

Masters Swimming Australia



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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WHO WE ARE

OUR NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

President: Gerry Tucker
 Finance Director: Andrea McNeil
 Director: Therese Crollick (left May 2018)
 Director: Wendy Holtom
 Director: Neal Bertram
 Director: Jane Noake (commenced May 2018)

OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Bill Lough 1975 - 1978
 Peter Jackson 1978 - 1984
 Ivan Wingate 1985 - 1988
 Graeme McDougall 1989 - 1992
 Glenys McDonald AM 1993 - 1998
 Mary Sweeney 1999 - 2005
 John Pugh 2005 - 2011
 Craig Smith 2011 - 2017
 Gerry Tucker 2017 - Present

OUR LIFE MEMBERS

1985 Gary Stutsel OAM (NSW)
 1989 Glenys McDonald AM (WA)
 1991 Peter Gillett (SA - deceased)
 1999 Kay Cox OAM (WA)
 2002 Ivan Wingate (WA)
 2005 Darryl Hawkes (SA)
 2006 Mary Sweeney (QLD)
 2006 Pauline Samson (TAS)
 2007 David Cummins (WA)
 2011 John Pugh (TAS)
 2016 Gerry Tucker (VIC)

OUR BRANCH DELEGATES

Jon Hawton (MSNSW)
 John Pollock (MSNT)
 Shane Knight (MSQ)
 Tom Bland (MSSA)
 Maciej Slugocki (MST)
 Susan Kempson (MSV)
 Fiona Wilkins (MSWA)

OUR NATIONAL RECORDER

Pauline Samson

OUR NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

General Manager: Noeleen Dix
 Projects: Lynne Sheehan (left 2018)
 Administration: Jane Barnes
 Administration: Kath Davis
 Book keeper: Gerard Russell
 Communication: Anna Yelland

OUR MSA RESULTS PORTAL

Frank Braun

OUR COACHING COMMITTEE

Bruce Allender (VIC)
 Mark Erickson (left Sept) (QLD)
 Di Coxon-Ellis (NSW)
 Kim Tyler (WA)
 John Pugh (left Sept) (TAS)
 Elena Nesci (WA)

OUR TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Phillip Beames (SA)
 Neil Mitchell (VIC)
 Peter Maloney (WA)
 Neil Keele (NSW)
 Stan Pearson (left Sept) (QLD)
 John Barrett (commenced Oct) (QLD)
 Diane Partridge (NSW)
 Jayna Gordon (NT)
 Ray Brien (commenced Oct) (TAS)

OUR SWIM MEET COMMITTEE

Jane Noake (NSW)
 Leanne Beames (SA)
 Rachael Keough (QLD)
 Fiona Wilkins (WA)
 Jeanette Holowiuk (left July)(VIC)

WHO WE ARE

MASTERS SWIMMING AUSTRALIA (MSA) IS THE PEAK BODY FOR ADULT SWIMMERS AGED EIGHTEEN YEARS AND ABOVE AND IS AFFILIATED WITH FINA THROUGH SWIMMING AUSTRALIA LTD (SAL). MSA IS A NOT FOR PROFIT, CONSTITUTED IN 1975. THE ORGANISATION DOES NOT RECEIVE FUNDING FROM ANY GOVERNMENT SOURCE AND RELIES ON MEMBER FUNDING.

OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Members join Masters Swimming Clubs. Clubs are affiliated to their respective Branch, and the Branches are affiliated to the national body. There are seven Branches within Australia, representing each State/Territory, with the exception of ACT, which is incorporated as part of the NSW Branch.

According to the constitution, the National Board of Management (NBM) comprises the President and four other elected members. There are two General Meetings involving the Branches, one of which is the Annual General Meeting held in autumn usually in conjunction with the annual National Championships. The other meeting is held in spring. There are three permanent national committees. They are Coaching, Swim Meets and Technical.

The NBM is responsible for the governance and overall direction of the organisation, with the day-to-day running of the organisation being the responsibility of the staff in the National Office. A General Manager (reporting directly to the NBM) manages the administration staff and the office. The National Office also services the Victorian Branch by performing its administrative functions.

Clubs offer various programs, such as regular training and stroke correction with qualified coaches, fun events and social activities. Competitions are available at club, branch, national and international levels. Competitive opportunities are also available through postal swims, the Vorgee Endurance 1000 and Vorgee Million Metres Awards. MSA Branches offer technical courses for officials and coaching courses and clinics for coaches.

OUR MOTTO

**"FITNESS,
FRIENDSHIP & FUN"**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

MSA aims to provide at club, state and national level an environment to encourage all adults, regardless of ability, to swim regularly and compete in order to promote fitness and improve their general well being.

OUR COMMUNICATION

MSA's website www.mastersswimming.org.au is our primary method of storing information and communication with members, although the social media platforms of Facebook and Instagram are used for instantaneous newscasting.

OUR NEWSLETTER

The e-newsletter is produced quarterly and emailed directly to members. Previous editions are available for download from the national website.

