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2012 Annual Report

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NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

President - Craig Smith
Finance Director - Gerry Tucker
Director - David Cummins
Director - Therese Crollick
Director - John Pollock

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

Stuart Ellicott (MSNSW)
Stephen Mullins (MSNT)
Alan Patterson (MSQ)
John Barrett (MSQ)
Robert Harris (MSSA)
Pauline Samson (MSTas)
Archer Talbot (MSV)
Lynne Malone (MSWA)

LIFE MEMBERS

Gary Stutsel (NSW)
Glenys McDonald (WA)
Peter Gillett (deceased)
Kay Cox (WA)
Ivan Wingate (WA)
Darryl Hawkes (SA)
Pauline Samson (TAS)
Mary Sweeney (QLD)
David Cummins (WA)
John Pugh (TAS)



October Spring General Meeting attendees

NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

General Manager - Noeleen Dix
Administration Manager - Emma Evans (until September 2012)
Administration Manager - Jane Barnes (commenced September 2012)
Projects Manager - Sarah Reid (nee Roach)

RESIDENT'S REPORT

CRAIG SMITH



I would like to thank the National Board of Management (NBM) members for their efforts during 2012. The NBM has a diverse complimentary set of skills and they work very well together. I would like to draw your attention specifically to the effort that Gerry Tucker dedicates to his position as the Finance Director. He not only provides the necessary financial planning expertise, but also assists with the financial management of the organisation. Thank you Gerry.

A specific project of the NBM was to begin the process of updating our strategic plan. The Board met before the Spring General Meeting in Melbourne to work on the 2013-2018 Masters Swimming Australia Strategic Plan. There is still some work to do; but we are developing some long term goals for the organisation and plan to oversee their implementation. Some specific priorities are to update the brand of the organisation and to investigate better ways to engage with the members of our community.

My thanks also go to Noeleen Dix. She is an integral and valuable part of our organisation. The work she does is too expansive to mention individually, she manages the office in a way that meets all our needs and makes the office an effective service centre for our membership. A small part time team including Sarah Reid, Emma Evans and Jane Barnes have been the point of contact for our membership throughout the year. They complement each other beautifully and transfer their knowledge to the club and branch personnel very well.

I would also like to thank the branch delegates for their work; they attend the general meetings with fresh and discerning views that contribute to good debate at the table. They give of their time freely and make well informed decisions on behalf of the organisation.

The 2012 Nationals were a great success and I wish to express our thanks to John Gamlen and his Masters Swimming South Australia organising committee. We really don't express our thanks as vocally to the organising committees as we should. So I would like to mention them all here as they have spent two years of their life organising an event for all of us to enjoy. Those involved were in alphabetical order: Leanne and Phil Beames, Jenny

Bradley, John Double, Gill Doyle, Stewart Galliford, Lorraine Pietrafesa, Brian Skeates, Allan Suskin and Mike Walker.

I would like to proffer special thanks to Pauline Samson (Talays Masters) and Frank Braun (Powerpoints) for all their work on the new Endurance 1000 portal. While it has been a long time in gestation the results are exciting and meet the needs of our endurance swimmers completely. I would also like to thank Pauline for her continuing work as the National Recorder, it is at times a very time consuming task which she manages on our behalf. She is more likely to be contacted by people dissatisfied with their records, than by grateful recipients.

For many years Paul Watmough, from the Victorian Surrey Park Sea Horses club, has been working behind the scenes in helping MSA embrace technology. Paul is now moving on from that role but deserves our thanks for helping the organisation move to an online registration system in 2009 and working with IMGSTG to adapt the system to meet our needs. He has also guided our efforts to implement online entries for Masters swim meets. A system which is being trialled at a number of swim meets at the moment. He has also, over the years provided assistance with setting up office networking and other IT activities in the national office.

We have three standing committees Coaching, Technical and Swim Meets chaired by Bruce Allender, John Marshall/ Phil Beames and John Pollock respectively. I would like to thank them for their efforts this year. They couldn't chair the committees without members so I would like to thank the members of those committees as well.

In conclusion while we are still seeing significant membership churn each year, we have reversed the decrease in membership in 2012 and our goal for the future is to maintain our numbers or aim for a slight increase. It is interesting to note that Australia has the second highest Masters Swimming membership/participation rate per capita in the world, after Germany. Participation in Australia is double what it is in the US and almost three times that of the UK. Our goal for the future is to work to maintain the health and vitality of the organisation.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

NOELEN DIX



We are fortunate at Masters Swimming Australia to have a passionate and committed National Board of Management, Branch Delegates and Coaching, Technical and Swim Meets committee members who volunteer their time and expertise to manage and lead this organisation. They are busy working people or retirees with even busier lives, but they fit in their commitments to keep this adult swimming association going.

The organisation is essentially funded by member's registrations as we do not receive any government funding, so there is a conservative approach to programs and spending. It is therefore pleasing to report a surge in memberships during 2012 and a feeling of optimism and renewed vibrancy across all of the Branches. This is in part due to the improved communications to members through up to date and interesting websites, electronic newsletters and social media forums. It is amazing what good communication channels do for an organisation!

2012 marked the relaunch of the much anticipated Masters Swimming Australia Aerobics program. There are some modifications to the rules and points scoring, an online recording portal and a new name in "Endurance 1000" which more aptly describes the activity. The other spin off with the new program, is that any competition events which are Endurance 1000 distances, are automatically transferred from the Results Portal to the Endurance 1000 portal. They talk to each other too!

Open Water Swims have enjoyed a higher profile in 2012 as well, with Masters Swimming Australia members featuring on the medal podiums across the country. Masters Swimming South Australia and Western Australia branches and clubs are very active in delivering these events, whereas the east coast states are well served by Lifesaving Clubs and community events and the odd Branch event.

The annual member registration process was totally managed online by all Clubs and Branches in 2012. The benefit of this is that each member should go online at least once every year and have the opportunity to update their individual records and register at their convenience. We have a wonderful tool in not only managing our data base but also this data being linked for online entry to meets, communications and reporting. Congratulations to the Club Committee members who went through this steep learning curve and mastered it.

Our current Strategic Plan comes to an end in 2012, so in the latter part of the year, the Board met to begin the planning for the next five years. The Victorian Associations Incorporation Act 1981 was updated and was replaced in November 2012 by the new Reform Act, so there is work to do to apply with these reforms.

Thank you to our principal sponsor Vorgee, who have been with Masters Swimming Australia for seven years with very valuable funding of our Million Metre and Endurance 1000 programs and involvement in the National Championships and Branch competitions with funding, prizes and trophies.

This annual report provides an impressive snapshot of the achievements and activities of Masters Swimming in Australia during 2012 and I hope you enjoy reading about our year.



***MSV's Malvern Marlin's during the 2012/13
Open Water Swimming Season***

FINANCE REPORT

GERRY TUCKER



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

Preamble.

The 2012 financial year reflected continued savings to the National Office of Masters Swimming Australia Inc (MSA), resulting in another surplus for the year and a sound balance sheet.

Income and Expenditure Statement

MSA recorded a net operating surplus of \$37,124 for the year, including depreciation of \$2,248 against a budgeted net operating surplus of \$8,071.

The difference of \$29,053 between the budgeted and actual net surplus is primarily made up of significant savings in expenses against budget and budgeted expenditure not required, over the course of the year, together with actual receipts exceeding budgeted receipts by approximately \$8,000.

Income

This year's revenue reflects receipt of membership subscriptions from 6,423 members for 2012, compared to 6,167 members in 2011. Bank interest received in 2012 was \$18,743, up from \$13,100 in 2011, due to better management of cash-flow and term deposits during the year.

Virtually all membership registrations were completed online this year, either directly by members or indirectly by their clubs. In future, we would like to see more and more members processing their own registrations directly through the members portal on the website.

