

A smaller squad than last year of 13 swimmers headed down to Mandurah on Sunday June 19th to compete in the annual Mandurah Masters Club Challenge, this year being held back at their newly renovated pool (more about the pool and facilities that they have and we don't have later...)

136 swimmers representing 11 clubs competed on the day which saw 5 state individual records set, Mandurah score the most points, Stadium Snappers win the handicap, some relay chaos (embrace the chaos I heard Heather Jeps say) and Team Armadale coming a creditable 5th with 131 points.

We had great swims by everyone with Gill and Chas getting max points with three 1st placings each. There were 5 pb's set, Rowie in her 50m butterfly, Chas in his 25m breaststroke, Liz in both her 25m and 50m freestyle, Fettes in his 25m breaststroke and Heather Jeps in her 100m IM. There were also 5 new individual club records with Rowie breaking her own 50m butterfly record set at last year's MSA Nationals, Heather Jeps in both her 50m and 100m breaststroke, Chas in his 25m breaststroke and Lexie broke her own 50m freestyle record set last year by nearly 6 seconds! There was also a new club record for the 200m mixed freestyle relay age group 240 – 279, well done Fettes, Liz, Heather Jeps and Graham Hicks.

Please see the website for the reports -

<http://armadalemastersswimmingclub.com/events/pool-event-results/>

So a big thank you to everyone who came along and swam, supported, did timekeeping for the Mighty Pelicans and took my lemons. We do need to improve on our usually successful team raffle winning effort though, bit disappointing this year.

Now for a little editorial about the new facilities at Mandurah, topical right now for us Armadalian's given our current facilities, the upcoming federal election and people getting phone calls from a certain liberal candidate for the seat of Burt. Anyway, after having already done my warm up in the new outdoor 50m pool and checked out the new building for the Mandurah swim clubs and noticing each club gets their own store room and feeling envious, we were enjoying the after swim food (and not winning raffles or trophies) in their new function room when Hicksy said if you think having a store room is good then just look around the corner, so I did....and hello, Mandurah Masters also have their own office!.. I think we have a shelf in a cupboard...

Cheers,

Cap'n Col.

ps. Quick turnaround, next event is the Swan Hills LLCC meet on Sunday 3rd July.