OUR SPONSOR

MSA has one long term national sponsor: Vorgee
www.vorgee.com



OUR PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS

MSA manages and promotes a number of programs each year, designed to encourage active participation in swimming from beginner to advanced level.

VORGEE ENDURANCE 1000 CHAMPION CLUB AND VORGEE ENDURANCE 1000 AWARD

The Vorgee Endurance 1000 aims to promote fitness by providing an incentive (in the form of club points) for members to swim longer distances.

The program is designed to encourage members to swim in distances from 400m and up to one hour in duration, in the full variety of strokes. The program is structured by gender and age-groups and the swims are done over the full calendar year. As a result, a certain level of aerobic fitness needs to be maintained in order to complete the individual event requirements.

Individual points are gained for the completion of each event. These combine with points gained by other club members and contribute to a total point score for each competing club. The club with the most points is declared the Vorgee Endurance 1000 Champion Club for the year.

As an extension of the program, the Vorgee Endurance 1000 Award follows the same structure as the Vorgee Endurance 1000 Champion Club, but is for the club averaging the highest number of points per registered member. This Award is designed to provide an opportunity for smaller clubs to compete on an equal basis with the larger clubs.

TOP TEN

National times are recorded for males, females and relays with the Top Ten in each category (age group, stroke and distance) being published annually on the website.

VORGEE MILLION METRES AWARDS

The Vorgee Million Metre Awards acknowledge progress from the “learn to swim” beginner to the distance swimmer. These awards are intended to encourage members to strive for greater fitness and are open to all registered members of MSA.

The Million Metre Awards were established in 2001 for one, three and ten Million Metres. In 2004, they were expanded to include five and seven Million Metres. Now there are members attaining their 20 Million Metres!

Upon successful completion of 1 - 5 million, 7 million, 10, 15 and 20 million metres, members are rewarded with combinations of different awards; eg. polo shirt, certificate, a polar fleece, engraved plaque, Vorgee gift pack or a Nitro jacket.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

MSA hosts and participates in a number of national and international events over the year or alternate years.

These include:

- National Championships
- FINA World Masters Swimming Championships
- Oceania Masters Games
- Pan Pacific Masters Championships
- Australian Masters Games,
- The OutGames,
- The World Gay Games
- Asia Pacific OutGames.

MSA owns the Annual National Championships and the event is hosted on a rotational basis by one of the Branches each year.

FINA WORLD RECORDS

Australian swimmers hold world records in masters swimming in both Long and Short Course. Results are published on Fina website and MSA website.

NATIONAL RECORDS

National Records are compiled annually for MSA, and are published on the website.

Records are maintained for:

- Men’s Short Course
- Women’s Short Course
- Relay Short Course
- Men’s Long Course
- Women’s Long Course
- Relay Long Course

OUR PUBLICATIONS, POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

MSA operates under the direction of the following MSA publications (available on the website):

- Constitution
- By-Laws
- General Rules

MSA has developed and implemented policies in the following key areas:

- National Member Protection Policy
- National Risk Management Policy
- National Safety Policy
- National Championships Meet Guide
- Communication Policy
- Privacy Policy

MSA regularly updates the following results in the Results Portal:

- Up to date meet results (since 2004)
- Individual member result history for all recorded meets
- World, National and Branch records including historic records
- National, Branch and Club Top 10 rankings by time (since 2002)
- National, Branch and Club Top 10 rankings by points (since 2007)
- Vorgee Endurance 1000 results from 2012
- National Championships Results

PRESIDENTS REPORT

MASTERS SWIMMING AUSTRALIA HAS HAD ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR IN 2018, ENJOYING CONTINUED STRONG MEMBERSHIP, A GREAT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PERTH, 17 WORLD RECORDS ACHIEVED, FABULOUS SUPPORT FROM OUR VAST VOLUNTEER NETWORK AND THE GREAT TEAM IN OUR NATIONAL OFFICE IN MELBOURNE.

Our overall membership grew slightly in 2018, (6,494 compared to 6,469 in 2017) with five of the seven Branches achieving either stable or a growing memberships. WA capitalised on their very successful National Championships, attracting a net increase of 60 members over the year. What I regard as the three fundamentals of a great Masters swimming club; a strong committee, excellent coaches and affordable lane space were widely demonstrated by most of our Clubs around the country. Thank you again to the leaders of all our clubs, for your hard work and commitment throughout the year.

The Branches too, played a large part in our success in 2018. Our Branch Presidents have been on the road, talking to clubs and attending local Meets. At the same time, they have been showing leadership in the governance of their Branches and fostering creative ideas to enhance to the offerings that we present to our members and potential members. In this regard, I would like to make special mention of the Queensland President, Shane Knight, who has made it his business to travel the length and breadth of his very large State to spread the word and provide support and encouragement to the clubs that he visited.

I would like to thank the Branch Presidents and their Boards of Management for working together and helping build a strong and united organisation that is today's Masters Swimming Australia.

