



Cut 2 Club Swim 2024

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DOING THE SWIM

How far is the swim?

The full course is 3.5 km: Swimmers enter the water on the shore adjacent to the Dawesville Cut in the Dawesville estuary near the Port Bouvard Yacht Club. The swim rounds a (estuary) groyne and enters the Dawesville Cut Channel and proceeds the entire length of the channel exiting into the open ocean where swimmers will swim around another (ocean-end) groyne into the open ocean waters. The final 700m will be completed heading through potential swell and surf to end on the beach in front of the Port Bouvard Surf Lifesaving Club.

The Short Course is 2.25km: Swimmers follow the same route as the Full Course, though the swim is completed adjacent to a jetty 2.25km from the start and approximately 500m prior to the ocean end of the Dawesville Cut Channel. Swimmers will exit the water onto a floating jetty platform/pontoon to pass through the finish gate prior to climbing the fixed jetty ladder and leaving the area.

Can I see a swim map?

Yes, a detailed map is downloadable via our website <https://www.portbouvardslsc.com.au/cut-2-club-swim> (Note: Large Mb download). A course map should be displayed at the registration table for your viewing. A smaller version is attached to end of this document.

See Appendix 1 For Included Map

Can I swim around the (ocean-end) Groyne: Full Course - 3.5km?

This would be dependent upon your training and personal fitness. We cannot advise you on this. Whilst race conditions will vary according to prevailing weather and tidal movement, it should be noted that it is anticipated that the majority of the course will be a flat-water swim with minimal tidal flow. The 3.5km swim/paddle involves leaving the Dawesville Cut channel and entering the open ocean with potential for swell and waves to contend with. This should only be attempted by competent and capable swimmers/paddlers. **Minimum Age is 10 years.** Minimum board requirements include SLSA approved competition boards (ideally full sized mal).

Do I have to swim around the (ocean-end) groyne?

No, with the 2.25km short course event ending prior to the ocean within the Dawesville Cut, there are two distance options for a swimmer to choose from. This is essentially a flat-water swim.

Can I have a support paddler?

No. On-water safety and support is provided by Surf Life Saving and personal support paddlers are not permitted.

What Marine life may I encounter?

Please note the Dawesville Cut is a regular destination for Dolphins and has even seen the odd whale. You may encounter individual dolphins or a pod during your swim. Take note of Water Safety and follow any direction given with regard to marine life. Occasionally, stingers are present in the area, but very few reports of stingers have been received of late.

How many people participate in the swim?

Participant numbers for 2024 is projected to be 150-200 Swimmers.

Can I swim with my child during the Swim?

The minimum swim is 2.25km and should only be attempted by competent swimmers. The only way you can swim with your child is to enter as a participant yourself. There is no provision for support swimmers.

How is my Swim Timed?

Timing bands are provided on loan for the duration of the swim.

Timing gates will be available at the start line and both finish lines. You must cross the timing gate for your time to be recorded.

All timing bands must be returned at the end of the race, penalties will apply for failure to do so - see Terms & Conditions.

ONLINE ENTRY

Can I swap my entry with another person?

No

What happens if I don't have an entry but swim anyway?

Please don't swim without a valid entry. The Dawesville cut is a closed waterway for swimmers. Exemption is provided for entrants of this event only. The right to continue the swim each year is dependent upon the way the event is managed. Surf Lifesaving will provide water safety to participants who are registered ensuring all persons are accounted for. By attempting to join or disrupt the swim, you place yourself and others in potential danger and may affect the future of the event. Please respect the participants and management team and stay out of the water if you are not a registered participant.

Is there a minimum age requirement for the swim?

The minimum age for swimmers is 10 years old on race day for the 2.25km course and the 3.5km course. Only competent swimmers who are fit and adequately trained should enter.

Can I enter on the day?

Yes. Entries Close 06:20am Australia Western Standard Time (AWST) on Saturday 20th January 2024.

CHECK-IN

Can someone else 'check-in' for me?

No. Every swimmer over the age of 18 must check-in in person and hand-in a signed copy of the Swimmer Declaration [waiver] which can be downloaded. Legal guardians may check-in for swimmers if under 18 - an eTicket must be shown and a signed waiver must be handed-in. Swimmers will be emailed a copy of the waiver with their eTicket in the week before the swim.

When Can I Check-In?

Check-in will be open 05:45 to 06:45am Saturday 20 January 2024. Check-in will be by Name for the 2024 swim.

