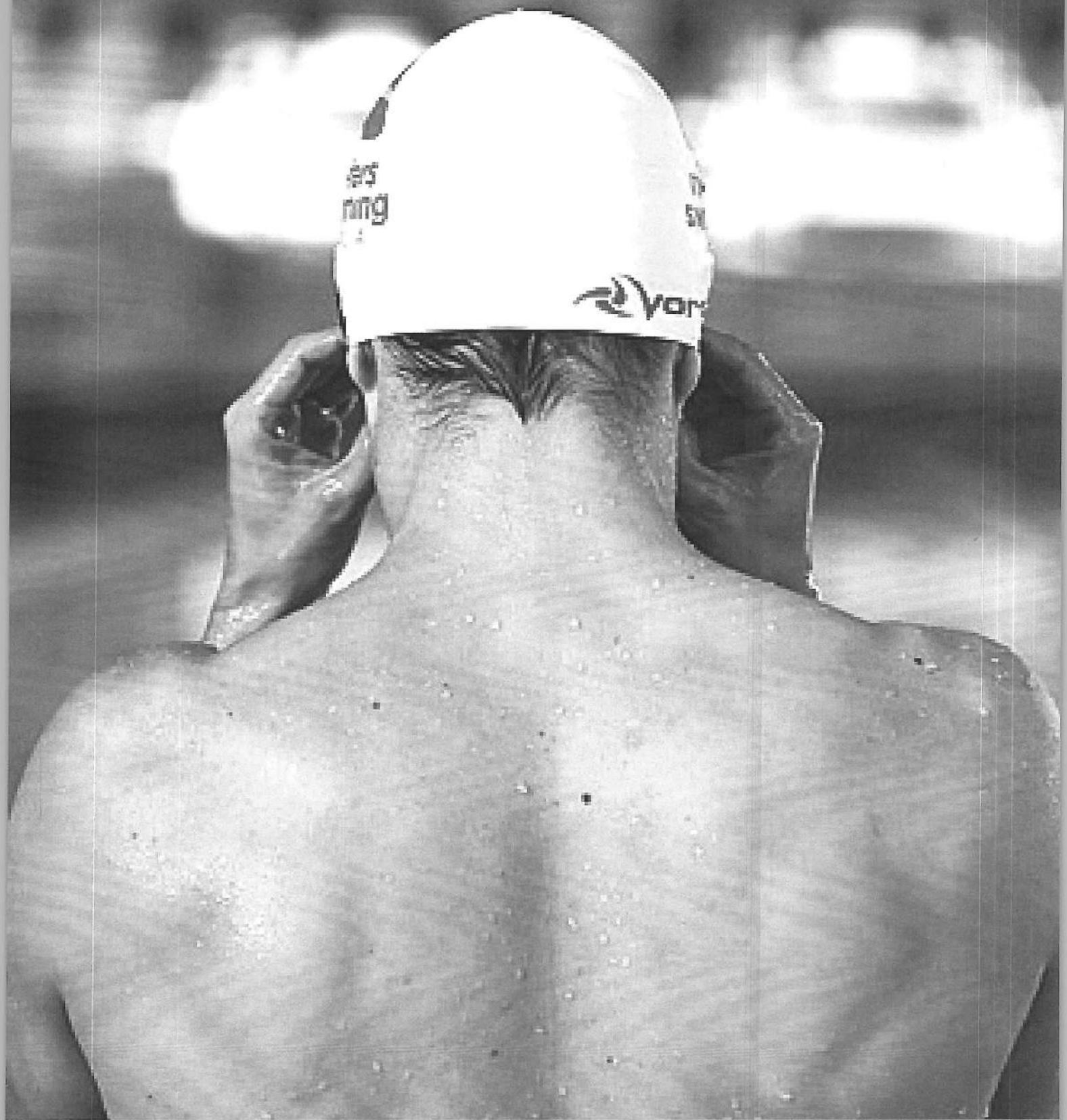


# **MASTERS SWIMMING AUSTRALIA**



**2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

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# NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

## NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

President	Craig Smith
Finance Director	Gerry Tucker
Director	David Cummins (Retired May 2014)
Director	Therese Crollick
Director	John Pollock (Ceased May 2014)
Director	Susan Kempson (commenced May 2014)
Director	Ivan Martinovich (commenced May 2014)

## 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)  
Moirá Wigley (MSNT)  
John Pollock (MSNT)  
John Barrett (MSQ)  
Robert Harris (MSSA)  
Pauline Samson (MSTas)  
Archer Talbot (MSV)  
Lynne Malone (MSWA)

## LIFE MEMBERS

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

## NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

General Manager	Noeleen Dix
Administration	Emma Evans
Administration	Jane Banes

## COACHING COMMITTEES

### JANUARY - OCTOBER

Bruce Allender\*  
Jacinta Stirrat  
John Pugh  
Mark Erickson

### OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Bruce Allender\*  
Di Coxon-Ellis  
John Pugh  
Mark Erickson

## SWIM MEET COMMITTEES

### JANUARY - OCTOBER

John Pollock\*  
John Gamlen  
Jeanette Holowiuk  
Jane Noake

### OCTOBER - DECEMBER

John Pollock\*  
Jeanette Holowiuk  
Jane Noake

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

### JANUARY - OCTOBER

Phillip Beames\*  
John Marshall  
Judith Crawford  
Neil Keele  
Stan Pearson  
Diane Partridge  
Don Reynolds  
Gary Stustel  
Gerda Williams (Resigned March 2014)  
Bryannon Ruskin (Commenced March 2014)

### OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Phillip Beames\*  
Neil Mitchell  
Peter Maloney  
Neil Keele  
Stan Pearson  
Diane Partridge  
Ray Brien  
Gary Stustel  
Jayna Gordon

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When the time comes to write this report getting started is always difficult but once the words start to flow it becomes difficult to stop. This year has been a good one for us with an increase in membership numbers despite a relatively large number of members not renewing. Despite losing a significant number of members each year, we always seem to find new members to replace them. Of interest is a comparison of our membership with US Masters Swimming. They have a total membership of 62000 in a population of 319 million we have 6800 in 23.4 million. That is thirteen times the population but only nine times the membership. This is a good result but no reason to become complacent.

The challenge for us in the future will be to attract younger adult members of our population who are possibly averse to club membership. If you look at our younger membership, they are more focussed on competition than our older membership. So potentially over time the face and focus of our organisation may be changing. It is interesting to note that US Masters has moved into adult learn to swim. While that is something that may be beyond our resources, it is a good way to create potential new members for our organisation.

We do have a problem with the organisation of National Championships in 2017 there is an unfortunate confluence of events. The World Masters Games are in Auckland in April; the FINA World Masters in Budapest in July and also the Australian Masters Games in October, possibly in Tasmania. The combination of events may make staging our National Championships difficult. We will need to be very creative to ensure that there is a national meet in 2017.



We have organised a strategic planning session as part of our meeting this year,

I am excited by the prospect of doing this and have high expectations for the day. While the day to day involvement of our members is very organic we do need to have a plan for the future that will ensure the survival and ongoing health of our organisation. We also need a strong plan to counteract one of the bigger threats to our organisation. That is the increasing number of aquatic facilities that are running adult swimming sessions at a much lower cost than our clubs. This is very attractive to younger swimmers because membership is not involved and is also attracting our older members because of the much lower cost and more flexible commitment.

As always there is a huge number of people that I need to thank. Thank you to the all our national committees. Also to their chairpersons Bruce, John and Phil. Thanks also to the Branch delegates for their efforts this year. I would especially like to thank Pauline Samson for her work as national recorder and her willingness to have a significant involvement in organising the Nationals in 2015. I would also like to thank my fellow board members particularly Gerry Tucker for his work as finance director and his involvement in the financial health of the organisation.

Thanks to Noeleen for her continued efforts in making our national office run smoothly. Also thanks to Jane Barnes and our new member of staff Rachel Minton. I would also like to thank and farewell Emma Evans for her work with us and wish her well for the future.

**Craig Smith**  
President

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



Masters Swimming in Australia continues to grow in numbers and even more importantly is becoming better known and respected both within the wider swimming community and by other organisations. We had a 3% increase in membership across our 192 clubs that range in size from less than 5 to 170 members.

We congratulate our seven Branches and all of our Clubs for this growth and the successes that we are achieving around Australia.

2014 was a year of great achievements and recognition for some of our individual members and outstanding results by Clubs who were driven by a common purpose or a great coach to achieve a variety of goals. There were wonderful events held throughout the year often in partnership with sponsors, charities or event organisers that meant that there was a lot of fitness, friendship and fun on display.

