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EVENT DETAILS

2017 Australia Day Swim

4 km, 2km and 1 km

Thursday, 26 January 2017

**Doddi's Beach, Halls Head Parade, Halls Head
4 km, 2 km and 1 km Swim**

This event is part of the
2016/17 LiveLighter Masters Open Water Swim Series



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INTRODUCTION

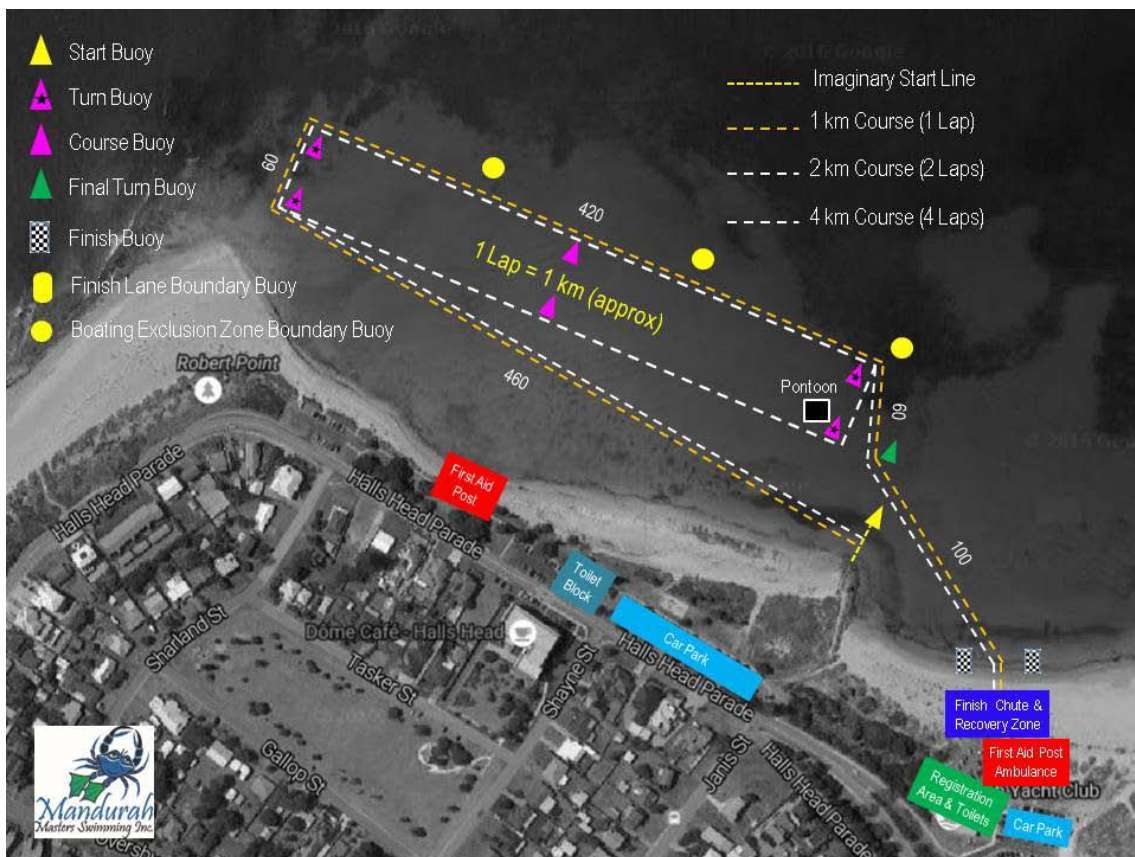
The **2017 Australia Day Swim** is run by Mandurah Masters Swimming Club Inc and is to be held on **Thursday the 26th January 2017**.

The event will be conducted according to MSWA Local OWS Rules, utilising a rectangular course set in the boating exclusion zone a Doddi's Beach on Halls Head Parade, Halls Head.

The event offers the choice of three swim distances:

- A 1 km solo swim (one lap of the course), which is open to all swimmers from 10 years up.
- A 2 km solo swim (two laps of the course), which is open to all swimmers from 11 years up.
- A 4 km solo swim (four laps of the course), which is open to all swimmers from 12 years up.

COURSE MAP



THE COURSE

The 4 km, 2 km and 1 km events will commence at an in-the-water Start line, off the end of the small groyne located on Doddi's Beach at the eastern end of the course, see Course Map.

The 4 km event will start first, followed by the 2 km, with the 1 km starting last.

Multiple wave starts will be conducted if event entry numbers require.

The first wave of the 4 km event will be requested to prepare to enter the water at 8:25am and then requested to enter the water at 8:23am, ready for an 8:30am start. Subsequent waves for the 4 km (if required) and each subsequent event will start at five minute intervals thereafter.

