awards

Abbie Cooper Amelie Vulich Natasha Ransley-Raven Rohan Wein

## Life Members

Alexander Conte-Biggar

Alison White

**Bradley Paterson** 

Cameron Owens

Colin Holmes

Fiona Mcintyre Flynn McMahon

Glenys Callaway

Katharine Clarkson

Ken Isaac

Lily Josevski

Morgan Evans

Raymond Stahl

Sara Simmons

#### **July 2024**

➤ Champion Performance: Our star swimmer Ahmed Kelly absolutely crushed it at the Paralympic Orientation Camp in Brisbane, alongside Head Coach Alex.

Ahmed excelled in training, relay skills, and team spirit, showcasing his incredible dedication.

Celebrating a **Year of YPW** 

- Fun & Challenge: The month featured our annual holiday Glow Swim morning, lighting up the pool for a fun, out-of-the-ordinary training session. National swimmers pushed their limits during "Shorts Week," training while wearing extra layers like shorts, socks, long pants, and t-shirts to build endurance.
- ➤ Competitive Action: YPW athletes competed strongly at major meets including the Nuna SC Meet and the Surrey Park SC Meet, both held at MSAC.
- Celebrations & Community: Presentation Night was a huge highlight, showcasing awards, delicious food, dancing, and recognition of our new leadership. A big thank-you went to our amazing supporters, with a \$3,000 prize giveaway via a lucky envelope game adding to the excitement.



National Representation: George and Niamh were selected for TeamVic at the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships on the Gold Coast for primary school-aged swimmers. George delivered strong performances, placing 11th in the 100m Breaststroke and an impressive 7th in the 50m Butterfly. He also showcased his versatility as a key team member in the medley relay, swimming the butterfly leg. Niamh also excelled, securing 7th place in the 100m Breaststroke and a fantastic 4th place in the 100m Backstroke. Niamh was also a valuable member of the Medley Relay team. In the secondary schools group, Taylah proudly represented #TeamVic, placing in the top ten across five events and bringing home two medals, including her strong performance in the relay.

Ongoing Competitions: Our swimmers kept up their busy schedule, diving into events like the SC Distance Time Trial and the Victorian Metropolitan SC Championships. We had a fantastic turnout with 43 athletes competing! YPW proudly celebrated numerous podium finishes, a wave of personal bests, and an impressive top 7 club ranking at the Metro SC Championships. This outstanding result truly reflects the incredible dedication and hard work of our swimmers, coaches, and families.

#### August 2024

- Competitive Meets: YPW swimmers competed with dedication at key SC events including the DVE SC Qualifying Meet and the Bayside SC Meet. The team also participated in the EDA Winter SC Meet, showcasing strong performances.
- Safety and Education: Rescue Week at Yarra Swim School promoted vital lifesaving skills across the club's programs, reinforcing YPW's commitment to swimmer safety and education.
  - Paralympic Spirit at Members Day: We had an exciting Members Day where the focus was on our champion, Ahmed Kelly, as excitement built for the Paralympics! It was a fantastic turnout, with everyone showing their support by wearing green and gold. The day also featured a wonderful swim clinic, and we were thrilled to welcome our new committee for 2024/25. Committee members include: Oliver Wein, President; Hayley Harrington & Irene Lynch as Vice Presidents: Rose Derrick as Treasurer; Linda Wein as Secretary; Mel Chan and Susan Daly overseeing Memberships; Kate Hartley managing Uniforms for National Team members: Alice Izard as Records Officer: Donna Burnett as Grievance Officer; Alex Hirschauer as Head Coach; Suzannah Siddles leading Fundraising; and Kris Bartlett as Swim School Manager.



## Looking Back at an Unforgettable Season



#### September 2024

- Paralympic Heroics: What a rollercoaster ride for Ahmed in the Paralympic heats! This legend advanced to the finals, inspiring the club and community to rally behind him as part of the cheer squad.
- Victorian Open SC Championships: Eighteen YPW athletes showcased their talent, with both our relay teams and individual swimmers making strong pushes into the finals at this key competition. Amelie demonstrated her strength in breaststroke, securing 5th place in both the 100m and 200m breaststroke events. Ciara continues to impress, becoming the new 13-yearold record holder for the 100m backstroke, in addition to achieving top-10 finishes in the 200m backstroke and 100m freestyle. Cooper dominated the multi-class events, earning top-5 rankings in an impressive five events. Darcee achieved a strong 7th place finish in the 200m breaststroke. Steph also had a fantastic meet, securing 3rd place among Victorian competitors in the 50m breaststroke. Rohan was YPW's only medalist at the championships, earning a well-deserved 3rd place in the grueling 1500m freestyle. These outstanding results truly reflect the dedication and hard work of our swimmers and coaches.
- Victorian Age SC Championships: YPW swimmers and coaches competed at the Vic Age Championships at MSAC. The club showed strong preparation and team spirit heading into these state-level battles, with 28 athletes competing.
- Junior District Selection: The Metro North Junior District Selection Trials took place at Yarra Swim School, providing exciting opportunities for emerging young talent to showcase their skills and aim for progression.

- State & National Representation: Congratulations to Ciara and the Victorian team, heading to New Zealand to compete, proudly representing YPW's excellence beyond state borders!
- Impressive Debuts, Top Rankings, & a World Record:
  Rohan made an impressive individual Open debut at
  the National SC Championships, fearlessly tackling
  grueling freestyle distances (800m, 1500m, 400m) and
  the 200m Individual Medley. He delivered sensational
  results, including 3rd in his age group and 13th overall
  in the Men's 800m Freestyle, 4th place in the Men's
  400m Freestyle Age Final, and 8th place in the Men's
  1500m Freestyle A Final, cementing his place with top
  Australian rankings.

Steph also showcased her strength, competing strongly in the Women's 50m Breaststroke age final, where she finished an impressive 10th. Our Men's Freestyle Relay team, comprising Louie, Ollie, Rohan, and Troy, demonstrated exceptional teamwork by shaving over 2 seconds off their entry time.