All of these events, stories and reports were communicated regularly with the membership and the wider public via our website and Facebook page, and they were also well documented in our Branch and National monthly and quarterly electronic newsletters which are delivered to each and every member who has a correct email address in the Member Portal.

The National Swim Series was successfully launched this year and there were twenty nine winners of age group categories. The Series is about participation and performance, with members encouraged to become involved in the Branch and National pool meets to be in the running for awards – members needed only to swim two meets to be eligible for prizes.

The 2014 Series was a mix of eight Long and Short Course meets held around Australia for members to use the series to set personal goals, to see Australia and to form new friendships. Each of the winners received a \$100 Coles voucher just prior to Christmas.

There were some very big masters events held in 2014 including the Rockhampton/Yeppoon National Championships, the Masters Pan Pacs in the Gold Coast; FINA World Masters Championships in Montreal and the third year of Vorgee Endurance 1000.

The other important project that was initiated in 2014 was the re-accreditation of the Club Coach Course with the Australian Sports Commission and Swimming Australia (SAL). The online and one day course will be available for our members in early 2015.

We would like to acknowledge our sponsors Vorgee who have been with us for nine years. They are a great company who not only support national events like the Million Metres, Endurance 1000 and National Championships but they also contribute in kind and financially to individual Branches. They are a wonderful company to work with and they have great products that Masters Swimming Australia is proud to be associated with.

The National Office is a very lean organisation with Emma Evans and Jane Barnes sharing the administration duties for Masters Swimming Australia and MSV. They do a wonderful job and I appreciate the lengths they go, to make sure that the business of masters swimming runs smoothly. We are farewelling Emma in January 2015, so we wish her and her family well in their move to country Victoria. I would also like to thank Gerry Tucker, the Finance Director who takes an active role in the management of the association's finances.

The National Board of Management, ably led by President Craig Smith, the Committees of the Board and the Branch Administrators and Secretaries are all very responsive and passionate about the sport. I really appreciate their professionalism and support in our projects and day to day dealings.

**Noeleen Dix**  
**General Manager**



MSQ members at the FINA World Masters Championships in Montreal



# FINANCE REPORT

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

## Preamble

The 2014 financial year reflected continued savings by 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 \$20,169 for the year, including depreciation of \$1,072 against a budgeted net operating surplus of \$2,757.

The difference of about \$17,900 between the budgeted and actual net surplus is primarily made up of net savings in expenses of about \$10,200 against budgeted expenditure not required over the course of the year, together with actual receipts exceeding budgeted receipts by approximately \$5,900. In addition, MSA made an unbudgeted surplus on the sale of ordered gear and apparel of approximately \$1,800.

## Income

This year's revenue reflects receipt of membership subscriptions from 6,704 members for 2014, compared to 6,581 members in 2013. This increased membership fees by about \$1,000. Bank interest received in 2014 was \$14,807, down from \$16,523 in 2013, due to a fall in market interest rates over the period.

The online membership registration system is now well entrenched in the way members join and re-join the organization.

Swim meet sanction fees exceed budget by about \$2,500 reflecting a higher than expected non-member participation in WA open water swims. This will not continue into the future as that Branch has made alternative insurance arrangements for its non-member participants in WA's open water swim events.

## Expenditure

Expenditure for the year was well managed and was less than budget by about \$10,200. The reduced expenditure against budget was spread across a range of expenses including:

- Legal expenses budget not required;
- Travel and accommodation costs for our meetings;
- Insurance premiums, as we continue to have a low claims history;

- Other NBM and subcommittee expenses;
- Office rental and utility costs, and;
- Awards, gifts, and Vorgee Million Metre awards.



Against these savings in expenditure against budget, there was an additional cost of \$2,900 for awards for the 29 winners of the inaugural MSA swim series and about \$1,500 in additional expenses against the income we receive under the Vorgee sponsorship arrangements.

## Special Projects

There were no new expenses incurred under special projects in 2014. The final invoice of \$500 for the Endurance 1000 software was received. The new coaching course development was well under way by the end of the year. However, the costs for this will be incurred in 2015, when the course is expected to be finalized.

## 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.

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 now have a per-bank cap of \$250,000.

There was an increased take-up of 2015 membership in December 2014, resulting in a significant increase in the amount of 2015 revenue received in advance of that year.

## Our team in the Office

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noeleen Dix, Emma Evans 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.

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

**Gerry Tucker**  
Finance Director

# **Income Statement**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2014**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2014 \$</b>	<b>2013 \$</b>
<b>Branches</b>		
Annual Affiliation Fees	\$1,432	\$1,432
Member Registrations	\$202,080	\$201,090
Coach Accreditation Fees	\$50	\$0
Sanction Fees	\$12,515	\$4,927
MSV administration fee	\$29,116	\$28,348
Consulting Fees - Branches	\$455	\$0
<b>Total Branches</b>	<b>\$245,648</b>	<b>\$235,797</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest	\$14,807	\$16,523
Publications/Merchandise	\$5,236	\$0
Sponsorships	\$13,000	\$13,627
Coaching Workshop	\$1,227	\$0
Sundry income	\$0	\$5
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$34,270</b>	<b>\$30,155</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$279,918</b>	<b>\$265,952</b>

# Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Professional Fees</b>		
Bank Charges	\$123	\$94
Audit Fees	\$1,105	\$770
Legal Fees	\$254	\$985
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>\$1,481</b>	<b>\$1,849</b>
<b>NBM &amp; Branch Delegates</b>		
Travel & Accommodation Expenses	\$25,158	\$24,305
Other NBM Expenses	\$910	\$1,647
<b>Total NBM &amp; Branch Delegates</b>	<b>\$26,068</b>	<b>\$25,952</b>
<b>Premises</b>		
Rent & Storage & Utilities	\$10,179	\$10,251
<b>Total Premises</b>	<b>\$10,179</b>	<b>\$10,251</b>
<b>Operations</b>		
Membership Registration Management Fee	\$15,155	\$12,645
Office IT	\$2,054	\$1,103
Printing	\$0	\$533
Phone & Fax	\$1,856	\$1,606
Internet Fees	\$1,264	\$1,068
Postage & freight	\$2,208	\$1,730
Office Supplies / Stationery	\$335	\$3,083
Photocopier	\$232	\$801
Affiliations & Subscriptions	\$200	\$200
MSAC tenant cards	\$159	\$95
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>\$23,462</b>	<b>\$22,864</b>



# Income Statement

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2014**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>EXPENSES continue</b>		
<b>Staff</b>		
Wages & Salaries	\$129,448	\$116,523
Superannuation	\$19,380	\$17,105
Other Staff Costs	\$1,185	\$500
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>\$150,013</b>	<b>\$134,128</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Insurance	\$29,696	\$27,736
Annual Report	\$1,368	\$1,368
Awards, Trophies & gifts, including Swim Series	\$3,332	\$715
Administrators' workshop	\$3,931	\$3,440
ASC Coaching Cards	\$0	\$284
Promotional Materials	\$1,235	\$1,953
Merchandise, purchased on order	\$3,400	\$0
Million Metres Costs	\$1,687	\$1,705
Vorgee Club Development costs	\$1,000	\$0
Coaching workshop expenses	\$1,325	\$0
Depreciation	\$1,072	\$1,151
Sundry expenses	\$1	\$46
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$48,046</b>	<b>\$38,398</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$259,249</b>	<b>\$233,442</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$20,669</b>	<b>\$32,510</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>		
MSA National Branding Project	\$0	\$14,680
NTC Meeting Sy April 2013	\$0	\$3,279
IT Committee	\$500	\$0
<b>Total Special Projects</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$17,959</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$20,169</b>	<b>\$14,550</b>

# Masters Swimming Australia Inc

## Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
Westpac Cheque Account	\$12,578	\$9,744
Westpac Idirect Account	\$112,397	\$71,091
Westpac Mastercard Debit Card	\$812	\$1,004
Cash on Hand	\$24	\$24
Westpac Term Deposit	\$124,500	\$120,000
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$208,000	\$200,000
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>\$458,311</b>	<b>\$401,863</b>
<b>Debtors</b>		
Trade Debtors	\$450	\$675
Prepayments/Sundry Debtors	\$11,334	\$12,717
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>\$11,784</b>	<b>\$13,392</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$470,095</b>	<b>\$415,255</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>		
Furniture & Equipment	\$47,709	\$47,547
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$42,898)	(\$41,826)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$4,811</b>	<b>\$5,721</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$474,906</b>	<b>\$420,976</b>

