Cut 2 Club Swim 2027

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DOING THE SWIM

How far is the swim?

New for 2027, the swim includes the follow swim course lengths:

1) 5.0 km – "Full Course"
2) 3.5 km – "Mid Length Course"
3) 2.25 km – "Short Course"

What is the course?

For all course distances, swimmers enter the water in the Mandurah estuary near the Port Bouvard Yacht Club, which lies adjacent to the southern wall of the Dawesville Cut, in Dawesville. The swim rounds the southern groyne (estuary) and enters the Dawesville Cut Channel at the eastern end and follows the southern wall of the channel to the Indian Ocean.

Swimmers completing the **2.25 km swim** finish the swim at a pontoon positioned in the Dawesville Cut Channel opposite the Port Bouvard Surf Lifesaving club and do not proceed into the ocean.

All other swimmers, continue past this point and round the southern (ocean-end) groyne at the western end of the channel where they enter into the open ocean to swim south. Those completing the **3.5 km swim** will turn east at the designated marker buoy and proceed to shore (and the finish line) outside the Port Bouvard Surf Lifesaving club.

Those swimming the **5.0 km swim**, will continue past this buoy and follow the course parallel to the beach for a further 750m South before turning around a large marker buoy and then swimming north to the aforementioned turn point where swimmers will then turn east and proceed to shore (and the finish line) outside the Port Bouvard Surf Lifesaving Club.

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.

Marker Buoys – Course Demarcation
At all points along the course, the route will be demarcated by yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys. Whilst in the Dawesville channel, swimmers swim between the southern wall of the channel and the yellow marker buoys, such that the buoys will remain on the swimmer's right in this area. Swimmers are NOT PERMITTED to swim outside the marker buoys in the Dawesville Channel as this is an operational boating area.

Once in the open water, swimmers are directed to swim 'outside' the course marker buoys, such that buoys will now be on swimmer's left. There will be large 1.5m CUBE buoys to indicate turn points. These instructions will be updated on the day as required.

Can I see a swim map?
Yes, a detailed map is attached to end of this document.

See Appendix 1 For Included Map

Should I / Can I swim around the (ocean-end) Groyne: Mid Length (3.5 km) and Full Course (5.0 km)?
This is very much dependent upon your level of 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 3.5 km and 5.0 km swims involve 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**.

Do I HAVE TO swim around the (ocean-end) groyne?
No, with the 2.25km short course event ending within the Dawesville Cut, prior to entering the ocean, there are three distance options for a swimmer to choose from. This is essentially a flat-water, protected swim.

Can I have a support paddler?
No. On-water safety and support is provided by Surf Life Saving personnel 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 during this event.

How many people participate in the swim?
Participant numbers for 2027 are 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 be respectful of the participants and management team and stay out of the water if you are not a registered swimmer.

Is there a minimum age requirement for the swim?
The minimum age for swimmers is 10 years old on race day. Only competent swimmers who are fit and adequately trained should enter.

Can I enter on the day?
Yes, time permitting. Entries Close 06:00am Australia Western Standard Time (AWST) on Saturday 16 January 2027.

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 and is emailed to all participants. Legal guardians may check-in for swimmers if under 18 - a signed waiver must be handed-in.

When Can I Check-In?
Check-in will be open 05:45 to 06:45am Saturday 16 January 2027. Check-in will be by Name for the 2027 swim.
NOTE: Check in will close 20 min prior to each wave start time (as below) to allow time to get to start line:

WAVE			START TIME
Wave 1	2.25 km	-	07:00am
Wave 2	3.5 / 5.0 km	-	07:03am
Wave 3	3.5 / 5.0 km	-	07:06am
Wave 4	3.5 / 5.0 km	-	07:09am
Wave 5	3.5 / 5.0 km	-	07:12am

Where do I Check-In?
The Registration/Check-In station will be located upstairs at the Port Bouvard Surf Lifesaving Club as the previously used hall close to the start line is no longer available. This location is near to the finish line and large amounts of parking. A bus service will be provided to ferry participants to the start line free-of-charge if required. For information regarding parking, please see the parking section below. (*refer Parking Map – Appendix 1*)

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 16th January. Bags can be held securely for participants at the check in area and will be available at the same point for collection at the conclusion of the event.

RACE 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.

Do I have to wear my race number?
Yes. Your race number will be either a pen marking/or temporary tattoo 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 Number, 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.

Do we all start at the same time?
Start times are as follows:

Wave 1	2.25 km	-	07:00am
Wave 2	3.5 / 5.0 km	-	07:03am
Wave 3	3.5 / 5.0 km	-	07:06am
Wave 4	3.5 / 5.0 km	-	07:09am
Wave 5	3.5 / 5.0 km	-	07:12am

How long do I have to complete my swim?

For the 2.25 km swim:	1 hours 30 minutes	(Arriving at the finish jetty by 08:30am)
For the 3.5 km Swim:	2 hours 00 minutes	(Arriving at the finish line by 9:12am)
For the 5.0 km Swim:	2 hours 20 minutes	(Arriving at the finish line by 9:32am)

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 and 2hrs 20 min (Full Course). **All swimmers will be removed from the water at 9.32am.**

RESULTS & AWARDS

Are there awards?
Yes:

5.0 km Swim Open Competition - Male & Female - Winners

3.5 km Swim Open Competition - Male & Female - Winners

Awards are subject to change from year to year and will be declared and presented on the day of the event.