Actual MSA gross revenue exceeded budget as a result of:

- A net increase of 256 members (a 4% increase over 2011);
- An increase in sponsorship funding of \$2,750, and;
- Other revenue differences netting about \$1,800.

Expenditure for the year was well managed and was less than budget by about \$23,000. The reduced expenditure against budget was spread across a range of expenses including:

- Reduced staff costs against budget (\$8,000);
- Legal expenses budget not required (\$4,000)
- Travel and accommodation costs for our meetings (\$1,250);
- Insurance premiums, as we continue to have a low claims history (\$3,000);
- Other NBM and subcommittee expenses (\$2,000), and;
- Other office expenses (about \$7,000).

Against these reductions in expenditure, we incurred \$3,000 in engaging an external consultant to assist us with our strategic plan and an additional \$1,300 towards the cost of our Administrators workshop.

Special Projects

The only special project for 2012 was the completion of the new Endurance program software. The cost for this project is \$5,000. Of this amount, \$500 will be payable upon final sign-off of the project.

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 our regular activities. There is sufficient cash available for budgeted operating expenditures and special projects.

Our team in the Office

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noeleen Dix, Emma Evans, Sarah Reid and Jane Barnes for their management of all matters passing through the National Office and for the support they provide to me in my role on the National Board of Management.

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
INCOME		
Branch affiliations	1,432	1,432
Coaching manuals	-	1,173
Commission on merchandise sales	49	116
Interest received	18,743	13,100
Registrations	194,423	191,129
Sanction fees	4,982	5,302
Coach accreditation fees	50	-
Sponsorships	13,750	13,000
Consulting fees from branches	1,336	-
Victorian administration fee	27,974	27,996
Total Income	262,739	253,248
EXPENSES		
Affiliations and subscriptions	200	227
Audit fees	1,430	1,100
Awards, trophies & gifts	1,668	2,943
Bank charges	179	119
Branch administrators workshop	3,852	1,241
Coaching adult swimmers	-	682
Computer software	739	643
Consultancy fee - strategic planning	3,000	-
Depreciation	2,248	2,029
Insurance	28,157	30,102
Internet fees	818	845
Legal fees	39	926
Member registration management fee	11,687	6,355
Office IT	1,130	40
Other costs	115	891
Phone & fax	2,256	3,853
Printing, postage & stationery	2,886	3,167
Publications	1,224	1,624
Rental & utilities	10,952	10,877
Sponsorship	1,789	1,332
Staff recruitment	-	260
Superannuation	10,563	10,227
Travel & accommodation expenses	23,319	23,914
Wages & salaries	117,364	114,313
Total Expenses	225,615	217,710
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	37,124	35,538

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Less Special Projects		
Coaching development of resources	-	1,813
IT committee	2,500	-
National and branch website upgrade	-	16,068
Risk management policy review	-	3,060
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>20,941</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>34,624</u>	<u>14,597</u>

Balance Sheet

As At 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash	2	385,954	357,239
Accounts receivable	3	4,537	4,187
Total current assets		390,491	361,426
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4	6,272	7,341
Total non-current assets		6,272	7,341
TOTAL ASSETS		396,763	368,767
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	5	13,821	32,279
Revenue received in advance		52,055	40,227
Total current liabilities		65,876	72,506
TOTAL LIABILITIES		65,876	72,506
NET ASSETS		330,887	296,261
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds	6	330,887	296,261
TOTAL EQUITY		330,887	296,261

Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2012

1 Accounting Policies

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

The committee have determined that the Masters Swimming Australia Inc is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no need to apply Australian Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

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:

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
2 Cash		
Cash on hand	73	17
Westpac cheque account	9,479	10,998
Westpac Debit Mastercard	735	769
Westpac Idirect account	75,667	107,440
Westpac Term Deposit	300,000	238,015
	385,954	357,239
3 Receivables		
Trade debtors	1,500	1,861
Sundry debtors	3,037	2,326
	4,537	4,187
4 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Equipment	45,913	44,734
Accumulated depreciation	(40,675)	(38,427)
	5,238	6,307
Trophies & cases	1,034	1,034
	6,272	7,341
5 Trade and Other Payables		
Trade creditors	1,351	2,043
GST clearing	4,043	1,211
PAYG	6,192	6,550
Superannuation	662	-
Accruals	1,573	22,475
	13,821	32,279
6 Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated funds brought forward	296,261	281,665
Net income/(loss) for the period	34,624	14,597
Closing balance	330,887	296,261

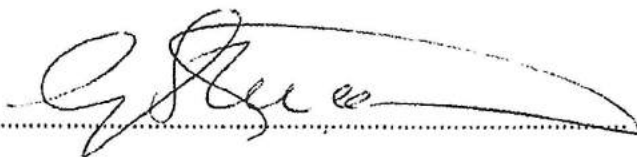
Board's Declaration

31 December 2012

In the opinion of the board, the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 6:

- (a) presents fairly the financial position of Masters Swimming Australia Inc as at 31 December 2012 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

20 February 2013.

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

NATIONAL COMMITTEES JAN - OCT 2012

Coaching

Bruce Allender*
Mark Erickson
Katherine Heenan
Jacinta Stirrat

Swim Meets

John Pollock*
John Gamlen
Jeanette Holowiuk
Jane Noake

Technical

John Marshall*
Phil Beames
Judith Crawford
Neil Keele
Ray Smythe
Gary Stutsel

NATIONAL COMMITTEES OCT - DEC 2012

Coaching

Bruce Allender*
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John Pugh
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Swim Meets

John Pollock*
John Gamlen
Jeanette Holowiuk
Jane Noake

Technical

Phil Beames*
John Marshal
Judith Crawford
Neil Keele
Diane Partridge
Stan Pearson
Don Reynolds
Gary Stutsel

* Chairmen of the Committees



*Volunteers and Technical Officials at the
National Championships*

COACHING COMMITTEE

BRUCE ALLENDER



The current National Coaching Committee has the following members:

- Bruce Allender (Chair, Victoria Branch)
- Mark Erickson (Queensland Branch)
- Kathy Heenan (South Australian Branch)
- Jacinta Stirrat (Northern Territory Branch)
- John Pugh (Tasmanian Branch)

The Intro and Club Coach accreditation courses continue to be run by the State Branches, with most activity by Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia. In addition to doing the theory and practical training in the formal presentation of these courses, coaches can also apply for accreditation by the Recognition of Current Competency (RCC) process.

The RCC requires candidates to provide certified evidence that they meet the Intro or Club Coach course requirements across seven competency areas. This is assessed through MSA head office.

A key activity of the committee is Coach of the Year. The Coaching Committee assesses the documentation for Coach of the Year from each of the State Branches and a recommendation made for the MSA Coach of the Year to the MSA Board.

The State Branches continue to offer occasional workshops for local coaches. This is an area that requires more work by the Committee to liaise on course offering to share the knowledge and opportunities.

Several masters coaches (and related specialists like Peter Reaburn) have made contributions to the MSA e-news. These coaching articles regularly have the highest hit rates by readers.

Concept planning is underway for an elite Masters Coach to run one or more specialist coaching weekend practical workshops in the eastern states – probably Queensland – towards the end of 2013. The intention is to be self-funded, with preference given to active coaches, with other interested swimmers if they can be accommodated. Aiming for 15 participants or more to make a weekend viable, but still small enough for individual attention.



*NBM member, Therese Crollick with the
2011 MSA Coach of the Year, Danny Crowe
from MSNSW club Wett Ones*

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

JOHN MARSHALL & PHIL BEAMES



The NTC members for 2012 were Phil Beames (SA), Ray Smythe (Qld), Judith Crawford (WA), Neil Keele (NSW), Gary Stutsel (NSW/ACT) and John Marshall (Vic) as chair. Ray stood down in March and was replaced by Stan Pearson as Queensland's representative. At the October General Meeting three members, Judith, John and Neil were required to stand down but they all nominated again and were reappointed. At the same meeting Di Partridge of NSW and Don Reynolds of Tasmania were appointed for the first time. Welcome to Di and Don. Northern Territory does not have a representative but are copied in on any important discussions.

