

Masters Swimming Australia



2016

ANNUAL

REPORT

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NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

President	Craig Smith
Finance Director	Gerry Tucker
Director	Therese Crollick
Director	Wendy Holtom (commenced May 2016)
Director	Susan Kempson (retired April 2016)
Director	Neal Bertram

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Bill Lough - 1975 - 1978
Peter Jackson - 1978 - 1984
Ivan Wingate - 1985 - 1988
Graeme McDougall - 1989 - 1992
Glenys McDonald - 1993 - 1998
Mary Sweeney - 1999 - 2005
John Pugh - 2005 - 2011
Craig Smith - 2011 - Present

BRANCH DELEGATES

Jon Hawton (MSNSW)
John Pollock (MSNT)
John Barrett (MSQ)
Robert Harris /Tom Bland (MSSA)
Pauline Samson/Maciej Slugocki (MSTas)
Archer Talbot (MSV)
Fiona Wilkins (MSWA)

LIFE MEMBERS

Gary Stutzel (New South Wales)	Kay Cox (Western Australia)
Peter Gillett (South Australia - deceased)	Darryl Hawkes (South Australia)
Ivan Wingate (Western Australia)	Mary Sweeney (Queensland)
Pauline Samson (Tasmania)	John Pugh (Tasmania)
David Cummins (Western Australia)	Gerry Tucker (Victoria)
Glenys McDonald (Western Australia)	

NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

General Manager	Noeleen Dix
Projects	Lynne Sheehan
Administration	Jane Barnes (on leave from March 2016)
Administration	Beth Rennes/Kath Davis
Book keeper	Gerard Russell

COACHING COMMITTEE

Bruce Allender
Mark Erickson
Di Coxon-Ellis
Kim Tyler
John Pugh
Elena Nesci

MSA RESULTS PORTAL

Frank Braun

SWIM MEET COMMITTEE

John Pollock
Jeanette Holowiuk
Jane Noake

NATIONAL RECORDER

Pauline Samson

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

JANUARY - OCTOBER

Phillip Beames
Neil Mitchell
Peter Maloney
Neil Keele
Stan Pearson
Diane Partridge
Ray Brien
Jayna Gordon

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Phillip Beames
Neil Mitchell
Peter Maloney
Neil Keele
Stan Pearson
Diane Partridge
Don Reynolds
Jayna Gordon

Presidents Report

Coming to the end of my time as President is an opportunity to reflect on what an incredible organisation we have and how willing our members are to support our activities. While we still have a significant number of members that don't rejoin each year, we still have almost 6600 members with 1500 new members this year. Since my last report we have had two National Championships both of which are contenders for best ever. Every year it seems that it has been such a great championships that the next year will come as an anticlimax, but that is never the case. The opening ceremony in Melbourne will live in our memories for a very long time. Thanks to Masters Swimming Victoria and Masters Swimming Queensland for two thoroughly enjoyable national championships. The Championships in Melbourne were the largest since 1999 with over 700 competitors in total and almost 400 from Victoria.

Over the nine years I have been on the board I have worked with a dedicated group of people who unstintingly devote their time to managing our organisation. Thanks to Susie Kempson for her enthusiasm and willingness to take on any task. Welcome to Wendy Holtom who brings a wealth of experience to the Board. It has been a pleasure to work with the other members of the National Board of Management. Thank you to Gerry Tucker, Neal Bertram and Therese Crollick for their valuable work this year. I had the pleasure of presenting life membership to Gerry Tucker in Melbourne; a very well deserved award as Gerry's work for Masters Swimming Australia has been exemplary and well beyond anything that one could reasonably expect. Congratulations to Gerry Tucker as our incoming President and Finance Director Andrea McNeil. There have been a number of Branch highlights this year with Masters Swimming Victoria and Masters Swimming Queensland celebrating their 40th anniversaries. Congratulations and I hope that this is just the first chapter in a long and illustrious history for both organisations.

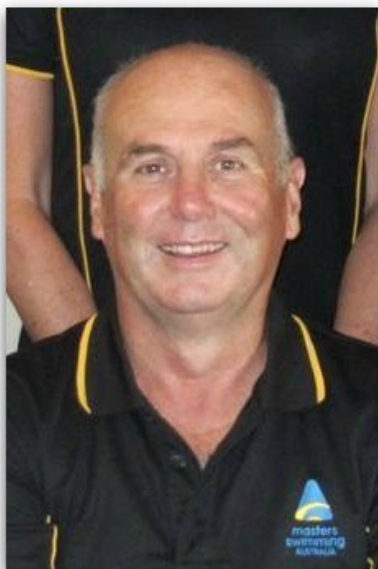
There are a large number of people who work behind the scenes for Masters Swimming Australia. Thank you to all the members of our national committees and their chairmen Bruce Allender, Phil Beames and John Pollock. Thank you also to Pauline Samson, the National Recorder for her continuing work in managing our records. Frank Braun has created our national results and Vorgee Endurance 1000 portals which are world class and the envy of other Masters Swimming organisations. He has also provided us with continuing assistance in managing and planning our IT system.

Masters Swimming Queensland hosted a great swimming meet for the Pan Pacific Masters Games that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Congratulations to our Coach of the Year Katya Anderson from the Superfins in Western Australia, a well deserved award. Katya also received the Masters Coach of the year award from ASCTA. Ken Philips was our Technical Official of the Year. Congratulations Ken, thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

North Mackay Sinkers member, Margaret Cunningham was inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame. We congratulate Margaret as this award is a tribute to a long list of achievements in Masters Swimming throughout her life.

Thank you to our General Manager Noeleen Dix for her continuing work on our behalf. She has a wealth of sporting knowledge and she contributes well beyond the requirements of the part time position she holds. Thank you also to the staff in the national office Kath Davis, Lynne Sheehan and Gerard Russell.



In conclusion thank you to the members for allowing me the honour and privilege of being your President for six years and for your support during that time. We have a great organisation with some wonderful people; it is to be cherished and helped to thrive so adult swimming clubs will prosper and grow.

Finally congratulations to all of our members who had a milestone this year, whether it was a record in the pool, taking part in the National Swim Series, an Endurance 1000 award or chalking up another Million Metres milestone. I hope that you have achieved your personal goals and truly experience fitness, friendship and fun.

CRAIG SMITH

PRESIDENT

Masters Swimming Australia

General Managers Report

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Masters Swimming Australia 2016 Annual Report with contributions from our Branches and Committees as well as reports from activities that took place through the year.

As a member funded sports organisation, Masters Swimming Australia should be justifiably proud of their achievements in this the 41st year of operation. The membership numbers have remained constant and even though there have been some Club retirements from our list, they have been quickly replaced by new Clubs.

This is occurring in a very challenging aquatic facility environment where the access to lanes and pools for training and competition is becoming more and more expensive and difficult. Then on top of this, the recruitment of volunteers to run clubs & administer Branches is becoming more challenging. We are very fortunate that the volunteers, officials and coaches that we do have, are magnificent in their roles and we are able to function well and offer great swimming programs.

I would like to congratulate the award winners from across Australia in 2016 for their service, for swimming very fast, swimming long distances, volunteering, educating and accrediting. There is a strong passion for swimming driving all of you that translates into healthy bodies and minds and fulfilled lives. It is motivating to watch you.

We have witnessed further growth in the profile of open water swimming across our membership and are proud to own and acknowledge our successful age group swimmers who are gracing the podiums.

The Warringah Club brought some excitement and media attention to Sydney with the planned world record attempt at the 360+ men's medley relay record. Sadly it was not to be, with the passing of team member John William Steen only days before the attempt. It was a moving Meet with John's son taking his place on the blocks so that the team could at least swim the event.

Congratulations to the Masters Swimming Queensland event team who delivered another very successful Pan Pacific Masters Swimming event in the November Games and to MSV who delivered a huge National Championship numbers and program wise in late April!

It is the end of an era with the retirement of Craig Smith as President and Gerry Tucker as Finance Director following the 2017 Masters Swimming Australia AGM. The twist is that Gerry has been elected to the role of president, so we are not losing his knowledge and experience from the National Board of Management. I would like to acknowledge the leadership and behind the scenes work that both these men have given to Masters Swimming Australia over the years. It has been a time of change in all areas of our business and change doesn't necessarily come easily! Personally, they have been a wonderful support to me and the Office staff over the years.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the sponsorship and support of Vorgee our principle sponsor. It is this sponsorship that allows us to run programs like the Million Metres and Endurance 1000; as well as the generous contribution that Vorgee make to the National Championships each year in cash and prizes.

NOELEN DIX

GENERAL MANAGER
Masters Swimming Australia



Director of Finance Report

This report is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying audited financial reports.

Preamble

The 2016 financial year reflected a surplus of operating revenue over operating costs together with a focus on expenditure for approved special projects, resulting in a small surplus for the year and a sound balance sheet.

Income and Expenditure Statement

MSA recorded a net operating surplus of \$5,980 (before special projects) for the year, after allowing for non-cash items for depreciation, \$2,935, a long service leave provision of \$496, and an annual leave provision of \$10,449.

Income

This year's revenue included membership subscriptions from 6,577 members, compared to 6,625 members in 2015. The resulting 2016 revenue for membership subscriptions is lower than that for 2015 by \$2673. Of the 6,577 registrations in 2016, 307 were for 16 month memberships and 77 were for four month memberships. (252 and 69 respectively for 2015). Bank interest received in 2016 was \$10,836, down from \$13,615 in 2015, due to a fall in term deposit and bank daily interest rates over the two year period.

Swim Meet sanction fees were \$600 higher in 2016 primarily due to sanction fees received from the Pan Pacific Games in Southport in November 2016.

We acknowledge the excellent financial support that we receive from our primary sponsor, Vorgee Australia, with its National sponsorship this year of \$14,500 plus cash equivalents in the order of \$10,000.

Expenditure

Cash expenditure for the year was well managed and was less than budget by about \$14,600. However, the non-cash expenses of depreciation, long service leave and annual leave had the impact of recording an operating surplus of \$5,980 which was broadly in line with the operating budget surplus of \$5,184. The reduced expenditure against budget was spread across a broad range of expenses including:

- Legal expenses budget not required;
- Travel and accommodation costs for NBM and general meetings;
- Insurance premiums;
- Other NBM and subcommittee expenses, and; General office expenses.

