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RECORD NUMBER OF SWIMMERS RATE THE DUCHAMP PT LONSDALE RIP VIEW SWIM CLASSIC A GREAT START TO THE FIRST MAJOR OPEN WATER SWIM FOR THE VICTORIAN SEASON

On Saturday 3rd January, a **RECORD** number of **1,653** swimmers (up from 1,450 last year) completed the first of the 'big three open water swims' when the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club conducted the **21st DUCHAMP Pt Lonsdale Rip View Swim Classic**.

The race was held in sunny conditions with little wind which made for ideal swimming conditions and the estimated 6 000 spectators enjoyed the carnival like atmosphere at the finish, at the Point Lonsdale Front Beach. Race organisers were very pleased with how the day went. RVSC Director Mr. Chris Dalton was delighted with how the event ran. "We have had a record number of entries and a record number of swimmers finish the event. We have again had so many swimmers come up and tell us how much they enjoyed this year's event. From a Club perspective we are pleased that the day ran smoothly and that there were no major incidents. This is a safe event, thanks to much planning and preparation and that's the way we want to keep it – friendly, fun and overall a safe event". "The Club is especially grateful to Duchamp Clothing Gold Sponsor of the 21st Rip View Swim Classic. The Club also appreciates the businesses that assisted with prizes, donations and other forms of assistance on the big day, which is the Club's biggest fundraising effort and helps to keep lifesavers on the beaches of Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff each year. Major assistance was provided by 2XU, Emma & Tom's, Engine, The Geelong Advertiser, Penfold Motors, Queenscliff Point Lonsdale Community Enterprise, RT Edgar Real Estate, Stockland, The Cancer Council Sunscreens and The Natural Confectionary Company. We also appreciate the support from many local business and organisations that help to make the day a huge success.

The **DUCHAMP Pt Lonsdale Rip View Swim Classic** is now widely regarded as a compulsory warm up for many swimmers who take part in the Pier to Pub Swim at Lorne. Main place getters in 'Open Male & Female' were:

Category Name	Cat Place	First Name	Surname	Overall Time	Overall Place
Open Men's	1	Nick	CORDNER	13:50	1
Open Men's	2	Riley	SCHMIDT	14:14	6
Open Men's	3	Luke	GAVIN	14:35	12
Open Women's	1	Harriet	BROWN	13:53	21
Open Women's	2	Holly	BURTON	13:43	22
Open Women's	3	Madeleine	SMITH	14:21	48

For the full results, visit the Club's website - www.pointlonsdaleslsc.asn.au

For further information please contact the Event Director – Chris Dalton on 0403 584 600. Released: 5th January 2008 for Immediate Release

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