Ahmed delivered a truly record-breaking performance, with multiple podium finishes across various multi-class events. Most notably, Ahmed solidified his superstar status by setting a world record in the SM3 150m Medley at the SC National Championships! What an unforgettable championships for YPW!



#### October 2024

YPW Encouragement Meet: The club hosted a successful Encouragement Meet at the Yarra Plenty Indoor Pool, providing a supportive and fun competitive environment for swimmers of all levels. Thanks and congratulations to all participants and supporters! Plus FREE Churros with support from San Churro Greensborough.



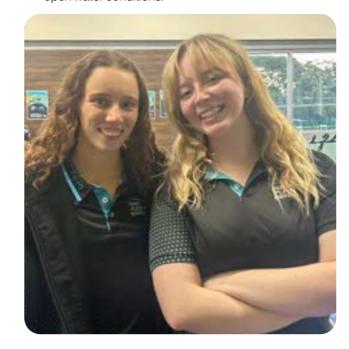
- Major Competitions: YPW swimmers also competed in important events such as the Victorian JX Competition, DVE LC Qualifying Meet, and the Metro Junior District Competition. These meets offered valuable experience and development opportunities for club athletes.
- ➤ Academic Achievements: Congratulations to all Year 12 students balancing intense study commitments with their swimming careers. Completing their first exams while remaining committed to training and balancing swimming at this level is a significant achievement.

#### November 2024

- Competitive Meets: YPW swimmers competed strongly in several key LC events, including the MLC Aquatic November LC Meet and the Surrey Park LC Meets. Athletes also participated in the Victorian LC Distance Time Trial and the Victorian Qualifying Competition, showcasing depth and determination across age groups. The Caulfield Aquatics LC Meet at Caulfield Grammar School provided additional competitive opportunities late in the month.
- ➤ Charity & Giving Back: The Yarra Swim School continued its tradition of community involvement by supporting the Banyule Children's Gift Appeal this Christmas season, gathering donations to brighten the holidays for local children.
- ➤ Equipment Upgrades: Thanks to generous monthly equipment grants from Banyule Council, the club added valuable new gear, including a GoPro camera and an iPad, enhancing coaching, training analysis, and swimmer development.

#### December 2024

- ➤ Racing Strong: Our swimmers wasted no time, diving into a busy schedule of competitive meets right from the start. YPW athletes showcased strong performances and gained valuable race experience at the MSC Splash Eight. Just a week later, our sprinters honed their skills at the DVE Sprint Meet at Watermarc, demonstrating the club's depth across various events.
  - Mattioli Victorian Age LC Championships: The highlight was undoubtedly the Mattioli Victorian Age LC Championships. Our team of 29 athletes delivered outstanding performances across the board. In total, our swimmers completed 141 races, achieving an incredible 73 personal bests, which means over half (51.8%) of their swims were new records! The team also secured an impressive 41 top 10 finishes, including 16 podium placements: 5 gold, 7 silver, and 4 bronze medals. Individual highlights include Ciara's dominant performance with 7 first-place finishes, earning her the Age Champion title. Cooper had a fantastic meet with 2 first-place and 7 second-place finishes. Taylah consistently reached the podium with 3 second-place and 1 third-place finish, while Rohan secured 1 firstplace and 2 second-place finishes. Tess also showed remarkable consistency with 3 fourth-place finishes.
- Christmas Party Celebration: YPW members gathered at Greensborough Bowls Club to celebrate the festive season, enjoying community spirit, food, and fun after a successful year of swimming achievements.
- Victorian Open Water Championships: YPW athletes made a splash at the Victorian Open Water Championships at Eastern Beach Geelong, demonstrating endurance and versatility in challenging open water conditions.



#### January 2025

➤ Sprint Season kicked off 2025: The new year began with high energy at the Mattioli Victorian Sprint Championships, held at MSACs (MSAC). YPW athletes celebrated personal bests and finals appearances, riding the momentum into the year ahead. This fast-paced event showcased the best of Victorian sprint talent across all 50m events!



#### February 2025

- ➤ Busy Meet Calendar: YPW swimmers dived into a packed schedule, showcasing talent and determination across multiple LC competitions. The month opened strong with the Nuna Summer LC Meet at MSAC and the DVE Jackson Car Qualifying Meet at Watermarc Aquatic & Leisure Centre, offering vital early-season racing and qualification opportunities.
- ➤ Safety First: Yarra Swim School led Emergency Evacuation Week, running essential drills to reinforce safety awareness among swimmers, coaches, and staff, continuing our outstanding safety commitment.
- ➤ Emerging Talent Spotlight: The Metro North All Junior Selection Trials took place at MSAC, showcasing the club's promising juniors vying for district team representation.





State Championships: A strong showing at the 2025 Mattioli Victorian Open LC Championships, with 20 athletes competing. Our team achived personal bests and secured Top 10 finishes, including podium placements. Cooper was a consistent top performer in Multi-Class events with multiple 5th and 6th place finishes. Ciara reached B-Finals in three events and secured 6th and 7th in A-Finals. Taylah delivered an outstanding 3rd place podium finish in the Women's 800m Free, also placing 9th in 400m Free and 4th in 1500m Free. Steph earned a well-deserved 3rd place podium finish in the Women's 50m Breast (A Final), adding an 8th in 50m Back. Tess competed in the 50m Breast B Final, and Ahmed absolutely dominated his event, securing 1st place in the Men's 150m IM MC. These results underscore the depth of talent and dedication within the YPW team as they continue to make waves at the state level.

#### **March 2025**

- Mattioli Victorian Metropolitan LC Championships: YPW swimmers competed strongly at the Metro Champs at MSAC, showcasing skill and determination in a competitive field.
- New Social Connection: Yarra Swim School proudly launched its official Instagram page, providing members and the community with fresh updates, photos, and engagement opportunities.
- Qualifying Meets: The club participated in the DVE LC Meet at Watermarc and the Caulfield LC Meet at Caulfield Grammar, offering key racing opportunities and qualification for upcoming major events.
- Vic Last Chance National Qualifying Competition: Swimmers seized final chances to qualify for national qualification, demonstrating focus and competitive spirit.