I would also like to thank the other four members of the National Board, Wendy Holtom, Jane Noake, Andrea McNeil and Neal Bertram for their unwavering support of me and dedication to MSA over the past twelve months. Jane is our newest member of the Board, replacing Therese Crollick, who retired after 15 years of National service, including seven years as a member of the National Board. Thank you so much, Therese. We are deeply indebted to you for your outstanding service to Masters Swimming.

I would like to make special mention of our Board member and Finance Director, Andrea, who has the onerous task of overseeing the National finances. Andrea is doing a fabulous job and I wish to specifically thank her for doing this for us all.

In 2018, we have seen a significant strengthening of alliances within the swimming "industry" and we have been able to take advantage of that, working closer than ever with our industry's peak body, Swimming Australia (SAL). In particular, when we decided to adopt Multiclass competition as part of what we do, SAL was right there to guide us through the process and make it feasible for us to pave the way for inclusion of adult Multiclass competitors to be launched at the National Championships in April 2020 in Sydney. A number of Branches and Clubs have already been, or have committed to, including Multiclass competition in their Meets in the lead-up to the 2020 Nationals.

The 2018 Nationals, held at the HBF Stadium in Perth were a resounding success with 626 participants, representing 108 of our clubs from all over Australia.



Gerry Tucker helping on the Medals desk in Adelaide

PRESIDENTS REPORT - CONT

Thank you very much to all the volunteer organisers, ably led by WA President, Fiona Wilkins. It was a great Meet, staged in a magnificent venue, beautiful weather and located in a very attractive city.

During 2018, four of our Australian swimmers broke an extraordinary 17 World Masters records. Jenny Whiteley, (aged 60) broke an amazing 11 world records during the year. George Coronos (aged 100!) set four new world records in his age group. Helen Bird (81) broke one record, as did Patrick Galvin (85). Congratulations to our World Record breakers in 2018.



Gerry Tucker presenting George Coronos with his 4 Fina World Record Certificates

2018 was designated as the Year of the Coach. During the year, we highlighted and celebrated the successes of many of our coaches, through our eNews and other media outlets. We also ran more coaching courses and workshops to encourage the qualification of new coaches and the requalification and update of our existing coaches. Thank you to Coaching Director, Bruce Allender for leading the charge on this initiative.

There were many recipients of our Vorgee million metre awards as members accrue and record more and more distances over the years. Our Vorgee endurance program was also well supported with many members achieving maximum points and/or completing the whole sixty-two swims that make up the program during the year.

I would like to thank our team in the National Office in Melbourne for the wonderful work they do in managing the day to day administration of our organisation. Once again, this group was so well led by our General Manager, Noeleen Dix.

Our staff members throughout the year, Kath Davis, Lynne Sheehan, Jane Barnes, Gerard Russell and Anna Yeland, who continued their great work, particularly in their communication with all of us, their assistance to the Branch Administrators and supporting the National Board on strategic and planning matters.

We are all indebted to them for their commitment to the smooth running of Masters Swimming in Australia.

Sadly, we lost our work mate and wonderful friend to all who knew her, Jane Barnes, earlier in the year. Jane passed away in April after an extraordinary battle with her medical condition. We miss her dearly.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing commitment to Masters Swimming and our activities. Whether it be participation in the Nationals or Branch championships, Interclub carnivals, the National Swim Series, the Vorgee Endurance program, Vorgee Million Metre awards, postal swims, open water swims or just training and supporting your club. All these activities help make our organisation strong.

Fitness, friendship....and a whole lot of fun!

GERRY TUCKER
PRESIDENT



Gerry Tucker in action



GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

MASTERS SWIMMING AUSTRALIA SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF WHAT IT ACHIEVES IN ANY GIVEN YEAR, AND 2018 ABSOLUTELY DELIVERED ACROSS THE NATION.

As an organisation of approximately 6500 members spread across 200 Clubs in each state and territory of Australia, it is much bigger than quite a few Olympic sports. Masters Swimming in Australia operates on the equivalent of 3 full time staff and many hundreds of volunteers across Australia, and it is totally member funded.

Like many national sporting associations its original purpose was to stage the national championships and provide a unified forum for its "owners", the seven Branches, to govern and progress the sport. It has professionalised with the times, but most of that professionalism is still delivered by volunteers who are the life blood of the sport. It has become an organisation that offers lots of opportunities for its members and provides a range of services and support for the Branches, Clubs and individual Members.

2018 was Masters Swimming Australia's forty fourth year of operation with a strong National Board of Management led by President, Gerry Tucker; Finance Director, Andrea McNeil; and Directors Neal Bertram; Wendy Holtom and Jane Noake who have devoted many hours of their time to the purposes of the organisation. I thank them for their leadership, support and expertise throughout the year.

Gerry has outlined many of the 2018 highlights in his report, so I am not going to repeat them, but I will say that I am in awe of some of the swimming performances and achievements of our members who have stood on podiums at pools and beaches this year. They and their fellow club members demonstrate the ideals of adults who #findtheir30 regularly and under the guidance of mainly volunteer coaches, remain

active and enthusiastic about exercising and striving to be the best they can be at any given age.

