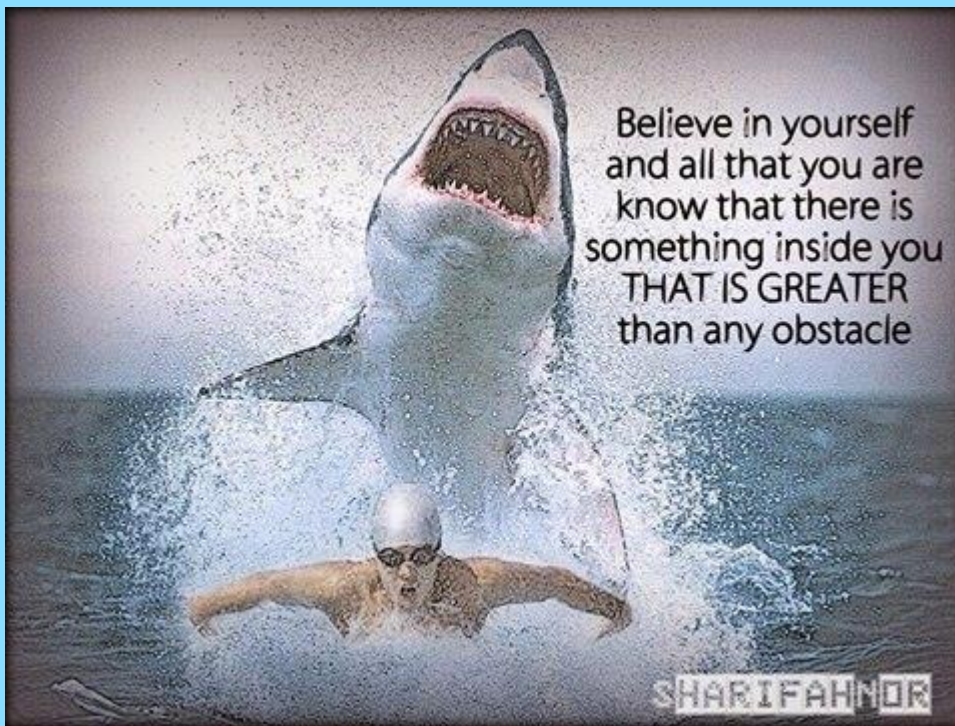




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April was a month of great accomplishment for athletes and coaches as the National Swimmers and competitors at the Junior SWA Championships put months of training into top gear and once again proved they are forces to be reckoned with.

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### JUNIOR LONG COURSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Junior swimmers excelled at the Junior Long Course State Championships with three days of swimming.

**Report from Warren Paynter :-** Congratulations to all the swimmers who competed at the JS Championships. It was a long three days with both highs and lows. As a whole, we were really impressed with not only how well the kids performed but how well the kids showed their sportsmanship irrespective of their performance. “Mateship” in a sport like swimming is vital and the children really bonded very well during the three days, showing their support for each other and cheering each other on. Arena had 44 individual competitors comprised of

- 9 swimmers from Silver A
- 10 swimmers from Inters
- 25 swimmers from the Development Squad

A special mention should be made to Alyssa Burgess, Maddison Lea and Jack Penny who all medalled as individuals for the first time. Well Done! It should also be noted that Arena



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Swim club had the highest ranking PB percentage of the three big clubs with 68% out of 251 swims, followed by West Coast with 67% out of 313 swims and Breakers with 64% out of 222 swims. Arena was also the only club to receive more than one swimmer mentioned in the Swimming WA top achievers honourable mentions, with both Robbie Bonsall and Adriano Todoro making the list. Well Done Boys. Arena came third overall, with an impressive medal count of 58-60 including relays.



Above: Robbie Bonsall with his impressive medal haul.

Congratulations to Robbie Bonsall who has also been shortlisted for an award at the 2014 SWA Swimmer of the Year Awards. A breakfast presentation will be held at the State Reception Centre at Kings Park on Saturday 24th May. GO ARENA





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## 2014 Georgina Hope Swimmers Foundation Australian Age and MC Age Championships



Our National Squad travelled to Sydney in April and did an impressive job with amazing PB's and many of our athletes competing in the Finals after amazing swims in the Preliminary Finals. They also found time to visit the beach and "hang out" as a team after all the excitement!



Our National Swimmers had a busy week away at the Australian Age Championships in Sydney. Arena Swim Club came away with PBs, happy memories and results that we can be very proud of!



Yolane Kukla has also been shortlisted for an award at the Swimming WA Swimmer of the Year Awards on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014. She is an inspiration to our swimmers proving that hard work, dedication and training do pay off! GOOD LUCK YOLANE



National Age Championship Report by Head Coach Carey Martin :

"The 2014 National Team comprised of the following with 14 swimmers, including one member who did not attend.