Following the October elections, John stood aside as committee chair and in November, I was elected as the new chair. On behalf of the committee I want to thank John for his contribution in leading the committee over the last year and look forward to his ongoing valuable input.

The main achievements of the NTC during the year were;

- Finalising the revision of the candidates and presenters notes for the Referee technical course.
- In reviewing rules, recommended changes to the first clarification of rule SW6.4 relating to backstroke turns. The revised clarification was approved at the October General Meeting and has been updated in the rules; which will improve consistency between MSA officials and alignment of the MSA interpretation of the rule with Swimming Australia (SAL).

- Held extensive discussions regarding breaststroke turns and the interpretations used by the various states resulting in minor adjustments to the DQ codes and an improved consistency in interpretation by MSA officials nationally.
- Small but significant updates to the web site to ensure that swimmers can readily access the swimwear rule documentation.

Looking forward to 2013, the main focus of the NTC is still the ongoing issue of how to encourage individuals to become accredited officials, develop strategies to retain those officials and to prepare to replace those who stand down. A meeting of the NTC and branch technical directors was approved at the October General Meeting and has been organised for April in Sydney to coincide with the National Championships. This will provide an excellent opportunity for all states to share their experiences, put forward ideas and propose solutions to this ongoing problem.

The NTC continues to provide 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.

TECHNICAL COURSES

	General principles of officiating	Timekeeper	Chief Timekeeper	Check starter/ Clerk of Course	Marshal	Starter	Inspector of Turns	Judge of Strokes	Referee	Total
NSW	10	8	5	5	5	1	1	1	0	36
QLD	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	6
TAS	2	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	2	12
VIC	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	15
WA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	8

SWIM MEETS COMMITTEE

JOHN POLLOCK



The 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 2012 were John Gamlen (SA), 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 Rules and By Laws and the experience of each year's National Championships.

A major revision of the Guide was undertaken in 2012, with a new edition published on the National website in November 2012.



*Competitors at the 2012 Nationals in Adelaide
in the Marshalling Room*

NATIONAL RECORDER

PAULINE SAMSON



This year was an eventful one with swimmers having the opportunity to compete in over 96 events in the seven branches, the National Championships in Adelaide and the FINA World Swim, Riccione, Italy.

There were 275 individual and 28 relay National records achieved in 2012, in both short and long course events. Also there were 11 individual and two relay World Records applied for and approved by the World Recorder.

In 2012, Endurance 1000 replaced the National Aerobic Trophy competition. A new web based recording program was developed and used by recorders. As this was a 'test year' enhancements and modifications were added during the year. The feedback from the recorders has been positive and there was increased participation of both clubs and swimmers as all eligible swims are now added to the results, from the Results Portal.

There were 1884 swimmers who participated in 2012 compared to 985 in 2011, although only 81 completed all swims compared with 88 in 2011.

It must be noted that all eligible swims earn points and this would've contributed to the increased participation in 2012.

The results are 'live' as swims are recorded and available for viewing. As the results are now recorded as an event, swimmers can check their ranking within this set of results.

The Records Results Portal (on the website) has continued to provide a wealth of information and more members are using this to check on their swims and rankings as meets are added.

I would like to thank the club and branch recorders for their support during 2012 and their diligence in presenting the results. My thanks also to Frank Braun for his ongoing assistance with the maintenance of the records/results portal, and his support with the Endurance 1000 and to Thy Rith for his tireless efforts in ensuring that the program has met all expectations.

NATIONAL RECORD STATISTICS

RECORDS

Statistics of entries from the records/results portal	Total since 2002	2012
Meets	1390	100
Individual results	615839	38771 (inc 18423 e1000)
Relay results	23703	1097
Records - Individual national and branch	53951	1582 (Nat 274, Branch 1308)

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP BY YEAR AND BRANCH											
BRANCH	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
ACT	169	164	152	153	140	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	1724	1631	1640	1645	1670	1737	1679	1729	1719	1620	1557
NT	156	132	105	89	109	123	170	169	161	154	148
QLD	1886	1660	1606	1517	1455	1414	1348	1425	1316	1138	1280
SA	658	597	612	611	606	605	600	604	606	577	635
TAS	305	301	281	309	296	298	317	296	296	280	299
VIC	1134	1065	993	987	1013	929	900	920	975	965	1055
WA	1277	1303	1227	1217	1189	1277	1344	1324	1398	1442	1448
Total	7309	6853	6616	6528	6478	6383	6358	6467	6471	6176	6422



**includes Life membership, does not include
Second Claim membership*

**Darwin Stingers with their awards at the
2012 National Championships in Adelaide**

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH



Governance

Masters Swimming NSW is governed by a Board of seven members assisted by position holders in Endurance, Coaching, Recording, Technical, Training and Technology. The Board was re-elected unopposed at the Annual General meeting in May. MSNSW offices, located at Sports House in Sydney Olympic Park, remain rent free; we pay for outgoings.

Promotions

State funding was again granted from the Sport and Recreation Division, Department of Education and Communities and allocated to a Go Country scheme for travel and accommodation subsidies to enable regional members to attend Branch championships. This was accepted, with thanks, from many swimmers who travelled hundreds of kilometers across the State to attend the Short Course and Long Distance Championships.

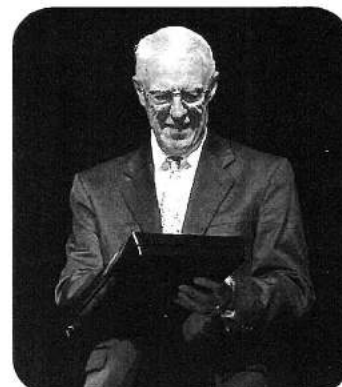
2012 was a preparatory year for hosting the National Championships in 2013 and a committee was formed that managed to cover a lot of groundwork for the event. Sponsors were approached, venues booked, quotes gathered, funding applied for, product sourced, surveys conducted and calls went out for Officials, Volunteers, Raffle holders and Happy Hour hosts. The work load on a few was huge and they responded with high energy and gusto.

Coaching Team

Two of the new Intro to Coaching courses were run, one in Metro Sydney and one on the far north coast. Our thanks go to Di Coxon-Ellis for running these courses ably assisted by John Kulhan and Vicky Watson. Di has provided updated information for the coach page on the NSW website.

Technology Team

This team uploaded swim meet programs to the website before meets and listed results promptly after each meet. *Splash-e*, the MSNSW newsletter, is now available solely online. Communication with clubs is electronic via a Branch Monthly News following every Board meeting and includes any associated documents. These documents are also posted on the website and Facebook each month. This volunteer team spent months successfully working towards the upgrade of the website.



NSW Masters Athlete of the Year
Tony Goodwin

Awards

Helen Rubin from Ryde Club was a finalist in the NSW Sports Federation Awards in the category for Distinguished Long Service and Tony Goodwin from Manly club won the prestigious award for Masters Athlete of the Year. MSNSW was thrilled that Danny Crowe (Wett Ones) won the 2011 National Coach of the Year award.



Tuggeranong at the MSNSW Long Distance Championships

Facebook

The Branch opened its Facebook page in May in time for the FINA World Masters Swimming Championships in Riccione, Italy. This proved an instant way to communicate results and activities of our swimmers. The volunteer Facebook Administrator has taken to this role with so much enthusiasm it has prompted many members to open their first social media account.

