

# Our Mission:

"BESC aims to develop the opportunity for swimmers of all abilities to progress from learning to swim to competitive swimming, and achieve their full potential in a supportive, friendly, and social setting. The club encourages community and team spirit, and strives to promote a lifelong love of the sport."



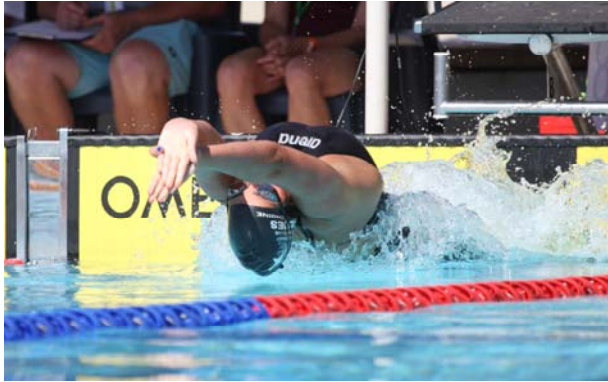
Bendigo East Swimming Club

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# Bendigo East Swimming Club Inc.

NEW DISABILITY  
INCLUSION POLICY





## Disability Inclusion Policy

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The Bendigo East Swimming Club (BESC) is committed to creating an accessible environment for all members of our community in Aquatic activities.

Participation rates in sport for people with a disability are extremely low when compared with the national average and BESC is seeking to actively engage with members of the community who may feel excluded from participation in organized sport owing to their disability.

In association with Swimming Australia's "Inclusive Swimming Framework" and Play by the Rules, the Club has implemented many changes to their current policies. By using existing guidelines, BESC has created more robust protocols to eradicate barriers to participation for people with a disability.

## Community Engagement

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Our club welcomes all members of the community and hopes that this document will promote more inclusive practices in wider society.

### The Benefits of Swimming

Swimming is a wonderful sport for all people,, particularly those with physical impairments as it is low impact and can aid in building muscle strength and endurance. Water safety is an important life skill for all Australians and BESC is devoted to creating opportunities for development in these skills for

If you or someone you know would like to get involved in our club, please do not hesitate to contact us!



## Key changes

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- A specific Community Tab with an updated Inclusion Policy and resources available on the Club website
- Continuing training and professional development in the area of disability management for staff members at BESC.
- Canvassing of existing facilities to identify areas of improvement to accessibility.

"Sport has the power to unite people in a way that little else can. Sport can create hope where there was once only despair. It laughs in the face of all kinds of discrimination. Sport speaks to people in a language they can understand." - Nelson Mandela

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