1. Matthew Meinema 4 events
2. James Claxton 2 events
3. Tristan De Villiers 5 events
4. Brittany Beesley 2 events
5. Justin Martin 4 events
6. Lachlan Thomas 2 events
7. Kiara Thomas 1 event
8. Aimee Lea 2 events
9. Amy Williams 1 event
10. Logan Bristow 2 events
11. Ryan Butler 2 events
12. Paolo Da Silva 1 event
13. Savannah Loreggian 3 events
14. Candice Wall 2 events



The team as a whole performed admirably. There were several members competing for the first time at Nationals which can be quite daunting and they handled the extra pressure very well. There were many PBs achieved across the board whilst other team members also swam very close to their new PBs, which in a lot of cases were achieved right before the entry closing deadline. There were PBs galore in the 16/U relays.

We were witness to some fantastic racing from Yolane who picked up a swag of medals; 3 gold , Silver and Bronze. Tristan achieved a TAG time for his fantastic effort in 100 Breast final and Justin achieved a PB to final in the 100 Breast also. The rest of Australia certainly knew when there was an Arena Swimmer on the blocks with a very loud "Gooooo Buddyyy!!!!!" from the whole of the team in unison, to the point where the commentator remarked "It looks like there's another Arena Swimmer up!" Great job, and great team spirit. The kids enjoyed the experience immensely and are already making goals towards next season.

In some of the downtime during the week we took the team on a few sightseeing trips to the city and surrounds, Harbour Bridge, Opera House, the movies one afternoon, Bondi and Manly beach. Warren's room turned into the main meeting room where the kids could just chill out and watch a movie or talk, or in lots of cases fall asleep in amongst everything.

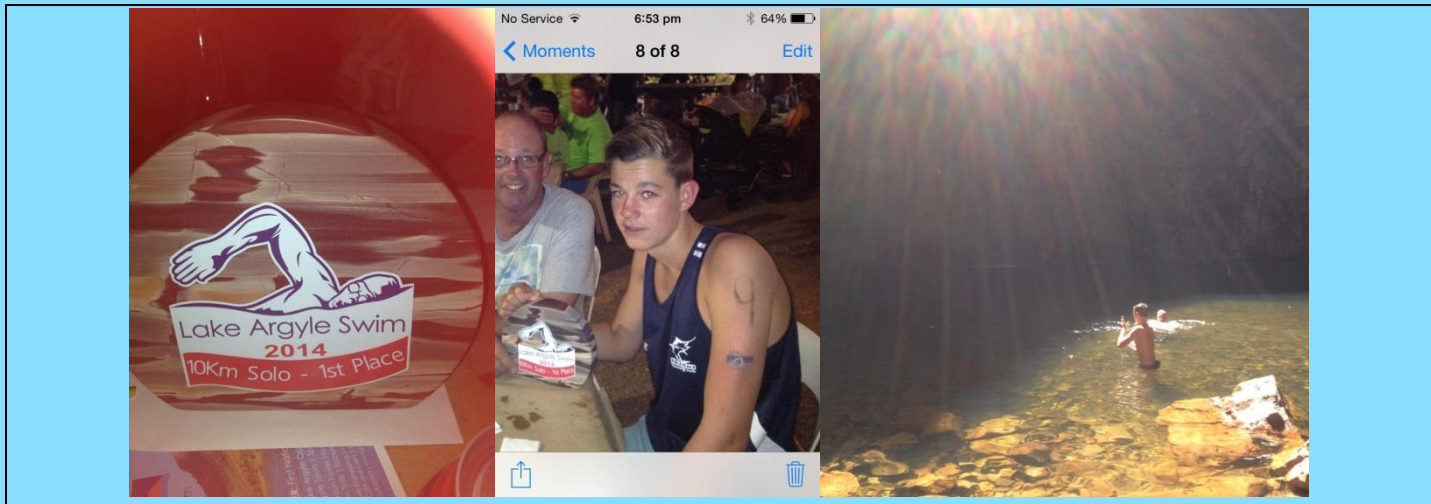
When all the racing was finished we headed out to Bondi again and they all went for a dip. Some of the boys hired boards and went out surfing, with Warren as the brave leader, and me having a nervous breakdown worrying on the shore. Those waves were big!! The girls also got lots of photos with the Bondi rescue boys.

A huge thanks goes also to Maria De Villiers our team manager for the 3 months before Nationals and being on hand for all sorts of requests and tasks while we were over there. Our fantastic chauffeurs George, Mike and Warren, who found some pretty obscure places to park at the very busy places we wanted to go and always got us there on time. Thank you to the parents for your support during the week and also for some evening meals prepared for Warren and myself, I think we would have starved without you.



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I would like to thank and congratulate all our ASC team members for their exceptional behaviour and effort over the week and look forward to bigger and better next year. Last but not least, thank you to Warren for all the support and help with our National team over the past months.”



## 2015 FIRST NATIONAL KIMBERLEY LAKE ARGYLE SWIM

And lastly, but by no means “least” Nic de Bomford gave Arena a “hat trick” for the months of April/May coming first in the the 10km Solo Swim at Lake Argyle on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015. Nic has set a new record (unofficial for the 10,000m Lake Argyle event...amongst apparently 25,000 “shy” (!) freshwater crocs! Well Done Nic!

