



Marlins e-Newsletter

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Some general info for new members:

Thursday Night Club Swim

A Club Calendar of swim events for Thursday Club Night is set so that all events are offered on a regular basis throughout the year.

Club Calendar 2010

Notes about the calendar:

- * Non-Marlin swims may be substituted for a preferred stroke.
- * 400m Aerobic Swim - choice of stroke.
- * Although we encourage you to swim the longer distances, you may swim any distance up to the nominated distance.

The first swim of each Thursday Club Night is used to calculate the **Marlin of the Month** and annual club points awards

Hearty Meal Nights are held on the 1st Thursday of each month. Bring a supper plate of food to share after swimming.

RECORDING by Pam Walker

The online recording system has been released so now all the swims have been recorded. Up to 22 April 2012 there have been 21 swimmers participating in the Endurance 1000 program. Our total is **2807** points. As this is the inaugural year of the Endurance 1000, and with the new points system, the points have no relevance to points scored in previous years. Swimmers are now



★ **Marlin of the Month – April 2012** ★

★ **Pam Walker!** ★



Recording contd.

Given points for each 400m and 800m swim.

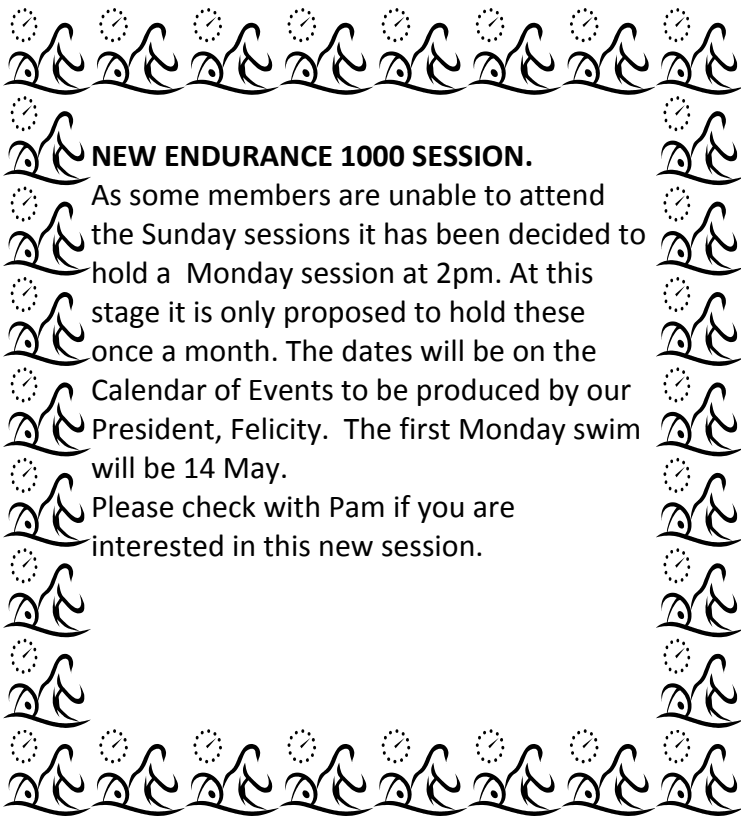
Timekeepers would you please make sure that you sign the form for the swim you have recorded and **swimmers**, please make sure this is done.

Long swims: Remember to start a back-up watch.

Endurance 1000. Your swims can be viewed on the website: <http://e1000.mastersswimming.org.au>

Select 'History'

See over page for further info:



NEW ENDURANCE 1000 SESSION.

As some members are unable to attend the Sunday sessions it has been decided to hold a Monday session at 2pm. At this stage it is only proposed to hold these once a month. The dates will be on the Calendar of Events to be produced by our President, Felicity. The first Monday swim will be 14 May.

Please check with Pam if you are interested in this new session.