- Swim Race Night: YPW's popular "Race, Learn, and Have Fun" swim race night took place at Yarra Swim School, providing a fun and developmental environment for swimmers from our junior squads and learn-to-swim participants to sharpen racing skills and build team camaraderie.
- ➤ Ivanhoe Swim LC Meet: The month wrapped up with participation at the Ivanhoe Swim LC Meet, further deepening competitive experience and club presence across local meets.
- ➤ Dominating School Swimming: March brought great success as countless YPW caps filled pools across numerous school district and regional competitions. Our swimmers proudly represented their schools, achieving remarkable personal bests and securing qualifications. Their success and sportsmanship clearly demonstrated to all in attendance the depth of talent within our club and why YPW is truly the club to be a part of!



#### **April 2025**

> Junior Stars Light Up Metro All Juniors: YPW swimmers shining among Victoria's best young talent. The event showcased outstanding sportsmanship and countless personal bests, highlighting YPW's strong junior pathways. Our finalists included Perry, Elaina, Kitt, Pierce, George, Shun, Elijah, Riley, Charlotte, Renae, Scarlett, Lexi, Ava, Kenneth, Caitlin, Tilly, and Archie. Special highlights included Elaina winning 3 gold and 1 silver medal, Ava securing 2nd place, Charlotte earning a 3rd-place finish, and Pierce, Kitt, and George each bringing home bronze medals. Yarra Plenty Waves delivered a strong overall performance, with 71% of our swimmers improving or maintaining their rankings. The team's excellent professionalism, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship truly reflected our club's positive culture. A big thank you to Coach Gabe for his attendance and support!

#### ➤ Phoenix Junior Excellence Clinic at Metro All Juniors:

Our junior athletes attended the prestigious Pho3nix JX Clinic, an exclusive development and inspiration session for swimmers aged 9–13. These clinics provide world-class coaching, direct access to Dolphins ambassadors, and opportunities to strive for Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Blue JX status—integral milestones for Victoria's rising stars and a key step towards senior representative swimming.

YPW Shines on the National Stage: Australian Age & Multi-Class Age Championships: Our team truly excelled at the nation's premier youth event, delivering nine memorable days of thrilling racing and camaraderie in Brisbane. Our swimmers showcased outstanding spirit, resilience, and talent, with highlights across the board.

Cooper absolutely blitzed his Multi-Class events, dominating with top national rankings, qualifying for multiple finals, scoring valuable points, and earning a well-deserved selection into the Swimming Victoria Emerging Abilities Squad.

Ciara had an exceptional Australian Age
Championships, proving herself as one of Australia's
top young swimmers. She secured gold medals in the
200m backstroke, 100m butterfly, and 200m freestyle,
adding three silvers and a relay bronze on the Victorian
team. Ciara reached the finals in nearly every race,
showing strong improvement from heats to finals, and
ultimately took home an impressive seven medals in
total.

Other standout performances included Rohan, who wrapped up his Age Nationals journey as a respected leader and multi-event competitor. Sam achieved remarkable personal bests in six events, and Renae impressed in her nationals debut, excelling in breaststroke and medley while anchoring strong relays.

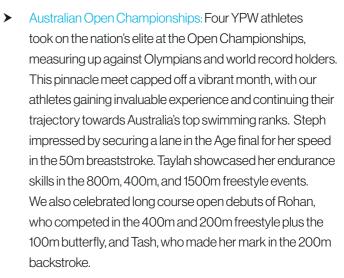
Tess displayed grit in her first nationals, reaching the breaststroke finals, while Ben's backstroke debut brought fantastic personal bests and rising national rankings. Issy contributed composure and effort in individual and relay backstroke races. Ava, Scarlett, and Lexi brought fresh energy and passion to the relay squad in their first national experience, and Tilly played a vital role in the medley relay, exemplifying true team spirit.

The YPW team not only performed with distinction, achieving numerous finals, personal bests, and national rankings, but also fostered an incredible environment of mutual support and club pride throughout the meet. These achievements were made possible by the unwavering dedication of our Head Coach Alex, the coaches and teammates supporting from back home, and all our families and supporters. Their collective effort culminated in one final, unforgettable push for the medley relay, capping off a truly memorable campaign.









#### **June 2025**

- New Equipment Launch: YPW unveiled a new swimming tower dedicated to power and resistance training, a key upgrade to enhance athlete strength and conditioning. Alongside this, new video analysis screens were installed to support precise skill review and coach feedback. These valuable additions were made possible through the fantastic fundraising efforts throughout the year, demonstrating the incredible support of our community.
- Nation's Best at the 2025 Australian Swimming Trials: Our incredible YPW trio Ahmed, Steph, and Taylah represented our club with immense pride at the high-stakes Trials.

  Ahmed Kelly, our seasoned champion, showcased his enduring power by making the final in the 150m Medley, also competing in the 50m Freestyle. Steph brought her sprint prowess to the 50m Breaststroke. Demonstrating incredible endurance, Taylah tackled the challenging 800m Freestyle. From sprints to long distances, these results brilliantly highlight the diverse talent and competitive spirit of our YPW athletes on the national stage. What a fantastic showing for the team!
- Race, Learn, and Have Fun Night: The YPW Swim Race Night brought together swimmers across all levels in a vibrant event focused on developing racing skills, building team camaraderie, and enjoying competitive fun in a supportive environment.



# President's Report

Oliver Wein (2019 – January 2025) Irene Lynch (January – current)

As the 2024/25 season concludes, I reflect with pride and gratitude on another extraordinary year. It's been a testament to our growth, remarkable achievements, and the vibrant community spirit that defines Yarra Plenty Waves. Our swimmers consistently showcased dedication and excellence, making impressive strides at all levels and reinforcing our club's strong foundation.

#### Leadership and Coaching Excellence

Our incredible coaching team remained the driving force behind our athletes' progress. Under Head Coach Alex Hirschauer, our swimmers flourished. I thank our coaching family—Gabe, Milly, Lucia, Huy—and welcomed back Max, strengthening support across all squads. A special thank you to Alex for his steadfast leadership since our club's amalgamation; his departure will be deeply felt but opens exciting opportunities for fresh direction.

