

This is a classic race on the ocean water series , run by the Swanbourne surf life saving club.

It is a straight line swim starting at Cottesloe and finishing at Swanbourne.

As well as the swim, they have a run and stand up paddle board race over the same distance. The event is full of loud music and energy before the start with a comedy exercise performance, for all to join in and get stretched up.

The normal stalwarts, turned up for the day, Greg,Gill, Col,Charles, Heather ,Ross (he is still sort of ours) and welcome Vicki.

All set for the 2 klm swim.

Normally this is a beautiful swim, as you traverse the shore break and reef along the way, marvelling at the aquatic life and swaying sea weed, which takes your mind off the swimming.

Today however the conditions were not quite perfect, with a strong South westerly breeze and a strong sea, with shore breaking waves.

The bright side was all did really impressive times, as the sea pushed us along, however it was tough going.

For example most did some 4 min less time for the same distance as last week at the Mandurah Aus day swim.

Well done to all who swam and completed the 2 klms

Water and watermelon greeted the swimmers at the end.

Now we all say that masters swimming is not competitive, we just swim for the love of it, and have no concern, not even the slightest thought of how we are in relation to others.

WELLLLL, that's not really how it is between Champion Charles, Superfish Gilly and Fat boy Greg. For years these three have battled each other for line honours in all of the ocean events, and it has always been a very close run affair, with first place often changing.

Last weeks Mandurah swim Greg & Chas, were stroke for stroke to the finish line, with Gill seconds behind, Today Greg just managed to pip Charles by 3 seconds with Gill 15 seconds behind.

Just think about that for a second. 1000 competitors swam today, in three waves, Chas, Greg & Gill were in the same first wave, to fight your way around the course for 31/32 minutes with several hundred other swimmers, and arrive at the other end so close is a fascination. Any way the big one at Busselton awaits, and who knows who will cross the finish line first .

Best of luck to all of the Armadillians who will be braving the 3.6 klm around the jetty swim, next weekend.

A thought for those of us to ponder on the Busso swim;

**“If you are going through hell, keep going”**