

2023-2024 Geelong Water Ski Club Brag Book

International Tournament Representatives from Geelong



Jada Sweeney, Caitlin Macdonald and Ryan Macdonald represented Australia at the Aussie Kiwi Challenge.

Patrick Crisp was Captain of the Australian Team at the Open World Championships.



Aussie Kiwi Challenge.

Supporting the skiers were their families. Mark and Shelly Macdonald skied in the BIG DOG Slalom event. Mark won.

Caitlin was there too. All the Dennis family was there. Christine, Troy and Chelsea. Troy was the team Manager. Michelle Sweeney was there for Jada.



Caitlin Dennis

3rd in Under 21 Women's Jump

4th in Slalom, Tricks and Overall



The Winning Australian Under 17 Team

Jada Sweeney left of back row.

Ryan Macdonald right of front row.

Ryan Macdonald

6th in Slalom (with a PB)

8th in Tricks and Overall

9th in Jump (With 2 PBs)



Jada Sweeney.

1st in Slalom (with 2 PBs)

2nd in Tricks (with a PB), Jump
and Overall

Club Ski Schools



Ski School Coaches

The Junior High Performance Squad has been coaching at the monthly Club ski Schools.

Caitlin Dennis, Caitlin Macdonald, Ryan Macdonald and Alexei Werner have all been coaching

2024 Club Awards

The last ski school was on Sunday 14th April. Immediately afterwards the Club Awards were presented.

Club President Peter Barbuto welcomed everyone and Club Captain Patrick Crisp presented the Awards.

Skiers were recognised for their performances at the Ski Schools with Achievement Certificates.

The Beginners' Award for the Schreuder Family Trophy. This is determined by the Coaches at the Ski Schools awarding votes to the skiers. It was won by Charlie Davis.

Encouragement Awards went to Jack Davis and Tessa Bennett.

The Most Improved Junior Skier Award went to Hugo Heffernan. He won The Bruce Owen Trophy.

The Most Improved Junior Tournament Skier. Jada Sweeney and Ryan Macdonald were the joint winners of the Beretta Family Trophy. Both had great improvements and they couldn't be separated.

The Shaw Family Trophy for the Best Raw Score was won by Patrick Crisp. This trophy is unique in the Water Skiing world as it strips away all the complicated calculations that Water Skiing is renowned for and just looks at the scores.

Jada Sweeney had a magnificent season and won the President's Trophy. (For some of her achievements read the news articles for this season).



The Senior (Over 17) Club Champions were:-

Slalom **Sue Crisp**
Tricks **Patrick Crisp**
Jump **Mark Macdonald**
Overall **Mark Macdonald**

The Slalom League winners were:

Spring **Joel Malone**
Summer **Jada Sweeney.**

The Club Person Awards went to:-

Senior. **John Stekelenburg** for his work with the CCMA.
Junior. **Ryan Macdonald** for his work around the club and at the Ski Schools.

The Horse's A Award was hotly contested but the winner was **Michelle Sweeney** following stories about phones, cars and jump starts.

The Junior (Under 17) Club Champions were:-

Slalom **Ryan Macdonald**
Tricks **Jada Sweeney**
Jump **Ryan Macdonald**
Overall **Ryan Macdonald**

To finish the day off the three club members who were in the Australian Team to contest the Aussie Kiwi Challenge talked about preparing for the event and the experience of competing for Australia in a major tournament. **The three were Jada Sweeney, Caitlin Dennis and Ryan Macdonald.**



GEELONG WON THE VICTORIAN INTER CLUB CHALLENGE. NOVEMBER 25th and 26th 2023.

After a break, the Victorian Inter Club Challenge came back to the Barwon River.

1st Geelong 170 points, 2nd Lake Boga 70 points, 3rd = Bridgewater and Latrobe 38 points, 5th Mildura 19 points.