Masters Swimming is not just for the competitive swimmers, it also offers opportunities for members to set goals and achieve them through the Vorgee Million Metre and Vorgee Endurance 1000 programs. The 2018 Award winners are acknowledged later in this report. There are also a range of regular Postal Swims which are hosted by Clubs around Australia offering challenges to members to improve their swimming and reach targets in their own pool and in their own time.

During 2018 our members travelled Australia and the world using the framework of Masters Swimming to attend the annual MSA Swim camp in Thanyapura Thailand, the National Championships in Perth, the seven Branch nominated meets in the National Swim Series and many Branch Championships and Club Meets. The results of their efforts are all loaded into the Results Portal which holds every member's competitive and Endurance 1000 Masters sanctioned swim result.

Our relationship with Swimming Australia (SAL) has continued to grow, providing SAL with a better understanding of the interests and needs of active adult swimmers in the recreational and competitive swimming space. Masters has also benefitted, in being able to use the expertise and knowledge of SAL staff throughout the year. An MOU was signed by the two organisations in late 2018 and we hope that there will be more opportunities to work together for the benefit of our members.

Our long term sponsor, Vorgee continues to provide National and Branch sponsorship that funds our annual programs and provides awards and prizes to our members.

Their valuable support in the staging of the annual National Championships is greatly appreciated. We would like to acknowledge John Vorgias, Michelle Souvlis and the Vorgee staff in continuing to providing such wonderful service to the Masters Swimming community.

I would like to thank the people who make our national organisation tick; the National Board of Management, the National Office staff, the Branch Administrators, Secretaries and Delegates, the members of the national committees and the army of Club volunteers who run the sport at the grassroots.

Congratulations to Helga Ward, MSQ Administrator on her retirement in July after many years of service to her Branch. We hope she gets back into the pool and enjoys the fruits of her labour.

Finally, and on a sad note, we lost our MSA Administration Assistant of five and a half years, Jane Barnes, who passed away in April at 27 years of age, following two years of fighting leukaemia. Jane had made a lot of friends in Masters Swimming and was a valuable member of our small staff. We are still missing her smiling presence greatly. Kath Davis slipped into the role to assist Jane, initially in a part time capacity, and she hasn't missed a beat in continuing that service and support throughout 2018. So a big thank you to Kath for her support.

The achievements of Masters Swimming in Australia in 2018 should be celebrated and may the fitness, friendships and fun continue.

NOELEN DIX
GENERAL MANAGER



FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT

THIS REPORT IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ACCOMPANYING AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS.

I want to thank the staff in the MSA office - General Manager Noeleen Dix, Kath Davis and contracted bookkeeper Gerard Russell for their conscientious hard work and support. Noeleen has been with MSA for 10 years and we are thankful for her service to our members. We appreciate the promotions and communications skills that contractor Anna Yelland brought to MSA in the latter months of 2018. 2018 was a difficult year with the tragic loss of Jane Barnes, and Lynne Sheehan's contract concluded.

SUMMARY

The 2018 financial year reflected a surplus of operating revenue over operating expenses and approved special projects. The outcome is a satisfying surplus for the year and a healthy balance sheet.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

MSA recorded a net operating surplus of \$44,727 (before Special Projects) for 2018, after allowing for non-cash items of depreciation of \$2,552, long service provision of \$1,402 and a reduction in annual leave provision of \$4,204 due to the payment of entitlements to staff leaving MSA and current staff taking holidays.

INCOME

The revenue for 2018 included membership subscriptions from 6,494 members, compared to 6,469 members in 2017. Of the 6,494 registrations in 2018, 267 were for 16 month memberships and 90 were for 4 month memberships (281 and 91 respectively in 2017). This increase of 25 members marginally challenges the downward trend in membership in recent years.

Bank interest received in 2018 was \$9,855 down from \$10,236 in 2017 as interest rates for both term deposits and trading accounts continues to weaken.

Swim meet sanction fees were \$854 higher than in 2017, with Queensland's November Pan Pacs sanction fees contributing to almost half of this increase. Open water swim sanction fees in Queensland, NSW and South Australia also impacted the result. Vorgee, the major sponsor of MSA, contributed \$14,500 in sponsorship again in 2018. We greatly appreciate this financial assistance, discounted merchandise and other non cash support they offer our organisation.

Merchandise for 2018 comprised swim caps, so income was lower than in 2017 when Budapest World Championship merchandise was purchased by members. Many registrants enrolled for the Club coaching online course in 2017 which impacted 2018 numbers.

EXPENDITURE

Once again, commendable control on expenses has resulted in a surplus compared to budget and 2017. The effect of fewer staff on payroll expenses is significant. We should acknowledge those who remain and their ability to efficiently multi-task. The increase in rent, electricity and cleaning costs imposed by the State Sport Centre Trust in the second half of 2017 is ongoing. All expense categories came in under budget. Expenses that also reduced compared to 2017 are:

- National committees
- NBM teleconferences, due to a change in supplier mid 2017
- Postage, freight and office supplies
- Wages, leave provisions, staff conference costs and bookkeeping expenses
- Parking, due to fewer staff and board members who park nearby and walk to Sports House
- Worksafe insurance premiums, due to the reduction in staff
- Logo marketing expenses of 2017 are not ongoing

- Mailchimp expenses
- World Championships merchandise expenses, being incurred only every second year
- Swim into Spring, as material already available could be reissued

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The website upgrade, Multi Class sub committee and Coaching Subsidy program expenses were all special projects approved by branch delegates to further advance Masters Swimming.