Endurance Recorder

Jenny Whiteley has again volunteered to hold the position of Branch Endurance 1000 Recorder and coped brilliantly with the new system and its foibles. Jenny had many, many enquiries and finished the year with successful results all entered almost on time. MSNSW thanks Pauline Samson for her tireless efforts in getting us all up to speed with the new program, she remained professional and patient throughout a very hectic year.

Safety

The Branch Safety Coordinator, Jodie Burke, continued to ensure that clubs follow the national safety guidelines, particularly in completing Incident Report Forms at all club and interclub activities. The importance of safety for Masters Swimmers is recognised as an essential part of our meets and all Meet Directors are mindful of safety regulations and requirements. The new Workplace, Health and Safety Act took effect in January and its impact and implications were researched.



Wet Ones members at the inaugural Sydney Skinny.

Technical Project Team

The Branch Training Coordinator, Di Partridge, organised training courses on request and provided support and continuing education for all technical officials. The Branch is grateful for the mentoring received from Gary Stutsel who remains available and willing to answer questions and get involved in any areas that require advice. Di and Gary held a full day training for all Referees and IOT's for an open forum and update of information.

Thanks to the members of this project team and all those who coordinated and presented courses during the year, MSNSW continues to have a healthy base of officials.

Top Ten System

The web-based Top Ten system continues to be an invaluable source of up-to-date information on member's results, Top Ten rankings and records. The database is updated from swim meets throughout the year, and additional manual entries are added at the end of the year from club time trials and non-MSA meets.

Swim Meets

26 sanctioned meets were held throughout the NSW and ACT in 2012. This was made up of 11 long course and 15 short course meets. The Branch Long Course Championships were held at SOPAC over two days in March. 251 entries from 42 clubs. The Branch relay meet in July was held in the Diving Pool at SOPAC, attracting 336 swimmers from 20 clubs. The Branch long-distance long-course championships were held in November at Blacktown, with 96 swimmers from 28 clubs. The Branch short-course championships were held in October over two days at Woy Woy on the Central Coast. They attracted 269 competitors from 42 clubs.

Acknowledgements

We again had the assistance of Volunteering NSW at Branch championships with timekeeping and running and are most appreciative of their presence. We have two dedicated members who volunteer their time on a regular basis to assist in the branch office, Kevin Stirling and Jamie Turner and I thank them for their work, their company and their fun sense of humour.

Many thanks also to the National General Manager and Administration Managers for their great support during 2012 often on a daily basis. Thank you Noeleen, Sarah, Emma and Jane.

Jillian Pateman
MSNSW Secretary

NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH



MEMBERSHIP

The Northern Territory continued to have the highest percentage of its population as members of MSA clubs of any jurisdiction in Australia. Membership in 2012 reached 151, down on the previous year's total of 159, but still comprising 0.067 of the population – Alice Springs 42, Darwin 97, Katherine 3, Palmerston & Rural 9.

CLUBS

One new club – Palmerston & Rural (in Outer Darwin) a "One Club", was formed in February and one existing club, Katherine Kroaks, was dissolved.

SWIM MEETS

The NT Branch held five swim meets during 2012. The Branch Long Course Championships were held in Darwin in March and the Short Course Championships were held in conjunction with the Alice Springs Masters Games in October. Three interclub virtual meets were conducted during the year - in January, March and November. The January meet was also an open Australia Day Carnival.



*Swimmers at the
Alice Springs Masters Games*

FUNDING

The main source of funding for the Branch was again the NT Department of Sport and Recreation, whose generous grant covered all branch administration costs and provided funds for travel subsidies, coach development and other activities.



*Darwin Stingers at the
Singapore Masters
International Meet*

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

Two Darwin Club members took part in the 2012 FINA World Masters Championships in Riccione in June. Gerda Williams (70-74) had an outstanding meet, with two gold medals, one silver and one bronze, a 5th place and two MSA National Records. A large contingent of 25 Darwin Club members attended the Singapore Masters' International Meet in October, winning a large number of events and breaking many Singapore National Records.



*Darwin Stingers at the
Singapore Masters International Meet*

BRANCH MEETINGS

Regular branch meetings were held in Darwin, with a Darwin member representing the Alice Springs club when the delegate from that club was unable to attend. The AGM was held in Darwin in November.

BRANCH MANAGEMENT

Adrian Tonkin of the Darwin Stingers Club was elected Branch President at the AGM held in November, replacing Steve Mullins, who has moved to Perth.

John Pollock
MSNT Secretary



QUEENSLAND BRANCH



Since the 2012 AGM at Hervey Bay I have gained a great appreciation of the dedication and efforts of our Board Members and our Branch Administrator as well as the contribution of members who volunteer their time to run their club, coach their fellow members and help run our swim meets as officials. Thank you to you all.

I would like to recognise the work of our immediate past President, Therese Crollick. Therese is still very active in Masters Swimming, not only as a swimmer and meet organiser, but also as a National Board member of Masters Swimming Australia.

Governance

The Board met six times during 2012: four teleconference meetings and two face to face meetings in Brisbane. Swimming Queensland CEO, Kevin Hasemann attended both of the face to face meetings for discussions about our interaction with Swimming Queensland.

We continue to have a service level agreement in place with SQ. This covers the services of our Branch Administrator, Helga Ward, as well as financial administration, registration and records. There are many benefits in having these services provided by experienced staff but we must be mindful of the costs involved.

Communication

Whilst the Swimmers News is still published we have continued to adopt modern communication tools and expand our use of our web site, Facebook and twitter. The odd face to face discussion doesn't go astray and I think many people appreciated the attendance of Board members at the Nudgee meet on the day after the Board face to face meeting. Vice Presidents are also trying to get out there and 'test the water' and enjoy the opportunity to discuss issues with members.

Programs

MSX - 2012 was the second year of our MSX which has been well received.

Participation and Improvement - This program was developed to offer something more to the majority of masters swimmers who do not regularly compete. Winners were announced in July and the level of involvement from clubs was not as high as anticipated and programs varied. The Board has reviewed the situation and relaunched a

new format for all clubs in January 2013.

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.

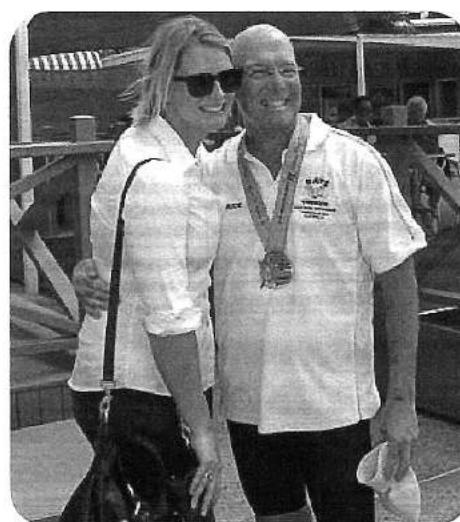
Competition

Hervey Bay Club hosted a very successful State Championships in March. Feedback from the Club has been noted and the State Championships Guidelines rewritten. Quite a few Queensland members made the trip to Adelaide for the 2012 National Championships. The meet was conducted at the new aquatic complex in Marion.

The swimming component of the 2012 Pan Pac Masters Games was held at the Southport Pool. Turbulent weather made life difficult for swimmers and organisers. A new Commonwealth Games aquatic facility will be built on the site and may be available for the 2014 Pan Pacs.

The winner of the MSX program and a few other Queenslanders travelled to Italy for the 2012 FINA World Masters Championships. Competition was tough but a few top ten medals made the return trip to Australia.

Club swims continued throughout the State with members travelling long distances to attend. One thing that always seems to be appreciated is when someone from Brisbane attends a swim meet in Cairns or vice versa.