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2014**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash Flows from operating activities:</b>		
Receipts from operations	288,808	262,216
Payment to suppliers and employees	(249,533)	(262,189)
Interest received	14,807	16,523
GST received / (paid)	2,528	(41)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>56,610</u>	<u>16,509</u>
<b>Cash Flows from investing activities:</b>		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(162)	(600)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(162)</u>	<u>(600)</u>
Net cash increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	56,448	15,909
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	401,863	385,954
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	<u>458,311</u>	<u>401,863</u>

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**31 December 2014**

## **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.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**31 December 2014**

## **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.

## **Board's Declaration**

**31 December 2014**

In the opinion of the board, the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 8:

- (a) presents fairly the financial position of Masters Swimming Australia Inc as at 31 December 2014 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

02/03/2015



# COACHING COMMITTEE

The 2014 National Coaching Committee had the following members:

- Bruce Allender (Chairman, MSV)
- Mark Erikson (MSQ)
- John Pugh
- Jacinta Stirrat (MSNT) resigned September 2014
- Di Coxon-Ellis (MSNSW) commenced September 2014

The total accredited coaches with MSA (as of February 2015) are:

Branch	Coaches
New South Wales	69
Northern Territory	2
Queensland	76
South Australia	9
Tasmania	6
Victoria	40
Western Australia	70

There were 11 additional Club Coach graduates in 2014.

The Branches have been active in running coaches courses sanctioned by MSA in 2014. The trend continues that a much larger number of candidates attend the Intro Coach Course, which does not give them an accreditation. Relatively few complete the Club Coach Course and even fewer complete the assessments for accreditation.

Branch	Intro Coach Course	Club Coach Course
New South Wales		2
Queensland	2	2
Victoria	1	1
Western Australia	3	2
ASCTA (QLD)		1

A Masters Coach Masterclass was held in Melbourne in May 2014. This Course was open to all experienced coaches across Australia and was attended by 18 coaches from Victoria, NSW, Queensland and WA.



Gold Coaches – Alex Hirschauer and Brian Ford were the guest presenters over the two day workshop.

MSWA conducted a PD Workshop for experienced accredited coaches in September. This was led by Mel Tantrum, Swimming Australia Para - Olympic and elite swimming coach and was well attended.

The re-accreditation of the Masters Swimming Australia Coaching Courses with the Australian Sports Commission and Swimming Australia commenced in late 2014.

Masters Swimming Australia was delighted to hear that SAL was updating their Bronze Course as well; and that they were happy for us to edit and use the online components of their course. We immediately arranged for some ACT based swimmers to take part in their photo sessions and then we edited ("masterized") the text and we now have a six hour online course to replace the current Intro and Club Coach Courses.

The final format of the new Masters Club Coach accreditation will have three components (1) an online Club Coach course, (2) a face-to-face workshop and (3) supervised on-deck coaching.

Kim Tyler from MSWA was engaged to edit the slides/storyboards for the on-line course and she has also drafted the face to face one day workshop for the candidates and the presenters and revised the workbook.

The course is to be piloted in Melbourne in March 2015.

As Chairman of the National Coaching Committee, I was invited again to the MSA Board meeting in Melbourne in October. This was an excellent opportunity to update the Board on the progress of the re-accreditation of the Masters Swimming Australia Coaching Course amongst other coaching discussions.

As with each year, the Coaching Committee has been involved in assessing the documentation for Coach of the Year from each of the State Branches and making a recommendation for the MSA Coach of the Year to the MSA Board.

The Coach of the Year for 2013 (selected in 2014) was Peter Johnston from Merrylands Swimming Club (MSNSW).

**Bruce Allender**  
Chairman, National Coaching Committee



# TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

## Committee

The NTC members for 2014 were Stan Pearson (QLD), Judith Crawford (WA), Di Partridge (NSW), Neil Keele (NSW), Gary Stutsel (NSW), Don Reynolds (TAS), John Marshall (VIC), Bryannon Ruskin (NT) and chair Phil Beames (SA). At the October General Meeting Bryannon, Judith, John and Don stood down and Peter Maloney (WA), Ray Brien (TAS), Neil Mitchell (VIC) and Jayna Gordon (NT) were elected to replace them on the NTC for 2014-2015.

On behalf of the NTC, I would like to extend Jayna, Ray, Neil and Peter a warm welcome to the committee and say thank you to Don and Bryannon for their input during the year.

I would especially like to express my gratitude, both personally and on behalf of the NTC, to Judith Crawford and John Marshall. Before stepping down in October, Judith and John had been on the NTC for an extended period representing WA and Victoria respectively. Their knowledge of masters swimming, experience as Technical Officials and willingness to put forward their points of view was invaluable to the NTC during their tenure on the committee. Thank you to you both.

## 2014 Focus

2014 was a relatively quiet year for the NTC following the FINA rule changes in 2013.

The main focus for the committee was to finish the review of the course notes for all officials' positions and in particular:

- Simplified and updated the Timekeeper documentation.
- Rewrote the General Principles documents.

- Rewrote the combined Check Starter, Clerk of Course and Marshall course notes as one accreditation.
- Reviewed all other course notes.

The only other discussions held have been regarding rule interpretations.



MSNSW technical officials at work at the MSNSW Long Distance Long Course Meet

## 2013 Official of the Year

The Official of the Year for 2013 (selected in 2014) was Jodie Burke from Seaside Pirates (MSNSW).

## Conclusion

The NTC continues to provide a forum for all branches to clarify technical issues, have rules reviewed and propose changes if required. In addition, the NTC continues the important task of providing up to date procedures and guidelines for the training and accrediting of technical officials.

I would like to extend my thanks to the NTC members for their continued hard work and input.

**Phillip Beames**  
Chairman, National Technical Committee

# TECHNICAL COURSES

	General Principals of Officiating	Timekeeper	Chief Timekeeper	Check Starter/ Clerk of Course/ Marshal	Starter	Inspector of Turns	Judge of Stroke	Referee	Total
NSW	1	0	6	3	3	0	2	0	15
QLD	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	7
SA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TAS	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	7
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
WA	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	11

# 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 2014 were

- John Pollock (Chairman, MSNT)
- John Gamlen (MSSA)
- Jeanette Holowiuk (MSV)
- Jane Noake (MSNSW)

# NATIONAL RECORDER

This year was again busy for swimmers having the opportunity to compete in over 107 events across the seven branches: the 39<sup>th</sup> National Championships in Rockhampton, the 15<sup>th</sup> FINA World Masters Championships in Montreal, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia Pacific Outgames and the Marriott USMS Summer National Championships.

There were 228 individual (long course 129, short course 99) and 31 relay (Long course 5, short course 26) National Records achieved in 2014. Also there were 7 World Records applied for and approved by the World Recorder.

Endurance 1000 has been used now by swimmers for 3 years and continues to provide challenges for many.

Year	Clubs	Swimmers	Completed All Swims	Achieved 1005 Points
2014	146	1899	71	51
2013	153	2109	110	55
2012	141	1884	81	59

# RECORDS

Statistics of entries from the records/results portal	Total since 2002	2014
Meets	1715	107
Individual Results	719107	69720 (incl 18940 e1000)
Relay Results	27239	2758
Records - Individual/Relay Records - Individual/Relay Branch	47231	259 1158



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 minor revision of the Guide was undertaken in 2014, with a new edition published in September.

John Pollock  
Chairman, National Swim Meets Committee



Again my thanks to Frank Braun for the many hours he gives to MSA in ensuring that the results/record portal continues to work effectively. As we come across inconsistencies and errors we can amend them very quickly so that our historical listings are accurate.

The inaugural National Swim Series added another dimension to the recording with swimmers encouraged to participate in swims in other branches. After each meet, results were collated, points allocated and published. There were a possible eight events to choose from; with one swimmer competing in 6/8 meets and 57 competing in 3 or more meets.

Pauline Samson  
National Recorder

# NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

## Membership by Year and Branch

*\*Please Note: Includes Life Members but not Second Claim Members*

BRANCH	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
ACT	152	153	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	1640	1645	1670	1737	1679	1729	1719	1620	1557	1534	1558
NT	105	89	109	123	170	169	161	154	148	141	131
QLD	1606	1517	1455	1414	1348	1425	1316	1138	1280	1235	1242
SA	612	611	606	605	600	604	606	577	635	631	657
TAS	281	309	296	298	317	296	296	280	299	288	298
VIC	993	987	1013	929	900	920	975	965	1055	1098	1176
WA	1227	1217	1189	1277	1344	1324	1398	1442	1448	1578	1642
Total	6616	6528	6478	6383	6358	6467	6471	6176	6422	6505*	6704*

## MSA RESULTS PORTAL

2014 was the ten year anniversary of the Masters Swimming Australia Results Portal and what a wonderful tool this has been for all of our present and past members.