BALANCE SHEET

Cash is held in transaction accounts and in two term deposits with different banks. MSA is protected by the Federal Government's bank deposit guarantee capped at \$250,000 per bank. Interest on the term deposits was reinvested at maturity.

The continuing sound financial position of MSA means the organisation can meet its commitments to staff, suppliers and the ATO. Trading accounts hold sufficient cash for operating expenses, approved special projects and expense accruals.

The 2019 year started with membership of 2,029 recorded in December 2018, and 267 members chose 16 month membership between September and November 2018. This compares to 2,129 and 281 respectively for the prior year, indicating effort is required to address the reduced momentum in members joining and renewing their membership.

Proposal

I propose that the Audited Financial Statements and this accompanying report be accepted as presented.

ANDREA MCNEIL
FINANCE DIRECTOR



Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Board of Management

As at 31 December 2018

President:	Gerry Tucker
Director of Finance:	Andrea McNeil
Board Members:	Jane Noake
	Neal Bertram
	Wendy Holtom

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

INCOME	2018 \$	2017 \$
Branches		
Annual Affiliation Fees	\$1,432	\$1,432
Member Registrations	\$238,616	\$236,499
Coach Accreditation Fees	\$250	\$150
Sanction Fees	\$8,614	\$7,760
MSV administration fee	\$31,474	\$30,629
Total Branches	\$280,386	\$276,470
Other Income		
Interest	\$9,855	\$10,237
Publications/Merchandise	\$4,536	\$7,874
Sponsorships	\$14,500	\$14,500
Advertising	\$0	\$275
Miscellaneous	\$82	\$140
Coaching Workshop	\$0	\$236
Club coaching online	\$245	\$2,741
MSA Swim Camp	\$475	\$398
Total Other Income	\$29,694	\$36,400
TOTAL INCOME	\$310,079	\$312,870

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Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
EXPENSES		
Professional Fees		
Audit Fees	\$1,470	\$1,280
Legal Fees	\$292	\$112
Total Professional Fees	\$1,762	\$1,392
NBM & Branch Delegates		
Travel & Accommodation Expenses	\$23,860	\$18,880
Teleconferences	\$842	\$857
Other NBM Expenses	\$37	\$259
Total NBM & Branch Delegates	\$24,739	\$19,996
National Committee		
Management	\$0	\$124
Total National Committee	\$0	\$124
Premises		
Rent & storage, electricity, cleaning	\$12,203	\$10,548
Total Premises	\$12,203	\$10,548
Operations		
Membership Registration Management Fee	\$31,687	\$31,574
Office IT	\$322	\$157
Phone & Fax	\$3,320	\$1,872
Internet Fees	\$308	\$348
Postage & freight	\$1,978	\$2,554
Office Supplies / Stationery	\$187	\$708
Photocopier	\$477	\$369
Affiliations & Subscriptions	\$200	\$200
Computer, Software & IT Services	\$1,331	\$1,211
MSAC tenant cards	\$0	\$286
Total Operations	\$39,809	\$39,279

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Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
EXPENSES continue		
Staff		
Wages & Salaries	\$119,243	\$112,866
Superannuation	\$11,296	\$38,880
Other Staff Costs	\$204	\$764
Additional Administration	\$4,030	\$0
Bookkeeping	\$14,331	\$14,860
LSL Provision	\$1,402	\$838
Annual Leave Provision	(4,204)	\$3,655
Total Staff	\$146,301	\$171,863
Other		
Insurance	\$24,070	\$24,173
Annual Report	\$275	\$607
Awards, Trophies & gifts, including Swim Series	\$3,569	\$3,298
Sponsorship Related Costs	\$1,283	\$0
Administrators' workshop	\$3,860	\$3,658
Promotional Materials	\$1,112	\$1,228
Merchandise, purchased on order	\$196	\$5,061
Million Metres Costs	\$2,083	\$1,910
Coaching Workshop Expenses	\$523	\$0
Coach of the year expenses	\$1,015	\$882
Depreciation	\$2,552	\$1,986
Total Other	\$40,538	\$42,804
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$265,352	\$286,005
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$44,727	\$26,866
Special Projects		
Website Upgrade	\$2,000	\$0
Multi Class Sub Committee	\$3,121	\$0
Coaching Subsidy Program	\$571	\$0
Marketing	\$0	\$750
Swim into Spring	\$0	\$2,590
Total Special Projects	\$5,691	\$3,340
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$39,036	\$23,526