#### Thriving Community and Engaging Events

Community remains the heart of Yarra Plenty Waves. In 2025, I was proud to help deliver exciting, profitable swim meets, social events, and volunteer-driven fundraisers, including our Cadbury Chocolates fundraiser, a fun community trivia night, and raffles supported by generous businesses. Our popular Race Nights strengthened connections between our swim school and club families, fostered a love for swimming, encouraged leadership from senior athletes, and supported the next wave of swimmers.

#### **Celebrating Achievements**

I salute every swimmer who set personal bests, reached podiums, earned elite squad selections, or simply embraced each experience. These accomplishments reflect the strength of our development pathways and

the inspiration provided by our senior swimmers and the foundations they have laid. It's exciting to see young athletes stepping up, ready to carry forward our club's vibrant culture and inspire the next wave.

#### Financial Overview

Despite rising operational costs and complex scheduling, I'm pleased that Yarra Plenty Waves maintained financial stability through careful management and invaluable support from Banyule City Council. Our fundraising initiatives were pivotal in supplementing club finances and enabling facility upgrades—ensuring we remain well-equipped for future growth and provide the best environment for our athletes.

#### Upholding Safety and Standards

Our Swim School continues to flourish with strong enrolments, a clear testament to our focused recruitment efforts and the passion of our staff. We remain committed to safety and quality through continuous reviews and staff training, ensuring we consistently exceed standards. This dedication reinforces our reputation as a trusted leader in the area.

#### **Looking Ahead**

Looking ahead, I'm genuinely excited about the appointment of our new head coach! With the growth and momentum built on solid foundations laid by past committees, coaches, staff, and members, Yarra Plenty Waves is well-positioned to become the flagship swim club and club of choice in the Metro North region. The future looks bright!

#### Acknowledgements

I extend heartfelt thanks to everyone: our coaches, hardworking staff, incredible volunteers, dedicated committee members, inspiring swimmers, and supportive families. Your commitment, teamwork, and passion make Yarra Plenty Waves a place of achievement, friendship, and fun.

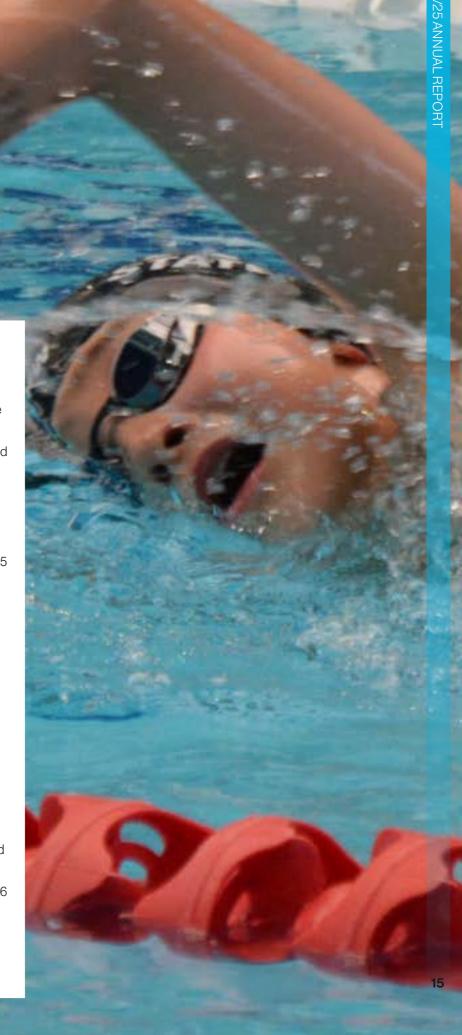
A very special thank you goes to Oliver Wein for his dedicated years of service as President, guiding the club with vision and commitment until January 2025. I was honoured to step into the President role at the start of 2025 and am proud to have supported the club through this important transition, with invaluable support from Ollie.

I also sincerely thank our outgoing committee members for their contributions: Susan Daly, Mel Chan, Donna Burnett, and Suzannah Siddles. Additionally, a big thank you to Kris Bartlett, our Facility Manager, for his ongoing work in helping us provide excellent service.

Thank you to all parents for supporting our club and their swimmers. Special thanks also go to two very special women who have contributed greatly—Kerry Lister and Jesse Freestone. Their work with fundraising and special events for the club is truly appreciated.

Together, we make waves, inspiring excellence both in and out of the pool. Thank you for being an integral part of the Yarra Plenty Waves family. Here's to an exciting 2025/2026 season ahead!

Irene Lynch
President
Yarra Plenty Wayes



# Head Coach's Report

Alex Hirschauer | Director of Coaching

July 2022-August 2025

#### Reflections on My Coaching Journey

As I wind up my time at Yarra Plenty Waves, I take a moment to reflect not only on the past twelve months but also on the last nine years—six as head coach of EC Waves and the past three at Yarra Plenty Waves.

In 2016 I made the decision to move from high-performance coaching to a local club. This was partly for personal reasons, to work closer to home, but also because I felt there was a gap in performance opportunities in the north of Melbourne.

#### Club Growth and Achievements

At the time I started at EC Waves, the club was ranked 56th in Victoria, with two national-level swimmers and thirteen state-age swimmers. By 2021 we were regularly placing in the top ten at Metro and Victorian Championship meets, and in 2022 we were ranked 7th in Victoria. Post-merge, we have continued to place between 7th and 11th at championship meets and recently matched our all-time high with 5th place at the Vic Metro SC Championships.

At the same time, our number of national-level swimmers has soared, with as many as 26 swimmers representing Waves at National Championships in 2024.

#### National-Level Performances

There have been many outstanding individual results, with the following swimmers achieving finals/top ten results at national level:

- ➤ Flynn McMahon
- Lev Makarushkin
- ➤ Emilia Cilauro
- Stephanie O'Donnell Amelie Vulich
- Darcee Loo Kercheval
- Tess Izard
- Rohan Wein
- Conor Haves
- Imogen Nolan
- Cooper Harrington

In 2020 we celebrated our first Australian medallist when Emma Rao won bronze in the 100m breaststroke. Ryan Cothill then went on to win silver in the 100m and 200m breaststroke at the 2021 and 2022 Australian Age Championships. This was later surpassed by Ciara Jeffs, who became our first Australian Age Champion in 2024, winning two gold, five silver and one bronze medal. She improved further this year, winning three gold, three silver and one bronze across multiple events.

