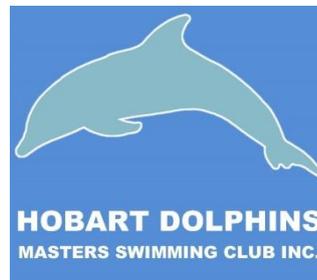


Hobart Dolphin-News



HOBART DOLPHINS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC
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Happy Christmas everyone and safe holidays

Hi fellow Dolphins,

Wow! This is the last newsletter of the year, and what a year it has been! Pool closures, a revival in open water swimming, no social events, and very sad to say, the loss of 2 of our older members. Rex and Barbara had both been involved in the club forever, and were inspiring to us all. I have included Barbara's Member Profile in this newsletter.

As the year comes to a close, I would like to personally thank everyone who contributed to our newsletter. I have thoroughly enjoyed put it together each month, and I sincerely hope you have enjoyed reading them.

Birthdays for December are: Judy, Pia, Fiona, Ken, Anne, and Kerry, so Happy Birthday to all of you. I hope you can celebrate with the club at breakfast this Saturday.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas, relaxing and safe holidays, and a New Year that flows more smoothly than 2020.

Love and kisses

Me

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Upcoming events

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Training times and venues

Saturdays, 9:00 at Clarence pool, cost \$7-50 or prepaid club ticket, and coffee afterwards at Eastlands, all welcome.

Sundays, 9-00 to 10-00 at Friends Pool, cost \$7-50 or 10 Pass Ticket, and coffee after at Room for a Pony, North Hobart, all welcome.

From the Presidential Suite

The final newsletter for what has been a very unusual year! We will get the chance at the Christmas party to reflect on the year and celebrate our many achievements, in the meantime just a few pieces of information I need to pass on.

Sadly, we lost another of our club family this month. Barbara Ross passed away on 20 November surrounded by family and friends. Eight club members helped celebrate her life at an afternoon tea with her family and friends where we discovered much more about her amazing talents in the pool, particularly as a teenager. Judi had a chat with Barbara earlier in the year and wrote a reflections piece for Septembers edition of the newsletter.



2021 Registrations

The database has now opened for membership renewals. As per normal your insurance cover will run out on 31 December so we ask all members to re-register before your first training session of 2021. For those new members the process is:

- Go to the Masters Swimming Tasmania web page <https://mastersswimmingtasmania.com.au/>
- Click on the Membership Portal/Click on Renew Here/Log in

Both the random username and password generated when you joined have been changed to your first name and surname in lower case i.e. mine is dianegregory.

- You then click on Registration Renewal and follow the prompts. The membership fee is \$110, the same as last year. Those that can't manage the electronic system please come and speak with me. Members over 80 receive a small discount on their fees and pay \$100.



To complicate things a little, earlier in the year the Branch decided to reduce their component of the Annual fee by \$7 for members renewing in 2021 to compensate for the 4 months that the pools were not open in 2020 and the Branch was effectively not operating. Because of the way club membership fees are calculated and collected that \$7 will effectively come back to the club (as the club receives the balance of membership fees paid after the National and

Branch components are removed.) Alternately we would have had to hold a special General meeting to reduce the club membership fee by \$7.

The club committee has decided that the easiest way to compensate members for this \$7 would be to offer members their first Saturday training session in 2021 for free. Simply do not present your card to be punched or transfer funds for your first swim next year. I know there are a few members who do not attend Saturday training, if you are one of these members and want to recoup your \$7 in another way please let me know.

Xmas Period Training and Activities



Due to busy lives, pool closures and to give the coach a break there will be no club training sessions on the weekends of 26/27 December and 2/3 January. However, there will be other opportunities to get your swimming fix. Don't forget Megan and Fiona have invited us to a swim and BBQ at their homes at Eggs and Bacon Bay on 27 December – the invitation was in the last newsletter and is also attached.

Also, on 2 January the annual Brooke Street Pier open water swim is being relocated to Seven Mile Beach. This will be a relatively gentle 1.2km swim so a great opportunity for those who want to give an Open Water Swim Event a try.



Club Xmas Party



We are very excited that close to 60 people have RSVPed (I don't know if that is a word?) for the Xmas Party, including many partners and children. There will be lots of food, fun and entertainment and an opportunity to celebrate the year that was.