Current year wages and contracting costs were generally in line with budget. However, the need to take into account long service leave and annual leave accrued but not yet taken by staff, increased the overall staff cost for 2016 by approximately \$10,945 for the year.

Special Projects

The approved special project in 2016 was the preparation and dissemination of the "Swim into Spring" initiative, with external outlays of \$2,295. The external costs of this project were copywriting and printing costs. While additional time was required by the office staff to carry out the project, there was minimal overrun of staff hours worked against the employment budget. Accordingly, the only costs allocated to this project were the external costs noted above.

Balance Sheet

MSA continues to be in a sound financial position. Financial obligations to others are minimal and all these were incurred in the normal course of its regular activities. There is sufficient cash available for expense accruals, budgeted operating expenditures and approved special projects. The term deposits continue to be divided between two banks to ensure that the MSA is protected by the Federal Government's bank deposit guarantee arrangements, which have a per-bank cap of \$250,000. The interest on these term deposits was reinvested on maturity. There was a steady take-up of 2017 membership in December 2016, resulting in 2,214 members registering for 2017 in December 2016 and 307 members opting for the 16 month membership between September and November 2016. The comparable numbers for the prior year were 2,147 and 252, respectively.

Our team in the Office

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noeleen Dix, Jane Barnes, Lynne Sheehan, Beth Rennes, Kath Davis and our contracted bookkeeper, Gerard Russell, for their management of all matters passing through the MSA Office and for the support they have provided to me in my role on the National Board of Management.

This is my last finance report to the Association. I am honoured to have served MSA in the capacity of Finance Director for the past 10 years.



I propose that these audited financial statements and this accompanying report be accepted as presented.

GERRY TUCKER
FINANCE DIRECTOR

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
INCOME		
Branches		
Annual Affiliation Fees	\$1,432	\$1,432
Member Registrations	\$217,798	\$220,471
Coach Accreditation Fees	\$0	\$150
Sanction Fees	\$7,942	\$7,333
MSV administration fee	\$30,117	\$29,727
Total Branches	\$257,288	\$259,113
Other Income		
Interest	\$10,837	\$13,616
Publications/Merchandise	\$4,926	\$5,282
Sponsorships	\$14,500	\$13,500
Advertising	\$250	\$568
Coaching Workshop	\$0	\$236
Club coaching online	\$1,493	\$1,068
Total Other Income	\$32,006	\$34,270
TOTAL INCOME	\$289,294	\$293,383

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
EXPENSES		
Professional Fees		
Bank Charges	\$0	\$100
Audit Fees	\$1,250	\$1,135
Legal Fees	\$109	\$99
Total Professional Fees	\$1,359	\$1,334
NBM & Branch Delegates		
Travel & Accommodation Expenses	\$20,615	\$23,659
Other NBM Expenses	\$1,122	\$561
Total NBM & Branch Delegates	\$21,736	\$24,221
Premises		
Rent & Storage & Utilities	\$9,218	\$9,856
Total Premises	\$9,218	\$9,856
Operations		
Membership Registration Management Fee	\$30,739	\$31,106
Office IT	\$257	\$730
Phone & Fax	\$2,089	\$1,835
Internet Fees	\$862	\$1,462
Postage & freight	\$2,228	\$1,441
Office Supplies / Stationery	\$1,984	\$999
Photocopier	\$328	\$323
Affiliations & Subscriptions	\$200	\$200
ComputerSoftware & IT Services	\$1,657	\$840
MSAC tennant cards	\$132	\$241
Total Operations	\$40,477	\$39,176

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Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
EXPENSES continue		
Staff		
Wages & Salaries	\$110,055	\$122,057
Superannuation	\$17,496	\$21,395
Other Staff Costs	\$845	\$3,837
Additional Administration	\$8,890	\$0
Bookkeeping	\$15,770	\$0
LSL Provision	\$496	\$9,604
Annual Leave Provision	\$10,449	\$0
Total Staff	\$164,000	\$156,893
Other		
Insurance	\$24,936	\$23,298
Annual Report	\$151	\$181
Awards, Trophies & gifts, including Swim Series	\$3,166	\$2,951
Other Conferences & Travel	\$0	\$475
Administrators' workshop	\$4,500	\$3,590
Promotional Materials	\$1,077	\$145
Merchandise, purchased on order	\$5,020	\$4,536
Million Metres Costs	\$2,619	\$1,584
Vorgee Club Development costs	\$1,000	\$250
Coach of the year expenses	\$1,120	\$1,017
Depreciation	\$2,935	\$1,549
Total Other	\$46,524	\$39,576
Total Operating Expenses	\$283,314	\$271,055
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,980	\$22,328
Special Projects		
Coaching Committee	\$0	\$7,525
40th anniversary celebrations	\$0	\$337
Strategic planning	\$0	\$4,678
Swim into Spring	\$2,295	\$0
Total Special Projects	\$2,295	\$12,540
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$3,685	\$9,788

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Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank		
Westpac Cheque Account	\$5,509	\$10,343
Westpac Idirect Account	\$126,042	\$110,216
Westpac Mastercard Debit Card	\$3,125	\$997
Cash on Hand	\$24	\$24
Westpac Term Deposit	\$132,410	\$128,920
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$221,422	\$215,384
Total Bank	\$488,533	\$465,884
Debtors		
Trade Debtors	\$19,521	\$3,643
Prepayments/Sundry Debtors	\$10,027	\$7,452
Total Debtors	\$29,548	\$11,095
Total Current Assets	\$518,081	\$476,979
Fixed Assets		
Plant and Equipment		
Furniture & Equipment	\$55,115	\$53,642
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$47,382)	(\$44,447)
Total Fixed Assets	\$7,733	\$9,195
TOTAL ASSETS	\$525,813	\$486,174

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Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	\$13,665	\$3,826
Revenue received in advance	\$97,689	\$84,358
GST Liabilities - clearing account	\$7,367	\$5,942
PAYG on wages	\$4,868	\$5,296
Superannuation	\$1,427	\$0
Accruals	\$1,170	\$1,754
Provision for Annual Leave	\$10,449	\$0
Total Current Liabilities	\$136,635	\$101,176
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provision for Long Service Leave	\$10,100	\$9,604
Total Non-Current Liabilities	\$10,100	\$9,604
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$146,735	\$110,780
NET ASSETS	\$379,079	\$375,393
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	\$375,393	\$365,606
Current Earnings	\$3,685	\$9,788
TOTAL EQUITY	\$379,079	\$375,393

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash Flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from operations	\$275,910	\$273,443
Payment to suppliers and employees	(\$264,050)	(\$272,965)
Interest received	\$10,837	\$13,616
GST received / (paid)	\$1,425	(\$588)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$24,122</u>	<u>\$13,506</u>
Cash Flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(\$1,473)	(\$5,933)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(\$1,473)</u>	<u>(\$5,933)</u>
Net cash increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$22,649	\$7,573
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	\$465,884	\$458,311
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	<u>\$488,533</u>	<u>\$465,884</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2016

1 Accounting Policies

(a) General Information

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the accounts preparations requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Victoria) 2012.

The board have determined that the Masters Swimming Australia Inc. is not a reporting entity and therefore there is not need to apply Australian Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

(b) Basis of Preparation

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with previous periods unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a diminishing value basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

(d) Revenue

Revenue from membership registrations and branch affiliation fees are recognised when received and attributed to the financial year in which they relate.

Interest revenue is recognised when it is credited to the relevant bank account or term deposit and attributed to the financial year in which it is received.

All other revenue is recognised when it is received and attributed to the financial year in which it is received.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2016

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

(e) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Board's Declaration

31 December 2016

In the opinion of the board, the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 9:

- (a) presents fairly the financial position of Masters Swimming Australia Inc as at 31 December 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- (b) satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Victoria) 2012 to prepare accounts; and
- (c) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Masters Swimming Australia Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Director of Finance



Dated

28/02/2017

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Board of Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Masters Swimming Australia Inc. (the Association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2016, the income statement for the year then ended, the statement of cash flows for the year ended, and notes to the financial statements, and the statement by the board of management.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2016, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Reform Act (Victoria) 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Board of Management for the Financial Report

The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as the Board of Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board of Management's responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_files/ar3.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Malcolm Matthews

Partner

Launceston

Date: 28/02/17

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The National Technical Committee (NTC) is a forum for all states to clarify technical issues, have rules reviewed and propose changes if required, and provide guidelines for the training and accrediting of technical officials. The NTC members for 2016 were Phil Beames (SA), Stan Pearson (QLD), Peter Maloney (WA), Di Partridge (NSW), Neil Keele (NSW), Ray Brien (TAS) to October 2016, Don Reynolds (TAS) from October 2016, Neil Mitchell (VIC) and Jayna Gordon (NT).

The NTC finalised the action item set by the National Board at the General Meeting in April 2015. The action item was for the NTC to further investigate opportunities to align the MSA swimming rules more closely with the FINA swimming rules. The final recommendation was put forward at the October 2016 General Meeting. The swimming rule changes were ratified by the General Meeting subject to some minor wording changes and took effect as of the 1st January 2017.

Another technical issue raised at the October General Meeting was whether MSA should include the FINA rule relating to backstroke ledges in the MSA Swimming Rules. The NTC had a lengthy discussion regarding this issue and the outcome was that the NTC members from all states were not in favour of the rule being included. This was the NTC's recommendation to the October 2016 General Meeting and this recommendation was supported by the meeting.

Other tasks the NTC are currently working on are;

- Exploring MSWA's suggestion that there should be accredited Open Water Swimming Technical Official positions with their own accreditation pathway that is not dependent on pool accreditations.
- Review if there are opportunities to align the MSA open water swimming rules more closely with the FINA open water swimming rules, noting that there are special conditions in Australia that will need to be considered.
- Review of FINA's amended swimwear rules relating to open water swimming. NTC to make recommendations for changes to MSA Open Water Swimming Rules for adoption for the 2017/2018 open water season.
- Review of the Technical Officials training documentation to ensure that all documents are current and up to date following the recent rule changes.

