**2021 Victorian State Country Long Course Championships**

Country Victoria’s best swimmers competed in the 2021 Victorian State Country Long Course Championships held in Warragul from 23-25 January 2021. Among them were 4 competitors representing the Yarrawonga/Mulwala Swimming Club.

Due to COVID-19 the competition format was changed to timed finals for all events with individual events on the first two days and relays on the last day.

Swimmers – Millie Dodd, Chelsea Kerr, Darby Mullins, and Hugh Mullins competed in 19 individual events recording 16 personal best (PB) times and placing in the top 10 two times. An interesting fact is that all swimmers were in the lower age of their combined age group.

At the conclusion of the weekend the Yarrawonga/Mulwala Swimming Club found itself ranked 28th in Country Victoria.

Head Coach, Lyndon Hart said, “The results achieved were fantastic and a reward for the swimmers’ commitment to training and staying positive during the past 12 months.”

Lyndon went on to say, “Imagine what these swimmers and the other 90 swimmers in the club could achieve if the Moria Shire had a vision and a plan to build an indoor pool in Yarrawonga.”

On behalf of the Yarrawonga Mulwala Swimming Club, Lyndon thanked Coach Kevin White for all his time and effort coaching the swimmers in the lead up and throughout the competition. Lyndon also thanked the parents who attended and the Swimming Club for their support.

The Swimming Club’s focus now shifts to the Ovens & Murray Championships to be held on the 13 & 14 February 2021in Wodonga and the All-Juniors Selections in Albury.

Results were as follows:

**Individual Results**

Millie Dodd

 12-13yr 100m Freestyle 1:08.72 – 20th (PB)

12-13yr 100m Backstroke 1:17.99 – 11th (PB)

12-13yr 100m Butterfly 1:20.49 – 15th (PB)

12-13yr 200m Individual Medley 2:54.69 – 15th (PB)

12-13yr 100m Breaststroke 1:27.27 – 7th (PB)

Chelsea Kerr

12-13yr 100m Freestyle 1:11.55 – 31st (PB)

12-13yr 100m Backstroke 1:22.41 – 22nd (PB)

12-13yr 100m Butterfly 1:20.21 – 14th (PB)

12-13yr 200m Individual Medley 2:58.42 – 17th

12-13yr 100m Breaststroke 1:36.81 – 35th (PB)

Darby Mullins

 14-15yr 100m Freestyle 1:04.38 – 30th (PB)

 14-15yr 100m Backstroke 1:14.57 – 23rd (PB)

Hugh Mullins

16-17yr 100m Freestyle 59.33 – 13th (PB)

16-17yr 200m Individual Medley 2:30.86 – 14th (PB)

16-17yr 100m Butterfly 1:07.82 – 15th (PB)

16-17yr 100m Backstroke 1:08.29 – 9th (PB)

Open 100m Breaststroke 1:20.49 – 29th

16-17yr 100m Breaststroke 1:18.38 – 16th

Open 100m Freestyle 59.22 – 29th (PB)