



Diving-Swimming-Water Polo

2020-21

# **Annual Report**

**DVE Aquatic Club Inc.**



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## Diving – Swimming – Water Polo

### Committee

President	Heather Zipsin
Vice President	Bryn Jones
Vice President: Swimming	Paul Piaia
Vice President: Waterpolo	Alberto Vela/Jamie Osland
Vice President: Diving	Ken Houghton
Treasurer	Kasey Lawrence
Secretary	Kate Lansbury

#### **Diving Sub Committee**

Competitions Coordinator	Ann Lands
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#### **Swimming Sub Committee**

Competitions Coordinator	Diana Czechowska/Michelle Hodgins/Kate Lansbury
Squad Coordinator	Angelina Yong
District Delegate	Paul Piaia
Club Night Co-ordinator	Paul Piaia

#### **Waterpolo Sub Committee**

Jamie Osland  
Alberto Vela  
Luke Southwell  
Pat Southwell  
Anna Joske  
Bridget Chalmers

#### **Finance Committee**

Fees Officer	Sharon Jones & Jamie Osland
Accounts Payable	Quan Chi
Account receivable	Michelle Hodgins

#### **Other Roles**

Registration Officer	Bob Oldfield
Website Coordinator	Paul Piaia
Uniforms Officer	Veronica Basile
Grievance Office	Nicole Rettke
Child Safety Officer	Michelle Hodgins
Social Media	Kim Campbell
Grant Coordinator	Kate Lansbury

## Coaches

### Diving

Head Coach

Greg McGregor

Ken Houghton

### Swimming

Head and National Coach

Brian Miller

State Squad Coach

Adele Bothma

Progressive Squad Coach

Suzi Dowsett

Development Squad Coach

Monique Bothma

### Waterpolo

Head Coach

Alberto Vela

U12 Development / Goalie Coach

Macy McGrath

Junior Coaches

Ethan Nicefaro

Omar Vela Wheen

Christian Schofield

Waterpolo Swim Coach

Noah Raz

### Dryland Partners

AV High Performance Academy (Adam Velli)





## Diving – Swimming – Water Polo

### President's Overview

Well, it's certainly been a tumultuous year for DVE Aquatic however we have shown that we are resilient and that you can't hold a good Aquatic Club down!

Despite the numerous lockdowns that lead to our athletes being locked out of the water they have returned each time with great enthusiasm to continue their journey in their chosen aquatic sport. Thank goodness for all the dryland sessions that were offered to our athletes.

Due the dedication of our wonderful coaches and our amazing committee of volunteers who got the programs up and running quickly, we got everyone back in the water as soon as possible and we have seen some great achievements throughout the club.

Congratulations to all the athletes who have managed to compete despite being in and out of the water throughout the year, with so many disruptions it would be easy to just give up but they have committed and seen results on both personal and team levels. It is always with a sense of pride that we see our DVE colours worn proudly by our athletes on the local, state and national stage.

I would like to particularly thank and recognise our many wonderful volunteers. We have many levels of volunteers, from the executive team who run the club overall and include the VP's who head up each discipline. Then there are the sub committees who work tirelessly to make their area (swimming, water polo and diving) the best experience for all their members. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our swimming officials and volunteer water polo coaches and thank all the parents who help out at water polo matches and swim meets in many varied ways. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the parents who have to get the kids to training, matches and meets, sometimes at ridiculously early hours of the day!! I'm sure your kids appreciate the opportunities you are giving them (even if they don't vocalise it yet...)

Special mention goes to our sponsors Banyule and Watermarc, without their support we wouldn't have a club. We have also been successful with many grants this year, which has helped to keep us afloat and give us extra equipment and opportunities for development.

The three DVE disciplines have also come together for fundraising, we have had great success with our annual mango drive, Bunnings sausage sizzle and our online auction of WaterMarc Memberships.

Our new DVE Banner and noticeboard should be up for all to see at WaterMarc very soon, letting the public know what's new and keeping everyone updated on events.

