

2025-2026

Geelong Water Ski Club Brag Book





Club Ski Schools

The schools have been even bigger and better this season.

Always fully booked out with requests for more spots.

The coaches have come from the High Performance Squad. Caitlin and Ryan Macdonald, Caitlin Dennis and Alexei Werner.

The skiers' bibs are new. They are loved by the kids and the coaches. Many thanks for all the businesses that sponsored them

Thanks to Kara Bell, Shane Davis and Club Captain Patrick Crisp for all the organisation.







Many thanks to
everyone who
sponsored the
Ski School Bibs



Victorian Inter Club Championship Held at Geelong in November 2025



The competition was very close with Lake Boga a strong second.

Jack Davis received the Klipspringer trophy from Christine Stephen

Geelong's Championship winning Team

The Geelong Team was:-

Jack Davis

Caitlin Dennis

Sophie Secombe

Alexei and Nick Werner

Peter Barbuto

**Mark, Shelly and Ryan
Macdonald**

Sue and Richard Crisp

Joel Malone

Paul Wilde

Hugo and Archer Heffernan

Zeph and Billy Deppeler

Results are on

iwwfed-ea.net: Victorian Inter Club Challenge

Troy Dennis

Troy is a Mini Course skier who enjoys a slalom set now and then. But where he excels is the Technical side of skiing. Computers, cameras, scoring programs, jump measuring. His other talent is thinking outside the box. He is responsible for the Head to Head slalom tournaments, the skiing against your Ranking events and so on. Troy is seen here with Judges Ryan Macdonald, Lee Bray and Kelly Atkinson





Thanks Luke, for looking after the BBQ.

Luke Bennett

\$4PB (Cash for Personal Bests) Tournament.

Held at Geelong in February 2026

Nearly 50 skiers entered. They produced 29 PBs which were mostly in slalom.

Last year, Club President Pete Barbuto said “This year we probably have had the best slalom course and weather conditions of anywhere in the world”. 23 slalom PB’s backs him up again this year.

Club members who claimed Slalom PBs were Charlie Davis (2 and a trick PB), Shane Davis, Sebastian Eyles, Ivy Koski, Zoe Koski, Aria McLeod, Paul Wilde, James Wright, Hugo Heffernan and JP de Plessis.

Sebastian Eyles, Ivy, Zoe and Lane Koski Kayleb Lawrence, Aria McLeod, David, Charlotte and Sophie Petroff Paul Wilde, Gus and James Wright , Zac and JP de Plessis all entered their first tournament.

Results are on [iwwfed-ea.org: Geelong \\$4PB](http://iwwfed-ea.org: Geelong $4PB)

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Petey Barbuto and Sophie Secombe





Petey had a magnificent season. Skiing regularly into 12m. and being well placed including 1st at Berry Springs NT and 3rd at the State Championships. His expertise as a boat driver is in great demand with driving gigs in Victoria, NSW and NT.

Sophie is the State over 35 Slalom Champion and came 3rd at the Nationals.

Luca has been on the knee board.

Jada Sweeney



- She was selected for the 2025 Australian Team for the Under21 World Championships in Canada. The Team came 3rd.
- Shaw Family Trophy winner for the best Raw Score by a Geelong skier. She scored this in Canada.
- She is now coaching and driving at Bennett's Ski School in the USA.
- She is currently on a skiing scholarship at Louisiana University in America.

Caitlin Dennis



- In the winning Geelong Team at the Victorian Inter Club
- Australian U21 team for the Aussie Kiwi Challenge. 2nd Slalom, 3rd Tricks, 1st Jump
- She skis in the Open Division
- She judged at the World Disabled Championship in Mulwala.
- Broke the Geelong members slalom record at the \$4PB
- Skied into 4th place at the U21 Moomba Masters tricks.
- Moodemere Invitational she came 3rd in Open
- Australian Masters Slalom, Trick, Jump Under 21 runner up
- In the State Championships she skied in Open and came 2nd in Slalom and Tricks and 3rd in Jump
- At the Nationals she skied in Open for 7th in Slalom and Tricks and 3rd in Jump.
- Caitlin collected 7 votes in Victorian Skier of the Year and came 19th.



The Davis family

JACK

Jack won everything in Under 10 boys this season. Including, Australian Masters, Victorian State and Australian Championships Geelong Junior Championships in Slalom, Tricks and Overall.

Mid-season he broke his arm. He skied in the \$4PB tricks using one arm only, including getting up out of the water. He tricked up a storm and was nominated for the Most Outstanding Performance of Year. (He came second).

11 PBs for the season.

He received 27 votes for the Victorian Skier of the Year for 3rd place.

He won the Victorian Most Improved Trophy

CHARLIE

Charlie came 2nd in slalom, trick and overall at the State Champions and 3rd in slalom and 4th in Tricks and Overall at Nationals.

He won Geelong's "Most improved Tournament Skier for the Beretta family Trophy.

He had 12 PBs this year.

HARRY

Harry has been on a single ski on the Mini course.

Ollie

Ollie is watching, learning and waiting his turn

Shane

Shane notched up 2 slalom PBs. This gave the Davis family a total of 25 PBs. The second best family total in Victoria





Patrick Crisp

As Club Captain Patrick has been running the very successful Club Ski schools. He was the Captain of the Australian team for the Open World Championships in Italy in August 2025.

After the Worlds, Italy handed over the World Championships to Australia. Patrick accepted the responsibility on behalf of Australia.

Patrick took on the lead for Victoria running the 2026 Australian National Championships. This was a huge task but he mustered the troops and the event ran successfully.

He ran 3.5 at 11.25m in Slalom at Moodemere

At the Victorian Championships he won the Open Men's Tricks

He led Open Tricks in the first round at the Nationals. A fall in the finals dropped him down to sixth.



