

A squad of 8 swimmers represented Team Armadale at the MSWA State Championships on the 29th and 30th of April at HBF Stadium. The event attracted 233 members from 26 clubs which is up from the attendance figures from last year when it was run under the All Club Challenge banner. We finished 12th on 248 points, another good result considering the size of the other clubs competing. Claremont won the event with 1762 points, the Handicap trophy and top country team trophy went to Mandurah. Special mention to Helen Bird from Beatty Park Masters who set 2 World records in the 80-84 Age Group.

The Mighty Pelicans team consisted of;

Gill "I've got this in the bag....oooops no I don't"

Andy "Don't let me enter any 200m swims ever again...ever!"

Sarah "Oh when the Saints go marching in"

Fettes "Oh my cider head, shoulder etc"

Jeff "Who needs a warm up to do a pb, not me"

Tania "I actually like butterfly, no really, I do"

Chas "In the same heat with Sarah, again?"

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There were some great swims over the weekend with Gill topping the list with five 1st placings, a 3rd and breaking her own 200M backstroke record and nearly getting first place in her age group (which she had all of us convinced it was in the bag and she now has a new pool enemy). Jeff "Who needs a warm up to do a pb, not me" proved just that with 3 pb's in his 50m breaststroke, 100m freestyle and 200m breaststroke events. Andy "Don't let me enter any 200m swims ever again...ever!" produced two pb's in his 200IM and 50m butterfly and set four club records in the 45-49 Age Group (destroying one of mine!). Sarah "Oh when the Saints go marching in" highlight of the weekend was her beloved Saints beating Hawthorn, lowlight was not seeing it live and Foxtel having no replay, plus a pb in her 200m freestyle. Fettes "Oh my cider head, shoulder etc" was a little incapacitated on Saturday however still managed to break his own record for the 100m freestyle and then took Sunday off (text message on Sun morning "Fully buggered"). Tania "I actually like butterfly, no really, I do" swum a pb in her 50m freestyle, set four club records in her age group and actually does like butterfly. Chas "In the same heat with Sarah, again?" broke his own 50m breaststroke record and enjoyed swimming with Sarah. Finally, Col "Hey, this backstroke is not that bad when you take your time" had a weekend of getting to know the roof of HBF

stadium but I did set a new club record in my new pet stroke 50m backstroke for my new age group (got ya' Rossco 😊)

We also competed in 3 relays and set two new club records for the 160-199 Age Group Tania, Fettes, Sarah, Andy) 200m free mixed and 200-239 Age Group (Gill, Chas, Tania, Andy) 200m medley mixed.

Please see the website for the full reports.

So a big thank you to everyone who came along and swam for the Mighty Pelicans!..

Thank you to Hebs for timekeeping on Sunday.

Keep swimming!

Cap'n Col.

ps. our next pool event is the Swan Hills LiveLighter Club Challenge on Sunday 2nd July.