Masters Swimming
37th National Championships

Four intrepid Melville members Rowena Burch, Tony Renner, Ivan Martinovich and Eddie Smith ventured over to Adelaide to attend the National Championships held on 14th to 17th April.

Despite the small number our club acquitted itself very well participating in 29 individual events in which we won a total of 6 bronze medals and achieved a top 10 finish in all but 1 race.

82 clubs from all over Australia from The Whitsundays and Darwin to Tasmania were represented. Competition was fierce in almost all events with many state and national records broken.

The meet was very well organised and the brand new venue superb. Even the slowest of us felt like champions swimming in it. All 10 lanes were used and in all except back stroke and relays the starts were done over the top of the previous heat which meant minimal time to get through the events.

The pool is an even 3 meters deep throughout which helps eliminate the bow wave build up towards the shallow end and has a grill touch wall with a wash-back behind at both ends which made turns even faster. No wonder we all did so many PBs and so many records were broken. One point of interest was that the diving blocks had sensors which registered competitor's reaction times to the starter's gun. This flashed up on the board within a couple of seconds of the start. Tony Renner showed some of the fastest reaction times of the meet, down to .58 of a second. Something to make Carlene envious was a marshalling room large enough to take 10 heats of 10 lanes and something our catering officer would envy was a large reception area or "Swimmers Village".

I must add that no matter how much I enjoyed the venue (which by the way is very close to my old Adelaide home) and no matter how much I enjoyed catching up with my old swimming friends I am not in the least bit sorry I moved to WA and to the Melville Marlins.

Eddie Smith. (Ivan sent a PS.to this story: [With only 4 swimmers Melville was placed 35th with 147 points out of 81 clubs that were represented.](#)

Well done everybody!

Melville Aussi Calendar 2012

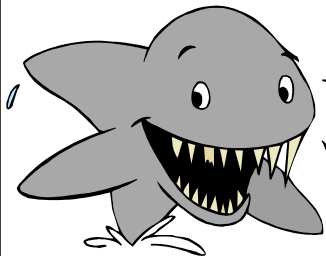


~ May 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 OWS- First National Lake Argyle Swim
6 Aerobics- 8:30am	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Aerobics-2pm	15 Council of Clubs meeting	16	17	18	19 Pool- Narrogin Distance
20 Aerobics- 8:30am	21	22	23	24	25	26 Social- Progressive dinner
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

Thanks to the Pres for this.

From the Coogee mob.

Well - it appears that the faithful lot who transfer the Saturday morning pool session for Coogee during the summer months have not all given up just yet. Even if it is raining - the diehards of the Melville group are still braving the weather - sucking the last of the warm water into their veins and bathers - tackling the rolling waves, the churning sand and stingers - what a courageous lot we are! And all in the perfect conditions for those pesky predators we all know and fear so well!?



Is she talking about me??



**And that's all folks!
Remember all
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gratefully
accepted.
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A Homeless Man's Funeral

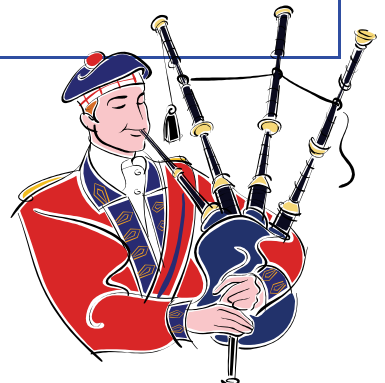
As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Kentucky back country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical male, I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place.

I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play. The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently I'm still lost.
It's a man thing.



**Come for a bus ride on our Progressive Dinner
Sat. May 26**

First stop **Eddie's** for soup and nibbles at 6.30
46 Le Souef Dr. Kardinya

Second stop **Ivan's** for mains at 8.00
5 Duggan Ct. Kardinya

Last stop at **Kris's** for desert and coffee
69 Redwood Cres. Melville

RSVP 21/5 kris.lund@hotmail.com

First in for the bus as some may have to drive...sorry.