The NTC will continue to focus on how to encourage individuals to become accredited officials, develop strategies to retain those officials and to prepare to replace those who stand down, and reviewing the process of gaining accreditation as a Technical Official with the view of making it simpler and more flexible whilst maintaining high standards.

PHILLIP BEAMES

NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



Number of Technical Courses held during 2016

Branch	General Principals of Officiating	Timekeeper	Chief Timekeeper	Check Starter/ Clerk of Course/ Marshal	Starter	Inspector of Turns	Judge of Stroke	Referee	Total
NSW	1	5	2	2	3	2	0	1	16
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
VIC	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
WA	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	4

SWIM MEETS COMMITTEE

The National Swim Meets Committee aims to ensure that the National Championships and other major swim meets conducted with the sanction of Masters Swimming Australia are run to a high standard and in accordance with the Rules and By Laws of the Association. Members of the Committee in 2016 were Jeanette Holowiuk (Vic), Jane Noake (NSW) and John Pollock (NT) (Chairman).

The Committee produces the National Championships Meet Guide, which provides detailed guidelines and instructions to the organisers of the National Championships and other events such as Masters Games. The Guide is published on the National Website and updated regularly to take account of changes made to the MSA Rules and By Laws and recommendations arising from each year's National Championships.

Minor revisions of the October 2016 edition of the Guide were made during 2016 and after the Spring National NGM and the NBM proceeded with further consideration of revisions to be undertaken on the section dealing with entry procedures for the Championships.

JOHN POLLOCK

SWIM MEETS CHAIRMAN

COACHING COMMITTEE

The National Coaching Committee was made up from the following members in 2016:

Bruce Allender (Chair, Victorian Branch)
Di Coxon Ellis (NSW Branch)
Mark Erickson (Queensland Branch)
John Pugh (Tasmanian Branch)
Kim Tyler (Western Australian Branch)
Elena Nesci (Western Australian Branch)



We thank them for their expertise in contributing to discussions, direction and education throughout the year. And we acknowledge the passion that they have for swimming and providing the framework for teaching the art of coaching adults to swim at their best.

Branch	Total Coaches in 2016	New in 2016	Reaccredited in 2016
NSW	74	6	6
NT	2	0	0
QLD	83	2	7
SA	17	4	1
TAS	5	0	0
VIC	44	5	3
WA	81	5	5

The accredited coach's statistics for 2016 are:

Club Coach Courses have been conducted in New South Wales (February, August and October 2016), South Australia (December 2016), Victoria (October 2016), Queensland (April and May 2016) and in Western Australia (November 2016). A Coach Professional Development course was conducted in Western Australia on Open Water Swimming (January 2016)

One of the main tasks for the whole Coaching Committee is assessing the nominations and documentation for Coach of the Year from each of the Branches and making a recommendation for the MSA Coach of the Year to the MSA Board. Katya Anderson from Superfins Swimming club in WA was selected by the National Coaching Committee as 2015 MSA Coach of the Year at the Presentation Function in Melbourne.

BRUCE ALLENDER

NATIONAL COACHING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

National Recorder

Another year in masters swimming has come and gone with swimmers having the opportunity to compete in over 131 events with a variety of swims in the seven branches. These meets included the MSA National Championships in Melbourne (with a recent record number of participants), the Canadian Masters, USMS Summer Nationals and the Singapore Masters.

There were 241 individual and 35 relay National records achieved in 2016. Also there were 10 World Records achieved and approved by the World Recorder, including three set at the 2016 National Championships.

Vorgee Endurance 1000

Year	Clubs	Swimmers	Completed all swims	Achieved 1005 points
2016	152	1915	88	57
2015	144	1965	75	56
2014	146	1899	71	51
2013	153	2109	110	55
2012	141	1884	81	59

Endurance 1000 has been used now by swimmers for 5 years and although the number of participants are down from 2015, there has been a slight increase in the number of clubs, and completion of 'all swims' since the previous year.

The Endurance 1000 results included swims across most age groups with the youngest age group having 44 swimmers and the oldest age group having 4 swimmers.

When the National Swim Series began in 2014, 49 swimmers participated in 3 or more swim meets, 2015 only 22 swimmers participated in 3 or more swim meets.

In 2016, 76 participated in 3 or more swim meets (40 women and 36 men with 1 male and 1 female competing in 6 swim meets).

The results in the portal for 2016 are interesting to collate as the swims can be tracked in a bell curve, with the most swims in the 15 year period between 50-65 years for both men and women.

Statistics of entries from the records/results portal	Total since 2002	2016
Meets	20 49	131
Individual results	848 634	64 566 incl e1000 - 18,655
Relay results	32380	2206
National Records Individual Relay	57 833	276 (241) (35)
	Total since 1978	2016
World Records achieved by MSA swimmers Individual Relay	565 57	10

The number of swims completed show an enthusiasm among the members; and the recorders are to be congratulated on their hard work throughout the year in submitting the results and records in a timely manner.

PAULINE SAMSON

NATIONAL RECORDER (Life Member)



National Membership

Membership by YEAR and BRANCH

Please note:

* includes Life Members but not Second Claim Members

* since 2007 ACT included in NSW figures

Branch	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
ACT	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	1670	1737	1679	1729	1719	1620	1557	1534	1558	1450	1437
NT	109	123	170	169	161	154	148	141	131	136	138
QLD	1455	1414	1348	1425	1316	1138	1280	1235	1242	1189	1199
SA	606	605	600	604	606	577	635	631	657	649	644
TAS	296	298	317	296	296	280	299	288	298	327	277
VIC	1013	929	900	920	975	965	1055	1098	1176	1219	1263
WA	1189	1277	1344	1324	1398	1442	1448	1578	1642	1655	1619
Total	6478	6383	6358	6467	6471	6176	6422	6505*	6704*	6625	6577



Jon Hawton (NSW)
 Fiona Wilkins (WA)
 John Barrett (QLD)
 Pauline Samson (N/A) / Maciej Slugocki (TAS)
 Archer Talbot (VIC)
 John Pollock (NT)
 Robert Harris (N/A) / Tom Bland (SA)



GOVERNANCE

Masters Swimming NSW is governed by a board of seven members assisted by position holders in Endurance, Coaching, Recording, Safety, Technical, Training and Technology. Board members were elected at the Annual General Meeting held in May 2016 which was attended by 47 registered persons representing 24 of our 51 clubs. Chris Lock from Myall Masters decided to not seek re-election and was thanked for his contribution over the past two years, this left a vacancy which was filled some time later by Kerry Blanch, Wests Auburn Masters.

Membership figures for 2016 dropped slightly compared with previous years, finishing around 1440, but participation numbers at swim meets remained stable. MSNSW offices, located at Sports House in Sydney Olympic Park, remain rent free; we pay for outgoings.

PROMOTIONS

Awards

Male & Female Swimmer of the Year awards were awarded at the Annual General meeting to Gary Nicholls, Coogee-Randwick Masters and Clary Munns, Blacktown City.

Recognition

Many members of MSNSW were recognised for their work and dedication during 2016. These included, but are not limited to, Paul Bailey (Gary Stutsel Award), Ruth Fitzpatrick (Administration Award), Jillian Pateman (Ian Davis Award) and Sue Wiles (Betty Grant Award). The branch offers congratulations to all these plus the many others nominated. John Kulhan was awarded NSW Official of the Year. No nominations were received for NSW Coach of the Year.

Competitions

MSNSW sponsored oceanswims.com's Fine Ocean Swim series, prize offered was a 2016 membership with our Bushrangers club to each of the nine swims. A photo competition was held specifically highlighting efforts of swimmers participating in the Endurance 1000 program. This was won by Clarence River Masters.

Marketing

Warringah Masters received state wide media coverage for a record attempt at the 360+ mens medley relay. This news kept the membership enthralled in the weeks leading up to the swim. Sadly, one of the team died before the day and although this was the worst outcome the swim meet was spent celebrating his life and strong friendships.

A bittersweet event with his family enjoying the camaraderie that goes with being embraced by the Masters Swimming family. Vale John William Steen.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Technology Team

The volunteer Webmaster team maintain an interesting and up to date website ensuring relevant information is available to members in a timely fashion. All this behind-the-scenes activity provides MSNSW members with facts, news, ideas and information in a consistent format with Masters Swimming Australia. Online entries were introduced utilizing the existing Sports TG platform and its simplicity of use and the members familiarity with the system helped ease the process. Treasurers accessed the settlements as they do with memberships.

Facebook

An active volunteer Facebook team administer our social media platforms and are constantly communicating, updating and sourcing information and relevant material. With over 2030 likes our page continues to amuse, educate and keep us 'social'. This only happens because of an active couple of members that attend most swim meets are willing to take the time and make the effort to film, snap, chat then post and follow up. It's all about finding the fun and friendship in our sport!



Coaching Team

Three Club Coach courses were presented during the year by Di Coxon-Ellis and a professional team of volunteers including Vicky Watson, John Kulhan and Paul Bailey. Two courses were held in Sydney and one at Yamba on the far north coast.

The Board of MSNSW put together a Coaches Project team with financial assistance from the NSW State Government providing a small grant. This team organized a coaches forum to get all coaches talking, a coach workshop with well-known Masters Coach Mark Morgan and have been able to send a coach to any MSNSW club that asked for a visit. These trips have been backed up with programs and advice to members.



Phoenix members at Bathurst

Endurance 1000 Recorder

The 2016 Endurance 1000 results have been finalised after a lot of work by both the Branch Endurance 1000 Recorder Jenny Whiteley, and the National Recorder Pauline Samson. MSNSW had twenty three members gain maximum points and fourteen others achieved all 62 swims. Some clubs logged 100% participation.

Safety

It is highly recommended that clubs organize CPR and First Aid courses for their membership, this not only provides assistance in a time of need but gives everyone added confidence that they could lend a hand. To encourage the uptake of a CPR qualifications the branch held a course at Sports House after a dryland training session with Sports Dietician and a Sports Physiologist. It is hoped with this blend and mix of activities to the membership that nearly all members can be engaged with our sport at some level.