Swimmers competing in the 1 km event will complete 1 lap of the course marked by the orange dashed line shown on the Course Map.

Swimmers competing in the 2 km event will complete 2 laps of the course marked by the white dashed line shown on the Course Map before heading for the green final turn buoy and finish line.

Swimmers competing in the 4 km event will complete 4 laps of the course marked by the white dashed line shown on the Course Map before heading for the green final turn buoy and finish line.

The finish will be a beach finish utilising electronic sensors positioned on the eastern side of the groyne as close to the water as practicable.

The event will have a designated time limit of 2:00 hours from the start time of the last 4 km wave.

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- The Course Map will be displayed on a board in the Registration Area prior to the Compulsory Race Briefing and the course for each event will be explained at the Compulsory Race Briefing.
- The Start Line will be set between the end of the groyne at the eastern end of the course and a single yellow marker buoy.
- Swimmers will go around the course in a clockwise direction keeping all buoys to their right, except for the final green turn buoy which they must keep to their left.
- Four pink normal turn buoys (with MSWA Vinyl Buoy Sleeves) will be deployed and anchored at the corners of the rectangular course.
- Two pink course buoys will be deployed and anchored mid way along the two east-west legs of the rectangular course.
- Swimmers must also keep within the boating exclusion zone marked by the three yellow pencil buoys on the north side of the course.
- A single green final turn buoy will be deployed, indicating the final turning point before the finish line. Swimmers must keep this buoy to their left.
- To ensure swimmers maintain the correct course, paddlers will be stationed around the course and, in particular, near the final green turn buoy and along the last leg. However, paddlers are not to assist or interfere with any swimmer unless that swimmer indicates the need of assistance or is to be removed from the water.
- Two black and white chequered buoys will be deployed and positioned just in front and either side of the Finish Chute.
- After passing between the black and white chequered buoys, swimmers will make their way directly to shore, into the Finish Chute, through the Finish Arch (timing sensor) and to the Recovery Zone.
- Finish order is given in the water there is NO need for swimmers to run.
- Swimmers are to proceed in an orderly fashion in SINGLE FILE IN FINISH ORDER up the Finish Chute and through the BlueChip Timing Finish Arch located as close to the water's edge as is practicable. Times will be recorded as swimmers walk from water, through sensor pads or between sensor stands.
- Proceed to end of chute to have your timing strap collected, before collecting water and fruit in the Recovery Zone.

ENTRIES

- Entry to the event will require the pre-registration of swimmers details.
- Pre-registrations are only permitted through the on-line registration service (accessed through BlueChip Timing), except that the registration of late entries will be accepted on the day of the event (see below).
- Early bird on-line pre-registration of entries will close at 11:59pm on Wed 18 January 2017.
- Regular on-line pre-registration of entries will close at 12:00pm (midday) on Wed 25 Jan 2017.
- Late registration of entries will close at 8:00am on the day of the event, Thurs 26 Jan 2017.
- Entry fees will be as per the following Table:

Registration	Early Bird Up to 11:59pm 18/1/17		Regular Up to 12:00pm 25/1/17		Late Up to 8:00am 26/1/17
	MSA Member	Non Member	MSA Member	Non Member	MSA or Non Member
1 km	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$30	\$35
2 km	\$25	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$40
4 km	\$30	\$35	\$35	\$40	\$45

- Pre-registration of entries will only be accepted on-line if accompanied by full payment of the relevant entry fee.
- All online entries must be accompanied by an electronic Event Terms & Waiver Form.
- Late entries can be accepted on the day of the event using a printed entry form available on-line at <http://www.mandurahmannas.org.au/2017australiadayopenwaterswim>, which includes an Event Terms & Waiver Form and must be signed.
- All Event Terms & Waiver forms for late entrants under the age of 18 years on the day must be signed by a parent or guardian of the swimmer, and the parent or guardian must be present at registration and remain present for the duration of the event.
- Late entries may be subject to a total field cap at the discretion of the Event Coordinator.
- Wave allocation for late entries will depend on total numbers.
- Late entries will be eligible for prizes.
- There is a stipulated minimum age for all swimmers, where the age of the swimmer (for insurance purposes) is determined on the day of the race. This is specified in the Table below:

Distance	Age
1 km	10 Years
2 km	11 Years
4 km	12 Years

- Subject to this minimum age limit, all events are open to all ages provided they can finish the swim by the stipulated time limit.

