

Melbourne's year-round open water swimming group

Lead Article – New Swimmer Profile

Welcome to Glenn Taylor



Started swimming with Icebergers: I took the plunge in March this year. I am really enjoying - and am very grateful for - the warm welcome I have received from everyone in our swim community.

Early years: Being in and around water, at beaches or pools, has been a way of life from a very early age. Participating in Nippers at Elouera SLSC, NSW will always hold fond memories.

Learnt to swim: Unofficially with my grandfather and mum from the time I could walk. Officially, age 5 through school. Quick fact: I was taught by Bev Waugh, mum to Steve and Mark.

Open water experience: Feel very fortunate to have found OWS in December 2019, on the same day as fellow Iceberger Andrew Heeney, at the Baths. Little did we know COVID was just around the corner and starting when we did was a blessing as it was OWS - with a little help from Andrew - that got me through that difficult time.

Best swimming experience: Apart from every time I successfully return to shore I would have to say helping out my mates get their eight-hour qualifier done a few years ago was a real highlight. The camaraderie we experienced in that challenge is something I won't forget.

How did you find us: I'd been peeking over from the Baths since 2020 and finally decided to find out what all the hype was about. Pleased I did!

Swims with: I jump in with other early risers – Andrew [Heeney], Michael [Tighe], Mick [Conlan], Barrie [May] and Dave [Millwood] - at 5:20am, Monday to Friday. Later starts on the weekend allows me to swim with a variety of other Icebergers, who are all very welcoming.

Favourite route at RBYC: I'm not sure what it's called but a lap around the marina is always fun.

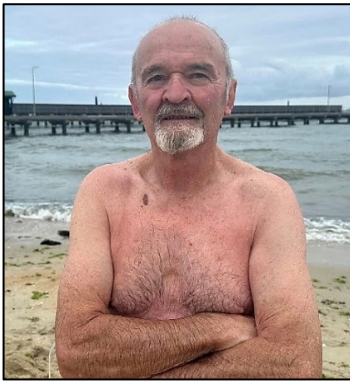
Swimming goals: Competing in the annual Shark Island Swim at South Cronulla, NSW with my brother each year is the current goal...and to continue to swim for as long as I can.

Interesting factoid about yourself: I hosted a weekly youth affairs program for several years on community radio through the noughties.



Antony Lynch 25th September 2026

photo by Ria



Alistair Purvey

1st February 2026



Roger Stephens and Peter Bottrill

23rd August 2026



Ian Lynch

1st February 2026



Iceberger Sunset Swim - 21st June 2026

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Letters to the Editor – Mischa from Zürich

I recently received an email from Zürich, Switzerland where the writer commented:

“I enjoy the way you describe Iceberger News as a record of the collective joys of open-water swimming — and especially your emphasis on it being human-authored and full of the group’s quirks and idiosyncrasies”.

Naturally, I responded to this email, not just because it was the digital equivalent of a “message in a bottle” from across the oceans, but I was also intrigued as to who it was and how they found us.

The writer was Mischa Gurov who lives and works in Zürich and he answered my questions as follows:

“how I found you is probably another miracle that AI could create: I asked for quirky swimming communities that would be most interested in hearing my story and here we go - it shared your email address...”.

Here we go go alright. Apart from the realisation that my email address is forever algorithmically linked to the word “quirky”, Mischa’s open water swimming story in Zürich is quite remarkable and worthy of an article in a forthcoming edition of the Iceberger News. Watch This Space!

Newsletter Milestone

Today’s Newsletter is noteworthy as it represents the 175th edition. This modest publication commenced in January 2020 as a means through which we could record the stories of the Brighton Icebergers and thereby provide a permanent record of who we are through our shared experiences of open water swimming. After seven years encompassing 113,779 words, 1,749 photos and 696 individual articles, there has been much to share.

Thank you to all those supportive readers and fellow Icebergers who provide ongoing encouragements which ensures the Newsletter will continue to be an integral part of our swimming lives. Ed.

Iceberger Calendar

Date	Event
Friday 11 th December 2026	Rob Hooper Memorial Swim – Scott Buchanan
Sunday 13 th December 2026	Olsen Hooper Classic. Details to follow - Ross MacDowell



8th October 2026

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