Technical and Training Team

The expertise MSNSW has within its ranks is phenomenal and often not appreciated but we are guided and supervised by well trained and well respected volunteer professionals. Clubs are asked to qualify their members at the minimum Timekeeper level and encourage all to take on responsibility to train up to assist at swim meets. Training courses are free and while often booked in at swim meets can also be arranged to be presented at a time convenient to members.

Swim Meets

Throughout NSW and the ACT eighteen sanctioned meets were held in 2016. The calendar was made up of seven long-course and eleven short-course meets. The long course championships were conducted at SOPAC over two days with 293 swimmers booked in to compete from 45 clubs. The branch relay meet in July was held in the short-course diving pool at SOPAC, attracting 257 swimmers from 16 clubs, the branch long-distance long-course championships were held in November at Blacktown with 81 swimmers from 23 clubs and the short course championships were held in October over two days at the Peninsula Leisure Centre in Woy Woy attracting 190 competitors from 35 clubs.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mark Hepple guided NSW into online entries utilising the system within our existing Sports TG console.

MSNSW acknowledges the work of its many volunteers in assisting to conduct the business in all areas of the Branch, in the office, at meets and in all clubs. This includes, but is not limited to, three facebook administrators, three webmasters and two office assistants and the many, many officials and timekeepers that consistently provide professional service to the organisation.

We continue to have two dedicated members who volunteer their time to assist in the branch office —Kevin Stirling and Jamie Turner—and I am most grateful to them. They get the drudge tasks, counting stocktaking, checking and collating, even standing out in the weather to provide carpark access at the AGM and do this all willingly with miles of smiles. Thank you Jamie and Kevin!

We again had the assistance of Volunteering NSW at branch championships with timekeeping and running and are most appreciative of their presence.

My thanks also go to the national General Manager, Projects Manager and Administration Manager at MSA for their consistent support throughout 2016. Thank you Noeleen, Lynne and Kath, it is a joy working with you.

JILLIAN PATEMAN

ADMINISTRATOR—NEW SOUTH WALES



Winning Ryde Team at the Wests Auburn meet

Supported by the



Northern Territory (MSNT)

SWIM MEETS

The NT Branch held five swim meets during 2016. The Branch Long Course Championships were held in March as part of the 2016 MSA Swim Series and the Short Course Championships in October in conjunction with the Alice Springs Masters Games. Three interclub virtual meets were conducted during the year - in January, May and November. The January meet was also an open Australia Day Carnival.

MEMBERSHIP

The Northern Territory continued to have one of the highest percentages of its population as members of MSA clubs of the sovereign jurisdictions in Australia, second only to WA. Membership in 2016 reached 136, slightly higher than the previous year's total of 135 – Alice Springs 28, Darwin 95, Palmerston & Rural 13.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

A big contingent of Darwin Club members again attended the Singapore Masters' International Meet in October, winning many events and breaking a number of NT Branch and Singapore Masters National Records. A smaller number attended the Singapore Masters Short Course meet in April, again with success, with Bobbie Lea (80-84) of Darwin Stingers winning Female Swimmer of the Meet.



FUNDING

The main source of funding for the Branch was again the NT Department of Sport and Recreation, whose grant covered all branch administration costs and provided funds for coaching and travel subsidies, coach development and other activities. Payment of the grant for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 was via Swimming NT Inc, with continuation beyond that time contingent on MSNT and SNTI becoming affiliated by 30 June 2016. By the end of the 2016 calendar year, however, the NTDSR terminology had reverted from affiliation to integration. MSNT refused to agree to any arrangement that would provide Swimming NT with control over MSNT's operations, finances or administration; as a result, MSNT no longer receives any NT Government Grant funding.

BRANCH MEETINGS

Regular branch meetings were held in Darwin, with a Skype link to the Alice Springs delegate. The AGM was held in Darwin in November.



BRANCH MANAGEMENT

At the AGM in November, Adrian Tonkin of the Darwin Stingers Club was re-elected as Branch President, with John Pollock of Darwin Stingers as Branch Secretary and Louise Hardy of Darwin Stingers as Treasurer.

JOHN POLLOCK

BRANCH SECRETARY—NORTHERN TERRITORY



Queensland (MSQ)

2016 has been a big year for Masters Swimming in Queensland. We had our 40th year celebrations at the 2016 State Championships at Miami, ran the 2016 Pan Pac Masters Games at Southport and Convenor Rachel Keogh and the committee were busy planning for the 2017 National Championships at Southport. Cheryl Brodribb has taken on the role of Convenor for the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games at the redeveloped Tobruk Memorial Pool Complex in Cairns in May 2017.

There was still plenty of swimming at local swim meets and club activities and many Queenslanders attended the National Championships in Melbourne. There was something amongst all of that for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for the hard work of volunteers at Club and Branch level and to our Branch Administrator, Helga Ward.

GOVERNANCE

The Board met five times during 2016: four teleconference meetings and one face to face meeting in Brisbane. The focus has been on implementing the strategic plan and giving consideration to a Board structure that can work efficiently and effectively. The Board face to face meeting was held at the Veridian Conference Room courtesy of Brian Davis and proved to be an excellent location. Many issues are also discussed by-email. We continue to have a service level agreement in place with SQ. This covers the services of our Branch Administrator as well as financial administration and registration. There are many benefits of having these services provided by experienced staff.

John Barrett attended the Autumn and Spring meetings of the National Executive as Queensland Delegate. This is an opportunity to not only hear about what is going on at the National level but also a chance to meet other State delegates and hear about activities in other branches. Of particular interest has been the work on membership programs in Victoria and on club development and support in Western Australia. Club incorporation, coaching, swimmer safety and insurance have also drawn the Board's attention during the year. A key issue to good governance is the financial sustainability of the Branch and MSQ recorded an operating surplus in 2016 due to the success of the State Championships and Pan Pac Masters Games. Many thanks to John Feddersen, MSQ Treasurer, for his efforts in keeping us on track.

COMMUNICATION

We have discontinued the 'e-news' but do provide regular circulars to Clubs as a means of highlighting important information to be disseminated to members. There is also a quarterly 'Around the Clubs' newsletter that is circulated by e-mail. We make good use of our web site, member forum, Facebook and Twitter. Vice Presidents are also trying to work with clubs to provide information and to be able to raise issues at Board meetings. Please take the opportunity to raise any issues you might have with them when you can.



PROGRAMS

MSX - 2016 was the sixth year of our MSX which has been well received. Hopefully some of you have been able to progress up a level from last year.

Lane Warriors – Many clubs are dedicated to tracking the distance swum by their members and 'competing' against other clubs in a different way. This program isn't all about speed.

Vorgee Endurance 1000– Queensland Clubs participate strongly in this national program. Congratulations to Noosa who won the Club Champion Award in 2016.

National Swim Series – A number of Queensland swimmers participated in this program and it also attracted a number of interstate swimmers to the Pan Pac Masters Games on the Gold Coast. Congratulations to Caroline Saxby (QUQ 30-34) & Jennifer Nock (QTT 65-69) who won their age group and were the recipients of \$100 vouchers.

Club activities – Club & membership development seems to vary across the state and we encourage members to share the load and become involved in running your club and the Branch.



COMPETITION

- The Miami Club did an excellent job in hosting a successful 2016 State Championships. Director of Recording, David Findlay, was on hand to ensure the efficient processing of results.
- The 2018 State Championships will be held in Rockhampton.
- MSV raised the bar in hosting the 2016 National Championships in Melbourne.
- MSQ ran the swimming component of the Pan Pac Masters Games at Southport. Arrangements with pool management have been good but we are still struggling to provide shade to all competitors and spectators at this venue.
- Club swims continued throughout the State with members travelling long distances to attend. The President certainly enjoyed the opportunity to meet members at Albany Creek, Toowoomba and in North Queensland.

COACHING

Mark Erickson and Raylene Rasmussen took on the shared role as Director. Unfortunately time constraints have restricted the ability to run courses this year. One course was held using the new format developed by MSA.

TECHNICAL

Stan Pearson and our other officials continued to ensure that swim meets were able to be run. Stan Pearson is also on the National Technical Committee.

Attracting, training and retaining people to become Technical Officials is an ongoing concern and we encourage everyone to consider trying at least the first steps to becoming an accredited official.



OTHER BRANCH ACTIVITIES

MSQ is mindful of the workload that has been placed on members in the Gold Coast and South East Queensland area in running three major events in 2016 and into 2017. Their efforts are much appreciated. Following the lead of MSNSW we have made MSQ togs available and are also arranging MSQ caps. North Mackay Sinkers member, Margaret Cunningham, was inducted into the FINA Masters Swimming Hall of Fame.

This has been my fifth and final year as MSQ President and National Delegate and I would like to thank all of the MSQ Board members who have worked with me during that time, the MSA Board, General Manager Noeleen Dix, and other Delegates from around Australia. Thank you for your ongoing interest in Masters Swimming. See you in the pool.

JOHN BARRETT

BRANCH DELEGATE - QUEENSLAND



South Australia (MSSA)

Masters Swimming SA had a busy year in 2016. Membership remained relatively constant, which is encouraging, and the Branch and Clubs worked hard to provide numerous pool, open water and social events that were very well attended. We have been extremely lucky to have Channel Nine's support for our Open Water Series for another two years and Geosnapshot Photography present at nearly all of our events this summer. The photos have been amazing and have assisted in the promotion of all of our events. Thanks Geosnapshot for your support!

GOVERNANCE

Masters Swimming SA continues to be managed by a branch executive and a committee of representatives from all clubs in SA, which met monthly at State Association House, Kent Town. Now the Administrator has successfully moved into the Swimming SA Office, the meetings will be at the Boardroom of the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre. We are pleased to have a good working relationship with Swimming SA. We have had a small sub-committee reviewing the Branch's Constitution and hope to place this as an item on the agenda for our Branch AGM in May. Their job will continue with a review of the Branch's By-laws to bring them in to line with the new Constitution if all goes well.

2016 AGM

At the 2016 AGM all but two positions on the committee were filled. The existing President, Robert Harris, made way for the new person on the block, Tom Bland. The vacant positions were filled quickly with Safety Officer for the Pool Swims filled by Grant Simpson and Marketing Director, a role which has been unfilled for several years, filled by Jack Belfer. Grant and Jack have proven themselves very worthy in these roles. With Jack's assistance, we have been able to promote not only the Open Water Series, but also our Summer Pool Series using social media more effectively. Thanks to all committee members for their continued support and effort in their roles.



PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

SA State Masters Games

The SA State Masters Games were held in Murray Bridge in 2016, with the swimming being held on Saturday, 16 April. Entries were down to 52 but the swimmers that did come went away having greatly enjoyed their experience! In 2017 the Games will be in Clare and we hope that members will support a recently new "One Club".

Channel Nine Open Water Series 2016-2017

It has been another great summer in the ocean so far. Along with the efforts of our Open Water Swim Director, Ian Young, and Channel Nine's continued sponsorship of the series with on beach and television promotions, we have seen all of the swims being well represented by both members and the general public. We have had to cancel one swim, the Proclamation Classic, this year due to storm water issues. With 4 of our 10 swims left to complete, the Charles Sturt Challenge, President's Cup, Port Noarlunga Reef and Port Elliot, there are 24 swimmers who have managed to complete all swims to date and may gain themselves an embroidered towel for their effort.

The Annual Nine News Australia Day Jetty to Jetty Swim in its 101st year attracted 369 swimmers, which was down on the record numbers from last year but it must be remembered that last year's swim was a special event. Rosemary White, Event Convenor, with the clubs that assisted deserve credit for making this a terrific event. We were very lucky this year to have our T-Shirt designed by one of our very own members, Alec Townsend.

Stephanie Palmer-White from Adelaide Masters was the fastest female in a time of 28m54s, taking home the Wingate Trophy. While the fastest male was Michael Carter, also from Adelaide Masters, in a time of 27m59s winning the Ted Geary Trophy.

Andy Duncan aged 81 and Barbara Pearce from Marion aged 80 received the Awards for the Oldest Swimmers to complete the swim, the Darryl Hawkes Trophy and Simons Trophy respectively. The Nine News Jetty to Jetty Team Award and Masters Swimming SA Cup were both won by Adelaide Masters.

Our State Open Water Championships, hosted by Marion Marlins, attracted 147 entries at West Beach. Cassie Lindsay and Grant Simpson were first to finish in the 3km swim, and Joanne Sutcliffe and Ian Young first in the 1km swim. The Club Trophies went to Marion for Aggregate Points and Atlantis for Average Points per Swimmer.

"Swim into Spring" Campaign

Masters Swimming SA, in conjunction with Vorgee, once again launched the "Swim into Spring" campaign. The promotion attracted new members to coincide with the release of 16 month memberships. Each new 16 month member received a free pair of Vorgee Extreme Competition Missile Goggles valued at \$25, plus they went in the draw to win a Vorgee prize pack valued at \$108. This campaign was very well received with 20 new 16 month memberships. We also had 18 4 month memberships. The winner of the Vorgee prize was Monika Novosel from Atlantis.

SUMMER POOL SERIES 2016-2017

Our swimming continues with the Summer Pool Series held on the outskirts of the metropolitan area, which we have built up from three to five pool swims this year. The first of our new swims was held at Clare on Sunday, 4 December with about 40 swimmers competing. This was followed by Woodside on Sunday, 18 December and Gawler on Sunday, 22 January. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our first pool swim at Port Augusta due to the extreme temperatures which were predicting 46c.

These events have been well supported by clubs with the average of 60 swimmers at each. After the swim at Gawler, the Aquadome Otters and the Tea Tree Gully Kingfishers had a picnic in the park with an open invitation to all, which was well attended and really relaxing. Tea Tree Gully Kingfishers are successfully winning the series once again, followed by Aquadome Otters. Thanks to all the Officials for all their hard work in making this series happen!

2016 WINTER POOL SERIES

Our Winter Interclub Series was a great success in 2016 with participation constant over the four events. Champions for the series were Atlantis, followed by Adelaide Masters and in third place Tea Tree Gully. Congratulations to swimmers throughout the Series with many National and State records falling! The State Cups, both Long and Short Course, were held at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre with numbers the same as most years. The Short Course was part of the National Swim Series which attracted a few interstate visitors. Both Cups were won by the Tea Tree Gully Kingfishers.



Josie Sansom Trophy and Female Swimmer of the Year Joanne Sutcliffe and Runner-Up Maryanne Heffernan with MSSA President Tom Blund

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER

Our Annual Branch Presentation Dinner was held on Saturday, 19 November at the West Adelaide Football Club celebrating another successful year for both clubs and individuals in SA!

Mark Smedley from Adelaide Masters was awarded Male Swimmer of the Year and the Runner-Up was Grant Simpson. The Josie Sansom Trophy and Female Swimmer of the Year was won by Joanne Sutcliffe and the Runner-Up was Maryanne Heffernan.

Atlantis won all awards relating to the Interclub Series and Tea Tree Gully had another good year winning the Long Distance Meet Shield, the Summer Pool Series Trophy, Short Course & Long Course State Cups, Interclub Proficiency Cup and the Vorgee Endurance Cup. Special thanks to Leanne for her effort in the organising of the Presentation Dinner. The photo placemats from throughout the year were a big hit and talking point of the evening, as was the table centre pieces!

COACHING COURSE/STRETCHING WORKSHOPS

Robyn Brown, as the MSSA Coaching Director, has been tireless in her effort to organise a Club Coaching Course for 5 new coaches, one coming from NSW. She is now mentoring these new coaches while they gain experience at the Branch Training Sessions in her usual calm and approachable manner. Robyn has also organised several Stretching Workshops with the assistance of Maryanne Heffernan (Physio) which have been well attended and swimmers have found very interesting and informative. Thanks to the Branch for supporting these activities which will only enhance the quality of coaching in this state. We hope to run another course soon as interest has been shown!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On a final note, I would like to thank the team of dedicated volunteers who make Masters Swimming SA what it is today. The SA branch relies on a team of volunteers who each donate an enormous amount of their personal time and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every one of them.

LEANNE BEAMES
ADMINISTRATOR
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Mark Smedley - Male Swimmer of the Year and Runner-Up was Grant Simpson with MSSA President Tom Blund

2016 year was a year of change for Masters Swimming Tasmania. The focus during the year was on conducting the Branch's four championship events and an examination of its finances to position the Branch for growth over the next few years. The development of a new Strategic and Development plan was the driver delivering the changes and driving the evolution of the Branch during 2016.

THE BRANCH

During the year, the Branch:

- Undertook and finalised a major review and overhaul of its finances. Branch finance reports have now been restructured into distinct element of Branch Operations, Events and Development;
- Introduced a Club Development Grants program which included funding for club "outreach activities" and provided an initial grant of \$350 to the reconstituted Devonport Club;
- Agreed to a revised meeting structure for the Branch Management Committee involving monthly teleconferences;
- Progressively implemented a new communication strategy for the Branch including a revamp of its magazine – Platypus Press - and a developing use of SportsTG's in-built communication functionalities;
- Commenced recognising our achievers and contributors with the creation of an "Our Honourees" web page. The first of our members to be recognised in this way are our FINA World Championship podium finishers;
- The December 2016 edition of Platypus press included an article to honour Neil Hickey, our 1st FINA World Champion, who won the Men's 45-49 age group Open Water Championship in 1998. A profile of Neil has been scheduled for publication in 2017 on the "Our Honourees" web page;
- Established a club "correspondents" group to more readily exchange and communicate news of the masters world;
- Developed a strategy and recognition scheme for the development of officials. The strategy includes a MOU entered into with Swimming Tasmania for the delivery of on-deck supervision of prospective officials in circumstances where MST does not have either the delivery or timing capabilities;
- Resumed financial responsibility for the conduct of our four championship events. The Long Course, Long Distance championships were moved to another venue to be more cost effective;
- Finalised a new set of administrative and organisational arrangements for the conduct of our championship events to complement the national guide. The new arrangements include a clear statement of Branch and Club responsibilities and a detailed event checklist. The guide has been published and will be used in the management of our 2017 events;



- A new Coaching Development strategy was prepared but due to timing constraints the Branch was unable to finalise, approve and put it into action in 2016. It is planned to commence the Coaching Development program in the 1st quarter of 2017;
- Elected a new Branch Secretary – Mendelt Tillema. We thank our outgoing and long serving secretary Ray Brien for his support over the years;
- Commenced the preparation of a paper describing and valuing, including in-kind contributions, that Masters Swimming Tasmania (MST), its clubs and members make to the communities, cities, towns, the state and nationally;
- Established a cloud based, data and record repository for all Branch administrative records;
- Continued to use and further develop the use of ClubAssistant for Online, Meet and Event registration and helped other branches on its use. The Branch commissioned, at a cost of \$400, a new page design and programming to enhance the management of the MSA clubs database on ClubAssistant. Branches and Clubs around Australia will be the beneficiaries of this enhancement.

The Branch Management Committee believes that the Swim into Spring 2016 campaign tool kit is a valuable resource for the Clubs and will explore ways of both assisting clubs to harness, and lever off this resource. The progressive development and implementation of the new Strategic and Development plan, and the newly instituted Club Development Grant's Program have a very neat fit and integration with the Swim into Spring 2016 program.



FINANCIAL POSITION

The Branch is in a sound financial position and continues to examine ways of using its legacy funds for the development of the Branch.

A Special General Meeting held in October 2016 approved increases in club affiliation fees and membership subscriptions for 2017 and 2018. The purpose of the increases was to ensure that the Branch's investment funds are not used to support normal administrative / operating expenses. Increases to Championship entry fees were also approved to ensure that the Branch does not incur an annual loss on their conduct.

The restructured finances allow for investments in the Branch's development programs – Officials, Coaches and Club Development.

OUR CLUBS

There are seven fully constituted and active Masters clubs in Tasmania – Burnie Crocks, Devonport Devils, Hobart Aquatic, Hobart Dolphins, Launceston Lemmings, Talays Masters, Tomatoes Swim. Our virtual club is the Van Diemens.

Club membership has fallen this year to a level of 277 compared to 301 at the same time last year. There has been a realignment of membership between several clubs and one club has experienced a significant number of non-renewals. Our long-term trend in membership levels however remains stable.