When can I collect my award?
Presentations will be held at the Port Bouvard Surf Lifesaving Club as soon as possible following conclusion of the event on the same day. 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?
Typically, results will be available for your perusal immediately following the event. You will be notified if there will be a delay.

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 a swimmer's speed, buoyancy or endurance, including;

- Fins/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 that 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)

HELP & ASSISTANCE

Can I use assistance from water safety?

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 withdraw, 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 10 January 2027.**

No refunds will be made after 10 January 2027, unless expressly agreed to by the swim committee.

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

No. Only participants registered can participate.

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 for the swim on the day. Some merchandise will be for sale at the event, however only limited sizes and quantities will be available.

When do I collect my merchandise?

Merchandise will be available for collection when you check-in. Saturday 05:45 to 06:45am.

What if I don't collect / forget to collect my merchandise?

Merchandise must be collected by 11:00 Saturday 16 January 2027 (Swim Day). After this time, any uncollected merchandise will be made 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 in the public carpark outside the Port Bouvard Surf Lifesaving Club (Finish Point/Check-In area). This carpark is also in use by beach goers and availability is dependant on usage on the day. A free bus service (x2) will be provided to transport you to the start line if you choose. Please allow for a potential 15-20min wait for bus transport to start line.

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.

ALTERNATE PARKING

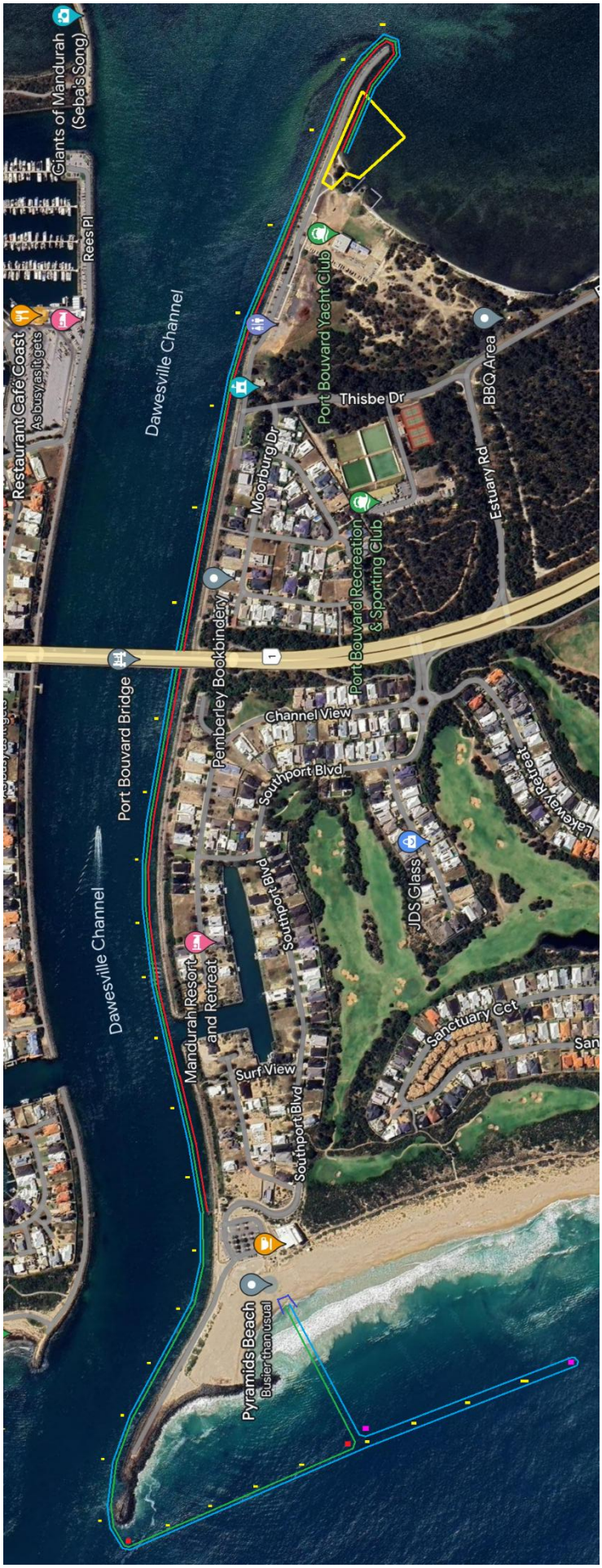
Parking is also available adjacent to Dawesville Yacht Club and Southern Estuary Hall. This parking is near the start line. Parking for approximately 50+ vehicles is available. Bus transport (x2) will be available to return competitors and equipment back to the start location at the end of the race.

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 16th 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/Check-In) and the Dawesville Yacht Club (Start Line). Realistic travel time is 10 min each way.

Café Coast
Dawesville Channel
Dolphin Viewing Location Dawesville...
Dawesville Channel
101 Southport Boulevard
Southern Estuary Hall
6 min
2.2 km
Southport Blvd
Port Bouvard Yacht Club
Port Bouvard Recreation & Sporting Club
Estuary Rd

Appendix 1 – Parking and Course Maps