NOTE: Check in will close 20min prior to each wave as below to allow time to get to start line:

WAVE 1 (2.25km):	6:50am
WAVE 2 (3.5km):	6:55am
WAVE 3 (3.5km):	7:00am
WAVE 4 (3.5km):	7:05am

Where do I Check-In?

The check in station will be located at the Southern Estuary Hall, 4 Thisbe Drive, Dawesville, 6211. This location is near to the start line and large amounts of parking. For information regarding parking, please see the parking section below. (*refer Parking Map – Appendix 1*)

RACE PACKS & NUMBERS

When/where do I get my Race Number?

You will automatically be allocated a Race Number once entries have closed. Your unique Race Number will be assigned to you and provided on the day. Please bring your signed copy of the waiver to pre-race check-in. Check-in will be by name for the 2024 swim.

Do I have to wear my race number?

Yes. Your race number will be a pen marking that you must wear for event management and safety. The number may be applied to your skin or wetsuit.

Where do I put my race number?

The race number goes vertically on your front left arm/shoulder. Option two front left thigh. Numbers may be applied to wetsuits, at your discretion.

When do I get my Race Pack?

Race Pack (Registration Numbers, Swim Cap, Purchased Merchandise & "I swam the Cut2Club Swim" Sticker) will be issued at the registration desk on check-in on race day.

ESTIMATED SWIM TIMES

What is the estimated swim time used for?

Estimated swim time is used to allocate your start wave (fastest swimmers start first).

Do we all start at the same time?

Start times are as follows:	2.25km Wave 1	-	06:50am
	3.5km Wave 2	-	06:55am
	3.5km Wave 3	-	07:00am
	3.5km Wave 4	-	07:05am

How long do I have to complete my swim?

For the 3.5km Swim: 2hours 20min (Arriving at the finish line by 09:25am)

For the 2.25km swim: 2hours 10mins (Arriving at the finish jetty by 09:00am)

When will I be withdrawn from the swim?

Swimmers will be withdrawn from the race if they have not made the 2.25km marker at 1 Hours 30mins from their start time (3.5km swim) and 2hrs 10 min (2.25km swim). **All swimmers will be removed from the water at 09.25am.**

RESULTS & AWARDS

Are there awards or trophies?

Yes: **3.5km Swim Open Competition - Male & Female - Winners & 1st Runner Ups**

Category Prizes - for Under 16, 16-30, 31-45, 46-60, 61+

1st prize = Medal, Towel and 1/2 price entry to 2024

Runner-up = Medal and 1/2 price entry to 2024

2.25km Swim Youth (14 and under) - Male & Female - Winners & Runner Ups

(Needs to be a minimum of 3 competitors to win this category)

1st prize = Medal, Towel and 1/2 price entry to 2024

Runner-up = Medal and 1/2 price entry to 2024

When can I collect my award or trophy?

Presentations will be held at the Port Bouvard Surf Lifesaving Club at approximately 09:30-09:40am on the day of the event. Please note Competition swimmers will need to wait until ALL swimmers have left the water before presentations will occur.

When will the results be available?

You will be notified when results will be available for your perusal.

SWIM AIDS

Can I use a swimming aid, ie wetsuit, flippers, special swimsuits?

These are allowable but must be declared on the entry. If you swim with an aid, you will not be eligible for a category award. Swim aids include any device or swimsuit that may aid his/her speed, buoyancy or endurance;

- Flippers
- Snorkels
- Wetsuits/Speedsuits
- Pull Buoys

What sort of swimsuit is allowed?

You can wear whatever swimsuit you desire. If your swimsuit aids your speed, buoyancy or endurance, it is considered a swim aid and must be declared on your entry (or at swimmer check-in) as you will be ineligible for an award.

Acceptable (non-swim-aid) swimsuits:

- Are made from a textile fabric
- Are flexible and soft folding
- Any surface treatments or coatings do not close the overall open mesh structure of the base textile fabric
- Do not contain buoyancy
- Are not thicker than 0.8mm
- Do not cover the neck or extend past the shoulders or ankles

- Do not contain zips or other fastening systems (Thus a swimming wetsuit, if worn would make you ineligible to win any award)
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HELP & ASSISTANCE

Can I use assistance from watersafety?

Water safety is there to assist you if you need help, have an injury or medical condition or want to discontinue from the swim. If you need assistance, try to move to an area clear of other swimmers and signal for help by waving one arm over your head. Water Safety will attend to you as a matter of priority.

Please note if you seek assistance or take a rest and hold onto a water safety vessel or board, you will be ineligible for any prize and may be requested to leave the water. As the Duty-of-Care for your safety rests with Water Safety, any direction given from the water safety team must be adhered to.