The portal is accessed via the Masters Swimming Australia website and it is the reason that each member has a unique member number.

Victorian Member, Frank Braun developed the portal and continues to maintain it, so that accurate and easily accessed records are kept of Masters Swimming Australia members competitive swims.

We thank Frank for volunteering his skill and time to this valuable resource for all masters' swimmers.

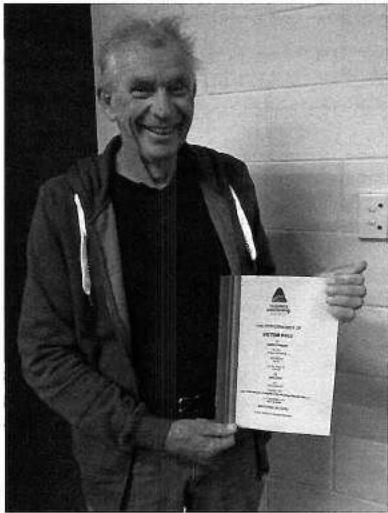
In 2013 the Endurance 1000 results portal was built and added to the website under Frank's direction. It sits on the same platform as the Results Portal.

Summary of the 2014 usage compared to 2013:

Audience Overview: Usage up 1.8%; Users up 7.38%; Page views up 4.92%; Pages per session up 3.07%; Average session duration up 1.6%; New sessions up 6.12%.

Access to the portal was from:

Device	2013	2014
Desktop	72%	59%
Tablet	14%	21%
Mobile	13%	20%



Vic Paul from MSAW with his National Record Certificate in September



# NEW SOUTH WALES

## 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 2014 which was attended by 42 registered persons representing 22 of our 56 clubs. Christopher Lock from Myall Masters was voted onto the board and outgoing Neil Keele was thanked for his valued contribution over the past few years.

MSNSW offices, located at Sports House in Sydney Olympic Park, remain rent free; we pay for outgoings.

Membership figures for 2014 were consistent with previous years, finishing at nearly 1600, and participation numbers at swim meets was stable.

## PROMOTIONS

### Awards

Pam Hutchings from Seaside Pirates was inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame, at a presentation dinner in Fort Lauderdale in 2014. Pam was unable to make the trip but was honoured by MSNSW members at the short-course championships.

**PAM HUTCHINGS**, of Australia has been competing in Masters Swimming since 1987 and has been in the Top Ten for 24 years. She set 28 FINA Masters World Records in the freestyle and backstroke. She has competed in 6 FINA World Championships since 1990 winning 19 gold, 11 silver and 1 bronze medal.

Peter Johnston, Jodie Burke and Mark Hepple were all finalists in the NSW Sports Federation Community Sports Awards. Both Mark and Jodie received Highly Commended recognition certificates at the presentation function held at Parliament House.

### Recognition

Many members of MSNSW were recognised for their work and dedication during 2014. These included, but were not limited to, Mark Hepple (Gary Stutsel Award), Jodie Burke (Official of the Year), Annette Britten (Administration Award), Peter Johnston (Coach of the Year), Caroline Makin (Ian Davis Award) and Helen Rubin (Betty Grant Award). The branch offers congratulations to all these plus the many others nominated and to the twelve Volunteer of the Month recipients.

Peter Johnston from Merrylands club went on to be named MSA Coach of the Year. Peter is an active coach with Merrylands club and has a full workload with the SAL club as well as Masters. The club has grown under his leadership and members are very active now at both swim meets and ocean swims.



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Jodie Burke from Seaside Pirates was awarded the MSA Official of the Year award. Jodie has a way about her that enables her to stand by a newly qualified or trainee official & discreetly show them how/ why things work, how the rules apply & how to deal with issues as they arise. It's indicative of Jodie's whole demeanour that the person she'll have guided will feel that their knowledge & ability has increased, but, such is Jodie's gentle guiding hand, they won't know how.

### Competitions

A competition was launched at the start of 2014 to encourage all clubs to get members accredited with a technical qualification, offering Vorgee gift vouchers as prizes for the highest percentage of their 2013 membership numbers getting accredited as an official, or gaining a further accreditation. Eight clubs shared the \$200 and \$100 Vorgee vouchers.

### Marketing

The year ended with a unique swimsuit designed for MSNSW with the new logo. This idea came about originally for our ocean swimmers so that we could show a visible presence on the beach and be able to recognise fellow masters members. Once the design became a reality it provided an opportunity, especially for members whose clubs don't have a logo swimsuit, to make a statement while training. We now show a united force in the pool & it's proved easy advertising for small clubs, many of whom have embraced the idea.



Members try on the new MSNSW bathers

## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### Technology Team

Mark Hepple has worked tirelessly on the branch website getting it into shape and taking the opportunity to revise and review nearly all documents.

The Webmasters 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 MSA.

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### **Facebook**

A well-knit and confident Facebook team administer our social media platforms and are constantly communicating, updating and sourcing information and relevant material. With nearly 1500 likes our page continues to amuse, educate and keep us 'social'. It's all about fun and friendship!

Roger Dietrich remains the face of our Facebook and he has assisted many clubs to open their own pages and oversees their posts. Roger is encouraging and enthusiastic and has recommended his 'team' get further qualified and therefore confident by attending Impactiv8 courses.

### **Coaching Team**

MSNSW's Coaching Director arranged for our first Club Coach course to be conducted and this proved successful with seven intro coaches making the effort to upgrade their qualification. Thanks go to John Kulhan and Vicky Watson who were the presenters for the day.

In August a coaching forum was presented by Simon Watkins, Di Coxon-Ellis and John Kulhan with a special guest appearance by Peter Johnston. This was a full day event and both new and experienced coaches enjoyed a fascinating insight & update covering numerous topics.

### **Endurance 1000 Recorder**

Jenny Whiteley capably kept the branch up to date with all things endurance and MSNSW finished 2014 with twenty members achieving maximum points while another eleven managed all swims.

Again MSNSW thanks Pauline Samson for her tireless efforts in keeping us all up to speed with the Enduro 1000 program.

### **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.

Jodie requests annual safety reports from clubs and is assisted by Jamie Turner in compiling an annual report of safety activities and initiatives that are happening at club level. Jodie is proactive regarding possible heat concerns at outdoor meets and liaises with host clubs in the week prior to their meet to ensure the Sun Safety policy is adhered to.

### **Technical and Training Team**

Throughout the year Di Partridge, Branch Training Coordinator, organised training courses on request and provided support and continuing education for all technical officials.

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

### **Swim Meets**

Throughout NSW and the ACT twenty-two sanctioned meets were booked to be held in 2014. The calendar was made up of ten long-course and twelve short-course meets but two of those had to be cancelled during the year due to pool renovations then timetable clashes.

Long-course championships were conducted at SOPAC over a Friday evening and all day Saturday, due to pool availability, with 308 swimmers booked in to compete from 40 clubs.

The branch relay meet in July was held in the short-course diving pool at SOPAC, attracting 347 swimmers from 20 clubs. The short-course championships were held in October over two days at Woy Woy, home of the Ettalong Pelicans, attracting 243 competitors from 39 clubs.

The branch long-distance long-course championships were held in November at Blacktown, with 129 swimmers from 30 clubs.



Oak Parks with the visitors trophy at the Tuggeranong BPS Meet

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

There are two dedicated members who consistently volunteer their time to assist in the branch office machinations—Kevin Stirling and Jamie Turner—and I thank them for their work, their company, their fun sense of humour and their patience with me. Both willingly come along for hours on end to do usually tiresome but essential administrative tasks. Thank you!

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

Many thanks also to the national General Manager and Administration Managers for their consistent support throughout 2014 often on a daily basis. Thank you, Noeleen, Emma and Jane. MSNSW welcomes Rachael to the team after a forlorn farewell to Emma—we wish her & the new baby all the very best.

**Jillian Pateman**  
**MSNSW Administrator**

# NORTHERN TERRITORY

## SWIM MEETS

The NT Branch held five swim meets during 2014. The Branch Short Course Championships were held in Darwin in March and the Long Course Championships were held 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 to WA. Membership in 2014 reached 133, down on the previous year's total of 141 – Alice Springs 28, Darwin 99, Palmerston & Rural 6.

## INTERNATIONAL LINKS

A big contingent of Darwin Club members again attended the Singapore Masters' International Meet in October, winning a large number of events and breaking many NT Branch and Singapore Masters National Records.