The successful Geelong team was: -

Caitlin Dennis (=PB in Slalom),

Jada Sweeney,

Nick and Alex Werner

Mark, Shelley, Caitlin and Ryan Macdonald,

Sue, Patrick (landed both front flips in tournament for the first time) and Richard Crisp

Peter, Dave (2 PBs and promoted to division 5 in tricks) and Alyssa (=PB in tricks) Barbuto

Joel Malone (PB and promoted to division 3 in Slalom),

Sophie Secombe,

Molly Climpson.



Nick Werner

Australian Junior Masters at Latrobe 20th and 21st January 2024

5 members of the High Performance Squad went to Latrobe for the Australian Junior Masters. They came back with several Medals and PBs.

Jada Sweeney skied in Under 17 Girls and came 2nd in Slalom 4th in Tricks and 3rd in Jump. She came close to her PB's in Slalom and Jump.

Ryan Macdonald skied in Under 17 boys. He equalled his PB in Slalom and came 6th. Tricks he was 10th and jump 7th.

Caitlin Macdonald skiing in Under 21 Women came 2nd in Slalom with 2 PBs, came 3rd in Tricks and Jump.

Caitlin Dennis skiing in Under 21 Women came 3rd in Slalom, 4th in Tricks and 2nd in Jump with 2 PBs.

Alex Werner skiing in Under 21 Men came 4th in Slalom and 5th in Tricks. Alex has learnt a Back Flip and when he lands it in tournament will most likely then get his next Trick PB

MOODEMERE. February 2024.

This is the pick of the Slalom events in Australia. It is run to the highest level.

Some say this is the second most difficult tournament to get into, with Moomba being the hardest.

There were 40 skiers and these included 5 from Geelong.

Club President Peter Barbuto skied into 12m.

Sophie Secombe equalled her PB in 2 rounds.

Club Captain Patrick Crisp skied into 10.75m.

Sue Crisp skied into 13m in all 4 rounds and equalled her Australian record.



Alexei
Werner
skied into
12m.

Albury Slalom tournament. March 3rd 2024

Club president, Peter Barbuto had a great tournament and ran into 12 metres again.

Sue Crisp skied into 13m, just off her Australian record.



JUNIOR MOOMBA Geelong was well represented by Alexei Werner, Caitlin Dennis and Jada Sweeney. Jada came second Jump and Overall.



Moomba Masters Geelong was well represented by Jacinta Carroll and Joey Sherry in the Open competition. The highlights included Jacinta winning the Open Women's jump – yet again. Jacinta announced her retirement from Professional Water Skiing afterwards.

Victorian Championships at Geelong February 2024

Geelong hosted the Victorian Championships, how good was it to bring Victoria's best to our club.

Great weather and skiing conditions helped produce excellent results.

There were 12 PBs and 9 more equal PBs.

Here is how our Geelong skiers went.

16 Gold, 16 Silver and 5 Bronze medals. 2 Geelong records.

Joseph Sherry won Open Men's Slalom.

Patrick Crisp was 2nd in Open Men's Slalom and won Tricks.

Jada Sweeney won Open Women's Jump, she was 2nd in Slalom, Tricks and Overall. Her Overall scores were Geelong records in both rounds.

Alexei Werner equalled his PB when he won Under 21 Men's Slalom, He was 2nd in Tricks.

Caitlin Dennis came 2nd in Under 21 Women's Slalom, Tricks, Jump and Overall.

Caitlin Macdonald came 3rd in Under 21 Women's Slalom, Tricks, Jump and Overall. She had 2 PBs in Jump.

Ryan Macdonald tied for first place in Slalom with a massive PB in Under 17 Boys' Slalom. He came 2nd in the exciting run off. He won Tricks, was second in Jump and won Overall.

David Barbuto came 5th in Under 17 boys' Slalom and Ticks.

Alyssa Barbuto in Under 12 Girls came 2nd in Slalom and Tricks with a PB in each event.

Sophie Secombe won Over 35 Women's Slalom.

Peter Barbuto won Over 45 Men's Slalom.