We look forward to another year ahead, hopefully with more time spent in the water and certainly with more personal achievements for all our athletes.

Go DVE!!

Heather Zipsin  
President DVE Aquatic



## Diving Report

As for the 2019-20 diving year 2020-21 was decimated with the COVID-19 virus preventing all diving recommencing before the end of the December.

Due to the shortness of the season the Aggregate Competition, held after training where the divers looked forward to the competition and taking the opportunity to attempt their new dives, could not be held.

Also because of COVID-19 the Diving Championships could not be conducted, however this was replaced with the DIVING COMPETITION which was a revised format of the Championships but enabled all to compete against divers of similar ability.

The results of the Diving Competition were:-

BEGINER:	1 <sup>st</sup> Lucian Wood	2 <sup>nd</sup> Neva Mochi	3 <sup>rd</sup> Charlie Harris
JUNIOR:	1 <sup>st</sup> Arki Senathriaja	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sam Evans	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hayden Mcauley
INTERMEDIATE:	1 <sup>st</sup> Laura Dickson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oliver Hodgeman	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lincoln Kommatas
ADVANCED:	1 <sup>st</sup> Maddison Munro	2 <sup>nd</sup> Antiomette Dullavin	3 <sup>rd</sup> Emily Hodgeman

This year eight new members joining the diving squad with twelve finishing the year. This allowed two training sessions to be conducted with specialised training for each group.

We were fortunate to have available the diving facilities at Carey Grammar and to have the support of the pool management in negotiating our way through the COVID-19 protocols.

Our thanks to all divers who trained and competed with great enthusiasm during this shortened year. Also to the parents and friends who attended each week, provided their support to the divers and assistance with scoring at the competitions.

Thanks also to our Competition Co-ordinator Ann Lands for liaising with the new members and their families.

Looking forward to another great year of diving in 2021-22

Greg McGregor.  
DVE Diving Coach

Ken Houghton  
VP Diving



## Swimming Report

I write to you where we ended last year and that unfortunately is, in another lockdown. Although the last year has been extremely challenging for our club and particularly for our swimmers, with months of missed training, cancelled competitions and even being barred from travelling interstate to compete, I want to commend the parents, swimmers and coaches who have endured through the obstacles and stuck with swimming at DVE. By doing this, it has given the kids a sense of belonging to a great club, participating in a sport that keeps them physically and mentally fit and an opportunity to spend time with friends outside school that they can train with and catchup. It's also been great to see more and more parents at training and helping at our meets to make the club better.

At the start of the year, at the height of the COVID pandemic, we started with only 62 swimmers and we currently have 72 swimmers. Our goal has been to get back to pre COVID numbers and there was a big membership drive during the summer which was successful and we had some great new young swimmers join. Although it only shows an increase of 10, it's been a lot more than that when you take into count the swimmers who have left.

I'd like to thank the amazing swimming sub-committee that kept swimming going, from our fearless leader Heather Zipsin, our competitions team Kate, Diana and Michelle who put on a couple great DVE meets and we look forward to the next ones. This role is so big we need 3 people to do it so thank you very much. Angelina who manages new memberships and is usually the first person new members interact with, Kim who's done a great job on social media and behind the scenes that keep the club functioning are Quan Chi, Nicole Rettke, Veronica Basile and Kasey Lawrence.

This year unfortunately, we had to reduce the size of our coaching team. Leading the coaches was our decorated national coach Brian Miller, who also travelled to QLD to coach our National representatives and is a great mentor to the kids, Adelle Bothma who coached our State squad with some great swimmers being developed, Suzi Dowsett with her great rapport with young swimmers coached the Progressive squad and we welcomed a new coach in Monique Bothma who has proven to be a great coach to the young kids as well.

I would also like to give a big shout out to our amazing officials, especially Bob Oldfield who does a great job helping to organise and run our DVE meets, with the help of Lindsay Ellis, Ken Houghton and Deb Kinder.

The dryland program run by Adam and his team of coaches at AV High Performance Academy, has been a wonderful addition to the program and we thank him for his commitment to the kid's before, during and after the lockdown period. With the dryland program moving back to Greensborough we hope that will grow.