SWAPS & REFUNDS

If I pull out, can I receive a refund?

Full refunds, less a \$10 administration fee, are only available if applied for in writing or by email to Cut2ClubSwim@portbouvardslsc.com.au and must be applied for prior to Midnight AWST Sunday 14th January 2024.

No refunds will be made after 14 January 2024, unless expressly agreed to by the swim committee.

If I can't swim on the day, can someone else replace me?

No.

MERCHANDISE

When should I order merchandise?

Merchandise can be ordered and paid for when completing the online entry for the event and must be collected when you check-in.

When do I collect my merchandise?

Merchandise will be available for collection when you check-in. Saturday 05:45 to 06:45am. Merchandise not collected by 12:00 Saturday (swim day) will be made available for resale. Refunds are not available for merchandise not collected by 12:00 Saturday (swim day).

What if I forget to collect my merchandise?

Merchandise must be collected by 12:00 Saturday 20 January 2024 (Swim day). After this time they will be available for resale. There is no refund for merchandise not collected on time. We do not post merchandise to participants.

CARS, TRANSPORT & BAGS

Is there public parking?

SWIMMERS

Parking is available adjacent to Dawesville Yacht Club and Southern Estuary Hall (4 Thisbe Drive, Dawesville). This parking is near the start line and should be used as the first option for parking. Parking for approximately 50+ vehicles is available. Bus transport (x2) will be available to return competitors and equipment back to the start location at the end of the race.



OVERFLOW PARKING

Limited parking is also available in the public carpark outside the Port Bouvard Surf Lifesaving Club. This carpark is also in use by beach goers and availability is dependant on usage on the day. Limited bus service will be provided to transport you to the start line/registration desk/start line if you are required to park here. Please allow for a potential 15-20min wait for bus transport to start line.

Ideally, we wish to avoid overloading this carpark to enable emergency access if required and to reduce disruption to local community.

Note: Please avoid parking on footpaths, verges of properties on roads surrounding the Surf Club. City of Mandurah Ranger/Parking Services may be in the area on the day.

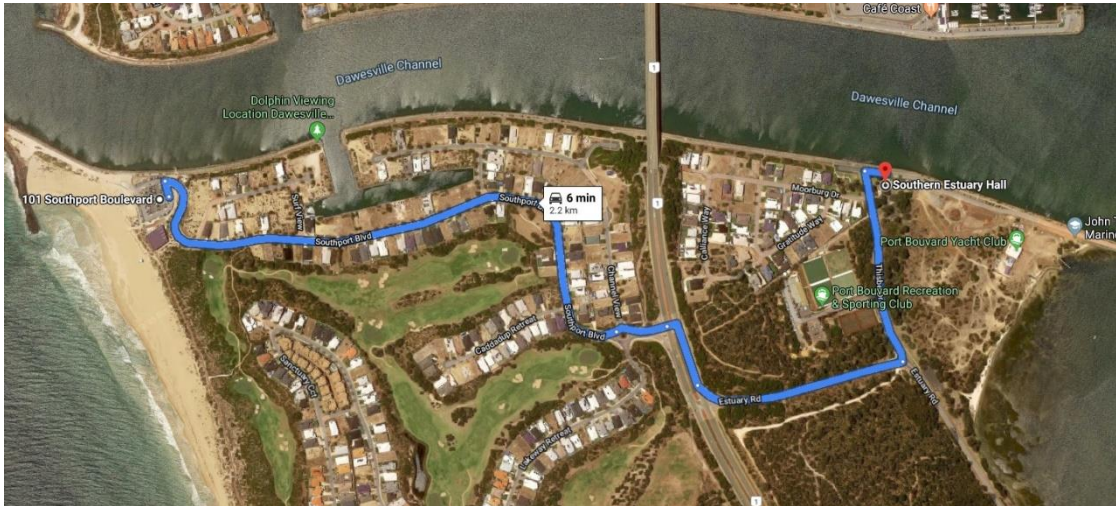


Is there a bag-drop area?

Yes, a bag-drop area will be provided at/near the Registration desk. The bag-drop service will be available from 5:45am on Saturday 20th January. Bag Transportation will be provided to transport your belongings to the Port Bouvard SLSC where you will be able to collect your bag after finishing the event.

BUS ROUTE

Please note 2x buses will be provided to ferry participants between the Port Bouvard SLSC (Finish) and the Dawesville Yacht Club (Start Line). Realistic travel time is 10 min each way.



Appendix 1 – Parking and Course Maps