Bruce Muller with Leisel Jones at the Pan Pacs

Coaching

Mark Erickson continued as the Branch Coaching Director and implemented the new Level 1 program with the Assistance of Tony Keogh. Mark and his partner, Raylene Rasmussen, regularly contribute excellent articles for the Swimmers News and the MSA e-newsletter.

Technical

Ray Smythe and our other officials continue to ensure that swim meets are able to be run. Stan Pearson has now taken over the role on the National Technical Committee, representing MSQ.

Other Branch Activities

We are currently planning to host the 2014 National Championships in Rockhampton. We are mindful that there is only a small club in Rockhampton and the Board will need to have a hands-on approach to organisation. Given the extreme weather events experienced in Queensland in 2011 and in the early months of 2013 we are hoping that this will provide a focal point for the Queensland swimmers especially those in the central region.

John Barrett
MSQ President



Aqualicious at the MSQ State Titles



***Nudgee Brothers members with
Leisel Jones at the Pan Pacs***

SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH



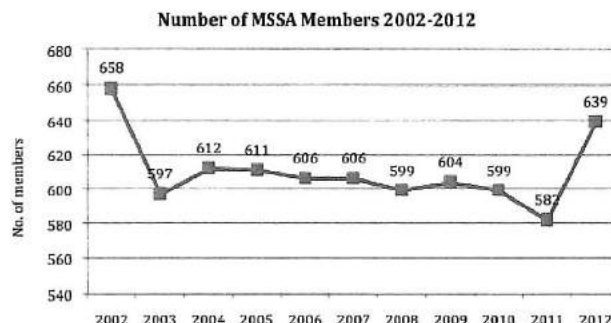
I took on the role of Secretary following the 2012 AGM and was quickly thrown in to all things Masters Swimming. In May 2012 I attended a workshop in Melbourne for all MSA Administrators/Secretaries. This was a fantastic opportunity to meet those in similar roles around Australia and to learn from their experiences. A focus of the workshop was Social Media and how Master Swimming could better use this tool to communicate with members and Clubs. A Facebook page for MSSA was established and the number of likes steadily increased throughout the year. As of 18 February 2013 we had 99 "likes".

The Branch Council has met monthly throughout the year with a good attendance level and with most clubs represented at each meeting. The Branch now has an additional affiliated Club with Blue Lake Y (Mount Gambier) becoming a "One Club" affiliate. Thank you to Ruth Warren for her work in the role as Registrar and for helping me to understand the many registration and membership issues that occur throughout the year.

Membership numbers at the end of 2012 were:

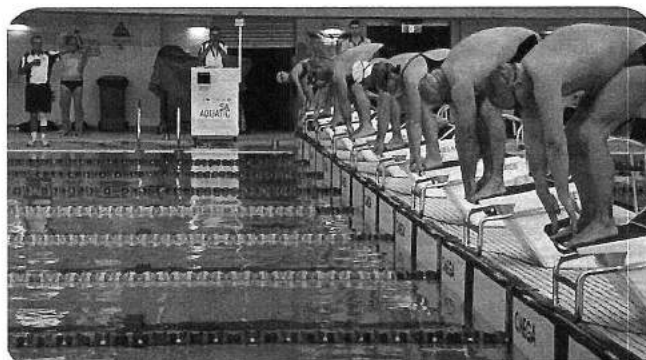
Club	2011	2012
Adelaide	139	147
Aquadome Otters	22	27
Atlantis	87	101
Blue Lake Y	-	0
Henley Beach	77	78
Marion	127	121
Mildura	0	10
Noarlunga	47	55
Onkaparinga	7	12
Port Augusta	13	11
Strathalbyn	2	1
Tea Tree Gully	42	54
Western Districts	19	22
Total	582	639

Total membership numbers have risen and are the highest they have been since the peak 2002.



The Branch has recently leased office space within State Association House at 105 King William Street, Kent Town. We have an office, access to a meeting room, kitchen, and storage facilities, enabling MSSA to cease the lease of the U-Store It facility. We will be holding all the MSSA committee meetings at State Association House and utilising the office space for smaller catch-ups and administrative work. State Association House is home to many small sports associations within South Australia and will provide us with opportunities to link up with other sporting clubs and organisations.

The Branch website has continued to be well maintained and utilised for swim results, notices and general information. It is a critical tool for MSSA to promote events, clubs and MSSA activities. Many thanks to Leanne Beames for her efficient and seemingly endless updates to this website throughout the year.



MSSA members on the starting blocks at an MSSA Interclub event.

MSSA have tried a different method of communicating with our members via both the website, Facebook and now a monthly Branch Update. The Branch Update replaces the E-News. Thank you to Jan Mykyta for her efforts in compiling the E-News every fortnight. The Branch Update aims to inform members of important things happening at the Branch level each month and to pass on information discussed at the monthly committee meetings.

The Branch purchased a new photocopier last year for printing swim meet programs, open water swim programs and advertising brochures.

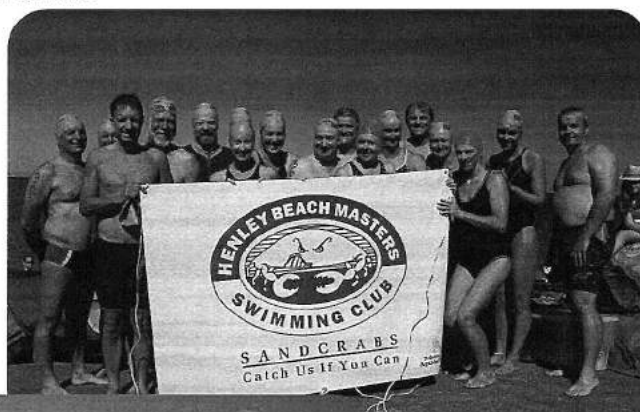
Thank you to all Branch committee members and club delegates for their work and assistance during the year. I look forward to another successful year for Masters Swimming in SA in 2013.

Sarah Crossman
MSSA Secretary

***MSSA Clubs are well represented at
Open Water Swims***



Adelaide Masters



Henley Beach Masters



**Marion Masters
(to the left)**



Aquadome Otters



Tea Tree Gully Kingfishers

TASMANIAN BRANCH



Membership closed at the end of December 2012 with 297 members 152 females & 145 males of which 61 were new registrations. Numbers have increased this year which brings us back in line with 2009 & 2010.

Over the year, the Branch conducted four championship meets with clubs using Team Manager to enter their swims. IMG have set up entering online for swim meets, this was trialled in 2012 and it is expected that swims in 2013 will be using this system. Some members participated in the National Championships in Adelaide, the World Championships in Riccione, Italy and the Pan Pacific Masters Games on the Gold Coast.

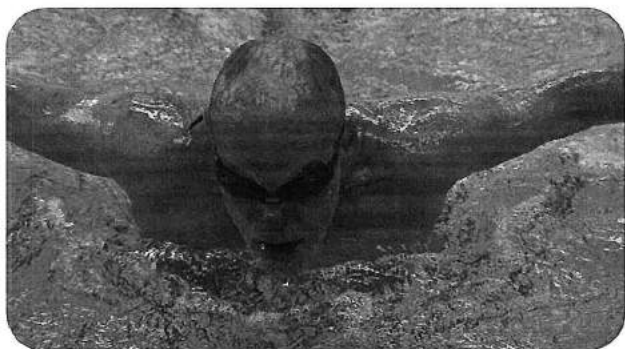
2012 was the first year of Endurance 1000 (e1000) with a new point scoring system and also a new program for entering all swims online. Talays Club from Tasmania are again the top point scorers for 2012. Eligible swims are now imported for all swimmers from swim meets, so some clubs are now in the results for first time. A total of 105 swimmers completed 1 or more of the swims and all swims 400+ are eligible for points.

The Branch has presented 4 courses for officials and is now filling most of the positions on pool deck from our own members. Other courses offered to our members were for First Aid and a coaching clinic. Both clinics were well attended with useful tips and valuable advice given. We will aim to continue all courses for the future.

