

Riverton Masters Act Belong Commit Carnival

On the 14th July there were four Armadale Masters swimmers who took part in the 2024 ABCC Riverton Masters. With the weather being stormy, it was nice to be in the indoor pool. The Armadale team members were Natalie Upton, Megan Webster, Sarah Carr and Charles Croft.

Natalie Upton had two personal best times in her 200m and 100m breaststroke.

There were five new Club Records set. Natalie beating her previous time in the 200m and 100m breaststroke, Sarah Carr setting two new club records in the 200m freestyle and 200 IM and Megan setting a club record in the 200m butterfly. Megan, after finishing her butterfly received a round of applause by the spectators (she still can't decide if this was a good or a bad thing as she finished last in her heat). This was Megans first attempt at swimming a 200m butterfly at a swimming meet and this is a great achievement. This has become possible due to what we call the "Rowie butterfly stroke" which helps you to conserve energy while swimming. If anybody wants to swim a long distance butterfly this is the stroke for you!

There was no relay team as we didn't have enough swimmers to make up a team.

Armadale Masters came equal 7th with Melville Masters, which is a great result seeing we had only four swimmers and 23 clubs participated.

Leading the Pool events leaderboard for females is Natalie on 85 points followed by Sarah on 78 points and Megan in third place with 45 points. Leading the males is Charles on 69 points followed by Wayne with 38 points and in third place is Graham with 6 points.

On a final note, there was a bit of drama in the 50m breaststroke. As I was officiating the first heat, watching a competitor's stroke, I suddenly heard the next race starting and this competitor was still swimming. I became this crazy woman, waving my arms and blowing my whistle to stop the race. As the next heat dived into the water, the rope was lowered and even some spectators dived in the water to stop swimmers. The drama! Eventually all swimmers in heat two got out the water and waited for the last swimmer in heat one to finish her race. The offending official (who shall not be named) casually said, "It's ok, no one died" In all the years I have officiated I have never seen this happen before. Rest assured we have new protocols in place so this will never happen again.

Well done to all team members

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