



**The Hervey Bay
Masters Swimming Club
2026 Short Course Meet**

Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre
202-204 Boundary Road, Torquay 4655

Saturday 17th October 2026

MEET GUIDE



Meet Date: Saturday 17 October 2026	Meet Director: Linda Hodgkinson	Meet cost: \$45 (plus transaction fees)
Entries Close: Tuesday 6 th October 2026	Lindahdk01@gmail.com	Includes Presentation Function
Venue: Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre	0410366688	
Warm up: 10:00AM Start time: 11:00AM	MSQ Sanction Number: Q16/26	1 x 200M event only



Program of Events

Event	Distance	Stroke
1.	200m **	Freestyle
2.	50m	Breaststroke
3.	100m	Backstroke
4.	25m	Freestyle
5.	200m	Butterfly
6.	50m	Backstroke
7.	100m **	Breaststroke
8.	25m **	Butterfly
9.	200m	Individual Medley
10.	100m	Mixed Freestyle Relay

11.	100m	Mixed Medley Relay
12.	50m	Butterfly
13.	100m	Freestyle
14.	25m	Breaststroke
15.	200m	Backstroke
16.	50m **	Freestyle
17.	100m	Butterfly
18.	25m	Backstroke
19.	100m **	Individual Medley
20.	200m	Breaststroke
	Event Limits : 1 x 200m only	

**** \$50 Cash Prizes for closest to nominated time for marked events**

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Welcome

On behalf of Meet Director Linda Hodgkinson and the entire Hervey Bay Humpbacks Masters Swim Club we welcome you to our beautiful City and hope you enjoy the day. This year we are having our Presentation Function at the Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club overlooking the beautiful bay. This is included in your Meet Fee. The theme is "Gold".

Eligibility

This meet is open to Masters Swimming Queensland (MSQ) registered swimmers, and swimmers registered with other Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) affiliated clubs. Swimmers must compete for their primary MSA club. Second claim membership will not be accepted.

International swimmers who are current members of their national Masters Swimming Federation may also compete (proof of membership must be provided).

Non-Member swimmers are not permitted to enter this meet. MSA/MSQ membership is available via the [MSA website](#).

Age

Age as at the 31 December 2026. Minimum age is 18 years at day 1 of competition.

Entries

Entries are to be submitted online via [Swim Central](#). Entries will open on 12th September 2026. **The closing date for entries is 6th October 2026.**

International Masters members are invited to contact the [MSQ Director of Recording](#) who will provide specific entry instructions.

No late entries are permitted at this meet after the closing date.

Conduct of events

Heats will be swum from fastest to slowest. The fastest seeded heat will be heat 1 of each event. All events will be conducted as timed finals. Starts will

be 'over the top' where possible.

Please note based on numbers and combinations of entries received, the meet organisers reserve the right to make changes and combine heats and events where necessary.

Qualifying times

There are no qualifying times required for this meet. On selecting an event in Swim Central, if you have matching results from the previous two (2) years, the fastest time will be displayed. If you have no previous results, "NT" will be displayed, and you may be seeded in the slower heats. You cannot edit your entry times. It is advised that you email the Meet Director lindahdk01@gmail.com to provide a recent or training time. If you have a valid reason that may vary your performance greatly, you may also request a seed time change.

Relays

Race Secretaries must complete relay nominations in Swim Central by the 6th October 2026. Clubs entering relays must ensure their members are entered individually in ample time to complete relay entry. Clubs may enter multiple teams per age group for all relays. Any changes to relay composition shall only be accepted if due to illness or nonattendance and advised to the Meet Recorder before the commencement of competition.

Swimmers must enter at least one individual event to be eligible to swim in a relay team. All relays must consist of members or second claim members of the same club. All teams not disqualified will score points.

Relays are to be swum in the order swimmers are nominated in their entry. Mixed relays must consist of two (2) males and two (2) females. The order of swimmers by gender is optional in mixed relays. A swimmer may only swim a particular relay event once.

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Multi Class events

Multi Class swimmer are always welcome, however there will be no separate Multi Class events conducted at this meet.

Entry fees

A swimmer may enter a maximum of five (5) competition events for \$45 (plus transaction fees). Relay entries are free.

A swimmer may enter 1 x 200m event.

Please note additional 200m events entered will be deleted without refund.