Many of our members have ventured into the sea to experience open water swimming. We also have members involved in triathlons, competing around the state.

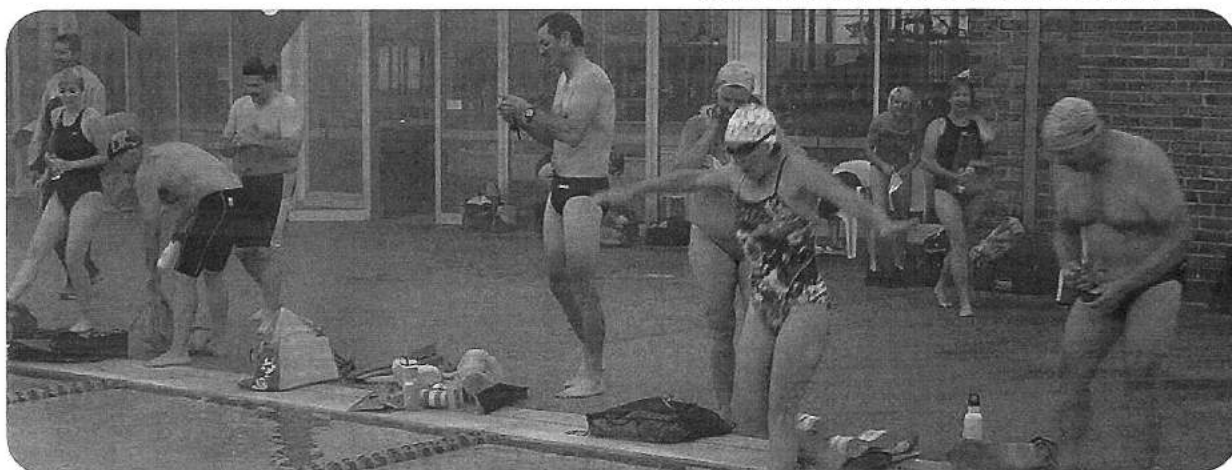
We look forward to another great year of Masters swimming both at home, nationally and overseas.

Amanda Duggan
President



Mendelt Tilema from Talays competing in the 200m butterfly at the 2012 MSTas Winter Championships

Launceston Masters swimmers take the plunge to commence Saturday morning training, despite the heavy fog and nippy temperatures in the outdoor pool at Launceston Aquatic



Photos thanks to Rod Oliver.

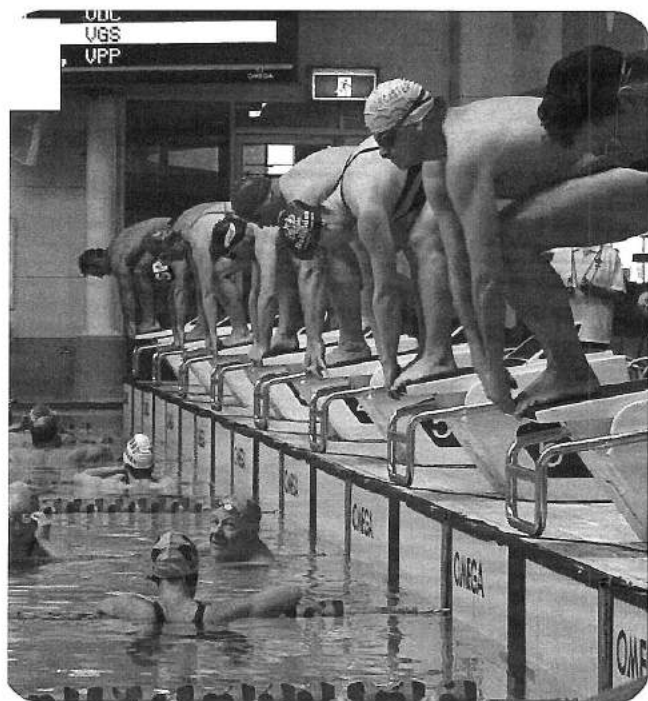
VICTORIAN BRANCH

I am very happy to report that MSV has had a good year. Our membership base reached 1073, the highest it has been in ten years and our committee has grown larger. MSV ran four state meets which were well attended and financially we are in a sound position.

MSV mandated that Clubs had to be incorporated to affiliate with MSV and this meant that two very small clubs folded (there is a minimum of five members required for incorporation purposes) and six Clubs had to complete their incorporation before re-affiliating. MSV has 28 Clubs.

MSV Clubs embraced the compulsory online registration process, with the system benefitting the volunteer administrators of the Clubs and giving members access to their online profiles. This also prepares the membership for using the online entry system in the future and the ability to keep their personal details up to date.

MSV re-signed the service agreement with Masters Swimming Australia in the mid year, shelving the plans to formalise a closer arrangement with Swimming Victoria.



Committee - governance

It has been a great turnaround to have new members join the committee. Ron Savage has taken over as Recording Director from Paul Watmough; and with his computer programming background Ron has hit the ground running with all of the IT and data work required. Sonia Halsvik has taken over as Chair of the MSV Swim Meet Committee, which was previously held by Jeanette Holowiuk. Sonia has helped to reinvigorate the SMC, which is vital to the ongoing well-being of MSV. I am very much looking forward to working with Ron, Sonia and the new SMC in 2013, which will lead soon enough to the Victorian National Championships in 2015.

Once again great work, which is much appreciated, has been done over the course of the year by our long-serving volunteer members: Linus Cresp, John Marshall, Bruce Allender, Jeanette Holowick and Viv Merrill. We also have the support of a number of key volunteers who help in a variety of operational ways: Jan Williams, Bruce Ripper, Danny Smith, Julie Johnson, Susie Kempson and Linda Gunzburg.

I would also like to thank Noeleen Dix, Emma Evans, Sarah Roach and Jane Barnes for all of their work in the office. The communication channels are now wide-open, with e News and emails feeding great information to all of our members. There seems to be a new buzz around masters swimming in Victoria, which is fabulous, and the efforts, organisation and communication by the office is a great part of this.



MSV's Golden Girls - Clarice Artis, Trudy Bullivant, Nancy Ayres and Hazel Gillbee from North Lodge, set the 360-399 years 4x25metre Freestyle World Record

Sports Development Officer

Suzanne Mockridge worked for MSV for six months as the Sport Development Officer. She worked hard in increasing our exposure in the Victorian swimming community, and gained great success with the inclusion of our advertising flyers in many open water swim packs - 10,000 flyers were distributed over the summer, including the Lorne Pier-2-Pub.

The board also supported Suzanne's proposal to have pop up A-frame boards for all masters clubs (based on the WA model). Clubs are currently in the process of accepting this, and will also receive a lap swimming specific advertising flyer to be distributed at local pools.

Unfortunately Suzanne resigned at the end of December; however the board voted to employ a new person to continue on with her good work in 2013. The employment of an SDO by the MSV board is a deliberate strategy to re-invest our member's money for the benefit of the organisation, as proposed in the last annual report.

Australian Masters Games - Planning

The MSV board voted to decline the invitation to run the Australian Masters Games in Geelong in October 2013. This was for a variety of reasons, but one over-riding factor was the location - none of the Swim Meets Committee live in Geelong, so logistically it would be extremely difficult to give the time required to the organisation and delivery of the event.

However, Swimming Victoria have taken on the running of the swimming component of the AMG, and the CEO of SV, approached MSV for volunteers to assist on a steering committee to facilitate the organisation of the AMG in October. Three masters swimmers are now on that committee: Gill O'Mara, Linley Frame and Neil Mitchell (technical). Thank you to them for volunteering.



*Surrey Park members at the North Lodge
Neptunes Pentathlon*

2013

The continued strengthening of the MSV committee and board is the main key goal for 2013, we have a group of wonderful volunteers but they need more help!