Nicholas Werner came 2nd in Over 45 Men's slalom. Shelly Macdonald in Over 45 Women came second in Slalom and Tricks. Sue and Richard Crisp won their Slalom and Trick events.



Mark Macdonald came 3rd in Over 45 Men's Slalom. He won Tricks, Jump and Overall





Chief Judge and Technical Officer Troy Dennis

The 2024 Australian National Championships.

Held in near perfect weather at the Max Kirwan Twin Lakes at Mulwala, NSW over Easter, the 2024 nationals were one of the best National Championships so far.

Geelong skiers had some great successes.

Jada Sweeney skied in under 17 Girls and claimed 4 silver medals. She skied a PB of 4060 in Tricks and her second round of 1 at 13 metres, 4060 in Tricks and 33.5 metres in Jump helped improve her world overall ranking.

Ryan Macdonald slalomed into 13 metres for 9th place, tricked 2310 also for 9th and jumped 32.6 metres for 8th place.

Caitlin Macdonald slalomed into 14.25 metres for 7th in Under 21 Women, tricked 2470 for 6th and jumped 18.4 metres for 4th place.

Shelly Macdonald in Over 45 Women slalomed a PB of 4 at 14.25 metres for 3rd and tricked 1750 for second place.

Mark Macdonald started his Nationals campaign well but was injured in jump and had to retire from the competition.

Caitlin Dennis in Under 21 Women's division slalomed into 14.25 metres for 5th, tricked 3220 for 3rd, jumped 2 PBs of 23.6 and 23.9 metres for 3rd. All these added up to 3rd Overall.



Shelly Macdonald



Ryan Macdonald

Club President **Pete Barbuto** had one of his Moments of Glory. Slaloming in the Over 45 Men's division he had to ski in a tie break with South Australia's Jamie Mitchell for second place. Pete won the tie break by repeating his second round score of 2 at 12 metres.

Club Members nominated to judge the event included, **Michelle Sweeney Sue and Patrick Crisp, Troy Dennis and Mark Macdonald**

At the **Presentation Night** the following announcements were made,

Sue Crisp is Team Manager and in the Australian Team for the Over 35 World championships in Spain.

Jada Sweeney is in the 2025 Under 21 Australian World Championships Squad.

Patrick Crisp skiing in Open Men slalomed into 11.25 metres for equal 7th. His trick run of 8590 placed him third and broke the long standing (21 years) Victorian Open Men's Record. It is also a Geelong Club record.

Alex Werner opted up from Under 21 to Open Men and came 13th. In the first round he equalled his PB of 4 at 12m and this gives him his Open Rating for next season.

Sophie Secombe had been chasing a Slalom PB all season. She equalled her PB in the first round and then got a new PB of 4 at 49 kph for 6th place in Over 35 Women.

Sue Crisp skied well in the Over 65 Women's division and won Slalom and Tricks.

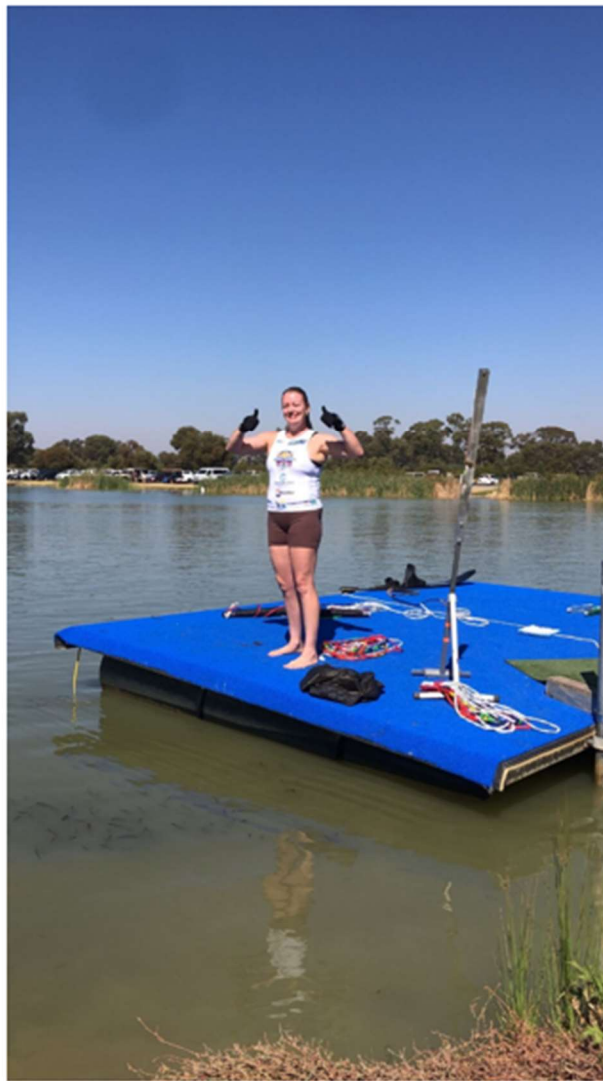
Nick Werner skiing in the Over 35 Men's Division has a magnificent PB of 1 at 12 metres for 12th place.