Last year, once we were finally allowed back to training, we spent the last 2 months of the year swimming at Eltham and the Diamond Creek outdoor pool. I had a lot of great feedback that they enjoyed swimming outside and we made the decision to return some squads to where the club was born, Eltham. This also gave us more flexibility because WaterMarc is now catering to more clubs than ever before, making lane availability scarce. We were also able to give Waterpolo some of our pool time which has helped them grow. Below is a quick rundown of the year that was and our achievements.



## DVE Aquatic Swimming Achievements

Nov-Dec 2020

Kids swimming in the outdoor pool and at Eltham.



January 2021

## Victorian Sprint Championships

16 of our swimmers participated in the Victorian Sprint Championships. It was great to see everyone back in action and swimming with such determination. Well done to all of our swimmers and congratulations on your fantastic achievements.

A special mention to Cameron Mcleod on his gold medal win in the 50m Backstroke and Alex Basile on his silver medal in 50m fly!



February 2021

### Victorian Open Championships



March 2021

### State Championships

A huge congratulations to all of our 2021 State Team. You represented DVE with such passion and soul. You should be super proud of your efforts over the past five days, I know we all are!!! It was lovely to see you all out there giving it your best and most importantly having fun.

Ryley Hodgins placed 3rd in 12yo 200IM and in 12yo 100 Butterfly finishing with a gold medal.  
Alex Basile placed 3rd in 16-18yo 1500 Freestyle and 1st in the 16yo 100 Butterfly.

Also congratulations to Tara Kinder (although now swims for Vic Centre she remains part of the DVE family) who broke the 17/18yo 200 IM record and is female age group (17/18 yrs) champion of the Vic Age champs.





### DVE LC Meet

DVE put on a great first ever meet for the new committee.



## Numerous school competitions



## Victorian All Junior Competition

We had eight finalists who represented DVE.

Congratulations to Amity Lansbury on placing 1st in 13yo 50 and Cameron McLeod for taking out bronze in the 15yo 50 Fly.

April 2021

## 2021 Australian Age Championships

Congratulations to Zoe Basile, Alex Basile and Cameron McLeod who will represented on the Gold Coast.



May 2021

### DVE Short Course Meet



June 2021

### 2021 Australian Swimming Trial's

Congratulations to Jackson Car for qualifying although due to COVID restrictions was unable to attend in SA.

### Victorian Relay Competition

After a long time out of the pool it was fantastic to get out and race as a club at the Victorian Relay Competition! It was great to see all of our swimmers cheering each other on and having a fun time!





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Thank you to all members who have continued to support the club through these tough and uncertain times. DVE is only as strong as its' membership and we are relying on you to support us now more than ever as we navigate our way through this difficult time. Being part of this swimming club is more than just about dropping kids off at the pool as they get trained, it's a community sport run by volunteers who all have day jobs and are not paid and we require all parents to help out in some way, whether at meets or join the committee in one of the small or bigger roles, there is something for everyone.

We've worked hard this year to not only stay afloat but strengthen our club and goals. We will need to continue to work hard next year whatever comes our way but I believe with the foundation we have now we will pull through stronger than ever and continue to grow as a competitive swimming club.

Regards,

Paul Piaia  
VP - Swimming



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## Water Polo Annual Report

### Memberships:

2020 – 2021	104 (F – 26 & M – 78)		
2019 – 2020	110	2015 – 2016	76
2018 – 2019	106	2014 – 2015	62
2017 – 2018	100	2013 – 2014	44
2016 – 2017	90	2012 - 2013	39

### Victorian summer season 2020

Like all sports, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a massive impact on water polo. The most satisfying achievement is how our athletes and our club performed once the competition restarted.

A huge congratulations to our U14 Boys and Men State League 3 teams for bringing home gold medals for the club. This was a massive achievement.

In addition, a Bronze for our U18 Boys and a close fourth for our U16 Boys demonstrates the strength of our athletes, the coaching in place, and the DVE water polo program.

