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**Kingscliff Swimming Club Inc.**

**2025/2026 SEASON**

**MEMBER INFORMATION HANDBOOK**

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## Introduction

Welcome to the Kingscliff Swimming Club 2025-2026 Season.

Established in 1973, the Kingscliff Swimming Club aims to provide young and old swimmers with a friendly atmosphere in which they can participate, have fun, and achieve at their own pace.

One of the benefits of being a member of the Kingscliff Swimming Club is that swimmers can compete in events on club nights, which can improve their swimming ability. Swimmers do not have to be fast to join the club; they will improve their race times by competing through the season.

## Location of Kingscliff Aquatic Centre

The Kingscliff Aquatic Centre is located on the corner of Cudgen Road and Turnock Street in Kingscliff. Public transport, including school bus services, has a location adjacent to the aquatic centre. There is a drop-off point for disabled persons on Cudgen Road near the aquatic centre entrance.

## Kingscliff Swimming Club Strategic Plan – 2025/2026

### Vision

To be a friendly club encouraging people to participate in the recreational sport of swimming

### Objective

*Encourage participation in swimming.*

Actively promote learning to swim as a safety/lifesaving activity and a membership source.

Provide activities and incentives for people to join the swimming club and rejoin the following year.

*Encourage ongoing involvement in swimming.*

Actively promote club night as a fun, enjoyable and rewarding activity.

*Encourage participation in a competitive program.*

Actively promote Swimming North Coast Association Championships, Swimming North Coast Association Member carnivals, Swimming New South Wales and Swimming Queensland Championships and Gold Coast Association carnivals.

## Club Board and Child Safe Members

Meet the people behind the scenes that help run the club. Our members are our best resource, and the club is grateful for everyone's time and enthusiasm.

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To share any ideas or opportunities for the club, please get in touch with any of the above Board Members.

## 4. Swimming Australia's National Integrity Framework

The Kingscliff Swimming Club is required and is committed to complying with the Swimming Australia National Integrity Framework. It is the governance document for managing and implementing the framework and associated integrity following policies.

- Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy  
*Defines prohibited conduct, which includes child abuse, grooming, and other misconduct with a child, also reporting requirements.*
- Member Protection Policy  
*Details prohibited conduct with abuse, bullying, harassment, sexual misconduct, unlawful discrimination, victimisation and vilification.*
- Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy  
*The correct process is used to select appropriate supplements.*
- Competition Manipulation & Sports Gambling Policy  
*Details prohibited conduct about improperly altering the result of a sporting activity.*
- Complaints, Disputes & Discipline Policy (CCDP)  
*Sets out the system for resolving complaints and disciplinary action in prohibited conduct.*

## 5. NSW Child Safe Standards

NSW Office of the Children's Guardian Child Safe Scheme requires by law child-related organisations in NSW to implement the 10 Child Safe Standards.

The 10 Child Safe Standards are:

1. Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture
2. Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously
3. Families and communities are informed and involved
4. Equity is upheld, and diverse needs are taken into account
5. People working with children are suitable and supported
6. Processes to respond to complaints of child abuse are child-focused
7. Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training
8. Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur
9. Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved
10. Policies and procedures document how the organisation is child-safe.

Kingscliff Swimming Club is committed to implementing the 10 Child Safe Standards.

The Child Safe Scheme requires the club to appoint a Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO), and this Officer is listed among the Board Members.

The club will work towards implementing the Child Safe Standards. Information can be found [here](#).

## Privacy Information for Parents/Guardians

Kingscliff Swim Club Inc., via the terms agreed to when joining the swim club in Swim Central, are authorised and allowed to use my name, photograph and results published in the club's programs, newsletter, website and social media. If I do not wish the Club to use any of the above, I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the Club, in writing, that I do not permit the above to be used and published in the above formats.

## Discrimination and Equitable Access Statement

Kingscliff Swimming Club has adopted a statement that it is committed to the Swimming Australia principles of discrimination and equitable access. The Club does not discriminate or treat unfavourably against any person. There is legislation that manages discrimination affecting Kingscliff Swimming Club.

Equitable Access - individuals have a fair and social opportunity to access any services provided by the Kingscliff Swimming Club regardless of personal aspects; the Club endeavours to remove barriers that prevent equitable access.

## Inclusive Strategy

Kingscliff Swimming Club is committed to encouraging persons of all abilities to join and participate in club activities.

Persons of all abilities are not required to swim competitively; the club offers club nights where people can have fun and improve their health and fitness. The club promotes an inclusive strategy in accordance with information on the Swimming Australia website.

## Sources of Club Information

Members seeking information on club activities can source information through:

The Kingscliff Swimming Club website - [www.kingscliffswim.com.au](http://www.kingscliffswim.com.au)

Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/kingscliffswimmingclub](https://www.facebook.com/kingscliffswimmingclub)

Email - Members will receive an email advising of important information

Club Noticeboard at Kingscliff Aquatic Centre

## Insurance

Kingscliff Swimming is affiliated with Swimming NSW and Swimming North Coast, and all swimmers are covered by insurance through their registration with NSW Swimming.

## Dates to Remember

Key club dates for swimming events can be found [here](#). This list is subject to change as carnivals are announced. Some events may be rescheduled.

## Registration Fees

Membership fee information can be found [here](#).