## AWARDS

Darwin Singers member Bryannon Ruskin won her age group in the 2014 MSA Swim Series and attained a point score far higher than any other participant in the series.



The Darwin Stingers travelled to Singapore for the Singapore Masters Games

## FUNDING

The main source of funding for the Branch was again the NT Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing, 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 was via Swimming NT Inc, on the stipulation by the department that the two organisations work towards the integration of MSNT into SNTI over a three-year period.

## 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. Discussions are ongoing with Swimming NT on how the proposed integration of the two bodies by 2016, as mandated by the NT Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing, might be effected.

John Pollock  
MSNT Secretary



Alice AUSSI Desert Dolphins welcomed MSA members to their pool for the Alice Springs Masters Games in October

# QUEENSLAND

## Governance

The Board met six times during 2014: four teleconference meetings and two face to face meetings in Brisbane. Both Board meetings were held at Holy Spirit Conference Room courtesy of Brian Davis and proved to be an excellent location.

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. There are many benefits of having these services provided by experienced staff. This year we have further reduced the costs through the hard work of Board Members, particularly our recorder David Findlay, but we must continue to be mindful of the costs involved. MSQ did invest in a small contract for a Sports Development role. Rachel Keogh filled this role and initiated a number of sponsorship proposals and ideas to attract and increase membership numbers. She was tireless in her efforts to attract support for the National Championships as indicated by the contents of the bag each swimmer received.

I attend 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. Queensland reported on the running of the 2014 National Championships in Rockhampton and we heard about other activities happening around Australia.

A key issue to good governance is the financial sustainability of the Branch. It is pleasing to note that our Treasurer is reporting on an operating surplus for 2014.

## Communication

We have decided to no longer publish the hard copy 'Swimmers News' but follow the trend to issue an 'e-news'. This can be done regularly to highlight important information to be disseminated to members. We have expanded the use of our website, member forum, Facebook and Twitter. The odd face to face discussion doesn't go astray and I find it useful to get the chance to talk to members at swim meets. Vice Presidents are also trying to work with clubs to provide information for the e-news and to be able to raise issues at Board meetings. Swimmers generally take the opportunity to raise any issues they

might have with our Vice Presidents or with me when they can.



## Programs and Activities

- MSX - 2014 was the fourth year of our MSX which has been well received. Many swimmers 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.
- Endurance 1000 – It was great to see the continuing success of the Noosa club in this National program.
- Club activities – Club and membership development seems to vary across the state and I would encourage members to share the load and become involved in running your club and the Branch.
- Coaching - Janine Healy took over the role of Branch Coaching Director and implemented the new Level 1 program with the assistance of Tony Keogh, Mark Erickson and his fiancé, Raylene Rasmussen.
- Technical - Stan Pearson and our other officials continued to ensure that swim meets were able to be run. There was an extremely low interest by a majority of swimmers in completing Technical Courses this year. Stan Pearson also fills a role on the National Technical Committee.



Janine Healy ran a "Learn to Swim for Adults" clinic in December



### Competition

Rockhampton Caribree Crocs hosted a very successful 2014 National and State Championships in April. The highlight for me was the participation of swimmers and officials in the pool side Anzac Day ceremony. A special thanks to Jay Neville for reading the Ode.



Quite a few Queensland members made the trip to Montreal for the 2014 FINA World Championships and quite a few of them came back with medals, PBs and records.

MSQ ran the swimming component of the 2014 Pan Pac Masters Games on the Gold Coast at the new Commonwealth Games aquatic facility at the Southport Pool and the Open Water Swim at Currumbin Creek.

Masters swimmers were fortunate to be among the first to use the new facilities at both Rockhampton and Southport.



On the diving blocks at the Hervey Bay Interclub Meet in March

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. Hopefully this will, in future, include interstate swimmers through the National Swim Series.

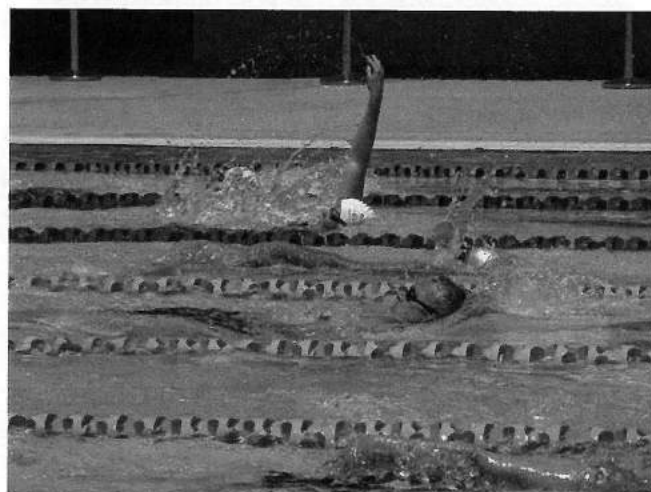
### Other Branch Activities

Much of 2014 has been spent on organising and running both the 2014 National Championships in Rockhampton and the Pan Pac Masters Games on the Gold Coast. We were mindful that there was only a small club in Rockhampton and the Board had a hands-on approach to organisation. As expected it proved a focal point for the Queensland swimmers especially those in the central region.

At every meet I was able to get to or Clubs that I visited, I saw lots of smiling, welcoming faces, swimmers achieving great success or personal satisfaction and a lot of people sharing the fun and friend ship of Masters Swimming. This is made possible through the hard work of volunteers at Club and Branch level and through the hard work of our Branch Administrator, Helga Ward.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in Masters Swimming. See you in the pool.

**John Barrett**  
MSQ President



Backstrokers compete at the Pan Pacific Masters Games in October

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Masters Swimming SA was again very active in 2014. Membership remained relatively constant and the Branch and clubs worked hard to provide numerous pool, open water and social events which in the main were well attended.

### Governance

Masters Swimming SA continues to be managed by a branch executive and a committee of representatives of all clubs in SA, which meet monthly.

### 2014 AGM

At the 2014 AGM most positions on the committee were filled with the vacancies filled at the next Branch meeting in June.. As the year has progressed some positions have changed due to a number of reasons,the main one being that

Masters Swimming SA has employed a part time Administrator. Leanne Beames took on this role in August 2014 to provide a range of administrative services to the SA Branch and National Office after being part of the Committee for 18 years.

### Life Membership

We welcomed our newest Life Member, Jenny Bradley. Jenny has made a very significant contribution to the Branch and Masters Swimming in SA for a period of twenty years through her passion, drive and personal sacrifices mainly in OWS events.

### Programs & Activities

#### Channel Nine Open Water Series 2014-2015

Our sponsorship has continued with Channel 9 seeing them on the beach doing promotions at several of our Open Water Swims as part of their three year deal. With only 2 of our 10 swims left to complete, the President's Cup and the George Copley Challenge, the series has been well represented. We have over 30 swimmers who have managed to complete all swims to date.

The Annual Nine News Australia Day Jetty to Jetty Swim which was first swam in 1917 attracted numbers of 350 and Rosemary White, Event Co-Ordinator, along with the clubs that assisted deserve credit for making this the fantastic event that it has become. Michael Carter and Leila Nazimi were the fastest swimmers on the day. John Double aged 83 and Barbara Pearce aged 78 received the Awards for the Oldest Swimmers to complete the swim.



Our State Open Water Championships, hosted by Marion Marins, attracted record numbers of 162 entries at West Beach. Leila Nazimi and Michael Carter were first to finish in the 3km swim and Sharon Beaver and Mark Smedley first in the 1km swim.



The Tea Tree Gully Kingfishers at the 2014/15 OWS Season

### "Swim into Spring" campaign

Masters Swimming SA with Vorgee, launched once again 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 16 new 16 month memberships. The winner of the Vorgee prize was Simon Thomas from Onkaparinga.





### Summer Pool Series 2014-2015

The Summer Pool Series consisted of 3 events in the outer-metro regions of Adelaide from December-March – Woodside, Gawler and Strathalbyn. Each event was well attended. Who wouldn't enjoy a leisurely swim followed by a relaxing lunch at a local pub! We hope to build on this in the coming years. Tea Tree Gully was successful in winning the series once again, followed by Aquadome Otters. Thanks to all the Officials for all their hard work in making this series happen!

### 2014 Interclub Series

The Interclub Series was a great success in 2014 with participation up from the previous year. Reigning champions, Atlantis had another successful series taking home the trophy with Adelaide Masters coming second and Tea Tree Gully third.