A special note to our three U12 members, Ella, Fynn, and James, who represented our club with Essendon. All three were stand outs in the U12 competition.

Junior and Senior League	Position	Sub-junior League	Position
U16 Boys	4 <sup>th</sup>	U14 Boys	1st
U18 Boys	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
SL3 Men	1st		
SL7 Men	10th		

**Note:** Awards will be presented to players as soon as we are able to run our annual celebration.

### Australian Youth Women Team



A massive congratulations to Stephanie (“Steph”) Jacobson – on making the Australian Youth Women team for the New Zealand Invitational 2021.

Steph is a wonderful representative of our club and we are ecstatic for her achievement.



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### Water Polo Victoria

With a disrupted year the representative and academy squads remained unchanged throughout the 2020/21 season.

The new Victorian representative selection process is currently underway and DVE Aquatic has a strong representation across all age groups.

### Ballarat Tournament – October 2020

The Ballarat tournament was unfortunately cancelled in 2020. We are working on our team preparation for 2021

### Geelong Tournament – February 2021

Our U14 Boys team won bronze at Geelong – another great outcome

U16 team lost in penalty shootout the bronze medal after a great match and tournament.

We had three players playing with Geelong Marlins in the U12 tournament, all players had fun.

U14 boys – Third place!!

U16 boys – Fourth

### National Water Polo Championships – Brisbane 2021

The National Water Polo championships were cancelled in 2021. We had a number of athletes set to compete and this remains a focus for our club.

### Coaches

There has been a number of changes in the coaching ranks with Alberto Vela taking over from Sloba Macic at the end of the local summer competition as head coach. Alberto dedication to player development and to our club is massive and our club is extremely appreciative of his time and effort.

The club will also like to thank Sloba for his time at the club. We will continue to be influenced by him. Sloba will always be welcome as part of the DVE family.

We have also welcomed Macy McGrath to our coaching ranks. Macy is our high-performance water polo goal keeper coach and has also taking the led with our U12 and U16 Girls teams.

We are very proud to keep developing our junior coaches. We welcome Christian Schofield back in a coaching role joining Ethan Niceforo and Omar Vela Wheen.

In addition to our Water Polo program, we have also welcomed Noah Raz who is our water polo swim development coach.

### Future and development

The future is looking positive in water polo. Our club continues to achieve great results and develop outstanding athletes. We are focused on developing our younger age group participation in both boys and girls.





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The water polo committee is excited to be running our first come and try in 2 years following the multiple impacts from COVID. We are hoping to grow the numbers of our athletes in our development squads. In an Olympic year, we are working hard to draw attention to our national achievements and garner interest in our great sport in the Northern suburbs through our social media presence.

We are proud to have a girls team return this season and hope to continue to grow the participation in our female athletes.

We hope to see our DVE Aquatic members give water polo a go. It is a fun game, especially when you have your friends with you!! We look forward to keep building our base with new U12 and U14 players joining the club.

A big thank you to the following for serving on the committee over the past years:

- Anna Schofield
- Antoinette Mascitti
- Jaimie Rotin
- Michael Jacobson
- Sharyn Jacobson
- Victoria McQuire

Jamie Osland  
Vice President – Water Polo







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### Registrar's Report

Given the disruption to aquatic activities caused by the Covid-19 virus for a large part of the 2020/21 season, club registrations were only slightly down from the previous season. A total of 291 members registered across all disciplines a reduction of only 13 from the previous season. Swimming membership showed the largest reduction with 13 fewer competitors and 5 fewer Dry members registering. It was pleasing to see that both Diving and Water Polo registrations increased by 4 and 2 registrations respectively compared with the previous season.

The total number of members in the 12 and under age group matched those in the 13 to 17 years. However, whilst the numbers were evenly matched between boys and girls at under 12 level, the number of girls far outnumbered boys in the 13 to 17 years age group.