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Bank		
Westpac Cheque Account	\$11,747	\$8,624
Westpac Idirect Account	\$150,054	\$103,912
Westpac Mastercard Debit Card	\$715	\$268
Cash on Hand	\$24	\$24
Westpac Term Deposit	\$139,249	\$135,853
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$233,078	\$227,393
Total Bank	\$534,867	\$476,074
Debtors		
Trade Debtors	\$17,853	\$42,784
Prepayments/Sundry Debtors	\$16,200	\$14,855
Total Debtors	\$34,053	\$57,638
Total Current Assets	\$568,919	\$533,713
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Plant and Equipment		
Furniture & Equipment	\$55,115	\$55,115
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$51,920)	(\$49,368)
Total Fixed Assets	\$3,195	\$5,747
TOTAL ASSETS	\$572,114	\$539,459

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
LIABILITIES		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Trade Creditors	\$3,179	\$3,951
Revenue received in advance	\$91,315	\$93,435
GST Liabilities - clearing account	\$6,962	\$7,636
PAYG on wages	\$3,324	\$2,734
Superannuation	\$2,033	\$2,856
Accruals	\$1,420	\$1,200
Provision for Annual Leave	\$9,900	\$14,104
Total Current Liabilities	\$118,134	\$125,917
<u>Non-Current Liabilities</u>		
Provision for Long Service Leave	\$12,340	\$10,938
Total Non-Current Liabilities	\$12,340	\$10,938
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$130,474	\$136,855
NET ASSETS	\$441,640	\$402,604
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	\$402,604	\$379,079
Current Earnings	\$39,036	\$23,526
TOTAL EQUITY	\$441,640	\$402,604

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash Flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from operations	\$323,035	\$275,117
Payment to suppliers and employees	(\$273,424)	(\$298,081)
Interest received	\$9,855	\$10,237
GST received / (paid)	(\$674)	\$269
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$58,792	(\$12,458)
Cash Flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	\$0	\$0
Net cash used in investing activities	\$0	\$0
Net cash increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$58,792	(\$12,458)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	\$476,075	\$488,533
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	\$534,867	\$476,075

Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2018

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.

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2018

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

(e) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Board's Declaration

31 December 2018

In the opinion of the board, the financial report:

- (a) presents fairly the financial position of Masters Swimming Australia Inc as at 31 December 2018 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

.....Andrea McNeil.....

Dated

.....19 February 2019.....

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

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

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Masters Swimming Australia Inc. (the Association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2018, the income statement for the year then ended, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, the notes to the financial statements, and the board's declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

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

Basis for Opinion

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

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

Responsibilities of the Board for the Financial Report

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, the auditor exercises professional judgement and maintains professional scepticism throughout the audit. The auditor also:

- Identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the auditor's opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtains an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by those charged with governance.
- Concludes on the appropriateness of those charged with governance's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If the auditor concludes that a material uncertainty exists, the auditor is required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. The auditor's conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluates the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. The auditor communicates with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that the auditor identifies during the audit.

Crane Horwath Tasmania
CROWE HORWATH TASMANIA



Malcolm Matthews

Partner

Launceston

Date: 19/2/2019

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Membership by YEAR and BRANCH

Please note

- since 2007 ACT included in NSW figures

Branch	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
NSW	1737	1679	1729	1719	1620	1557	1534	1558	1450	1437	1482	1464
NT	123	170	169	161	154	148	141	131	136	138	152	161
QLD	1414	1348	1425	1316	1138	1280	1235	1242	1189	1199	1195	1195
SA	605	600	604	606	577	635	631	657	649	644	614	618
TAS	298	317	296	296	280	299	288	298	327	277	291	290
VIC	929	900	920	975	965	1055	1098	1176	1219	1263	1148	1119
WA	1277	1344	1324	1398	1442	1448	1578	1642	1655	1619	1587	1647
Total	6383	6358	6467	6471	6176	6422	6505	6704	6625	6577	6469	6494

NATIONAL SWIM MEETS COMMITTEE

The Swim meet committee welcomed three new members this year- Fiona Wilkins (WA), Leanne Beames (SA) and Rachael Keogh (QLD). There is a lot of experience with these three ladies which will enhance this committee in the next couple of years.

There were quite a number of recommendations from the WA National Championships which the swim meet committee had to look at – thanks MSA for your comprehensive report. A number of the recommendations have been added to the National Swim Meet Guide after the October 2018 Board meeting.

We intend to start an over view of the entire Swim Meet Guide in the next couple of months, a huge job and as we are all very busy, I expect this review to take at least a year. The end result will be a much more streamlined guide for those Branches running the National Championships in the future.



JANE NOAKE

SWIM MEETS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

NATIONAL COACHING COMMITTEE

The National Coaching Committee was made up from the following members in 2018:

Bruce Allender (Chair, Victorian Branch)

Di Coxon Ellis (NSW Branch)

Mark Erickson (Queensland Branch)

John Pugh (Tasmanian Branch)

Kim Tyler (Western Australian Branch)

Elena Nesci (Western Australian Branch)

Jacinta Stirrat (Northern Territory Branch)

The Branches are responsible for nominating Committee members, who are not necessarily members of Branch Committees themselves but all want to contribute to coaching. John Pugh and Mark Erickson are two long standing Committee members who decided to leave this year. The Committee wishes to thank them both for their unstinting efforts and their many contributions leading the development of masters coaching for MSA and their own Branches.