### Annual Presentation Dinner

A great night was had by all that attended the Annual Branch Presentation Dinner that was held on Saturday 15 November at West Adelaide Football Club, celebrating another successful year for both clubs and individuals in SA!

- Tubby Ramsay from Atlantis was awarded Male Swimmer of the Year and the Josie Sansom Trophy.
- Stephanie Palmer-White from Adelaide Masters was the recipient of the Female Swimmer of the Year.
- Tea Tree Gully won the Summer Pool Series Trophy, LC & SC State Cups and the Vorgee Endurance Cup.
- Atlantis won Interclub Cup, Interclub Relay and Proficiency Shield.
- Adelaide Masters took out the Trophy for the Long Distance Meet.



2014 MSSA Life Member Inductee, Jenny Bradley

The Branch presented an "Award of Merit" to Robert Ferguson who has been the Treasurer of the Branch since 2011. Robert has been extremely diligent in managing our finances, developing the budget and securing grants for the organisation with great success. Robert has also invested a lot of time in developing great working relationships with the Adelaide City Council and the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Special thanks to Jenny Bradley and Lorraine Pietrafesa for organising such a memorable evening with a minimum of fuss!

### 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

MSSA Administrator



Male MSSA Swimmer of the Year, Tubby Ramsay at the Alice Springs Masters Games

# TASMANIA

The Branch continues to function in a fairly low-key manner and all the work required to keep the Branch running smoothly is done by volunteers. The branch does not receive any financial support from the State Government or private sponsorship and relies on surpluses generated by hosting National Championships to fund Branch activities.

## Governance

Branch Management meetings are held quarterly in conjunction with State swim meets. The management committee was re-elected unopposed at the AGM held in February; however the secretary did not seek re-election and accepted the position as an interim solution. Ray Brien was approached and accepted the position in early April.

For a numbers of years, the position of Publicity officer remains unfilled. This serves to highlight the ongoing problem encouraging members to accept positions on the committee.

The branch delegate, Pauline Samson attended the AGM, Autumn and Spring National board meetings and Ray Brien attended the National Administrator's meeting.

## Events

The branch staged 4 events – the Short Course Long Distance (May) and Winter Short Course Championships (August) at Launceston Aquatic and the Summer Long Course Championships (February) and Long Course Long Distance Championships (November) in Hobart.

Participation increased significantly for all events, especially for the Winter Championships which formed part of the National Swim series. This event attracted 11 interstate competitors and 94 state competitors. The success of the meet has led the Branch to include it in the 2015 National Swim series.



MSTas Short Course Swimmers of the Meet,  
Amanda Duggan and Maciej Slugocki



Our newest club 'Tomatoes Swim' has provided an impetus for increased participation by other clubs.

## 2015 National Championships

The 2015 National Championships will have finished by the time of the Annual General meeting, however the Branch wishes to acknowledge the considerable time and effort put in by all members of the organising committee.

The co-convenors, Pauline Samson and Maciej Slugocki, accepted the task of organising this event with a very short time frame and included the introduction of an online registration system.

## Coaching

John Pugh, the Branch coaching co-ordinator organised coaching workshops in Launceston and Hobart, featuring sessions conducted by the MSA Coach of the Year.

The session conducted on the Saturday afternoon in Launceston and attracted 16 participants, the second, in Hobart on the Sunday morning attracted 19 participants.

## Endurance 1000

All seven Tasmanian clubs participated in the Vorgee Endurance 1000 in 2014. Once again Talays club had the highest points in the state and also achieved the Vorgee Trophy for the highest average points.

**Don (Roo) Reynolds**  
*President*



Hobart Aquatic Members are preparing to welcome their fellow MSA member to the MSTas hosted National Championships in April 2015

# VICTORIA

## Governance

MSV has a small Executive Committee comprised of Sonia Halsvik, Vice President and Chair of the Swim Meet Committee; Jim Milne, Finance Director; Paul Watmough, Recording Director and National Convenor for Melbourne 2016; Neil Mitchell, Technical Director, which includes the rostering of all officials at meets and working on the training and re-accreditation process; Bruce Allender, Coaching Director, who organises all of the training courses throughout the year; and myself, Archer Talbot as President. Thank you to all of these people for their time, care and effort in working towards the best interests of the organisation.

Thank you also to all of the board members (club delegates) who have been able to attend the committee meetings throughout the year. At the time of writing this report, it is with great sadness that we have lost one of the key faces from MSV - Bruce Ripper. Bruce served as chief timekeeper at all our meets in recent history, was a life member of the organisation, served as state finance director for 12 years, and was a long-term Syndal Sharks then Silver Sharks member. Bruce died suddenly in February 2015.

## AGM

The MSV Board accepted the new constitution at the AGM. Thank you to Paul Vine for all of his work on this document. The new constitution has enabled the use of by-laws, which will hopefully mean that the organisation can be more flexible and stay up-to-date, when it is faced with challenges and issues that require change.

Another impact of the new constitution resulted in the establishment of a management committee. This group aims to "get things done" and help guide and inform the board with decisions and initiatives that MSV should consider. The MC is formed by the following members: Sonia Halsvik, Leanne Sheean, Rosa Montague, Jim Milne, Neil Mitchell, Mark Sendeky and Archer Talbot.

A final consequence of the new constitution was the change to the financial year, which now aligns with our membership year and the calendar year. This resulted in the extension of the current year from July 2014 to December 2015. Therefore the current MSV committee and Management committee will remain in place until after the Melbourne Nationals in April 2016.



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## Sports Development Officer

Sal Cuming has continued to do an excellent job in the position of sports development officer. Sal's key targets include (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 our sponsorship. Thank you to the club delegates who agreed to increase the individual membership fee by \$10 per year in order to fund this position into the future.

Funky Trunks and Aquashop continue to be very generous sponsors of MSV in both our pool and open water competitions. The Aquashop Masters Member of the Month is a \$50 voucher awarded to a voluntary member each month. The idea of this was to award MSV members that contribute greatly to their club and the wider swimming community.

Sal has also worked diligently to grow our partnership with Cousins Travel and their very popular Great Victorian Swim Series. The aim of the partnership is to value open water swimming, which so many of our members love, and to increase the awareness of the organisation in the general open water community. Sal has organised numerous events around open water swimming, including open water training sessions and distance pool events (including the popular 100 x 100s), all under the banner of the "Swim into Spring" campaign.



John from Heidelberg Flyers, Ash from MH2O and Mark from Powerpoints on completion of 100 x 100s in October

### Membership

MSV's membership at the end of the membership/calendar year was 1176. There is a very positive feeling in the 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 our growth of membership.

### Competitions

The Swim Meet Committee, chaired by Sonia Halsvik, ran a number of successful meets in 2014. Our major State meets, being the Long Course and Short Course meets at MSAC, were both run very successfully and with high member participation. Numerous inter-club meets were also held, as well as the popular relay carnival.

### Acknowledgements

Neil Mitchell leads a small but dedicated group of Technical Officials and volunteers – thank you for all of their efforts. Neil's team help to successfully run the major meets of the year, as well as assisting at other inter-club events, and the Special Olympics in 2014. All of their time and efforts are greatly appreciated.



2013/14 MSV Open Water Swimming Champions, the Doncaster Dolphins

Paul Watmough is Convenor for the Melbourne National Championships in 2016. Paul is leading his team in the preparations for this major event and they should be recognised for all of their work to date, and we wish them well for all of the work that is to follow!

### Swimming Victoria

A significant announcement has also just been made at the time of writing, and next year's report will hopefully be filled with benefits from the great news. Gillian O'Mara, long term masters swimmer, has been appointed the new CEO of Swimming Victoria. We hope that this appointment will result in further cooperative arrangements between the two organisations.

**Archer Talbot**  
MSV President



Members on the blocks at the North Lodge Neptunes Pentathlon in November



The Glamourhead Sharks enjoyed the 22nd Malvern Marlin Interclub in February



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MSWA topped the nation again with its highest ever member numbers at 1,642. Bay View Saints has grown like topsy and should be justifiably proud of their efforts both in and out of the pool to welcome new members and provide them with the traditional Club benefits. This is a huge achievement, of which all WA members should be extremely proud as general growth has been achieved through a concentrated team effort at both State and Club level highlighting the benefits of pro-active membership growth strategies and the importance of relationships with aquatic centre management, stakeholders, sponsors etc.