We do of course have to remember that COVID protocols will need to be adhered to so I must mention that:

- The undercover area of the site – where the food will be served - has a limit of 20 people, so if it looks crowded please be patient.
- We will have copious quantities of hand sanitizer around and we ask that you sanitize your hands each time you approach the food table. We also ask that young children not serve themselves from the buffet table.
- A reminder that soft drink and some beer will be available but all other alcohol is BYO and while there will be a number of chairs available if you have your own fold-up chair it might be best to bring it along.
- Start time is 4.00pm, location is Hut 9 at the Waterworks Reserve.

Lastly and most importantly feel entirely free to dress up as your favourite Xmas Character



Let's hope for a beautiful sunny day – although there are worse things than a few swimmers getting a bit wet.

Remember last breakfast of the year this Saturday!

Social News

Breakfast is booked for Saturday 5th September at 10:30. I hope to see you there.

We are also looking forward to our Christmas gathering at Waterworks Reserve on the 12th at 4:00.

I'm hoping to continue the members 'Reflections' next year. Please email me if you would like to contribute. However, may tap you on the shoulder and chat to you about significant swimming memories.

Darryl Smith Classic Open Water Swim

Worried there won't be enough swimming over Christmas? Never fear, the Darryl Smith Classic open water swim is on again. We invite you to join us for an open water swim on the morning of **Sunday 27th December** at **Eggs and Bacon Bay**.

We plan to meet at the Eggs and Bacon Bay foreshore at 9.15am. If the weather there is rough, we can re-locate across to Randall's Bay. We will swim for about an hour and water patrols will be provided by a few local identities in kayaks. There are spare kayaks available for partners/kids who would like to join in.

The area is about a 1-hour drive from Hobart, or 10-mins drive south of Cygnet.

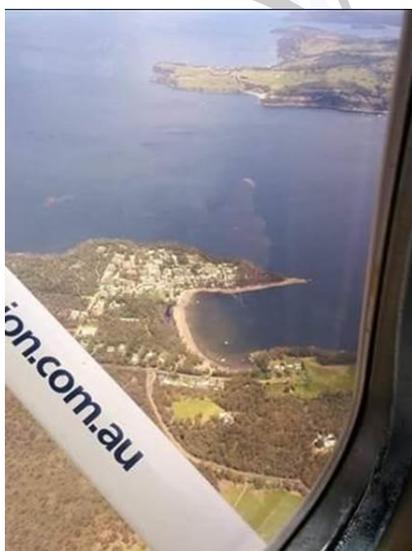
Suggested route: Via Huonville and Cygnet, then turn left at the bottom roundabout in Cygnet, follow the road along the river and turn right at the Randall's Bay/ Eggs & Bacon Bay turnoff. Head straight for the E&B Bay beach.

Bring your wetsuits, the family, something to drink and food for a BBQ breakfast at 84 Flakemore's road (Stronach's place – subject to CoViD restrictions). Shack showers are available - BYO towels.

The water will be about 18 degrees, but for more information see: <https://seatemperature.info/hobart-water-temperature.html>

For more information or if you get lost on the journey south, call for help 0417 338 113