There has been a pleasing increase in the total numbers of accredited coaches. SA and NT have fewest new coaches accredited this year and it hoped the funding Support program for training will assist candidates to attend training further afield. The coaches trained at the ASCTA Conference are another source of recruitment and we hope to build on that at the ASCTA 2019 Conference.

The following Club Coach Courses have been conducted during 2018 in: QLD (ASCTA): May, QLD: May, QLD: July, NSW: July, QLD: July, WA: Oct, NSW: Oct and a VIC course has been postponed to 2019.

COACH OF THE YEAR

One of the main tasks for the whole Coaching Committee is assessing the nominations and documentation for Coach of the Year from each of the Branches and making a recommendation for the MSA Coach of the Year to the MSA Board. The 2017 Masters Coach of the Year was presented to Peter Johnston from Merrylands (NSW). This is the second time Peter has been recognised with this award, having won it in 2013 as well. Congratulations Peter.

YEAR OF THE COACH

The financial assistance package for Club Coach training sponsored by the MSA Board has been well received. This has allowed more regional candidates to attend training workshops. Three candidates from NSW and two from WA were approved. At this stage, one applicant, Mickaela Mate has gone on to become a new Club Coach. The others have a 12 month period to complete their accreditation.



BRUCE ALLENDER

COACHING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Branch	Total Coaches in 2018	New in 2018	Reaccredited in 2018
NSW	88	14	17
NT	3	1	
QLD	75	13	5
SA	18		
TAS	9	4	1
VIC	42	5	3
WA	95	18	9

NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The National Technical Committee (NTC) is a forum for all states to clarify technical issues, review rules, propose changes if required, and provide guidelines for the training and accrediting of technical officials. The NTC members for 2018-2019 are Phil Beames (SA), Peter Maloney (WA), Di Partridge (NSW), Neil Keele (NSW), Ray Brien (TAS), John Barrett (MSQ) Neil Mitchell (VIC) and Jayna Gordon (NT). Stan Pearson (QLD) left in 2018.

Over the last year the National Board has been reviewing and updating the National Safety Policy. Two items that has required review and input from the NTC is 'diving into pools' and 'hyperthermia in open water swims'.

1. Diving into Pools – a discussion paper was prepared and circulated to the NTC and, following discussions, recommendations regarding pool depth guidelines and requirements at meets and training sessions were put to the National Office and adopted at the General Meeting in October.
2. Open Water Swim Rules –With the focus on hyperthermia as a high risk for OWS competitors' recommendations to amend the MSA OWS Rules to bring the current MSA OWS Rules in-line with the FINA Masters OWS rules were put up for discussion at the General Meeting in October. FINA introduced rules around wearing wetsuits when water temperature is below 20C some time ago and specifies maximum swim distance for masters' events – both critical factors in reducing the risk of hyperthermia. The wearing of wetsuits when the water temperature is less than 20°C was adopted but MSA voted at the Spring General Meeting to continue with swims of up to 10km and not adopt the FINA rule for masters events of swims up to 5km.

Other tasks the NTC are to work on are;

- Exploring MSWA's suggestion that there should be accredited Open Water Swimming Technical Official positions with their own accreditation pathway that is not dependent on pool accreditations.
- Review if there are opportunities to align the MSA open water swimming rules more closely with the FINA open water swimming rules, noting that there are special conditions in Australia that will need to be considered.

The NTC will continue to focus on:

- How to encourage individuals to become accredited officials, develop strategies to retain those officials and to prepare to replace those who stand down.
- Reviewing the process of gaining accreditation as a Technical Official with the view of making it simpler and more flexible whilst maintaining high standards.



PHILLIP BEAMES

NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Number of Technical Courses held in 2018

Branch	General Principals of Officiating	Time-keeper	Chief Time-keeper	Check Starter/ Clerk of Course / Marshal	Starter	Inspector of Turns	Judge of Stroke	Referee	Total
NSW	0	1	2	5	1	3	0	0	12
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	0	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	10
SA	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	4
TAS	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	6
WA	Held 2 Annual Officials Re-accreditation Workshops								

NATIONAL RECORDER

In 2018, there were 96 events for masters swimmers which was 11 fewer than 2017 and included seven international events. The major meets included the MSA National Championships in Western Australia, events in Europe, Canada, the USA and Singapore. Each branch had championship events in both short and long course and there was an increase of over 3200 individual results and the portal is close to recording 1 million individual swims.

There were 227 individual and 46 relay National records achieved in 2018. This was a decrease of 53 individual and an increase 6 relay records, mostly in short course.

In 2018, there were 18 FINA Masters World Records applied for and 17 approved by the World Recorder as one record was beaten by a quicker time in the assessment window.