Bay View Saints members - the biggest club in WA for 2014

The membership growth program continues to be successfully implemented by our part-time Project Coordinator Nadine Georgiades through sponsorship from Healthway promoting the LiveLighter health message. This includes several cross-promotional projects with other sporting organisations namely Triathlon WA and the Rottneest Channel Swim Association. In addition Nadine continued to manage the website and Facebook plus many other projects across the organisation. As part of our team Nadine has a wonderful and positive manner with everyone she deals with and brings excellent skills and a passion for our sport which is invaluable.

Most strategies were achieved in our 2014 Operational Plan, many with the President and/or Board members, State Officers, Project Coordinator, Coach Education Team and Investment Committee.

### 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 many took advantage of this opportunity to purchase equipment or use for other great initiatives.



Four Council of Clubs meetings were held and the AGM conducted in February in conjunction with a Council meeting which included several award presentations - see highlights below.

The Board continues to thrive and enjoy their roles whether at strategic or operational level and are a great team.

### New initiatives and major highlights in 2014:

- Member numbers at highest ever again and with largest number of Clubs
- Secured additional discount benefit for HBF members swimming in HBF OWS series events conducted by MSWA Clubs
- Secured extension of sponsorship with HBF to July 2015
- Secured a further 2 years sponsorship with Healthway for membership growth program
- Secured new triennial funding from DSR from 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2017
- Confirmed continuation of Vorgee sponsorship
- Secured separate insurance cover for MSWA Club hosted OWS events
- New twilight meet conducted in March by Beatty Park Club
- Workforce Development program completed and one succession strategy implemented
- Secured SAL's Mel Tantrum for Coach PD workshops and related coach accreditation program
- Confirmed Fremantle's Kim Tyler to revise and write new coach accreditation courses for MSA
- Conducted revamped LiveLighter Superclinic for Coaches and swimmers
- Revised format and event name for All Club Challenge to encourage increased participation at annual meet
- Agreement to present 15 year service awards from 2014



Perth City were named MSWA Champion Club at the 2014 HBF State Open Water Swim in March



#### Other projects and activities:

- Country Correspondence Carnival coordinated by MSWA
- Regional Coaching Clinics and Coach mentoring sessions conducted by Kim Tyler in Geraldton
- Coaching Courses - 3 conducted in 2014
- Coach PD workshops – 2 conducted in 2014
- Continued excellent relationship with Vorgee for OWS calendar sponsorship and overall support
- Special Projects Funding Project criteria revamped and awarded to successful clubs
- 2014 HBF State OWS held successfully at Coogee Beach
- Annual awards presentation & function held with 2014 LiveLighter State Championships presentations
- Technical Officiating annual workshop and courses conducted
- Club Captains meeting conducted
- Promotional advert in Rottnest Channel Swim annual racebook
- 2013/14 HBF OWS calendar advertisers stable
- 2014 LiveLighter Swim into Spring membership growth project conducted (name changed to fit with MSA program)
- 5/10 service awards program well established



MSWA ran two coaching PD workshops in 2014

#### Sponsorship and Stakeholder Relationships

- Continued excellent relationship with Vorgee for OWS calendar sponsorship and overall support
- Promotional advert placed in Rottnest Channel Swim annual racebook promoting Club membership benefits for open water swimming
- Continued promotion of MSWA to increase awareness through monthly column in Have a Go News which included promotion of LiveLighter Novice Swims, Seniors Have a Go Day, and general promotional articles and photos
- Excellent ongoing relationship with Masters Swimming Australia
- Continued excellent relationship with DSR with positive feedback
- Continued good relationship with Swimming WA
- Relationships ongoing with Have a Go News, HBF Stadium (Venues West)
- Ongoing partnerships with other organisations eg. Triathlon WA, Swimming WA, Rottnest Channel Swim Association, Water Polo WA, Surf Life Saving WA, Heart Foundation, LIWA Aquatics, WA Sports Federation
- Member of Aquatic Facilities Steering Group re planning requirements for our sport with Local Government Authorities

#### 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.

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

**Wendy Holtom**  
MSWA Executive Officer



Swimmers kept the Timekeepers on their toes with close finishes at the Groper State Relay Championships in September

# 39th NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## ROCKHAMPTON, QUEENSLAND



The 39th National Championships was a successful event. The numbers were smaller than the Queensland hosted event in 2009, but we were still pleased with the final numbers of 444 swimmers.

We had anticipated that the distance of travel to Rockhampton, may prevent many swimmers from competing. The support from interstate Branches was appreciated.

An official survey after the event was not held, however, the feedback was extensive, including weeks after the event. Overwhelmingly the feedback from competitors, spectators and members of the MSA Board was very positive. We believe the presentation and conduct of the MSA 2014 National Championships were a success. Three recommendations have been made in relation to the National Championships Meet Guidelines.



Powerpoints members cheer on the swimmers at the 2014 MSA National Championships

### Organisation

With only a small local club in Rockhampton the Queensland Branch formed an organising committee comprising Board Members, local club members and involved the Council and pool management. Having to organise the event from a distance proved to be challenging. Only two face to face meetings in Rockhampton were held. The first one was in 2012 with less than two years to the actual event. The following meeting was held in February 2013 and these meetings were followed by monthly teleconferences.

The support of two council members, Lane 4, the venue operators, the local Masters Club and the Rockhampton City Council was tremendous.

Without the hard work and coordination of our requirements in Rockhampton by Michael Borg, Sophia Czarkowski, David Milburn and Kathy Batts, we could not have delivered such a well-run event. The council was extremely generous in not charging us for the hire of the pool and equipment.

The work of the MSQ Board members on the committee ensured that the MSA and MSQ requirements and expectations were fulfilled.

### OPEN WATER SWIM

#### Yeppoon – Sunday 27th April

The Mt Morgan Dam was initially considered as a possible venue for an open water swim. Due to road wash outs and the difficulty in getting surf lifesaving gear up to the dam it was decided to conduct the event at Yeppoon. The Yeppoon Surf Club successfully ran a trial event in November 2013 in the lead up to the National Championship.

Event Number	Distance	Entries
24	1.25K OWS	54
25	2.5K OWS	62
26	5K OWS	32

Yeppoon Surf Life Saving Club were excellent hosts, assisting in marking out the course as well as providing personnel and craft (2x IRB's -11 Boards and 4 Skis) to ensure all safety requirements were met.



Open Water Swimmers on their way down to the start of the OWS in Yeppoon

# 2014 AWARD WINNERS

## 2014 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Trophy	Winner
Founders' Trophy	Powerpoints (MSV)
Runner-up Trophy	Malvern Marlins (MSV)
Visitors' Trophy	Powerpoints (MSV)
President's Trophy	Sutherland Sandbern (MSNSW)
Life Members Trophy	North Lodge Neptunes (MSV)
Female Swimmer of the Meet	Jenny Whiteley (Ryde, MSNSW)
Male Swimmer of the Meet	Mark Thompson (Powerpoints, MSV)
National Heart Foundation Trophy	Discontinued
Coach of the Year 2013	Peter Johnson (Merrylands, MSNSW)
Official of the Year 2013	Jodie Burke (Seaside Pirates, MSNSW)

## 2014 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RELAYS

Age Group Relay Trophy	Winner
72-119 years	Not Awarded
120-159 years	Powerpoints (MSV)
160-199 years	Powerpoints (MSV)
200-239 years	Powerpoints (MSV)
240-279 years	Malvern Marlins (MSV)
280-319 years	Miami Masters (MSQ)
320-359 years	North Lodge Neptunes (MSV)

## VORGEE ENDURANCE 1000



Trophy	Winner
Vorgee Endurance 1000 Award 2013	Noosa Masters (MSQ)
Vorgee Endurance 1000 Club Champion 2013	Talays (MSTas)