From a performance perspective, Ahmed Kelly has achieved extraordinary results, winning multiple national championships, breaking world records, claiming a para world championship gold medal in 2023, and a Paralympic silver medal in Paris in 2024.

Over the past two seasons, we have ranked among the top fifty clubs in Australia. In 2021 we became the number one ranked club in Metro North—a position we have maintained at the majority of championship meets since.

#### Initiatives and Programs Introduced

Some notable introductions during my time at Yarra Plenty Waves include:

- increasing WaterMarc sessions from four Waves and two YAP per week to as many as eleven timetabled sessions per week
- > gym at WaterMarc
- pre-opening entry times at WaterMarc to allow morning training to start earlier
- > purchase of GoPro, iPad, stretch cords, power tower
- > purchase and set-up of a gym at Yarra
- school sports holiday program
- reintroduction of masters swim club
- open water program
- merging of EC Waves and Yarra Plenty Swim Club
- > development of a five-year strategic plan





## New Club Records

9 Years	s Female LC			
Elaina	Zheng			
100m	Breaststroke	01:38.4	MSC Splash Nine	2-Feb-25
100m	Freestyle	01:16.5	MSC Splash Nine	2-Feb-25
50m	Backstroke	38.82	Victorian Metro All Junior Competition	6-Apr-25
50m	Butterfly	34.31	School Sport Victoria	1-May-25
10 Yea	rs Female LC			
Niamh	Jeffs			
100m	Backstroke	01:18.5	Surrey Park LC Meet	3-Nov-24
100m	Butterfly	01:25.1	Surrey Park LC Meet	3-Nov-24
100m	Freestyle	01:09.0	School Sport Australia Swimming	26-Jul-24
50m	Backstroke	37.34	DVE Aquatic Sprints Meet	7-Dec-24
10 Yea	rs Male LC			
Georg	e Zheng			
50m	Breaststroke	40.82	School Sport Australia Swimming	27-Jul-24
50m	Butterfly	33.48	School Sport Australia Swimming	25-Jul-24
11 Year	rs Male LC			
Georg	e Zheng			
100m	Breaststroke	01:25.4	Mattioli Victorian Metropolitan LC Champs	8-Mar-25
50m	Breaststroke	37.88	School Sport Victoria	1-May-25
50m	Butterfly	32.58	School Sport Victoria	1-May-25
12 Year	rs Male LC			
Elijah L	amont			
200m	Butterfly	02:43.1	Mattioli Victorian Metropolitan LC Champs	10-Mar-25
200m	Individual Medley	02:40.6	Mattioli Victorian Metropolitan LC Champs	10-Mar-25

14 Yea	rs Female LC			
Ciara	Jeffs			
100m	Backstroke	01:03.2	New Zealand Tri Series Competition	4-Oct-24
100m	Backstroke	01:03.8	Australian Age and MC Age Championships	16-Apr-25
100m	Butterfly	01:02.5	Australian Age and MC Age Championships	14-Apr-25
100m	Butterfly	01:05.0	New Zealand Tri Series Competition	4-Oct-24
100m	Freestyle	57.68	Mattioli Victorian Metropolitan LC Champs	9-Mar-25
200m	Backstroke	02:18.7	Australian Age and MC Age Championships	13-Apr-25
200m	Freestyle	02:03.7	Australian Age and MC Age Championships	16-Apr-25
200m	Individual Medley	02:23.5	Mattioli Victorian Metropolitan LC Champs	8-Mar-25
400m	Freestyle	04:24.5	Mattioli Victorian Age LC Championships	17-Dec-24
50m	Backstroke	30.01	Australian Age and MC Age Championships	17-Apr-25
50m	Butterfly	28.91	Australian Age and MC Age Championships	16-Apr-25
50m	Freestyle	26.92	Mattioli Victorian Age LC Championships	18-Dec-24
14 Yea	rs Male LC			
Benjar	nin van Dijk			
50m	Backstroke	29.79	Australian Age and MC Age Championships	14-Apr-25
Sam H	lartley			
200m	Backstroke	02:22.2	Surrey Park LC Meet	3-Nov-24
15 Yea	rs Male LC			
Sam H	lartley			
100m	Backstroke	01:04.2	Australian Age and MC Age Championships	16-Apr-25
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400m	Freestyle	04:19.9	Victorian Age SC Championships	6-Sep-24
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Taylah	Watson	,		
1500m	Freestyle	17:41.9	Mattioli Victorian Open LC Championships	16-Feb-25
800m	Freestyle	09:08.3	Mattioli Victorian Open LC Championships	14-Feb-25
Open	Male LC			
Rohan	Wein			
1500m	Freestyle	16:38.3	Mattioli Victorian Age LC Championships	18-Dec-24
800m	Freestyle	08:35.2	Mattioli Victorian Age LC Championships	14-Dec-24
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Kitt Iza	rd			
50m	Freestyle	33.77	Victorian Metropolitan SC Champs	28-Jul-24
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200m	Breaststroke	02:49.8	Victorian Age SC Championships	18-Aug-24
Ciara J	leffs			
100m	Backstroke	01:02.4	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24
100m	Freestyle	57.81	Victorian Age SC Championships	7-Sep-24
100m	Individual Medley	01:05.7	Victorian Age SC Championships	7-Sep-24
200m	Backstroke	02:17.9	School Sport Australia Swimming	27-Jul-24
200m	Freestyle	02:04.2	Victorian Age SC Championships	6-Sep-24
200m	Individual Medley	02:19.7	Victorian Age SC Championships	6-Sep-24
400m	Freestyle	04:19.9	Victorian Age SC Championships	6-Sep-24
50m	Freestyle	26.72	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24