The club uses the Kingscliff Swimming Club portion of the registration fee for general club activities, relay entries at carnivals and club equipment.

Membership covers 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September the following year, although swimmers can join any time during the year. To join Kingscliff Swimming Club, Register and pay through [Swim Central](#). The club accepts active kids vouchers as a means of payment.

Our club policy enables **new swimmers to try TWO Tuesday club nights before paying** the registration fee.

## Club Night Swimming

Club Nights are held each Tuesday evening at Kingscliff Swimming Pool or at the Murwillumbah Pool on the last Tuesday of the month during summer. A club night calendar covering a variety of strokes and events will be emailed to members at the start of the season.

Club nights are designed for swimmers to have fun with their friends and team and to provide race practice in a friendly environment. Times are recorded so that swimmers can track their progress against their personal best.

Club nights start at **6pm SHARP**. At the start of the season, the club will advise all members on the method for entering club nights.

Swimmers are encouraged to swim for a minimum of two events.

The minimum age shall be five, and swimmers must be able to swim 12.5 metres of freestyle.

Although the Club does manage its nightly events, everyone should comply with the TRAC rules and responsibilities, specifically about active supervision of your children in and outside the water and Safety and Emergency Evacuation. This information is available from the Club Noticeboard and TRAC website. Children 5 -12 years must be actively supervised by a parent or guardian.

If your child has trouble swimming, please remain close to them while in the water. You may even wish to be in the water with them, particularly if they need to build confidence in the water before completing the race themselves.

Club Night Divisions and Points Score are on the club's website.

## Stormy/Wet Weather

Club nights may be run in wet weather but not in stormy weather. A decision will be made by 4 pm. The club will advise Kingscliff Pool and post a message on the club's Facebook page if club night is to be cancelled due to wet weather.

## **Club Championships**

The eligibility criteria to compete at the Club Championships for the 2025-2026 season are:

Members wishing to participate at Club Championships must have competed at 50% of available club nights FROM THE DATE OF REGISTRATION.

The club board will consider the inability to meet said requirements due to illness or injury. We ask that these absences be communicated reasonably.

THE CLUB NIGHT COORDINATOR WILL ADVISE MEMBERS DURING THE SEASON OF THE REQUIREMENT TO MEET CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY.

The Championships are conducted on the same basis as a Swimming Carnival; members will be reminded that they will be required to nominate for events by a specific date and must compete in the 4 form strokes. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

## **Volunteering/Technical Officials**

Technical Officials are ordinary people who support the development of our swimmers by helping to run meets and club nights. Being an official is a great way to support your children through their swimming journey and make new friends.

There are many different roles, and no experience is necessary. Your friendly board members can provide more information and guidance.

Swimming NSW has created a series of online courses for technical officials. For more information, visit:

<https://nswtraining.swimming.org.au/>

For Club nights to run smoothly, parents are asked to volunteer their services to assist with timekeeping at club nights and competitive carnivals.

## Competitive Swimming

Swimming North Coast coordinates a summer and winter competition calendar, providing opportunities for swimmers of all levels to compete and achieve their personal best.

Development and Qualifying meets are opportunities to practice racing in a friendly environment. Times are recorded in the Swim Central database to enable swimmers to achieve qualifying times for higher-level meets. There are no qualifying times for development and qualifying meets.

Swimmers who have achieved qualifying times at qualifying meets have the opportunity to compete against other swimmers in the area at the Division 1 or Division 2 Championships and at State/National level meets.

Program information for swimming carnivals held in the North Coast area can be found on the [Swimming North Coast](#) website.

Information on NSW state meets can be found on the [Swimming NSW](#) website.

Information on QLD swimming meets can be found on the [Swimming QLD](#) and [Swimming Gold Coast](#) websites.

All entries are online through [Swim Central](#).

It is preferred that members wear club cap when competing at all carnivals.

## Sponsorship

The club is keen to develop our relationship with Sponsors. Current Sponsors can be actively promoted on the club website, handbook, and newsletters and at club nights.

## Australian Representative Recognition

Past Kingscliff Swimming Club members who represented Australia at either an Olympic or Commonwealth Games, or World Championship meet:

Name	Event
Kate Wilson	Paralympic Games 2016
Matt Abood	Freestyle - long term Kingscliff member - Commonwealth Games 2014, Olympic Games 2016
Dyana Calub	Backstroke - Olympic Games 2000, Commonwealth Games 1998 and 2002
Lara Davenport	Freestyle - Olympic Games 2008
Sophie Edington	Backstroke - Commonwealth Games 2006, Olympic Games 2008
Chris Fydlar -	Freestyle - Commonwealth Games 1990 & 1994, Olympic Games 1992, 1996
Josh Watson	Backstroke - Commonwealth Games 1998 & 2002, Olympic Games 2000 & 2004
Charlene Benzie	Freestyle - World Championships Fukuoka Japan 2001
Kasey Giteau	Freestyle - World Championships Fukuoka Japan 2001
Hayden Stoeckel	Backstroke - Pan Pacific Championships Victoria Canada 2006

Names of these swimmers are strategically placed around the Pool area. Further honours are listed on the board at the clubhouse entry.

This list is a work in progress. If you have swum for KSC and previously represented Australia, don't hesitate to contact the committee so that you can be added. The committee wishes to honour those representing their country while swimming for Kingscliff.