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From our Coaches

Wow, what an awesome start to the new swimming season as we kicked off with a great first club night a fortnight ago. Club nights form the foundation of a swimmer's development and regardless of their future intentions in the sport, being part of Swimming Club nights is priceless. For decades, Yeronga Park has provided the best opportunities in terms of quality Club Nights, and I am so excited to be continuing this great tradition for years to come. Thank you so much to the committee and all the parents that help keep this dream alive...I say with certainty that we could not run our Club Nights without them.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Rowan Crothers and Coach Kate Sparkes on an amazing Tokyo Paralympics campaign. Rowan and Kate have been members of our club for 10 and 8 years respectively, and it has taken every single day over these years preparing for those rare, magical gold medal swims. I am positive that I am not the only person at Yeronga Park that is proud of you both. Keep up the good work ... you both continue to inspire everyone who crosses your path.

Congratulations to our team of 30 swimmers who competed on the weekend at the Brisbane and QLD Open Water Championships at Coolumb. Having 17 swimmers qualify for the Australian Championships in Adelaide in January speaks to the quality and depth we have at YP. We honestly have too many medalists to mention individually, but hopefully you follow YP on social media where we try to post as best we can and keep club members up to date with our achievements in the pool and open water events.

Good luck to our 67 swimmers competing at Redlands this Sunday. We are all very excited to be back racing and I am very confident we will perform wonderfully. This is a great lead in event to our own YP Long Course meet on Saturday 20 November and I feel very excited thinking about how many YP members will be racing when we host our meet on home ground. Remember, our meet is the last chance to gain qualifying times for the QLD Championships in December.

Over the coming days, Kate will be selecting teams for the Brisbane Relay Championships on Sunday 7 November. YP has always pulled together a full team for this event which I see as a great opportunity to have some fun with your



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 20

Club Night, Racing @ 6:15pm

Oct 24

Redlands Long Course Prep Meet

Nov 3

Club Night, Racing @ 6:15pm

Nov 7

Brisbane Relay Champs, Chandler

Nov 17

Club Night, Racing @ 6:15pm

Nov 20

Yeronga Long Course Prep Meet

Dec 1

Club Night, Ted Cutis Brace Relay & X-Mas Break-up, Racing @ 6:15pm

Dec 11 - 17

Queensland Championships, Chandler

Jan 16

Churchie Sprint Prep Meet

Jan 19

Club Night, Racing @ 6:15pm

Jan 29-31

Australian Open Water Champs, Adelaide

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teammates – what isn't more fun than getting in some great relay action? I have found over the past years that this meet is so much fun and so inspiring that it forms a turning point for many swimmers who decide to commit to more training and competitive swimming. Try and keep this date free and come along and support the team.

On a final note, I want to thank my coaching team of Kate, Toby and Sienna who have held the reigns over the past 12 months as I have been recovering and transitioning back to the pool. In addition, the invaluable support of Shelly, Jae and all the staff at YP who have provided support as required and are always available to lend a hand. The atmosphere at Yeronga Park is one of positivity, energy, and pure love for the sport of swimming – and I could not be happier to be increasing my presence on pool deck and being part of such a wonderful culture of participation, inclusivity, and kindness.

Rob

Ted Curtis Corner

Hello to all my Yeronga Park Friends!

Thanks to Jean, we are away with The Chlorine Chronicle Mark II, No. 389.

What a great start to our swimming club season with lots of swimmers, plenty of smiles and great swimming.

May I please remind you that if you have any doubts or need to ask any questions, please speak to our wonderful committee.

One thing that I noticed is that I saw a couple of swimmers having trouble completing the 50m races. In our club handbook, there are promotion times listed which you must achieve in 25m before you can swim 50m. Our swim club competition is based on improving your times and gaining points towards the trophies at the end of the season.

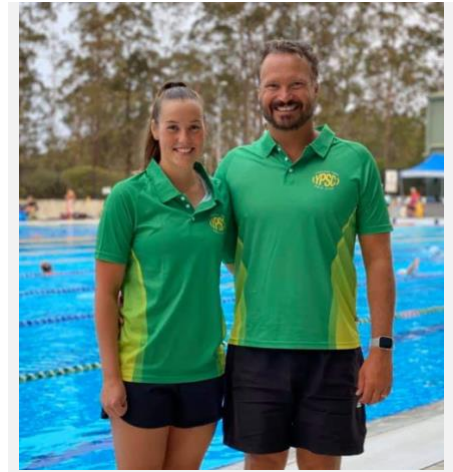
It was great to see Reed and the 14 Dunlop Park swimmers at our club night. What an excellent turnout.

Also, thank you to Rowan and Kate for spending their evening talking to swimmers about their Paralympic experiences.

I am going to be absent from our next two club nights as Dianne and myself are going to Coolangatta for 3 weeks.

See you in a couple of weeks.

Ted



Club Shirt & Shorts \$35 each

Clothing News

NEW club merchandise is available for purchase. All swimmers are to wear a club swim cap and shirt when competing.

See Robyn Nolan on club nights or email her via clothing@ypsc.com.au

Club Swim Caps \$10



Club Bucket Hat \$15



Club Baseball Hat \$15



CLUB HISTORY

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I heard a little whisper that it was Rob and Jody's 20th wedding anniversary recently. I went back into my collection of newsletters and look what I found from in September 2001. Happy 20th Anniversary Rob & Jody!

AUSTRALIAN Olympic swimmer Robert Van Der Zant took time off from daily training to marry social worker Jody Gornik on the 10th anniversary of the start of their courtship.

Robert, a 200m individual medley specialist, competed at the 1994 and '98 Commonwealth Games, Sydney Olympics and this year's Goodwill Games in which he won all four of his events.

Yesterday, he did a swimming session in the morning and then put on a tuxedo for his date with Jody at St Brendan's Catholic church, Moorooka, where the groom's parents married 39 years ago.

The bride's magnificent satin gown with beaded lace overlay and the bridesmaids' beautiful dresses were all made by Jody's mother.

The groom's sister, Louise Van Der Zant, styled the bridal party's hair, while his sister-in-law Amanda did the floral arrangements.

The 110 wedding guests at Robertson Gardens, Robertson, received gifts of miniature wooden clogs handmade by the groom's father in recognition of the family's Dutch ancestry.

Rob and Jody met in Brisbane when they were 10 and starting swim training with Robert's brother and coach Rick Van Der Zant.

They became good mates and it wasn't until they went to the Year 12 high school formal together they realised they were more than friends.

Robert proposed in May this year on the day they moved into their new home.

The couple are honeymooning at Hawaii after which Jody comes home and Rob goes on to New York for competition swimming.

Robert is the son of Cornelis and Johanna Van Der Zant, of Acacia Ridge.

Jody is the daughter of Bogdan and Sandra Gornik, of Forest Lake.



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The priest fixes Henry with a cold hard stare. "Henry, if you blaspheme one more time, I am certain that the Lord himself will strike you down for your wickedness!" Henry is shocked by this suggestion and is cowed into silence.

He carefully walks over to the ball, confident of getting it into the hole. But in his nervous excitement he hits it far too hard and it goes sailing over the hole back into a bunker. "Damn! I missed!" he screams, throwing his golf club in a fit of pique.

Suddenly a rumbling sound of thunder is heard in the heavens, and out of nowhere a massive bolt of lightning shoots down from the sky, *incinerating the priest.*

A great voice booms out, "DAMN, I MISSED!"



SLOGAN OF THE WEEK

"Swimming is all about good times"



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LAWYERS



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