14 Year	rs Male LC			
Sam H	artley			
100m	Individual Medley	01:04.8	Victorian Open SC Championships	17-Aug-24
200m	Individual Medley	02:18.1	Victorian Age SC Championships	6-Sep-24
50m	Backstroke	29.32	Victorian Metropolitan SC Champs	27-Jul-24
15 Year	rs Male LC			
Isabell	e Donert			
50m	Backstroke	30.51	Victorian Age SC Championships	7-Sep-24
Matilda	a Barber			
200m	Butterfly	02:33.9	Victorian Open SC Championships	17-Aug-24
16 Year	rs Male LC			
Matilda	a Barber			
200m	Butterfly	02:35.0	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24
17 Year	s Female SC			
Amelie	Vulich			
100m	Breaststroke	01:12.1	Victorian Open SC Championships	17-Aug-24
100m	Freestyle	59.23	Victorian Metropolitan SC Champs	28-Jul-24
100m	Individual Medley	01:05.7	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24
200m	Breaststroke	02:32.3	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24
200m	Individual Medley	02:21.1	Victorian Open SC Championships	17-Aug-24
18 Yea	rs Female SC			
200m	Breaststroke	02:39.6	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24
200m	Individual Medley	02:25.3	Victorian Open SC Championships	17-Aug-24
400m	Individual Medley	05:13.2	Victorian Open SC Championships	7-Sep-24
Stepha	anie O'Donnell			
50m	Breaststroke	32.92	Victorian Age SC Championships	18-Aug-24
50m	Freestyle	27.41	Victorian Age SC Championships	6-Sep-24
Taylah	Watson			
1500m	Freestyle	17:43.2	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24
200m	Freestyle	02:09.8	Surrey Park Short Course Meet	14-Jul-24
400m	Freestyle	04:27.9	Victorian Age SC Championships	7-Sep-24
800m	Freestyle	09:13.4	Victorian Age SC Championships	6-Sep-24

18 Yea	18 Years Male SC					
Rohan	Rohan Wein					
1500m	Freestyle	15:45.5	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24		
200m	Freestyle	01:54.6	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24		
200m	Individual Medley	02:10.0	Victorian Age SC Championships	6-Sep-24		
400m	Freestyle	03:57.5	Victorian Age SC Championships	7-Sep-24		
50m	Backstroke	28.46	Victorian Age SC Championships	18-Aug-24		
800m	Freestyle	08:13.7	Australian SC Championships	26-Sep-24		
Open	Female SC					
Amelie	Vulich					
200m	Breaststroke	02:32.3	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24		
Ciara	leffs					
100m	Backstroke	01:02.4	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24		
200m	Freestyle	02:04.2	Victorian Age SC Championships	6-Sep-24		
400m	Freestyle	04:19.9	Victorian Age SC Championships	6-Sep-24		
Matilda	a Barber					
200m	Butterfly	02:33.9	Victorian Open SC Championships	17-Aug-24		
18 Yea	rs Male SC					
Rohan Wein						
1500m	Freestyle	15:45.5	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24		
200m	Freestyle	01:54.6	Victorian Age SC Championships	8-Sep-24		
400m	Freestyle	03:57.5	Victorian Age SC Championships	7-Sep-24		
800m	Freestyle	08:13.7	Australian SC Championships	26-Sep-24		

# Facility & Program Report

Facility Manager

The 2024-2025 year was largely uninterrupted, allowing us to provide consistent program delivery and excellent facility access. This achievement was made possible through the hard work of our team and the continued support of Banyule Council. Together, we have maintained a facility that our community can be truly proud of.

Our Swimming Journey Pathway continues to offer families the best experience for their family members, guiding them to reach their full potential in the water. I want to personally thank all our staff for their ongoing dedication, passion, and commitment to education, mentoring, and safety.

As we look ahead, we are excited about new opportunities to enhance our services and strengthen the community. We look forward to continuing our shared swimming journey because, as we all know, there is nothing better than swimming!

# Learn to Swim Program: A Year Achievement and Development

The Learn to Swim program experienced steady growth throughout the year with minimal interruptions. Our students showed remarkable development, confidently pushing beyond their comfort zones. Whether swimming unassisted or overcoming fears such as diving, their progress was inspiring.

The program's focus went beyond stroke technique and water confidence to teach essential water safety skills, including rescue techniques, swimming while clothed, treading water, and survival strokes.

A standout achievement was the strong integration of our Swimming Journey Pathway, which led to many students progressing from lessons into the Club's Competitive Squads. This success was thanks to a collaborative effort where our teachers and coaches worked closely to create a consistent approach to skills such as streamlining and turns.

We continued to face challenges with swim teacher availability due to university commitments and illness, but recruitment efforts were successful. In 2025, we welcomed 12 new teachers who completed their Austswim qualifications with us, strengthening our team and ensuring more consistent instruction. The iClassPro system remained a vital tool, improving communication, allowing parents to track their child's progress, and making account management smoother for our community.

# Accelerated Progress with Holiday Intensive Program

Our Holiday Intensive Program offers students a chance to accelerate their swimming in a focused, short-term format. An expression of interest is sent to families and promoted via social media ahead of each term to help with planning. If there is insufficient interest, the program may be cancelled.

Typically running Monday through Friday (excluding public holidays), the program has had strong participation across the year: 28 students in July 2024, 26 in December 2024 (our first-ever December program), 23 in January 2025, and 26 in April 2025. The September 2024 program did not run due to low interest. During April, we also trialed private coaching with three students, which received positive feedback.

# Beyond Lessons: Our Fitness Squads

For swimmers who complete the Learn to Swim program but prefer a non-competitive path, we offer Fitness Junior squads. These swimmers train for one hour, once a week, often complementing other sports with swimming.

When swimmers turn 14, they move into our Fitness Senior squads, which are popular not only for fitness but also for the social connections they foster. Our coaches skillfully support swimmers of all levels in these squads and make excellent use of the pool space.

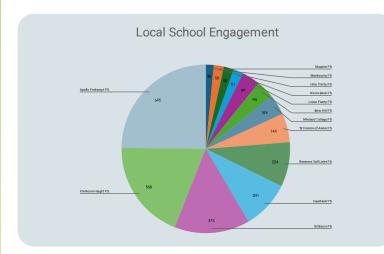
Training for Fitness Junior squads occurs on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Fitness Senior and Masters squads train four times per week, with sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Wednesday morning.

