

ATLANTIS FROGS WIN 2013 INTERCLUB SERIES

'Frogs Have More Fun'

12 years ago, Atlantis Frogs won the South Australian Interclub Series for the first time; the first and only team to have ever beaten Adelaide Masters. A year later we won again but only by a small margin of 3 points.

Over the years we have come close to winning again. Last year we lost by 33 points; the equivalent of just 1 individual swimmer's points over the series. There are many Frogs still competing today who were in those winning teams all those years ago and we decided it was about time we won again!

As a club we decided that we wanted to win the series in 2013 and encouraged new members to compete. Many competed in Interclub 1 and went on to swim in all 4 meets!

Our participation has been outstanding this year. We had over 40% of our members compete in 3 of the Interclubs, an amazing effort.

Apart from the serious side of competing, 2013 has been an exciting and fun year for Atlantis Masters. Lunches were organised after each Interclub, from BBQ's, a 'Curry in a Hurry', to a wine tasting event. We have grown closer as a club and lived by our motto of 'Frogs Have More Fun'.

I am proud to say that we have had almost a 100% participation rate from our entries, which has made the job of working out relay teams far less stressful for which I am extremely grateful to our members.

In true Frog spirit, older members have helped the new members with their entries

and everyone has pitched in with marshalling and making sure that the relay teams were behind the blocks at the right time.

We've had some great highlights; Judy Thomas with 8 National records; State Records broken by Judy, Joy, Jan, Frank and many of our relay teams; and the one record that I am the most proud of was by an amazing group of women – Judy, Jan, Joy and Jenny – (you can't get in the team if your name doesn't start with a J) who broke a National record in the 240+ Freestyle Relay. This resulted in dancing on the pool deck!

Many of our swimmers also won medals in their age groups and some for the first time which is a great achievement.

Every single member who competed this year has helped us achieve our goal. Every point has counted! I would like to personally thank all our members for their commitment to our wonderful club.

It is an honour and a privilege to be part of this amazing team – a team of friends and a second family to most of us.



Bec Paay, Atlantis Club Captain