Membership breakdown is shown on a separate page along with a comparison with last season. The total registrations for each of our main activities Swimming, Diving, and Water Polo are shown. There is then a 'netting' factor to take account of members who have registered in more than one activity. For example 9 swimmers also registered as water polo players.

207 members renewed their membership, 84 new members joined, and 97 did not renew membership or transferred.

### Registered Life Members (Registered as):

Jessica Adams	(Dry)
Joy Ellis	(Dry)
Lindsay Ellis	(Dry)
Iain Hebden	(Swimmer)
Helen Houghton	(Dry)
Ken Houghton	(Dry & Diving)
Bryn Jones	(Dry)
Greg McGregor	(Diving)
Brian Miller	(Coaches Association)
Bob Oldfield	(Dry)
Luke Southwell	(Water Polo)
Pat Southwell	(Water Polo)
Kristin Thomas	(Dry)



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Life Members who are not registered:

- Jodie Axton
- Andrew Gilchrist
- Melissa Graham
- Dianne Grenfell
- Martin Hone
- Edward Jackson
- Margaret Little
- Joel Miller
- Matthew Moulder
- Kate Murphy
- Kylie Nadenbousch
- Philip Robertson
- Jenny Seiler
- Ken Seiler
- Roland Van Oorschot

Life Members – deceased

- Trevor Axton
- John Buckland
- Ron Mullinger

**DVE Aquatic Club - Membership Report**

as at : 30 June 2021

	Participation						Net Off	Net Total DVE	Prior Year
	Swimming	Diving	Water Polo	Life Saving	Life Members	Total	Multiple	Membership	June 2020
Competitors/Players	93		90			183	9	174	184
Non Competitive	0	13				13	0	13	9
Dry Members/Volunteers	91	0	13			104	1	103	104
Coach		1	0			1	0	1	1
Technical Officials/Referees			0			0		0	6
Life Members (Registered)					13	13	13	0	0
Life Members (Not Registered)					17	17	17	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>304</b>

  

	Gender/Age	12/U	13-17	18-21	21+	Total
Dry Tech Officials	Female	39	29	5	76	149
	Male	39	49	8	46	142
	Total	78	78	13	122	291

Bob Oldfield  
Registrar



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2020 Service Awards

10 Years

Katrina Adams  
Dean Marriott

Charli Campbell  
Julian Marriott

Jacqui Draper

Ethan Hayes

20 Years

Lisa Southwell

40 Years

Bob Oldfield

Bio Island Australian Junior Excellence Results 2019-20

*Blue Award*

Amelia Atkin  
Archie Noyce  
Aurora Jarvis  
Emily Scovill  
Eva Wallis  
Flynn Zipsin  
Jacob Ryder  
Mikayla Smith  
Nickie Kong  
Oliver Jones  
Peyton Hall  
Xavier Lucas Chy  
Zoe Lethlean

*Bronze Award*

Aaliyah Loza  
Benjamin Van Dijk  
Emma Morgan  
Hayley Pinner  
Jack Darling  
Jacob Lawrence  
Jesse Mcleod  
Keira Lagan  
Matilda Giles

*Silver Award*

Alex Chang  
Alexander Jamieson  
Amity Lansbury  
Ashley Lansbury



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Bianca Bothma  
Julia Podgorska  
Lillian Staggard  
Rhianna Chen

*Gold Award*

Ciara Jeffs  
Jemma Apps  
Matilda Barber  
Ryley Hodgins  
Zoe Basile

Bio Island Australian Junior Excellence Results 2020-21

*Blue Award*

Amelia Atkin  
Ashley Lansbury  
Hayley Pinner  
Hope Christian  
Jesse Mcleod  
Trinity Liang-  
Cardenas  
Xavier Lucas Chy

*Bronze Award*

Jack Darling  
Jacob Ryder  
Lillian Staggard  
Matilda Giles  
Mikha Thapa  
Zoe Macaulay

*Silver Award*

Amity Lansbury  
Jemma Apps  
Julia Podgorska  
Matilda Barber  
Rhianna Chen

*Gold Award*

Ryley Hodgins



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