#### Partnering with Local Schools

Our schools program was busy this year, providing valuable support to local schools. We successfully hosted swimming trials for four schools during Term 4 of 2024 and Term 1 of 2025. In addition, we coached students at Apollo Parkways Primary School twice a week for three weeks.

Although more schools engaged in swimming lessons overall, there was a slight decline in total student participation. Feedback indicates that cost, the non-compulsory nature of attendance, and illness contributed to the decrease. There also appears to be a growing trend of schools shifting their swimming programs from Term 1 to Term 3.









#### Lap Swimming: Our Commitment to the Community

As part of our commitment to Banyule Council, we provide dedicated lap swimming times for the community. While limited, these sessions offer valuable access across the week. Lap swimming is available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM, and Monday through Friday afternoons from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Weekend hours are Saturdays from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM and Sundays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

#### Water Aerobics: Fitness and Friendship

Our water aerobics program remains hugely popular, providing more than just exercise—it has become a vibrant social hub where members build friendships and gather regularly for social activities like lunch and coffee. We're proud of the strong community spirit the program has created.

Additionally, we have several three-month membership holders who, although not included in main attendance figures, contribute an estimated 50 participants monthly, further demonstrating the program's popularity.

#### Facility Improvements and Maintenance

This year we completed several important upgrades and maintenance tasks to keep the facility safe and comfortable for users. Key improvements include the installation of a new Redox machine for precise chlorine and pH control, upgraded temperature controls in the change rooms, and replacement of the broken sink and mirror in the staff room.

We also installed new roof access and safety equipment, including walkways and anchor points to meet safety standards. An automatic make-up valve was fitted to maintain pool water levels, and repairs were made to the gym's HVAC unit and the plant room switchboard.

Routine maintenance continued throughout the year, including monthly pest control and sanitary bin servicing, quarterly servicing of HVAC systems, annual checks of emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, security systems, and repairs to the pool vacuum.

#### Safety First: Our Health & Safety Overview

Safety remains our highest priority. This year, we continued to take a proactive approach by conducting mock emergency evacuations with all Learn to Swim staff and participants in early Term 2 to prepare everyone for emergencies.

Incident records for the year show nine minor first aids, two major first aids, and three overall incidents. Most incidents occurred in the pool area, followed by the pool deck, entrance/foyer, gym, and change rooms.

Two major incidents stand out. One involved a visitor who fell from a chair, hitting their head; emergency services were called and the patient recovered well. Immediate action removed the hazardous chairs, and the incident was reported to WorkSafe. The other involved a staff member injured after a student jumped into the pool without instruction, resulting in a two-week absence. This was also reported to WorkSafe, and details were shared among staff to prevent future recurrences.

We are currently addressing hazards including poor car park lighting, the absence of a fire alert system, and aging flooring in the entrance and foyer, raising these concerns with Banyule Council.

#### **Utilities Management: Progress** and Savings

We made notable progress in managing utilities this year. After switching suppliers in March 2024, we achieved savings in electricity and gas despite steady usage. Moving forward, we will continue exploring opportunities to reduce costs and lessen our environmental footprint by leveraging a better understanding of our facility's operations.

Water usage and costs remained steady, with small operational improvements helping reduce consumption without compromising the facility's quality or user experience.



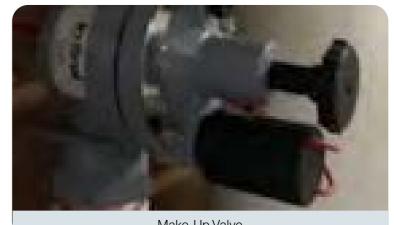
Redox Machine



Plant Room Switchboard



Roof Access and Safet



Make-Up Valve

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# **Financial** Report

Rose Derrick Treasurer

August 2023-current



I am pleased to present my report on the unaudited financial statements of Yarra Plenty Swimming Club Inc. for the year ended June 2025.

Over the past year, we have continued to implement effective strategies to reduce operating expenses and worked closely with Banyule Council to negotiate major overhead costs. The club also benefitted from strong community support through fundraising efforts and increased participation in our holiday programs, which helped to partially offset downturns in other areas.

Reflecting on the previous year, 2024 brought significant challenges including unforeseen equipment malfunctions that temporarily disrupted our learn-to-swim and school lesson programs.

Despite these setbacks, our dedicated team worked tirelessly to resolve issues and implement cost-saving measures. While rising energy costs and reduced trading income presented difficulties, careful management of expenses helped to mitigate the overall impact on our financial position.

I am sincerely grateful for the ongoing support and collaboration within our club, which continues to drive our commitment to providing valuable community programs and services. Thank you to everyone who has supported me in my second year as Treasurer. Being part of such a committed and professional team makes this role both enjoyable and rewarding.

Rose

#### **Profit and Loss**

## YARRA PLENTY SWIMMING CLUB INC For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Trading Income		
Bus Shuttle	49,481.82	51,463.65
Canteen Sales	3,386.13	11,275.73
Club - Competition Income [41052]	4,054.15	2,018.95
Club - Competitions/ Meets	2,075.15	851.84
Club - Function Income	6,284.27	3,074.88
Club - Fundraising	12,311.69	13,793.89
Club - Holiday Program Income	306.61	3,882.11
Club - Miscellaneous Income	-	(0.12
Club - Swim Merchandise Sales	2,361.64	498.59
Club - Swim VIC Membership	37,480.60	25,635.96
Grant Income	1,824.00	
Holiday Programs	1,442.55	4,185.25
Learn to Swim	272,227.02	610,041.14
Masters Programs	-	41,252.39
Merchandise Sales	2,702.03	3,169.76
Other Income [47600]	-	15.00
Pool Hire	5,315.95	2,899.12
Public Swimming	1,787.78	6,517.32
Revenue Clearing	434,287.31	
Room Hire	3,106.17	3,296.04
School Lessons	185,134.82	170,490.58
Squad Fees	155,650.81	214,241.80
Training / Camps Income	-	6,181.14
VIC Business Grant	(1,475.45)	
Water Aerobics	6,096.50	17,685.01
Total Trading Income	1,185,841.55	1,192,470.03
Cost of Sales		
Canteen Supplies	5,400.86	7,900.69
Closing Stock	(9,746.23)	(7,413.79)
Merchandise Purchases	1,449.00	2,402.38
Opening Stock	7,413.79	8,665.29
Total Cost of Sales	4,517.42	11,554.57
Gross Profit	1,181,324.13	1,180,915.46
Other Income		
Interest Received	-	1,066.68
Total Other Income	-	1,066.68
Operating Expenses		
Accounting & Bookkeeping	10,726.18	8,770.00