Caitlin Macdonald

Caitlin was selected in the Australia B team to contest the World University Championships in New Zealand. She Had PBs in Slalom and Jump.

She PB in Tricks at the Melton Malibu Series in January.

At the Australian Masters in Bridgewater Caitlin came 3rd in Slalom, Tricks and Overall in Under 21 Women.

She was second in Slalom, Tricks and Overall at the State Championships at Latrobe.

AT the Nationals strong skiing in each event resulted in 3rd place Overall.

When the last Australian season finished Caitlin headed to America to Coach at Cobles Ski School in Carolina.

Ryan Macdonald

Ryan was a member of the Geelong Team that won the Victorian Inter Club Challenge.

He won the Masters under 21 Jump and Overall.

Ryan won the Victorian under 21 Slalom, Jump (PB) and Overall.

He was runner up at the National under 21 Championships in Tricks, Jump (PB) and Overall.





Alexei Werner

Alex was a member of the winning Geelong Team at the Victorian Inter Club.

Alexei had a magnificent Slalom PBs with

3 buoys at 58k at 11.25 metres at the National Championships in Mulwala.
He came 8th.



Nick Werner

Nick was a member of the winning Geelong Team at the Victorian Inter Club.

He regularly gets into 14.25m in slalom.

He was 11TH IN Over 45 Men at Nationals,

He was 4th at the Victorian State Championships with 3.5 at 13m.

He is a Level 3 Accredited tournament driver in all 3 events.



Mark and Shelly Macdonald

Mark has had a great season. He repeated last year where he was Geelong Club Senior Jump and Overall Champion.

His hard work on the club jump much appreciated.

Shelly was 2nd at the Masters.

She created Victorian State Records in the Over 45 Jump and Overall



Sue Crisp

Sue moved up a division to the Over 70 Women. This season she has been breaking Australian and Victorian records in Over 65 and over 70 Women's divisions.

Sue was the Australian Open Team manager in Italy and has carried on this role for the Australian Over 35 Team going to Canada in July

Sue won National and State Championships in Slalom, Tricks and Overall.

She is the Geelong Club Champion in Slalom and Tricks.



Richard Crisp

Highlight of the year was coaching Billy Deppeler, Jack and Charlie Davis.

Lowlight was taking all season to renew his slalom rating.

State and National Over 75 Champion



Billy Deppeler

Highlight of the year was going to the 4 round slalom tournament at Latrobe.

Billy received 3 votes for the Victorian skier of the year. He came 25th.

He had 2 PBs at Latrobe.

Billy won the Geelong Most Improved Junior Skier of Geelong and collected the Bruce Owen Trophy.

NEW Tournament Skiers

There were lots of skiers trying tournament skiing for the first time this season. Here are some of them.

Zoe Wilde	Gus Wright
Paul Wilde	Zac De Plessis
Zeph Deppeler	Sebastian Eyles
Billy Deppeler	JP De Plessis
Archer Heffernan	Ivy Koski
Charlotte Petroff	Lane Koski
David Petroff	Aria McLeod
Sophie Petroff	James Wright

Club Junior Award winners

The Junior Club Awards were presented on Sunday 15th March 2026 after the last Ski School of the season.

Award winners were:-

Beginners' Award for the Schreuder Family Trophy. Tie between Charlotte Baker and Harry Davis.

Junior Encouragement Awards went to Kayleb Lawrence and Sophie Petroff.

Most Improved Junior Skier for the Bruce Owen Trophy:- Billy Deppler.

Most Improved Junior Tournament Skier for the Beretta Family Trophy:- Charlie Davis.

Junior Club Person for the Crisp Family Trophy:- Ryan Macdonald.

All the Ski School kids received Achievement Certificates.

There were at least 24 juniors and lots of parents, drivers and coaches at the presentation Almost a full house.

Many thanks to all the boat owners, drivers and coaches. Special thanks to Shane Davis, Kara Statham and Patrick Crisp who organised the club junior programme.

Club Awards Presented at the AGM

President's Award - Caitlin Macdonald.

Horse's "A". - Adam Coulter

He ran his new boat with the cooling water turned off and cooked the water pump impeller.

Club Person - Richard Crisp.

Shaw Trophy for best Raw Score - Jada Sweeney.

Senior Slalom Champion - Sue Crisp

Senior Trick Champion - Sue Crisp

Senior Jump Champion - Mark Macdonald

Senior Overall Champion - Mark Macdonald

Slalom League – Charlie Davis

Many thanks to the committee, the photographers, boat owners and the skiers for making this an incredibly good season at the club.

Australian Rankings as at June 2026

	Division	Slalom	Trick	Jump	Overall
Alexei Werner	U21	6th			
Ryan Macdonald	U21	13th	14th	12th	12th
Jada Sweeney	U21	7th	9th	3rd	4th
Caitlin Dennis	U21	8th	8th	6th	6th
Charlie Davis	U10	3rd	4th		3rd
Jack Davis	U12	3rd	3rd		
Sophie Secombe	O35	19 th			
Peter Barbuto	O45	13th			
Nicholas Werner	O45	28th			
Mark Macdonald	O55	13th	5th	1st	1st
Shelly Macdonald	O55	4th	3rd	2nd	2nd
Sue Crisp	O70	1st	1st		
Patrick Crisp	Open	11th	4th		
Caitlin Macdonald	Open	19th	15th	21st	13th
Richard Crisp	O75		2nd		

Committee

President Pete Barbuto

Vice President Brett McLeod

Secretary Mark Macdonald and Shane Davis

Treasurer James Heffernan

Captain Patrick Crisp

Committee: - Luke Bennett, Kara Statham, Chris Korb and David Petroff

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See you all next season