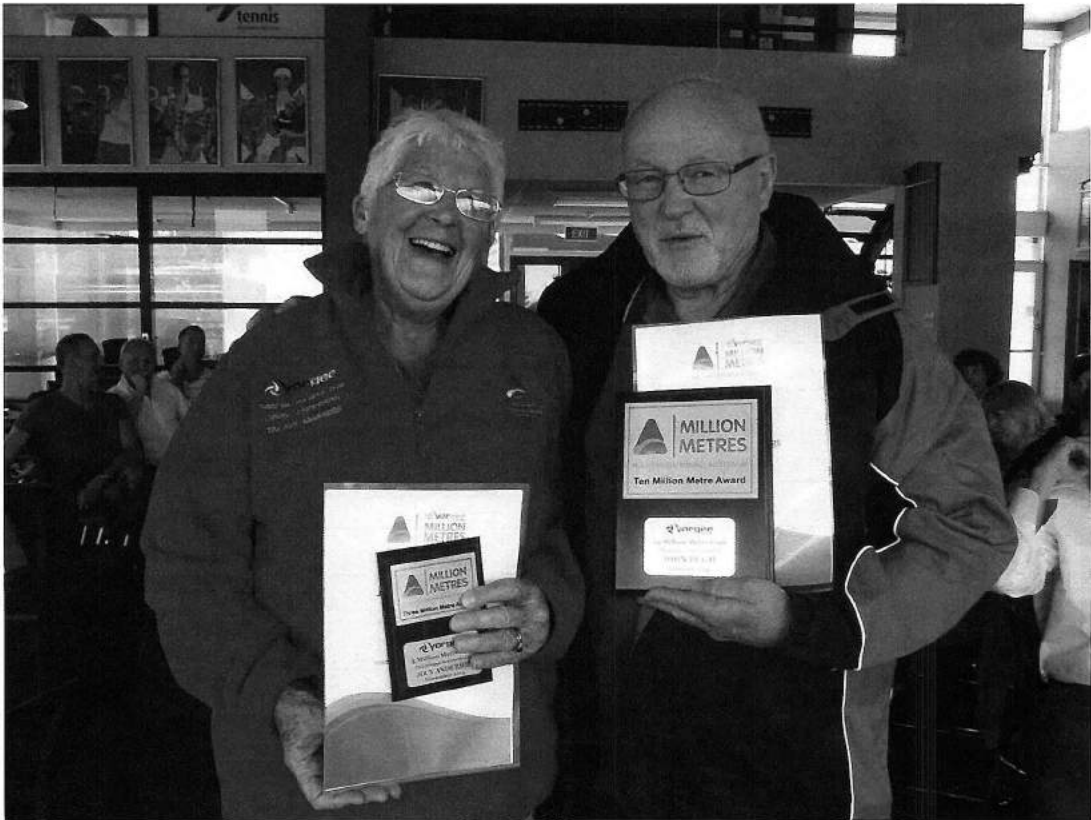
Noosa Masters with their  
Vorgee Endurance 1000 Trophy

## 2014 VORGEER MILLION METRE AWARDS

DISTANCE	NAME	CLUB	BRANCH
<b>Ten Million Metres Club</b>	John Pugh	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
<b>Seven Million Metres Club</b>	Moiria Wigley	Darwin Stingers	NT
	Noel Peters	Warringah Masters	NSW
<b>Five Million Metres Club</b>	Kent Nelson	Adelaide Masters	SA
	Conrad Gleson	Twin Towns	QLD
	Jennifer Nock	Twin Towns	QLD
<b>Three Million Metres Club</b>	Pam Walker	Melville Masters	WA
	Angus Netting	Adelaide Masters	SA
	Mark Thompson	Campbelltown Masters	NSW
	Karina Horton	Albany Creek Masters	QLD
	Sandi Rigby	Seaside Pirates	NSW
	Patricia Moore	Darwin Stingers	NT
	Leanne Markey	Noarlunga Masters	SA
	Freda Shaw	Twin Towns	QLD
	Brenda Day	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW
	Kate Lewis	Campbelltown Masters	NSW
	Gerald Kirkham	Port Augusta Masters	SA
	Lesia Hansen	Central Cairns	QLD
<b>Two Million Metres Club</b>	Jamie Turner	Ryde AUSSI Masters	NSW
	Leanne Markey	Noarlunga Masters	SA
	Kate Lewis	Campbelltown Masters	NSW
	Patricia Lewis	Campbelltown Masters	NSW
	Adrian Tonkin	Darwin Stingers	NT
	David Laws	Carine Masters	WA
	Rosemary Green	Mandurah Masters	WA
	Steven Aird	Hobart Aquatic Masters	TAS
	Kylie Woods	Bushrangers	NSW



DISTANCE	NAME	CLUB	BRANCH
One Million Metres Club	Kaye Turner	Twin Towns	QLD
	Sally Hatcher	Penrith Masters	NSW
	Angela Cahill	Ipswich City	QLD
	Kate Lewis	Campbelltown Masters	NSW
	Patricia Lewis	Campbelltown Masters	NSW
	Scott Andrews	Castle Hill RSL	NSW
	Ashley Chaplyn	Cockburn Masters	WA
	Nicholas Grinter	Sutherland Sandbern	NSW
	Iain Cox	Castle Hill RSL	NSW
	Matthew Cranley	Noarlunga Masters	SA



Jocy Anderson (Three Million Metres) and John Pugh (Ten Million Metres)  
Both from Masters Swimming Tasmania



# 2014 MSA MASTERS SWIM SERIES



The Masters Swimming Australia National Swim Series was successfully launched in 2014. With a mix of Long and Short Course meets held all over Australia, members such as Bryannon, Anita and Ryan were eager to use the series to set personal goals, to see Australia and to form new friendships.

The National Swim Series is about participation and performance, with members encouraged to get involved in the pool meets to be in the running for awards – members need only swim two meets to be eligible for prizes.

Age Group	Female Winners	Club	Meets Attended	Total Points
25 - 29	Angela Chau	NSA	3	3190
30 - 34	Bryannon Ruskin	CDW	5	10098
35 - 39	Cathryn Raywood	QBR, QGC	2	1696
40 - 44	Leanne Burton	QBR, VMV	3	3003
45 - 49	Annie Kitto	WCM	3	3165
50 - 54	Daphne Briggs	VMV	3	2945
55 - 59	Jenny Whiteley	NRY	2	2453
60 - 64	Wendy Gordon	NNC	2	1380
65 - 69	Marijke Alderson	VPP	3	3661
70 - 74	Anita Saviane	NCS, NSA	5	6970
75 - 79	Barbara Pearce	SMR	4	2412
80 - 84	Diane Moore	NWG	3	1561
85 - 89	Marion Beukle	VFR	3	1758
90 - 94	Valerie Lincoln	NGS	2	1390
Age Group	Male Winner	Club	Meets Attended	Total Points
18 - 24	Ryan Whiddett	WKA	6	7997
25 - 29	Nathan Chenco	VPP	2	1486
30 - 34	David Kellam	VPP	3	3346
35 - 39	Warren Hall	VVM	3	1884
40 - 44	Tony Burt	VMV	3	2067
45 - 49	Mark Thompson	VPP	3	3929
50 - 54	Brett Woods	QUQ	3	4227
55 - 59	Larry Forsyth	QSE	3	3099
60 - 64	Maciej Slugocki	TAC	4	6517
65 - 69	Gerry Tucker	VMV	4	6811
70 - 74	Christopher Lock	NMM, NRY	3	2745
75 - 79	John Cocks	VMV	3	2825
80 - 84	Tubby Ramsay	SAT	3	2030
85 - 89	Bill Walker	NNC	3	1696
90 - 94	John-William Steen	NSW	2	240

# 2014 INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME



## FORT LAUDERDALE

The International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) announced its class of inductees for 2014 at its annual ceremony held on Friday September 19th, in Jacksonville, Florida, in conjunction with the United States Aquatic Sports Convention.

The group of seven outstanding individuals who were inducted included four swimmers, one diver and one water polo player; with at least one contributor from four different countries: the USA, Australia, South Africa and Croatia.

**PAM HUTCHINGS** from the NSW club, Seaside Pirates, is the Australian honoured in this year's list. Pam has been in the FINA Top Ten for 24 years. She has set 28 FINA Masters World Records in freestyle and backstroke, and competed in 6 FINA World Championships since 1990 winning 19 gold, 11 silver and 1 bronze medal.

Pam has been competing in Masters Swimming since 1987 and has been in the Top Ten for 24 years. She swam in the 100m Backstroke in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics under her maiden name, Pam Singleton and regularly competes in BPS meets as well as State and National meets.

## ABOUT IMSHOF

The purpose of the IMSHOF is to promote a healthy lifestyle, lifelong fitness and participation in adult aquatic programs by recognizing the achievements of individuals who serve as an example for others and who have participated in Masters programs through at least four different masters age groups. The IMSHOF is a division of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ishof.org>

Congratulations Pam you are a wonderful Australian ambassador of swimming and a woman who undoubtedly lives a healthy and active life!!

Other notable achievements:

Pam was awarded the Australian Sports Medal\* in 2002  
She was the MSNSW Swimmer of the Year in 1992,96,2001 & 2002

*\*The Australian Sports Medal was an initiative of the Federal Government in 2002 to commemorate the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the significant contribution of many people over the past 100 years to sport. It recognised that sport plays a vital role in moulding the framework of Australian society. Contributors at all levels of sport were eligible.*



Pam Hutchings (middle) celebrated with her swimming friends at the NSW Short Course Carnival in October

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