Jada Sweeney



Pete Barbuto



Sophie Secombe



Patrick Crisp

Water Ski Victoria - Presentation Night.

The WSV Awards were presented in Melbourne on 4th May

Victorian Skier of the Year.

Oscar McNamara of the Bridgewater Club won with 35 votes.

Geelong skiers who received votes were:-

Ryan Macdonald 11 votes.

Patrick Crisp 8 votes.

Caitlin Dennis 4 votes.

Alyssa Barbuto 3 votes.

Nick Werner 3 votes.

Sue Crisp 3 votes.

Alexei Werner 2 votes.

Victorian Most Improved Skier

Ben Cosgriff of the Boort club won.

Geelong skiers on the short list were:-

Caitlin Dennis

Jada Sweeney

Patrick Crisp

Ryan Macdonald

Victorian Most Outstanding Performance

Jacob Saddington of the Bridgewater club won.

Geelong Skiers on the short list were:-

Jada Sweeney

Sue and Patrick Crisp

Geelong Water Ski Club - 2024 Double Winners.

At the Water Ski Victoria presentation night it was announced that the Geelong Water Ski Club had won both the Victorian Inter Club Challenge and The Victorian Tournament Series.

Congratulations to the club and to the skiers who competed and amassed points in the Trophy Series.

Joel Malone 10

Caitlin Dennis 56

Jada Sweeney 15

Molly Climpson 5

Sophie Secombe 16

Nick and Alexei Werner 48

Patrick, Sue and Richard Crisp 56

Peter, Alyssa and David Barbuto 40

Mark, Shelly, Caitlin and Ryan Macdonald 100

Victorian Trophy Series

1st Geelong 346

2nd Lake Boga 276

3rd Bridgewater 171.5

4th Latrobe 147

5th Natimuk 61

6th Moodemere 47.5

7th Mildura 45.5

8th Boort 36

9th Carrum 30

Club Captain Patrick Crisp with the Victorian Inter Club Challenge and Trophy Series awards at the Water ski Victoria presentation night.



Caitlin Macdonald and Caitlin Dennis have been coaching at the Coble's Ski School in Carolina.





Open World Championships October 2023



Captain Pat

The Club Captain, Patrick Crisp was selected as Captain for the Open Australian Water Ski Team at the World Championships in Florida in October 2023. Patrick had his best World Championships so far and was the top scoring Australian in the Trick event.

The other club members for this Championships were Sue Crisp who managed the team before the tournament and Julia Twigg who managed the Australians in Florida as well as being the team physiotherapist.

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Committee: Peter Barbuto President, Brett McLeod Vice President, Mark Macdonald Secretary, James Heffernan Treasurer, Patrick Crisp Club Captain, Kara Statham, David Petroff, Nick Farr, Chris Korb, Luke Bennett and Ray Perrett.

In the spirit of reconciliation the Geelong Water Ski Club acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