Entry List and Timeline

The Entry List will be available on the MSQ meet event page on 8th October 2026. All competitors must check their entries thoroughly and submit discrepancies to the Meet Director lindahdk01@gmail.com by 6PM, Saturday 10th October 2026. The program and timeline for this meet will be published on or before 13th October 2026.

Event changes, withdrawals, and refund policy

A swimmer may change their entries or withdraw from the meet in Swim Central up until the closing date. **A refund will only be considered prior to the closing date.**

To make changes to events entered, the swimmer can simply add a new event if they have not filled the allowed quota of events, or withdraw from unwanted events by requesting a refund, and once approved add a new event(s).

You will lodge your request in Swim Central against your entries. Go to your profile, to the meet, to the event, and click the green 'Entered' button for the event to withdraw from. The Order History page will display, and you will click the 'Request Refund' link for that event and provide a reason. Once the meet organiser has approved, you may then add another entry.

If you are withdrawing from the meet entirely, you will need to click the 'Request Refund' link for each event

entered (including \$0.00 events), and the Meet Entry Fee, (where applicable), then provide a reason. This requires approval before changes are confirmed. If approved, a refund will be granted, minus the administration fee(s).

Rules

All MSQ/MSA meet guidelines, by-laws and rules, and World Aquatics swim rules apply. By nominating to participate in this swim meet, all swimmers thereby authorise the Meet Director/MSQ/XYZ Swim Club/Pool staff to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event of an emergency, and persons involved accept responsibility for all costs arising from such action.

Tickets and programs

Entry to this meet is free for spectators – no tickets are required.

No printed programs will be available at the meet. Programs will be available on the MSQ event page for online download prior to and during the meet. Programs made available before the day of the competition will be draft and are subject to change without notice. All changes will be reflected immediately in the Meet Mobile application and swimmers in attendance will be notified by announcement prior to the start of the affected event(s).

Warm-up start time.

Warm-up will commence at 10.00AM. The competition lanes (1-7) will close at 10:45AM, with lane 8 remaining open throughout the duration of the day's session for warm-up and swim down. Follow the directions of pool staff and Technical Officials for lane use.

Self-Marshalling

All swimmers will be required to self-marshall. People who are not swimming or officiating should not be near the starting end of the pool during the meet.

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- Swimmers are responsible for knowing the event, heat, and lane they are competing in, and for being aware of what event/heat is currently in the water. The Meet Announcer will be calling the heat number in the water after the start of every heat and regularly reminding how many heats there are in total for the current event.
- An entrant who fails to report to the Marshalling area prior to their heat being called to the blocks may be deemed withdrawn.
- No more than four (4) heats of swimmers are permitted in the marshalling area including behind the blocks:
 - 25m events - 4 heats following heat in water
 - 50m events - 4 heats following heat in water
 - 100m events - 4 heats following heat in water
 - 200m events - 3 heats following heat in water
- Swimmers in the 25m and 50m events need to be prepared to move quickly.
- The Marshal will verify a swimmers' position, answer questions, and direct heats to the blocks.
- The Check-Starter(s) will do a name and lane check behind the blocks prior to the heat.

Results

Live results will be made available for this meet. The Meet Mobile application will be operating and can be downloaded to your chosen device(s). Results will be posted to the MSA Portal, with results and statistics posted on the MSQ website meet event page in the days following the meet.

Competition results for men and women will be separated and Individual events: 18-24 and then in 5-year groups, i.e. 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, etc.

Relays: 72-99, 100-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240-279, 280-319, 320-359 and 360-399.

Records

Semi-Automatic Timing (SAT) will be in use. World records will not be recognised at this event. Any MSQ member may break Queensland records. Any MSA member may break their respective state and

national records. World Aquatics Top Ten performances will be recognised.

Meet awards and presentation function

This year, Individual event medals/awards will be presented at our "Gold theme" function held at the Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club, The Esplanade, Torquay, starting at 6pm giving you all time to go home/accom for a siesta.

At this time the club (small/large) with the highest aggregate points total will be awarded with the Hervey Bay Masters Meet trophy.

Competitors and supporters are welcome to join us on pool deck near the Marshalling area for a complimentary snack with a drink before heading back to prepare for the Presentation Function.

The Aquatic Centre Kiosk will also be open for alternate snacks and refreshments during the event. Cash Prizes will be awarded for the closest to nominated time events and Dash for Cash event.

All swimmers, Queensland, and visitors are eligible to score points and win awards. Full meet results, statistics and rankings will be made available in the days following the meet.

