

We came second!....again..the story that is Team Armadale at the Swan Hills event.

After some pleading, pressuring and promising not to ask again from me, we had one of the biggest squads for some time head out to the Swan Park Leisure Centre on Sunday 3rd July for the Swan Hills LLCC Challenge Series event. After coming second back in 2014 and not being one of our events last year I was quietly confident our team of 19 swimmers (we only had 11 in 2014 and bagged 2nd place) could do well again this time round, “could we go one better?” was the question.

Swimmers from 13 clubs competed on the day which saw Maida Vale score the most points, Claremont win the handicap, some goggle malfunctions (Gill, Yvonne, Linda) and Team Armadale coming 2nd,...again, although we were closer to first place than 2014 and we did crack the 200 points!

Everyone contributed on the day, notable performances were Tim, Gill and Chas with 3 first placings and max points. For Tim this was his first swim event for the club and after some initial nervous moments and help from other club members, he belted out 3 pb's, set 3 club records and got maximum points, nice work Tim! We also had 4 swimmer set pb's, 11 new club records, a 1st place for our 100m mixed freestyle team of Liz, Fettes, Pamela and Chas and a club record for the mixed medley relay team of Gill, Graham Cragg, Rowie and Colin. Oh and the obligatory Fettes moment..”what, my heat is now??”

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 and did timekeeping for the Mighty Pelicans. We did improve on our team raffle winning effort from Mandurah, although some of the prizes were, well, interesting, how's that cap going for you Chas?..

This is also the last of our club 2016 pool events with open meets available for swimmers to enter in the remainder of the year, keep in mind the All Club Challenge October 15/16.

Considering the size of the club we have done very well again with the results being;

6th at Melville

5th at West Coast Craigie

5th at Mandurah

2nd at Swan Hills

Thank you to all swimmers for your efforts over the series and we will be back in 2017 to get that 1st place!

Cheers,

Cap'n Col.

ps. Our next event is the annual Gopers State Relay Carnival on Saturday 23rd July at HBF Stadium, remember this is relays only so see me to put your name down for a great afternoon of team relay swimming!