The Branch has assisted our newest club – the Devonport Devils - to re-establish its presence in Devonport by providing an initial development grant.

Preliminary work commenced on the establishment of a new club based in Huonville and indications are that the club will register in 2017. Our 2nd claim club memberships reflect the small numbers in some clubs and the desire of members to compete in relays. Clubs continue to provide regular coaching sessions. A number are however experiencing significant challenges and obstacles to successful operation because of various barriers put up by aquatic centers.

BRANCH AND NATIONAL RECORDS

The branch has developed a data base, sourced from the national one, enabling the easy generation of record statistics to identify and aggregate the record-breaking achievements of MST members.

In 2016:

- 131 individual records were broken, 66 by our women and 65 by the men;
- Hobart Aquatic Masters club topped the listing with members breaking 54 records;
- The top individual record breaker was Costan Magnussen with 22;
- By age group, the most records (36) were broken in the 80-84 category.

The data shows that, based on data from the records portal, a total of 5,252 MST records have been set or broken since records have been recorded. Sue Mayne is MST's all-time record breaker with a total of 241. National Life Member and former National President, John Pugh is in the second spot, having broken 210 branch records during his MST career. A total of 18 national records were broken during the year, 14 of these by Sue Mayne. Sue has in total broken 69 national records with the first in 1997.

AWARD WINNERS

The Hobart Aquatic Masters SC won the top club summer championship trophy with the winter's being awarded to the Launceston Lemmings club;

The Relay Trophy, which is calculated on total relay points from the Long Course and Short Course Championships, was won by Hobart Aquatic Masters.

The New Norfolk Trophy, determined by the total points of a club at the Long Course Championships divided by the number of registered members at the end of the previous year, was won by Hobart Aquatic Masters.

The Swimmer of the Meet trophies were awarded to:

- Short Course – Amanda Duggan and Ray Winstanley, both from Tomatoes Swim; and
- Long Course – Sue Mayne from Hobart Aquatic and Costan Magnussen from the van Diemens.

CHALLENGES

The Branch continues to face three significant challenges: -

- The ever-increasing costs of the hire of facilities over which there is very little control;
- Engaging volunteers and recruiting and developing club and branch administrators, and
- Training and maintaining officials.

These challenges are being addressed through the work being undertaken in the development and implementation of the Branch's Strategic and Development plan.

MACIEJ SLUGOCKI

BRANCH DELEGATE—TASMANIA



GOVERNANCE

Masters Swimming Victoria has a small executive committee which endeavours to strategically lead the organization. The participants contribute an enormous amount to masters swimming as a whole, and I would like to thank them for all of the work and support, ideas and enthusiasm. Katie Mee – Malvern Marlins, Vice President; Tim Boness – Powerpoints, Finance Director; Paul Watmough – Surrey Park, Recording Director; Neil Mitchell – Victorian Masters, Technical Director; Mark Sendeky, Glamourhead Sharks, Marketing Director; Leanne Sheean, Doncaster Dolphins, general member; Rosa Montague, Powerpoints, general member.

Thank you to all of the board members (Club Delegates) who have been able to attend the committee meetings throughout the year – your attendance and support is greatly appreciated. The board meets every second month, and the management committee meet in the other month, thereby covering the whole year.



Frankston Peninsula successfully delivered their FIRST ever interclub in 2016 – freestyle winners Mark, Sarah + one of their oldest members Marion

HIGHLIGHTS

MSV hosted the National Championships at MSAC in April 2016. The event was a huge success, from the record number of entries, the enormous number of volunteers, the greening of the games, the open ceremony spectacular, presentation function, and all the swimming events in between. A full report of the National Championships has been submitted elsewhere in this annual report.

However, I would like to thank Paul Watmough who volunteered to be convenor of the event, on behalf of all masters swimmers, as well as the working team Paul established who all contributed so much and did a brilliant job putting on such a wonderful Nationals event.



In December MSV, from all reports, had its first black tie function on record. It was a fabulous occasion attended by just under 100 members. The evening was a celebration of our 40th Anniversary. The evening was a Gala dinner in the Pavillion Room at the Arts Centre, Melbourne. Thank you to Mark Sendeky for organising the event, which included spectacular live entertainment, a delicious 3-course sit down dinner, short speeches, much conversation and dancing until midnight.

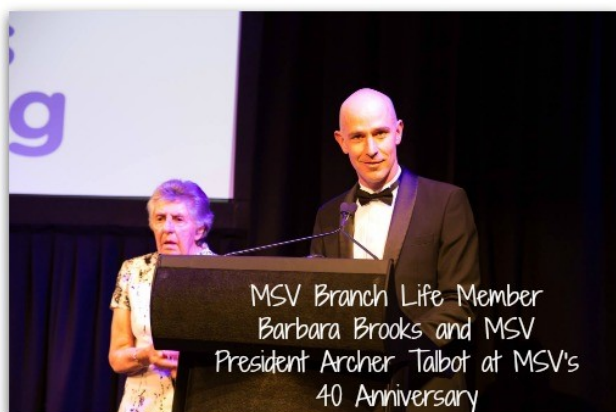
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Sal Cuming started the year in her new role working for Swimming Victoria 4-days per week, and for MSV 1-day per week. A service agreement to this effect was reached with SV and it has proved to be highly beneficial to both parties.

Sal has continued to do an excellent job in:

- 1) raising both the number of MSV clubs and individual members
- 2) raising the profile of masters swimming in the public arena, and
- 3) increasing the sponsorship of MSV.





MEMBERSHIP

MSV's membership at the end of the membership/calendar year was 1280, with 1263 being the total first claim members. Well done Victoria! This shows another increase on our membership, with a 3.48% annual growth on 2015. There continues to be a very positive feeling in our swimming community that "things are happening, that things are going well". One key focus of both the sports development officer and the management committee is to answer the question – what does our membership offer a swimmer? It is in answering this question that has driven so many of the new initiatives, and has helped the growth of our membership.

COMPETITIONS

The year saw our first major competition, the State Long course, being held at Ringwood Aquatic & Leisure Centre, which was newly opened. Even though there were a few teething problems, like the scoreboard not working, it was far cheaper than MSAC and available! The year then progressed with three meets at MSAC: the National Championships, the State Short Course and the Relay Carnival, as well as a number of highly successful interclub meets. 2016 really did seem like the year where competition hit the MSV agenda again.



FINANCES

This was our first year with our financial year aligning with our membership year, as the previous 18-months had seen the constitutional changes brought into play. We had an incredibly successful year with a \$31,366 profit, due mainly to the profit from hosting the National Championships with a profit of \$31,933. The previous 18-month 'year' also saw a \$6,630 profit, so the organization is in incredibly good financial health.

SWIMMING VICTORIA

Our relationship with SV has continued to improve due to their openness to working with us and support of what we offer. Having a service agreement with our sports development officer has also increased the contact between the two organisations significantly.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our sponsors, we greatly appreciate your support. The Way Funky Company (Funky Trunks & Funkita) support us with vouchers, discounts and clothing throughout the year. Cousins Travel support us with an incredibly valuable partnership in the Great Victorian Swim Series. Thank you to our two MSV Ambassadors, Linley Frame – pool focused, and Chloe McCardel – open water swimming focused. It has been a very exciting year with Chloe breaking the most English Channel crossings by an Australian and Linley breaking National records.

FINAL WORDS

I took over as President of MSV in August 2011, having been President of Powerpoints for the previous 5 years. It has been an incredible experience, one in which I have learned a lot, and have worked with so many wonderful people, for the most part volunteering their time.

I would like to thank Noeleen Dix, General Manager of MSA for all of her expertise and support, Craig Smith, President of MSA during my time for all of his support, every single swimmer who I have bumped into on pool deck, and to Liz, my partner, whom I met at Powerpoints and our life together has been filled with swimming, from Prahran Pool to oceans blue – swimming is such a beautiful part of my life. Thank you.

ARCHER TALBOT

PRESIDENT—MASTERS SWIMMING VICTORIA

MSWA total membership for 2016 was not as high as previous years, however, we were able to record 1588 as opposed to 1648 in 2015. This is still a very satisfying number, one which all clubs can be proud of. The work they put into running good programs has paid off.

In 2016 the Board concentrated part of their efforts on marketing and equipment for the OWS series. This was mainly due to declining number of swimmers and as a consequence a number of our local swims were floundering. The executive took the decision early in the year to have closer links with Swimming WA (SWA) and promptly moved our offices to Beatty Park to share premises with them. With the full support of the Board we also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SWA to work in partnership on several fronts. This led to a revamp of the OWS series that ensured no clashes of events and the inclusion of SWA and MSWA members scoring points toward the swim series at each other's events. The result has seen a significant increase in numbers at our OWS events. We also moved our State Open Water event away from the busy March calendar of events and combined it with the Fremantle Ports Swim Thru. This also saw a big jump in numbers for that event previous years' figures.

We acknowledge that the pool competition has seen steady numbers in 2016. As a Board, we sense that this area of MSWA is probably going through what our OWS series was going through a few years ago, we feel this model needs to be revamped in some way and initial discussions are already taking place. Further consultation will be needed with members in 2017 before any significant changes are made.

