

# You Otter Know



Welcome to our newsletter for

## April 2024

### We're accepting new members

If you have friends or family that are:

- looking to make new friends
- ready for competitive swimming
- want to smash their swim goals

then they might be interested in joining our Otters family. We have a flyer available to share with your school, to include in their newsletter, or you can post it on your social media.

Please let them know they can book a free assessment on Wednesdays or Fridays with Coach Bridget. To enquire please call 0426 878 648 or email [oasisotters@gmail.com](mailto:oasisotters@gmail.com)

### Coming up

#### 4th May 2024

Oasis Otters Twilight Encouragement Meet

#### 19th May 2024

Officials Club 2024 Short Course Challenge

#### 10th June 2024

Kings Birthday Public Holiday



# Oasis Otters Swimming Club

## Between the lanes: News from the Committee

### Otters made the papers.....and for all the right reasons

As part of our National Squads preparations for Age and Open Nationals held at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre in April, the club was included in the Dandenong Star Journal who wrote an article about the club and our national teams' preparations.

Link to Dandenong Star Journal can be found: [HERE](#)

## Otters ready for nationals

By Jonty Ralphson

Eight members of the Dandenong Otters Otters Swimming Club are set to compete on the national stage this month on the Gold Coast.

The Australian Age and multiclass age championships start on 6 April and run through until 14 April, with those most followed by the Australian Open Championships on 17-20 April.

With just 50 swimmers within the Otters, about one in six swimmers will compete, a staggering ratio for a small, family-driven club.

"It's a fantastic result of all the hard training the kids have put in and an absolute credit to the coaches who have worked really hard to get them there," president Brian Atkinson said.

"Overarching all of that is the effort put in by the families and the parents."

"The swimmers have put in a huge effort and the coaches have done right by them, and families back them up."

The Otters' national squad trains at least six times per week, with a seventh day of dry land training occasionally added to the schedule on top of stroke development, time-clocks and distance training.

The club encourages swimmers to compete at least once per month, with the most recent high-profile meet being the State Championships in February.

Qualification for the national meet, however, was dependent on swimmers meeting a qualifying time, rather than placing at an individual event.

"Having gets them used to the idea of competing against other clubs and larger environments, which is good for their mental strength so they aren't psyched out by the opposition," Atkinson said.

"And because they're regional events, they can see their progress as they go."

"Seeing some of their eyes light up when they swim a personal best is always fantastic to see because it proves to themselves they can better their performance."

While emphasising that development and



Swimmers from left: Kelvin, Dion, Scott, Andrew, Keith, Henry, Daniel. Back from left: Bridget (Coach), Bronwyn (Swimmer), James (Coach), mentor. Picture: ROL GARDW

engagement are key factors, several swimmers' personal bests, proportionate to qualifying time, are expected to net the club positive results.

The following swimmers, ranging in age from 14-25 have all qualified for at least one event: Scott Robinson, Dion Gordon, Daniel Atkinson, Henry Hare, Bronwyn Zheng, Georgia Hyde, Keith Hare, Andrew Dink, and Kelvin Tran.

Here's how the team shapes up:

• Scott Robinson: 200m butterfly, 100m butterfly, 50m butterfly, 800m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 400m individual medley (IM), 200m IM.

• Dion Gordon: 200m butterfly, 100m butterfly, 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle.

• Daniel Atkinson: 200m butterfly, 400m IM.

• Henry Hare: 100m breaststroke, 50m breaststroke.

• Georgia Hyde: 50m butterfly.

• Bronwyn Zheng: 50m butterfly, 100m butterfly.

• Andrew Dink: 100m breaststroke, 100m backstroke, 100m butterfly, 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 200 IM, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 400m freestyle.

• Kelvin Tran: 400m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 100m butterfly, 50m breaststroke, 100m backstroke, 200m IM, 100m freestyle, 50m backstroke.

• 50m medley team: Keith Hare, Scott Robinson, Dion Gordon, Daniel Atkinson.



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## OASIS OTTERS ENCOURAGEMENT MEET 2024 MAY 4TH

Only a couple of days until Oasis Otters will be hosting our annual encouragement meet at Dandenong Oasis on Saturday May 4th

This is a great opportunity for our swimmers to compete against other local clubs and swimmers in a friendly yet competitive environment.

Date: Saturday 4th May

Warm up Starts: 3:30PM

Competition Starts: 4:15PM

A big thankyou to all the parents who are helping out on the day and to all our swimmers, we wish you the best of luck on the day.....and May the 4th be with you (I am sorry I couldn't resist)







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During April, Swimmers from Oasis Otters National Team participated in the 2024 Australian Age and MC Age Championships from 6th - 14th April and the Australian Open Championships from 17th -20th April held at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre in Queensland

The Oasis Otters fielded one of the largest squads we have ever sent to the Nationals with 8 swimmers plus Coach James and Coach Bridget attending as well as the squad qualifying the largest number of events in recent times.

These championships represent the pinnacle of the swimming calendar for our National Squad and our Otters where up against some of the best swimmers in the country.

The Otters were proudly represented by Kelvin Tran, Andrew Dinh, Henry Han, Keith Han, Scott Robinson, Dion Gordon, Daniel Atkinson & Bronwyn Zheng

Congratulations to all our swimmers who put in an amazing effort while competing and also a very special thanks to Coaches James and Bridget - you should all be very proud of yourselves





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On the 27th and 28th April over 25 swimmers from Oasis Otters took part in the Victorian Metro All Junior Competition held at MSAC, Albert Park

Once again the Otters put in an incredible effort with plenty of PB's and swimmers making the finals on day 2 of the competition

Special mention to the following swimmers:

Lucas Dinh for

2nd Place in Boys 13 50M Breast Finals

Henry Han for

1st Place Boys 16 50M Breast Finals

1st Place Boys 16 50M Free Finals

Gou Tanaka for

3rd Place Boys 12 50M Breast Finals

Bronwyn Zheng for

Girls 14 50M Fly Finals

Andrew Dinh for

1st Place in the Mixed U16 50M Fly Multi Class Finals

1st Place in the Mixed U16 50M Back Multi Class Finals

1st Place in the Mixed U16 50M Breast Multi Class Finals

1st Place in the Mixed U16 50M Free Multi Class Finals



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This was an amazing effort by the entire team and congratulations to all swimmers for attending and putting one last fabulous effort as the long course season winds down and we move to focus on the upcoming short course season.

Once again, a big thankyou to our swimmers, coaches and all of their families for providing such wonderful support to the swimmers and the club.