The tasks that lie ahead include: planning a Victorian OWS for 2014 as a preparation for the Nationals event in 2015, starting preparation for the Nationals in Melbourne 2015, employment of replacement SDO, refinement of the online registration system for events, and the running of all the usual business of a masters swimming organisation!

Archer Talbot
President



*MSV Coaches and members at the Masters Swimming Coaching
Workshop held by Powerpoints coach Brenton Ford in October*

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

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 using interest from the investment account and many took advantage of this opportunity to purchase equipment or for other great initiatives.

Four Council of Clubs meetings were held and the AGM held in February. Two Council meetings included award presentations which were well received - see highlights below.

Mid October Fremantle's Liz Beal joined the Board as Director of Marketing and has quickly brought her expertise to the role. The Board continues to thrive and enjoy their roles whether at strategic or operational level and are a great team.

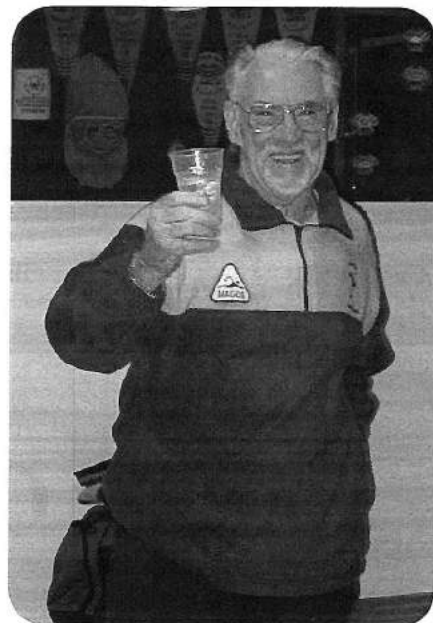


MSWA's new patron - Deane Pieters

New initiatives and highlights

- New Patron - Olympian Deane Pieters appointed and is already walking the talk in support of a new pool in the north metro area
- New 5-year Merit & 10-year Excellence Service Awards program established with 24 members presented at 2012 AGM
- Membership growth achievements - new clubs Southside Wesley, Bay View Saints & Wanneroo affiliated. Bunbury club has achieved great growth of 37% over past 18 months which was direct result of new Coach and various programs conducted since
- Information sessions held at Geraldton and Central Aquatic clubs to assist in growth
- New workshop conducted for new and small clubs to assist and support through networking

- Archived history of MSWA and its people including records of internal and external awards loaded onto website
- A-frame promotional banners produced for new 2012 Clubs
- New Regional Coaching Clinics (3) and Coach mentoring sessions conducted by Fremantle's Kim Tyler with the project now to be conducted annually. Also Kim included a year's worth of laminated programs of different levels for each country club
- MSA Coaching Courses - 3 conducted in 2012
- Annual awards presentation & function held at May Council meeting
- Secured motivational guest speaker for annual Presidents meeting in September
- Country Correspondence Carnival coordinated by MSWA with good participation from 4 country clubs through January to March
- Successful IMG COL workshop conducted by National Administrator in August
- Facebook established and record hits achieved when the report and photos loaded of the late Perc Edwards (2,800 hits in 3 days)



MSWA's beloved Perc Edwards

Other projects and activities

- o 2012 State OWS event increased entry participation to 250 (50 increase)
- o Successful professional development workshops for Coaches (2) conducted
- o Technical Officiating courses and annual refresher workshop conducted with financial support from State Government through Dept of Sport and Recreation
- o Successful Team Manager workshop conducted
- o Club Captains meeting conducted in September to coordinate 2013 pool events program
- o Revamped promotional advert in Rottnest Channel Swim annual racebook using established branding format
- o 2012/13 OWS calendar advertisers down from 36 to 33 (2 events chose not to advertise & 1 event cancelled). Usual distribution of 7,500 calendars
- o Annual awards presented at May council of clubs meeting
- o Quarterly E-News distributed to members and stakeholders
- o Website is updated weekly for both members and general swimming community
- o MSWA finished 2012 with stable membership numbers of 1,434 which was slightly down on 2011 by 10. Clubs numbered 37 at the end of 2012

*Sponsorship and Stakeholder Relationships

- o Achieved increase in sponsorship funding from Healthway for 2013/14 and managed move to new health message strategy LiveLighter
- o Achieved new and increased sponsorship for OWS program with HBF & provided all OWS clubs with funds to ensure HBF promotion & signage support
- o Achieved special funding from State Government through Department of Sport and Recreation to assist with 2012 State Championships which were held in regional City of Bunbury.

- o Continued excellent relationship with Vorgee for pool events calendar and OWS calendar sponsorship with additional support for awards and events
- o Good relationship ongoing with DSR with positive feedback at quarterly meetings
- o Continued good relationship with Swimming WA through regular meetings
- o Relationships continued with Have a Go News, Challenge Stadium (Venues West)
- o Continued promotion of MSWA to increase awareness through monthly column in Have a Go News which included promotion of BE ACTIVE Novice Ocean Swim (front cover November edition), Seniors Have a Go Day, and general promotional articles

Acknowledgements

MSWA continues to thrive at both State and Club level due to the fantastic contributions of our volunteers including the great team of Technical Officials. Volunteer Coaches form the backbone of most clubs as the major membership benefit. MSWA focuses on supporting these volunteers as much as possible whether it be through awards and recognition or opportunities of free attendance at industry seminars and workshops.

WA members continue to enjoy the fitness, friendship and fun that abounds at their club with quite a number training in order to participate in the annual open water swim series and the odd pool meet.

Wendy Holtom
Executive Officer



MSWA 5 Year Merit Award Winners



MSWA 10 Year Excellence Award Winners

37TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Overview

The 37th National Championships was a highly successful event that was conducted in a friendly atmosphere at an impressive venue. The organisation and structures were well planned by the Organising Committee and resulted in an efficient and free flowing event that swimmers found enjoyable and personally satisfying.

In particular the two aspects that were very different and successful were that each competitor received a bottle of excellent S.A. wine on registration and at each Happy Hour, Relay Medals for that day were presented.

Venue

The SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre was a relatively new venue and there were many policies and practices that were not well established resulting in most decisions being made by negotiation.

Control Room

The AOE operator was Phil Bowen. Phil has excellent knowledge of the system at SAALC and without his expertise there was the potential for major disruptions. Phil received prompt attention when timing pads needed replacement – this happened 3 times over the 4 days.

Health and Safety

Fortunately the event was relatively free of incidents. There were a number of factors that contributed to this including very effective non-slip matting along all walkways and support from pool staff in ensuring that hazards were minimal and controlled. There was an occasional slip and fall but no serious injuries.

Branch Challenge Relay

The Branch Relay was conducted as the last event of the competition. It was 8 x 50 m Freestyle. The winner was South Australia – just 0.92 seconds over their nominated time.

Finance

The budget was estimated using the reports of previous years as guides and OC experience from the 2004 National event run in SA. The only certain cost was the sanction fee and there were few other fixed costs. The key to successful funding is in the number of swimmers entering and we

were relieved when the 400 mark was passed having written the budget on a conservative 440.

Little expense was incurred prior to the closing of entries on March 5th. The major early expense, was the promotional flyer printed and distributed in the 12 months prior to the event, the logo and the booking fee for the presentation dinner venue. SA branch funds covered these early costs. Cash flow was never a problem. The swim caps were designed but the final order held until entries were closed to avoid the cost of oversupply. Prepayment was taken for some merchandise. Medals showed the largest variance, the budget figure was double the actual cost.

Government grants for the event were not available and sponsorship from local business, clubs and the council was sought. \$4320 was generously donated. The wine project was conceived to raise funds and pay for itself. 128 cases of quality SA wine were purchased and labelled for the event. One third was given away as a quality souvenir to each swimmer and the balance was successfully sold and covered the expenses of all the wine. Further funds were raised from raffles and the sale of merchandise.