GOVERNANCE

The WA Board met eight times during the year and continued to monitor finances on a monthly basis as part of due diligence. Special projects funding was again made available to Clubs from interest from the investment account and a record number took advantage of this opportunity to purchase equipment or use it for other great initiatives. Four Council of Clubs meetings were held and the 2016 AGM conducted in February in conjunction with a Council meeting which included several award presentations. Sadly, our Executive Officer, Wendy Holtom retired after 14 years of service. The vacancy was filled by Samantha Noall. Samantha had previously been the Event Coordinator for the BHP Billiton Aquatic Super Series and brought with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in the aquatic industry and in dealing with sponsors. The Board continues to thrive and enjoy their roles whether at strategic or operational level and is a great team. Most strategies were achieved in the 2016 Operational Plan, many with the President and/or Board members, State Officers, Project Coordinator, Coach Education Team and Investment Committee:



NEW INITIATIVES/HIGHLIGHTS

- Member numbers at highest ever again across Australia, albeit slightly down from 2015.
- We moved to a new home base at Beatty Park Leisure Centre and signed an MOU with Swimming WA which has been fantastic for MSWA and our Clubs, particularly those that offer open water events.
- We also saw some new Clubs formed which were also a result of our partnership with Swimming WA and this will continue to grow in coming years.
- Secured a new sponsorship with Aussie Natural Spring Water who provided all the bottled water for the participants, volunteers and officials and all our open water swims.
- Secured additional sponsorship from Healthway to continue to develop our regionals clubs.
- Vorgee sponsorship continues for 2 more years.
- Continued to support the new LiveLighter Bunbury Skins meet as part of regional development.
- Conducted LiveLighter Coaching Clinic for new coaches and a pool deck session as a refresher course for current coaches. We held this at Beatty Park and it was very well received.
- Annual All Club Challenge meet was conducted in October however our numbers were severely affected so we are going to revert to a March date and call it the State Championships.
- Established branding and stronger Masters presence for LiveLighter OWS Series events conducted by MSWA Clubs.
- License plate frames promotional program was conducted again to assist with fundraising for Clubs.

ONGOING PROJECTS

- Annual Country Correspondence Carnival coordinated by MSWA.
- Coaching Courses – new MSA Club Coach Course conducted in September.
- Continued excellent relationship with Vorgee for OWS calendar sponsorship and overall support.
- Special Projects Funding Project criteria revamped and awarded to successful clubs.
- 2016 LiveLighter State OWS held successfully at Coogee Beach and again at Fremantle. Whilst total numbers were up for the Fremantle Fins from their last event in 2015 the MSWA numbers in the State event were down at both events which is disappointing however we continue to work towards offering great events for our members and the public.
- Annual awards presentation & function held following the LiveLighter All Club Challenge.
- Technical Officiating annual workshop and courses conducted in January.
- Club Captains meeting conducted in November
- 2016 LiveLighter Swim into Spring membership growth project conducted with several Clubs participating in activities to increase membership.
- Continued promotion of MSWA to increase awareness through monthly column in Have a Go News which included promotion of LiveLighter Novice Swims and December front cover, Seniors Have a Go Day, and general promotional articles and photos.
- LiveLighter Novice swims conducted by Maida Vale and Fremantle clubs in conjunction with their OWS swims
- Excellent ongoing relationship with MSA including contributions to workshops.
- Continued excellent relationship with DSR with positive feedback on meeting Operational Plan key result area strategies.
- Continued consultation and partnership with SWA
- Relationships continued with Have a Go News, HBF Stadium (Venues West) and Cottesloe Crabs.
- Ongoing partnerships with other organisations eg. Triathlon WA, Swimming WA, Rottnest Channel Swim Association, Water Polo WA, Surf Life Saving WA, LIWA Aquatics, WA Sports Federation, AUSTSWIM, Royal Life Saving WA.
- Member of Aquatic Steering Group re facilities and requirements for our sport.
- Management of Project Coordinator and volunteers ie. Book-keeper.



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Once again, we have kindly been supported by our strategic partners, the Department of Sport and Recreation, Healthway and Lotterywest. Our other sponsors, Have a Go News, Vorgee and, our newest sponsor, Aussie Natural Spring Water have given us great support this year. Thank you to these organisations for your ongoing assistance to MSWA.

Special thanks to the many committees that have worked on different projects throughout the year. It is reassuring, as a fellow volunteer to recognise others in our community who willingly give their time to the betterment of MSWA.

Our members continue to enjoy the fitness, friendship and fun that abounds at their clubs and occasional participation in MSWA events and activities.

VIKI SHELVER

PROJECT COORDINATOR—WESTERN AUSTRALIA



2016 Masters Swimming National Championships

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

The 2016 National Championships Organising Committee wanted to make these Championships a 'little different'; something which the participants would remember well into the future.

The Committee decided that we would make every attempt to set the benchmark for future Championships in terms of sustainability, by engaging sponsors/partners who could provide assistance in 'greening' the Championships.

We had booked the venue (MSAC) after we had 'swapped' with Tasmania, with them hosting the 2015 Nationals and ourselves the 2016 Nationals. The date had been established to avoid the Grand Prix, Easter and other National/International events. Planning the meet to conclude over the Anzac Day weekend gave Melbourne extra appeal for people coming from interstate and overseas.

With all this lined up, we were confident we could come close to the numbers that Hobart had achieved in 2015 and used a consistent marketing program to ensure that we would.



We utilised the Club Assistant (CA) on-line Meet registration system. Linked to the MSA STG database on a daily basis it ensured that only registered MSA/FINA registered swimmers could register. Additionally, CA has a powerful and flexible merchandising gateway, which allowed swimmers to purchase product/services as part of their registration, as well as a 'public' gateway, which allows non-swimmers to purchase Presentation Dinner tickets.

The registrations opened in early January, with swimmers starting to register fairly quickly. Updates to both Meet Mobile and SwimPhone were done on a weekly basis. We achieved our 'target' of 550 with 10 days of the close of entries; however to our surprise and then dismay, it continued to climb over the 720 mark, finally peaking at 728 at close.

The Marketing and Social team did a fantastic job, gaining a large amount of sponsorship. A large number of Victorian swimmers entered, including great representation from all of the 5 newest clubs.

We also recognised that we needed to arrange our volunteers in a simple way, with an effective, simple on-line registration capability. It worked, but could have worked much better. Neil Mitchell and Jane Monk did an outstanding job in organising and managing the volunteers, particularly timekeepers and support staff. They ensured that we did not have to call on swimmers to assist until the final two days.



Opening Ceremony
Patrick Studio Dancers



The AOE team of Maz Strong, Linda Gunzburg and Heather O'Connor, together with the recorders – Pauline Sampson and Leanne Beames, kept the AOE room ticking.

Neil Mitchell and his superb team of technical officials also ensured that the proceedings moved swiftly and smoothly.

Last but not least a huge thankyou to Jeanette Holowiuk, Archer Talbot, Sal Cuming and Bruce Allender for their enthusiastic and delightful commentary throughout the Championships.

Swimmers Registration and merchandise handout as well as volunteer registration, were superbly handled by a range of volunteers, and ably led by Jeanette Holowiuk (a veteran of these events) and Catherine Watmough. They all worked tirelessly in sometimes difficult circumstances to make the processes work.

This report wouldn't be complete without a special mention of The Opening Ceremony, which was notable and a pleasure for those who both watched or participated. A special thank-you to Todd Patrick of Patrick Studios, who with his studio of dancers (over 70 in all) and production staff; was able to delight and entrance us for 20-30 minutes. Jane Monk and her nephew Lachie topped it off with a superb rendition of the National Anthem.



Throughout the Championships, Jan Williams and her team of efficient volunteers ensured that the technical officials timekeepers and general volunteers – 165 in total, were well fed and watered.

Lee Chaplin enthusiastically managed the Information and Awards desks, ensuring that swimmers got their medals and were kept up to date as the Championships progressed. Jane Monk and her team of Marshals kept the swimmers moving through to start each race, without fuss or panic.



2016 AWARD WINNERS

2016 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Trophy	Winner
Founders' Trophy	Powerpoints (MSV)
Runner-up Trophy	Malvern Marlins (MSV)
Visitors' Trophy	Claremont (MSWA)
President's Trophy	Blacktown (MSNSW)
Life Members Trophy	Swimland (MSV)
Female Swimmer of the Meet	Clary Munns (Blacktown Beavers, MSNSW)
Male Swimmer of the Meet	Mark Thompson (Powerpoints, MSV)
Coach of the Year 2015	Katya Anderson (Superfins, MSWA)
Official of the Year 2015	Ken Philips (MSWA)

2016 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RELAYS

Age Group Relay Trophy	Winner
72-119 years	Powerpoints (MSV)
120-159 years	Powerpoints (MSV)
160-199 years	Powerpoints (MSV)
200-239 years	Powerpoints (MSV)
240-279 years	Malvern Marlins (MSV)
280-319 years	Malvern Marlins (MSV)
320-359 years	Frankston (MSV)

2016 Vorgee Million Metre Awards

DISTANCE	NAME	CLUB	BRANCH
TWENTY Million Metres Club	Stu Fitch	Darwin Stingers	MSNT
FIFTEEN Million Metres Club	Diana Fabijan	Adelaide Masters	MSSA
SEVEN Million Metres Club	Pamela Walter	Stadium Masters	MSWA
	Helen Holmes	Brisbane Southside	MSQ
	Sandra Mutch	Swan Hills Masters	MSWA
	Jen Thommason	Brisbane Southside Masters	MSQ
	Kate Lewis	Campbelltown Collegians	MSNSW
	Graham Senders	Claremont Masters	MSWA
FIVE Million Metres Club	Andrea Dickinson	Hobart Aquatic Masters	MST
	Sandi Rigby	Seaside Pirates	MSNSW
FOUR Million Metres Club	Tracy Clarkson	Brisbane Northside Masters	MSQ
THREE Million Metres Club	Myola Walton	Twin Towns Masters	MSQ
	Darryl Flukes	Surrey Park Seahorses	MSV
	Jelle Lahnstein	Adelaide Masters	MSSA
	Adrian Tonkin	Darwin Stingers	MSNT
	Peter Kaupert	Warringah Masters	MSNSW
	Sally Hatcher	Penrith	MSNSW
	Steve Richards	Hobart Dolphins	MST
	Donna French	Hobart Aquatic	MST
	David Davies	Carine	MSWA
TWO Million Metres Club	Marlene Anderson	Cockburn Masters	MSWA
	John Rayfield	Albany Creek Masters	MSWA
	Lyn May	Twin Towns Masters	MSQ
	Craig Smith	Marion Masters	MSSA
	John Miles	Sunshine Coast	MSQ
	Anne Edmondson	Stadium Masters	MSWA
	Donna French	Hobart Aquatic	MST



2016 Vorgee Million Metre Awards

DISTANCE	NAME	CLUB	BRANCH
ONE Million Metres Club	John Middleton	Marion Masters	MSSA
	Mark O'Sullivan	Coogee Randwick	MSNSW
	Robert Hurren	Logan Aquatic Masters	MSQ
	Fran Moroney	Gladstone Gropers	MSQ
	Robert Kirkbride	Oak Flats	MSNSW
	Catherine Alexander	Tuggeranong	MSNSW
	Kim Morgans	Clarence River	MSNSW
	Dee Greenwood	Surry Park Seahorses	MSV
	Graeme Williams	Ipswich City Masters	MSQ
	Christopher Fry	Darwin Stingers	MSNT
	Katrina Burgess	Tuggeranong	MSNSW
	Robin Griffiths	Blue Mountains Phoenix	MSNSW
	Jenna Freeman	Tuggeranong	MSNSW
	Carol-Ann Infante	Claremont	MSWA
	Shiralee Bielenberg	Ipswich City Masters	MSQ
	Donna French	Hobart Aquatic	MST
	William Eversham	Tuggeranong	MSNSW



2015 Vorgee Endurance 1000

Trophy	Winner
Vorgee Endurance 1000 Award 2015	Noosa Masters (MSQ)
Vorgee Endurance 1000 Club Champion 2015	Talays (MST)

2016 MSA National Swim Series Final Results

Eight Meets made up the **2016 National Swim Series** – the MSA National Championships in Melbourne and one nominated event from each of the Masters Swimming Branches. The Series is about participation and performance! Masters Swimming members were encouraged to support these selected pool events throughout the year to be in the running for awards. Attending multiple meets gave any swimmer a better chance to compete against the “super fish” in their age group. A minimum of two Meets had to be swum to be eligible for prizes.