## ARENA TAKES GERALDTON BY STORM

Updating their short course times and taking home “necklaces” of medals, Geraldton saw a huge contingent of Arena Swimmers at the first short course meet of 2014. As always a big thanks to Geraldton for an action-packed, fun-filled two days and special mention to Kayleigh Kimber for being a “stand in” coach for some of the swimmers!





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The Geraldton Short Course meet is a fabulous way to start the April School holidays, combining swimming with a fun “friend” filled weekend away for our swimmers. Whilst there is perhaps a conflict of priorities with the “jumping pillow” and the swimming events, it proved once again to be a very worthwhile trip for athletes and their families.



The Belair Gardens Jumping Pillow is not listed in the “ Top Ten Things to Do in Geraldton”, however if the Arena swimmers had anything to do with the poll – it would make Number One!!



Successful swimming days were concluded with impromptu dinners at the LemonGrass Thai Restaurant, barbeques at the camp site and hours of fun playing with swimming buddies!



We hope everyone has managed to adjust to their new squads and training times if they were affected by the May changes.



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## ARENA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Club Championships.

For new families who may not know the drill; place-getters in each age group will be announced at the annual Club Presentation Night - the date is still to be determined. An affordable ticketed evening which is a great opportunity to gather with Club families in a relaxed social way. Look out for details which will be posted soon.

The Arena Club Championships were held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, and whilst numbers were low for this event possibly due to the unavoidable fact that it was held on Mothers' Day, club morale was at a high and Clare Masolin's special touch of ensuring that each child had a beautifully presented carnation to hand over to their mothers kept the spirit of Mothers' Day alive! Thank you for your thoughtfulness Clare!



Due to the State Championships and school holidays, there are no Top Gun results to report. Keep training hard Juniors and let's see if you make the list next month!



Flippa Ball is looking for numbers for the Thursday night sessions. Keep an eye out for "Bring-A-Friend" evening which is currently being considered. This is a great way to try out the sport without having to commit – "TRY BEFORE YOU BUY!" Training is on Thursday nights with games played on Sunday afternoons.



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WHAT OUR AWESOME ATHLETES ARE ACHIEVING OUTSIDE THE POOL :- (Please email [juzz.corbett@bigpond.com](mailto:juzz.corbett@bigpond.com) with anything you would like included in future editions!



**Jessica Wins Youth Title**  
Dedication and hard work has paid off for Jessica Claxton being named the Australian Youth Triathlete of 2014. A Joondalup Sports Achievement recipient, Jessica was the only West Australian to compete in every event of Triathlon Australia's youth championship, culminating in taking out the national youth title late last year. The City of Joondalup and Arena congratulates Jessica on this outstanding achievement.

### ONLINE ENTRIES

The new Swimming WA online entry system for meets listed in the Winter almanac and on the Club Meets Page as "Please refer to the SWA website" is up and running and really easy to use. (hooray!) You should find entering the SWA SC Qualifying Meet and others a breeze.

Head to <http://wa.swimming.org.au/page.php?id=128> - click on the hyperlink for the meet you wish to enter. Find "To enter this event please click here" and follow the step by step entry process.

There's help if you need it, with a link provided to a clear online guide on that same page. If you're still stuck, please email [secretary@arenaswimclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@arenaswimclub.com.au)

## 2014 WA State Swimming Team Selections

An impressive group of Arena Swimmers has been selected to travel to Melbourne in July as part of the 2014 WA State Swimming Team. It is fantastic to see Arena representation from so many ASC swimming squads. Good Luck and make WA proud!

- Paola Da Silver
- Nic de Bomford
- Tristan De Villiers
- Kiara Thomas
- Justin Martin
- Ben Roberts
- Ben Smith
- Lauren Gastevich
- Aimee Lea
- Jade MacDonald-Razvi





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## SWIMMER'S PROFILE: ELEANOR MANNING



DO YOU HAVE ANY NICKNAMES AND WHAT ARE THEY?  
 WHAT YEAR ARE YOU IN?  
 WHAT SCHOOL DO YOU GO TO?  
 WHAT SQUADS DO YOU TRAIN WITH?  
 WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE STROKE AND EVENT?  
 WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?  
 WHAT IS YOUR WORST FOOD?  
 WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SONG?  
 WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTING HERO?  
 WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU LEAVE SCHOOL?  
 WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?  
 WHAT IS YOUR LEAST FAVOURITE SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?  
 DO YOU DO ANY OTHER SPORTS THAN SWIMMING?  
 WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SWIMMING?  
 WHAT IS YOUR WORST THING ABOUT SWIMMING?

Ellie, Miss Manning  
 Year 8  
 Irene McCormack College  
 Devos  
 100m Breaststroke  
 Doughnuts  
 Bananas  
 Problem  
 Stephanie Rice  
 Dental Nurse  
 Physical Education/Sport  
 Society and Environment  
 No  
 F.I.o.p.  
 Long distance Kick Sets



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<<<<<< **NEWS JUST IN** >>>>>>

Head Coach **CAREY MARTIN** has been shortlisted for the

ACSTA WA Coaches Award

CONGRATULATIONS – and good luck on 24<sup>th</sup> May !!!