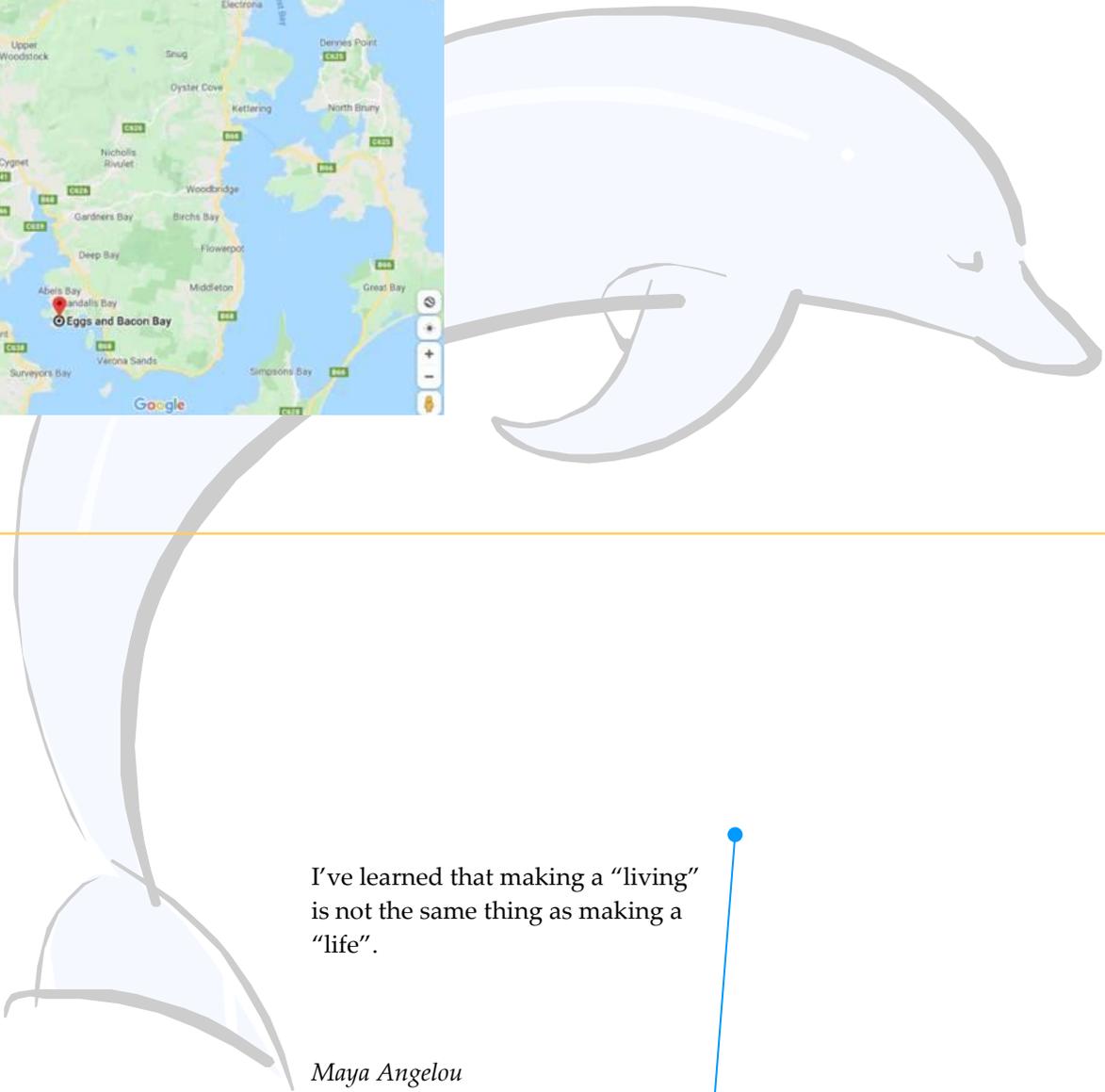
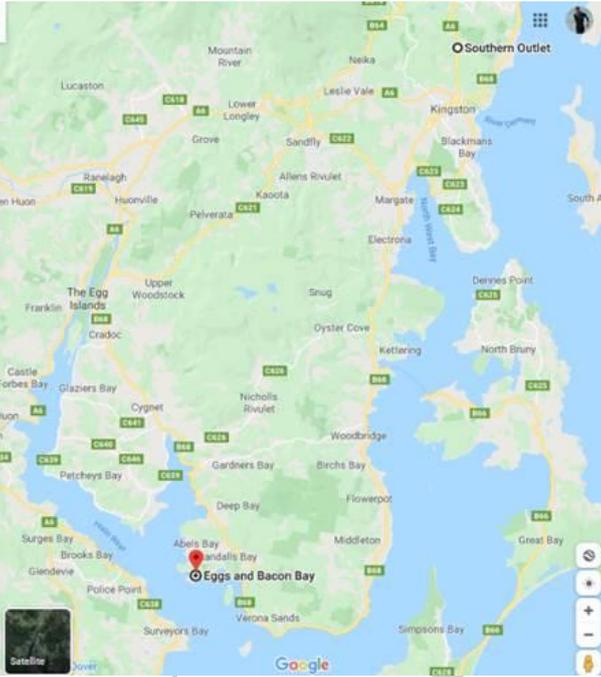
See you there!!



Eggs & Bacon Bay



Randalls Bay



I've learned that making a "living"
is not the same thing as making a
"life".

Maya Angelou

**Hobart Dolphins Member Profile,
Barbara Ross**



How long have you been swimming with the Hobart Dolphins?
Seventeen years

What do you like about swimming?
Everything so relaxing and good companionship

What do you NOT like in training?
Being short of breath

Favourite stroke?
Freestyle

Most memorable swim?
1st Aussi Masters in Melbourne, 1995

What book are you reading at the moment?
Nil

Favourite book ever read?
The Thornbirds by Colleen McCullough

Favourite movie?
African Queen

What other hobbies/interests do you have?
Lawn Bowls

Where would you like to go for a once in a lifetime holiday?
Greek Islands

What do you do for fun?
Swim and gardening

Can you think of one thing in your life that is particularly special to you, that you would like to share with us?
Becoming a mum, and 1st time selected in State Swimming Team, 1952