Age Group	Winner	Club	Meets Attended	Total Points
18 – 24	KEELY WILLIAMS	VSC	3	2144
25 – 29	EMMA BARTLEY	NNC	3	3240
30 – 34	CAROLINE SAXBY	QUQ	2	1823
35 – 39	AMANDA U	NCL, NRY	3	2233
40 – 44	SARAH JAMES	VYR	3	3598
45 – 49	KATRINA BURGESS	NTN, WRV	4	5078
50 – 54	VICKY WATSON	NRY	3	3621
55 – 59	PETA HARVEY	VDC	3	2976
60 – 64	LEIGH RODGERS	VMV	3	3626
65 – 69	JENNIFER NOCK	QTT	6	9148
70 – 74	PATRICIA BAKER	VMV	3	2847
75 – 79	BARBARA PEARCE	SMR	3	1536
80 – 84	ALICE KINNAIRD	VFR	3	2648
85 – 89	DOROTHY DICKEY	VDC	2	1774
90 - 94	VALERIE LINCOLN	NGS	2	866

Age Group	Winner	Club	Meets Attended	Total Points
18 – 24	DARIUS SCHULTZ	VHM	3	3335
25 – 29	RICHARD GODDARD	NCH	3	2657
30 – 34	MARK SENDECKY	VGS	5	7343
35 – 39	STEPHEN CRONK	VHM	3	3765
40 – 44	MATTHEW RYLAND	VVC	3	2843
45 – 49	MARK THOMPSON	VPP	3	4320
50 – 54	BARRY CARP	VAJ, VMH	3	2596
55 – 59	PAUL BLACKBEARD	WCM	3	4392
60 – 64	MACIEJ SLUGOCKI	TAC	3	3064
65 – 69	GERRY TUCKER	VMV	4	5653
70 – 74	ROD CLARKE	NWG	5	9182
75 – 79	GARY NICHOLLS	NCR	3	3723
80 – 84	JOHN COCKS	VMV	6	12196
85 – 89	BILL WALKER	NNC	3	1424

Some notable highlights from the 2016 Series:

Congratulations to the seven repeat winners from last year – Leigh Rodgers (VMV), Jennifer Nock (QTT), Dorothy Dickey (VDC), Mark Thompson (VPP), Paul Blackbeard (WCM), Maciej Slugocki (TAC) & John Cocks (VMV). Mark, Maciej and John have won their age group three years running since the Series began. Good effort! Winners came from six of the Masters Branches – NSW had nine, Queensland had two, South Australia had one, Tasmania had one, Victoria had fifteen and Western Australia had two. It was a great effort by John Cocks VMV (80 – 84) who swam at six Meets and topped the points table with 12196 points. Jennifer Nock QTT (65 – 69) also swam at six Meets and topped the women’s points with 9148; and there were twenty two new winners in 2016. \$100 Vouchers were sent to the 29 winners.

2016 Notable Performances

2016 MASTERS SWIMMING AUSTRALIA LIFE MEMBER - GERRY TUCKER

Masters Swimming Australia was pleased to present Gerry Tucker a Life Member award at the Presentation Function following the 2016 National Championships in Melbourne.

Gerry has been the Finance Director of Masters Swimming Australia since May 2007 until present. He will come to the end of his term in early 2017.

In his role he has maintained a close involvement with the operations of the National Board of Management. Gerry regularly attended the office of MSA to oversee its day-to-day operations, the financial accounts and all financial compliance requirements, including the audit of those accounts. As a result, he has a close and valuable working relationship with the General Manager and members of the MSA staff.

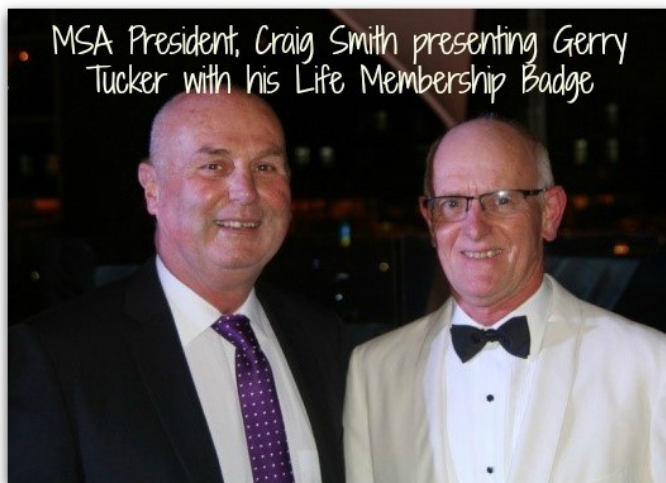


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As a retired Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers and ATO Registered Tax Agent he was well credentialed to perform the duties of the Finance Director and is well respected by the National Board of Management and the Delegates of the member Branches. The Association was in good hands for those ten years.

Gerry is a member of Malvern Marlins Masters Swimming Club in Victoria, and has been since 1992. He has had many leadership roles at the Club - as Captain (1992 to 1994) President (1994 to 1997), Recorder (1998 to 1999), Treasurer (2005 to 2008) and Head Coach from May 2009 to April 2012.

He is a passionate and regular competitor in interclub, State, National and World competitions (Christchurch 2002, San Francisco 2006, Perth 2008 and Kazan 2015) as well as the Victorian summer open water swimming events. His partner, Janette Jeffrey is also a successful and passionate swimmer with the Marlins Club.

2016 MASTERS SWIMMER OF THE YEAR—CLARY MUNNS



Masters Swimmer of the Year is for the swimmer gaining the highest number of points over a calendar year in competition in FINA recognised meets, with the points to be the sum of those for the best five swims, calculated using the current FINA points system.

Clary Munns (Blacktown) had 5 swims which scored 1000+ pts (5247) and the runner up was Janette Jeffrey (Malvern Marlins) (5033); third was John Cocks (Malvern Marlins) (4929), and fourth was Mark Thompson (4721).

2016 Notable Performances

MARGARET CUNNINGHAM INDUCTED INTO THE INTERNATIONAL MASTERS SWIMMING HALL OF FAME

Margaret was one of 6 swimmers to be inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame in the USA in 2016.

Since 1986, Margaret Cunningham, a very popular member of North Mackay Sinkers, has been in the FINA Top Ten 23 times. She has set 14 long course and 20 short course FINA Masters World Records, mostly in the freestyle and individual medley. She has supported and competed in 4 FINA World Championships since 1990 winning 10 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze medals. Margaret was born on the 23 April 1925 in Inverness, Scotland. She was the second of four girls born to Margaret and John Munro. Margaret Munro (Cunningham) started her swimming career as a young girl in Scotland, when in 1937 she came first in the one length of the pool. The swimming gala and pool lobbyist was Margaret's father, John.



- 1939 she won the Scottish Junior Championship 100 yards freestyle - 14years old [black and white photo] in the under 17 age group.
- 1940 Hockey First XI Inverness Academy (captain)
- 1946 Scottish Championship 100 yards freestyle winner
- 1946 and 1947 Athletics Full Blue, St Andrews University. (University colours top award for sport)
- 1947 Queens University Triangle meet in Belfast. (Queens, Glasgow University and St Andrews). Athletic 400 yards running and long jump champion. Margaret also competed in the Scottish verses English University Athletics meet at Linksfield UK.
- 1948 she was awarded 'Outstanding Athlete of Scotland,' World University Games Budapest, Hungary 3rd in 3 events and 4th in another ; Graduation from St Andrews University Bsc in Pure Science (Mathematics and Physics)
- 1949 British University Swimming Championships in Liverpool won the 100 and 50 yards freestyle and 50 yards Backstroke
- 1950 100 yards Freestyle and 100 yards Breaststroke, Derbyshire UK
- In February 1958 Margaret married Lindsay Cunningham (originally from Queensland Australia) in Surrey England. They had two children John 1961 and Sue 1962.
- 1968-1978: Coaching Woking Swimming Club, Surrey England
- 1978 The Royal Life Saving Society President's Commendation 1978
- 1985: Moved to Melbourne Victoria, and joined the Doncaster Dolphins Masters Swimming Club.
- 1990 Moved to Airlie Beach Whitsundays, Queensland, Australia where Margaret joined Whitsunday Warriors Masters Swimming.
- 2000 she was awarded the Australia Sports Medal.
- 2001 Australian Masters Sports Award, Masters Athlete of the year AUSSI Masters Swimming presented by Sport Industry Australia
- 2004 Whitsunday Aussi Masters, Swimming Life Membership
- 2007 Female Swimmer of the meet
- 2007 National Seniors Award Best performance of meet 50 years and over
- 2016 Queensland Masters State Championships Gold Coast.



Congratulations, Margaret on a wonderful achievement from the Masters Swimming membership!

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