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	2025	2024
Annual leave provision [99000]		6,741.54
Bank Fees	2,715.66	1,582.22
Bus Hire for Schools	35,271.00	36,973.45
Cleaning & Hygiene Supplies	3,085.91	3,015.38
Club - Coach Training	1 017 07	687.44
Club - Competition Fees	1,817.87	3,316.15
Club - Equipment	179.92	1,433.23
Club - Fundraising Costs	8,302.02	13,639.19
Club - IT/ Hosting	2.512.60	35.40
Club - Meet / Meeting Re-imbursement	2,513.60	2,890.14
Club - Membership	148.18	155.40
Club - Party/ Function	7,542.13	155.46
Club - Stripe/ Bank fees	2,235.41	2,607.77
Club - Subscriptions	1,211.54	692.66
Club - Swim Meet Prep	1,003.80	1,180.00
Club - Swim Merchandise Purchases	4,392.69	487.38
Club - Travel	4,203.05	8,961.41
Club - Trophies & Certificates	2,756.73	200.00
Club - Uniforms	1,708.94	80.46
Club - Watermarc Account	43,959.57	38,985.93
Club account	(35.20)	
Contractors	9,773.36	43,495.58
Depreciation	30,317.00	31,211.00
Eftpos Transaction Fees	4,177.07	5,661.59
Electricity	41,345.23	44,903.08
Employment Expenses	665.45	-
First Aid Supplies	1,499.91	681.35
Gas	75,808.91	77,643.20
Insurance	15,594.79	5,478.55
Interest Paid - ATO	2,054.23	
Interest Paid [61042]	946.50	1,845.64
Interest Paid [99010]	972.76	704.70
IT & Hosting	1,984.18	1,198.34
Less Reimbursed Repairs & Maintenance	-	(3,252.31)
LSL Provision	-	1,140.11
Office & Computer Supplies	892.96	1,571.87
Payroll Tax	-	4,391.38
Pest Control	1,183.70	1,600.82
Pool Chemicals	14,210.78	14,251.32
Pool Equipment	3,171.96	1,299.40
Pool Testing	4,268.56	4,012.73
Postage & Delivery	220.42	158.18
Printing	3,229.67	2,840.10
Rates	-	3,688.55
Recruiting costs	-	814.23

	2025	2024
Rent	68,347.67	58,652.73
Repairs & Maintenance	5,791.09	1,248.60
Safety Equipment	153.54	
Schools Certificates	1,871.82	1,449.09
Security	1,228.33	1,083.97
Software	7,216.69	8,506.79
Staff Functions/Food	793.46	298.13
Staff Training	445.09	595.45
Subscriptions, Memberships & Registrations	5,859.57	6,999.85
Superannuation Expenses	72,296.48	70,208.26
Telephone	2,404.82	4,622.01
Uniforms	363.18	-
Wages & Salaries	658,006.90	654,552.61
Water	8,249.65	8,401.49
Work Safe Premium	22,781.44	10,011.93
Total Operating Expenses	1,201,866.17	1,204,405.53
et Profit	(20,542.04)	(22,423.39)

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### **Balance Sheet**

# YARRA PLENTY SWIMMING CLUB INC As at 30 June 2025

	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
Assets		
Bank		
Debit Card - 5133	440.31	443.56
Fundraising Account9619	5,723.12	3,231.70
Learn to Swim - 5109	6,664.75	28,481.94
Member & Comp - 5158	18,711.17	12,132.46
Total Bank	31,539.35	44,289.66
Current Assets		
Cash on Hand	150.00	150.00
Stock on Hand	9,746.23	7,413.79
Trade Debtors	-	40,950.28
Total Current Assets	9,896.23	48,514.07
Fixed Assets		
Building Improvements at cost	720,727.00	720,727.00
Furniture & Fittings at cost	22,975.00	22,975.00
Leasehold improvements at cost	245,000.00	245,000.00
Less Accumulated Building Allowance	(42,875.00)	(36,750.00)
Less Accumulated Depreciation - Building Improvements	(153,742.00)	(133,527.00)
Less Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture & Fittings	(22,496.00)	(22,370.00)
Less Accumulated Depreciation - Office Equipment	(23,784.00)	(23,666.00)
Less Accumulated Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	(216,784.00)	(213,051.00)
Office Equipment at cost	24,255.00	24,255.00
Plant & Equipment at Cost	261,211.61	261,211.61
Total Fixed Assets	814,487.61	844,804.61
Non-current Assets		
Term Deposit [12600]	21,422.50	21,422.50
Total Non-current Assets	21,422.50	21,422.50
Total Assets	877,345.69	959,030.84
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Annual leave provision [27001]	12,944.71	12,944.71
ATO Debt	-	35,300.52
Bendigo Overdraft9971	243.42	19,014.39
GST	(2,178.79)	(2,676.83)
Long Service Leave Provision	18,003.23	18,003.23
PAYG Withheld	6,432.00	5,067.00
Payroll Tax Liability	-	1,200.86
Rounding	(358.80)	(354.80)
Superannuation Payable	20,101.71	14,663.19

	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
Trade Creditors	34,803.63	47,971.95
Total Current Liabilities	89,991.11	151,134.22
Total Liabilities	89,991.11	151,134.22
Net Assets	787,354.58	807,896.62
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	(20,542.04)	(22,423.39)
Retained Earnings	807,896.62	830,320.01
Total Equity	787,354.58	807,896.62

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