Photo/video release

All attendees agree that they may be photographed or videoed, and that the material may be used by MSQ at their discretion, or by others to promote activities of a club or branch, or for personal use including social media.

Other important information

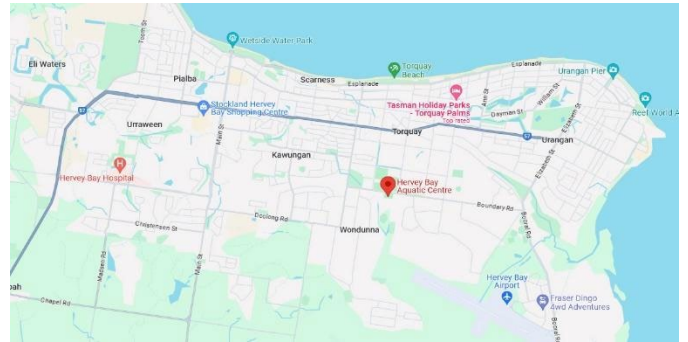
- Members from all clubs maybe called on to assist with timekeeping throughout the meet.
- Paddles are not permitted to be worn during the meet, including warm-up and swim-down.
- Watches are not to worn during the meet, including warm-up and swim-down.
- Swimmers must comply with signage and pool staff on pool deck regarding the use of the warm-up and swim-down lanes. Diving will not be

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permitted unless the signage indicates otherwise.

- Pool deck access is limited to marshalling for events, the officials, and technical staff. Please do not stand in front of the recording area.
- Swimmers must wear only one pair of World Aquatics approved swimwear. In accordance with MSA Inclusive Swimwear Policy swimsuits may be modified or alternative swimsuits may be worn to accommodate a swimmer's individual needs, provided any modification or proposed alternative swimsuit is approved by the Referee prior to the swimmer's first event at the competition. See [MSA Swimwear Rules](#) for more information.
- At the conclusion of warm-up periods, swimmers must leave the competition pool promptly when requested.
- Swimmers should keep clear of timekeepers moving to the blocks to collect times. Use care and discretion when preparing for your start prior to the previous heat completion, i.e. adjusting your block's kick position.
- Starts will be 'over the top'. Move quickly to the lane rope away from the wall once you have completed your heat. Competitors will remain in their respective lanes until the next heat is started, then move quickly to the nearest side to exit.
- When asked to clear the pool lanes 1–4 will exit via the side at lane 1, and lanes 5–7 exiting via the side at lane 8.
- MSQ notes that the information provided is correct at the time of publishing. However, some aspects are subject to change, including changes required in the event of too many entries being received for the allowed duration of the meet.

How to get to the Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre



Address – 202 Boundary Road, Torquay 4655

Severe Weather Policy

MSQ recognises the dangers of extreme weather in Queensland and the need to ensure that all staff and users of facilities take the correct precautions in the event of extreme weather.

Extreme weather includes unexpected, unusual, severe, or unseasonal weather that may pose a safety risk to users including rain, drought, wind, flood, storms, dust, hail, and extreme temperature.

If the meet is affected by extreme weather, a mandatory safety suspension of events will be imposed. This may require a shortened event format which will be determined by the Meet Director and Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre staff. No refund of entry fees will occur under such circumstances.

First aid

Pool lifeguarding and patrols will be carried out during the meet by Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre pool staff. Any accident or injury should immediately be brought to their attention and to the attention of the Meet Director.

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Venue

There is limited shade available at the venue. Limited shade tents will be provided by Hervey Bay Masters Swim Club for timekeepers and officials. Clubs are welcome to bring their own shade. You will be directed on arrival where setup is appropriate, and you must adhere to the weighting requirements set by the venue, i.e. 3m x 3m marquee = 90kg and 6m x 3m marquee = 120kg. Please provide your own weights as pegging tents is NOT permitted.

You will need to BYO chairs.

No glass is to be brought on site.

The Aquatic Centre will remain open to the public during the swim meet. Please respect other patrons as they utilise the 50m pool and amenities.

Food such as tea, coffee, cold drinks, and snacks will be available for sale from the Aquatic Centre canteen throughout the event.

Contacts

Meet Director lindahdk01@gmail.com

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Director of Recording

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MSQ web site <https://mastersswimmingqld.org.au>

Meet Entry [Swim Central](#)

Important dates

Entries open..... 12 September 2026

Closing date..... 6th October 2026

Entry list available 8th October 2026

Entry list finalised..... 10th October 2026

Program available 13th October 2026



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