Expenses of the OC were managed carefully and a successful event has returned a small operating surplus of \$ 3500.

Meet Recorder's Report

82 clubs from across Australia competed in the event, along with one overseas competitor.

State	Clubs
Western Australia	12
South Australia	10
Victoria	13
New South Wales	26
Queensland	14
Northern Territory	2

417 athletes submitted entries, with 398 athletes actually competing in the event. The split of competitors was 186 males and 212 females.

The majority of clubs entering used the online entry system in conjunction with the Team Manager/Team Manager Lite software. This made all aspects of recording much easier than manual entry sheets.

During the event, 3 World individual records - 2 female and 1 male, 53 National individual records - 34 female and 19 male and 2 National female relay records were set.

Relay entries were not a problem as clubs had nominated relays with their entries.

Provisional results were posted in an easily accessible position and remained there for 30 minutes before the final results were posted. At the completion of each day's swimming, all results were uploaded to the Masters Swimming Australia results portal and results were made available for download from the Masters Swimming SA and Masters Swimming Australia websites.

Meet Referee's Report

Event Summary

Day	Hours of Swimming	Comments
Day 1	5 hours and 35 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 hour lunch break •Finished 12 minutes early
Day 2	7 hours and 53 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1/2 hour lunch break •Finished 18 minutes early
Day 3	6 hours and 50 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •40 minutes lunch break •Finished 5 minutes late
Day 4	5 hours and 7 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •12 minutes late starting •3/4 hour lunch break •Finished 5 minutes early

Total Hours of the Program: 25 hours and 25 minutes

Technical Officials:

24 Technical Officials volunteered to help at the meet, 11 from SA, 10 from other states and 3 Swimming SA officials. We acknowledge the time and effort of these Technical Officials in the various roles of Event Referees, Starters, Judge of Strokes, Inspector of Turns, Marshall's/Clerks of Course, Check Starters and the Recorder/AOE Operators. As this was only a small team of volunteers the majority of people were on pool deck for all 8 sessions of the meet, including those who swam events.

The team of technical officials met for a briefing each day, going through any items of concern, rule interpretation etc. and were given the opportunity to compare notes. This also assisted in starting on time as all

officials were in position at least 15 minutes before the start.

Only two timekeepers per lane were used to operate the AOE back-up buttons. A small team of volunteer timekeepers were present each day but not in sufficient numbers to fill all positions which meant we had to rely on some help from swimmers/spectators at each session. Our thanks to those who helped out when required.

The technical officials and numerous swimming and non-swimming timekeepers all worked well as a team, carrying out their tasks professionally and with a friendly outlook making sure the meet ran smoothly.

Conduct of the Meet:

All events were heat seeded and over the top starts were used except in the backstroke events.

The swimmers appreciated that the events commenced at approximately the published times and the day's events finished on time.

Conclusion:

The meet ran smoothly and within expected time lines. All officials were pleasant and appreciated by the swimmers. It was pleasing to have a team of volunteers offer their time and in some cases to forgo their own swimming to officiate at this event.

Conclusion

The SA Branch was extremely pleased with all aspects of the 37th National Championships. Like other smaller Branches it requires a huge effort from a small group of individuals to set the event up and when the time comes to support the event we had a very willing band of volunteers who are to be congratulated.

John Gamlen

Event/Meet Director



The MSSA Branch Relay Team at the 2013 National Championships

AWARD WINNERS

2012 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TROPHY	WINNER
Founders' Trophy	Powerpoints (Vic)
Runner-up Trophy	Malvern Marlins (Vic)
Visitors' Trophy	Powerpoints (Vic)
Female Swimmer of the Meet	Jennie Bucknell (VIC)
Male Swimmer of the Meet	Paul Lemmon (NSW)
National Heart Foundation Trophy	John Double (SA)
Coach of the Year 2011	Danny Crowe (NSW)
Official of the Year 2011	Karen Patrick (QLD)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RELAYS

AGE GROUP RELAY TROPHY	WINNER
72-119 years	Powerpoints (VIC)
120-159 years	Powerpoints (VIC)
160-199 years	Powerpoints (VIC)
200-239 years	Atlantis (SA)
240-279 years	Malvern Marlins (VIC)
280-319 years	Miami (QLD)
320-359 years	North Lodge (VIC)

VORGEER NATIONAL AEROBIC TROPHY & AWARD

TROPHY	WINNER
Vorgee National Aerobic Trophy 2011	Talays (TAS)
Vorgee National Aerobic Award 2011	Talays (TAS)

2011 was the last year for this trophy as Endurance 1000 was implemented in 2012.

The award winners for 2012 will be announced in 2013.

The MSA October Spring Board Meeting in progress



MILLION METRE AWARDS

DISTANCE	NAME	CLUB	BRANCH
Seven Million Metre Club	Gerry Tucker	Malvern Marlins	VIC
	Robyn Payne	Barbarians	QLD
	Stanley Jacobs	Brisbane Southside	QLD
Five Million Metre Club	Kris Apps	Talays Masters	TAS
	Penny Lucas	Hobart Aquatic Centre	TAS
	Jennifer Napier	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
	Robyn Hughes	Sunshine Coast Masters	QLD
	Rod Oliver	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
Three Million Metre Club	Nerida Murray	Blue Mountains Phoenix	NSW
	Janet Henry	Twin Towns	QLD
	Annette Philpot	Talays Masters	TAS
	Rod Oliver	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
	Hector Beveridge	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
	Steve Muir	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
	Bob Morse	Noosa Masters	QLD
	Bob McCausland	Noosa Masters	QLD
	John Marshall	Malvern Marlins	VIC
	Clive Griffin	Ipswich City Masters	QLD
	Brian Cairns	Noosa Masters	QLD
	Merilyn Burbidge	Stadium Snappers	WA
Two Million Metre Club	Karina Horton	Albany Creek	QLD
	Andrea Dickinson	Hobart Aquatic Centre	TAS
	Russell Thompson	Ettalong Pelicans Net	NSW
	Dennis Moore	Cessnock Masters	NSW
One Million Metre Club	Lynne Johnston	Clarence River Masters	NSW
	Jamie Turner	Ryde AUSSI Masters	NSW
	Carl Wallace	Novocastrian Masters	NSW
	Jonathan Slight	Western Alligators	VIC
	Sonia Halsvik	Casey Seals	VIC

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	Sue Feigler	Picton	NSW
	Janelle Hastie	Ipswich City Masters	QLD
	Lyn May	Twin Towns	QLD
	Kylie Woods	Doncaster Dolphins	VIC
	Stephen Martin	Cockburn Masters	WA
	Sue Colyer	Stadium Snappers	WA
	David Bale	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW
	Anne Edmondson	Stadium Snappers	WA
	Adam Parker	Cockburn Masters	WA
	Wendy Twidale	Noosa Masters	QLD
	Steven Clough	Campbelltown	NSW
	Christine Clough	Campbelltown	NSW
	Andrea Hutchinson	Logan Aquatic Masters	QLD
	Adrian Tonkin	Darwin Stingers	NT
	Marlene Anderson	Cockburn Masters	WA
	Rosemary Green	Mandurah Masters	WA
	Owen Sinden	Campbelltown	NSW

3 Million Metre award winner, Marilyn Burbidge and 1 Million Metre award winner, Anne Edmondson, from MSWA's Stadium Snappers



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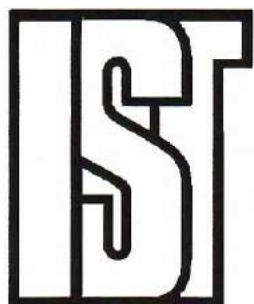


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