RACE DAY TIMETABLE

7:00am to 8:00am	Swimmer Registration
8:10am	Compulsory Swimmer Briefing
8:30am	Swim starts with waves at 5min intervals
10:30am (approx.)	4km Swim Cut-Off Time Limit
11:15am (approx.)	Presentations

RACE DAY REGISTRATION

- Pre-registered swimmers and late entries will register from 7:00am to 8:00am at registration tables in the Registration Area.
- Swimmers will be given compulsory race caps (a different colour for each wave).
- Swimmers will be given a compulsory timing band to be worn on the left ankle.
- Swimmers will be given individual race numbers that:
 - For 1km and 2km swimmers will be written on their left upper arm and if appropriate on the race cap. In the event that the left upper arm is covered by swimwear the race number must be written on the left lower arm or back of the left hand; and
 - For 4 km swimmers will be written on their left and right shoulder blades and on the race cap, to assist in checking swimmers have completed the correct number of laps.
- A large Course Map and copy of the 2016/17 MSWA OWS Local Rules will be on display in the Registration Area for swimmers to refer to ahead of the briefing.

COMPULSORY RACE BRIEFING

- A compulsory race briefing will be given at 8:10 am when the race course will be outlined and race information will be addressed in accordance with MSWA Local OWS Rules by delegated Club presenter.
- Swimmers who are not present for the Compulsory Race Briefing at 8:10 am will not be allowed to swim.

GENERAL RULES (APPLICABLE TO ALL SWIMMERS)

- The event is conducted under MSWA Local OWS Rules.
- A time will be electronically recorded for all swimmers.
- Wetsuits may be worn, but swimmers wearing wetsuits will not be eligible to win prizes
- FINA swimwear restrictions shall not apply to this event
- No paddles, fins, flotation devices or swimming aids are permitted. Snorkels maybe allowed at the discretion of the Event Coordinator
- No watches, heavy jewelry or fit bands are permitted to be worn
- Due to the risk of injury to other swimmers, no breaststroke kicking at the marker buoys nor when in close proximity to other swimmers. Head up freestyle can be used for sighting and negotiating turns.
- No personal paddlers are allowed
- Official race caps must be worn on heads at all times

- Commercial craft have right of way
- Swimmers found displaying unsporting conduct will be disqualified
- In shallow water, swimmers may stand to rest but should only resume swimming from a standing start; i.e. no forward diving or walking is permitted.
- Swimmers wishing to cool down after the event should remove their swim cap and cool down away from the event course.

START PROCEDURE

The start (for all distances) will be as follows;

1. Follow the instructions of the Marshals and do not enter the Start Area/Chute or water until you are instructed to do so.
2. Swimmers must go through the Start Chute for swimwear/jewelery inspection (if applicable).
3. There will be a deep water/standing start on a line defined by the Referee boat/Start Buoy and Starter on shore.
4. At approximately **2 minutes** to go swimmers will be instructed to enter the water and make their way to the start line. Please self-seed on the start line with faster swimmers at the front.
5. Once all swimmers are deemed to be ready, the race flags will be raised to signify a start is imminent (Referee to demonstrate).
6. The start of the race (and subsequent wave starts) will then be signaled by the sounding of an air horn and drop of flag (Referee to demonstrate).
7. Please be kind to slower swimmers who you may catch along the course.

CANCELLATION

The Race Director has the right to cancel the event in the event of unfavourable conditions or circumstances that could compromise the safety of participants.

The decision shall be made by the Race Director in consultation with the Event Coordinator, the Referee and Safety Officer.

If the event is cancelled, event entry fees will not be refunded.

PRIZES

A presentation ceremony will be held in the Presentation Area in front of the Yacht Club at approximately 11:15 am or as soon as practicable after the last swimmer has completed the race and electronic results have been reviewed and compiled by BlueChip Timing.

All swimmers, including late entrants, are eligible for prizes with the exception of swimmers wearing wetsuits or those disqualified for breaches of the rules.

All entrants are eligible for Spot Prizes.

The 1st and 2nd male and female swimmers will be award the following cash prizes for each event are:

- 4km - \$200 for 1st and \$150 for 2nd
- 2km - \$100 for 1st and \$75 for 2nd
- 1km - \$50 for 1st and \$25 for 2nd

In addition to the cash prizes, the male and female winner in each MSA Age Group in the 4km and 2km swims (not 1km swim) will be awarded a prize; i.e. the choice of either a bottle of wine or towel.

MSWA OWS points will be award for all swims; i.e. 1km, 2km and 4km.

REFRESHMENTS

All swimmers will be provided with drinks and fruit after the swim.

Bacon and egg burgers, water and soft drinks will be available for purchase from the Kitchen near the Registration Area.