Endurance 1000 has been used now by swimmers for 7 years and it was pleasing to see the number of participants increase from 2017 and also the increase is reflected in the number who completed all the swims and achieved 1005 pts. The number of clubs has also increased by 5. The Endurance 1000 results included swims across all age groups although some swims are in the competition by default with all eligible swims being transferred from swim meets. In reviewing the participation of swimmers over the last 25 years, it is interesting to note the number of swimmers who have achieved at least 5, 10, and 15 years of completing all the swims and a few swimmers have done this for more than 20 years. All swimmers will be acknowledged for their achievements and hopefully this might inspire others to take part.

Vorgee Endurance 1000

Year	Clubs	Swimmers	Completed all swims	Achieved 1005 points
2018	157	1969	90	61
2017	152	1737	78	50
2016	152	1915	88	57
2015	144	1965	75	56
2014	146	1899	71	51
2013	153	2109	110	55
2012	141	1884	81	59

It has been a rewarding year for many swimmers as they continue to support the events, record amazing times and in many cases taking part for the first time. The recorders in each branch, including those who record at meets and the many club recorders who enter times and distances for e1000 are much appreciated for the work that they do over the year.



In 2018, after many years of correcting Masters Swimming Australia IDs and updating names on an adhoc basis, I started the task of checking all members and their results in the portal. As regards the missing MSA IDs dating back to 2002-2003, this task will be ongoing into 2019 with over 29000 lines of data to update.

PAULINE SAMSON

NATIONAL RECORDER (LIFE MEMBER)

Statistics of entries from the records/results portal	2018	Total since 2002
Meets	96	2263
Individual results	66,132 (incl e1000 - 17747)	977,633
Relay results	2,216	34,586
National Records Individual Relay	273 (227) (46)	59,260
World Records achieved by MSA swimmers 2018 Individual Relay	17	598 57

NEW SOUTH WALES (MSNSW)

GOVERNANCE

Masters Swimming NSW is governed by a board of seven members assisted by position holders in Communications, Coaching, Endurance, Recording, Safety, Technical, Training, Social Media and Website. Board members were elected at the Annual General Meeting held in May 2018 which was attended by 49 registered persons representing 17 of our 50 clubs.

Jane Noake stood down from her long term as President and Kerryn Blanch, from Wests Auburn Masters took up the challenge. Stuart Meares also took the opportunity to take a rest as Treasurer after many years of steering us through financially and Paul Bailey from Warringah Masters ably filled the role. We welcomed new member Diana Watts from Manly Masters to the Board. During the year Kari Baynes had to step down and a casual position remained open for the rest of 2018. MSNSW offices, located at Sports House in Sydney Olympic Park, remained rent free; we pay for outgoings.

PROMOTIONS

Recognition

Many members of MSNSW were recognised for their work and dedication throughout 2018. These included, but were not limited to, Sue Wiles & Kerryn Blanch (Gary Stutsel Award), Julia Atkins (Official of the Year), Alison Johnston (Administration Award), Peter Johnston (Coach of the Year), Megan Blamires (Ian Davis Award) and Dawn Gledhill (Betty Grant Award). The branch offers hearty congratulations to all these recipients.

Mark Hepple again put in countless hours of voluntary labour at the computer launching and updating the new website. He then assisted other branches as he learnt and trialled new systems to the benefit of all. As Mark discovered improved ways of working within the new format he wrote help sheets and shared them along with links to instructional videos. Mark found the time to attend the Administrators workshop in Melbourne and presented a session to introduce everyone to the new platform. Much of the work done by Mark is behind the scenes and not visible to members so he can be under most peoples radar but the Board is well aware of his value to the Branch.

Marketing

Kim Back our Marketing & Communications Coordinator got us on Instagram and we finished the year with over 600 followers. And gee, don't we look good in pictures!

In April we were invited to have a stand at the NSW Seniors Expo at Darling Harbour in the Sydney CBD and volunteers from several clubs put their hands up to be part of this event. Over two days over 14,000 people passed by and many stopped for a chat and check out who we were and what we offered. The loud lesson learnt was that those over sixty five are very interested in learning to swim with many lacking confidence to get wet.

Seaside Pirates meet in August saw many Invictus athletes join us as a warm up for the Invictus Games at which many MSNSW members volunteered their labour across all sports.

Swimming NSW invited us to share a stand outside SOPAC and again volunteers from within our membership engaged with the public to explain who we are and what we do.

Dryland Training

Tony Goodwin, Breaststroke World Record holder hosted several pool side clinics prior to swim meets throughout the year. These were provided free of charge and the offer was taken up by many, many members.

Bathurst Grape Escape Project

In May, with the assistance of Sports Marketing Australia and the Bathurst Regional Council, we went three hours west from Sydney to Bathurst for a weekend packed with activities. Not all swimming either! Many of the Sydney and Canberra Masters members stayed in Bathurst on the Friday and the Saturday night. Some went on a bushwalk/cave walk early Saturday, about 20 visited a local winery for wine and nibbles, and nearly 40 got together for dinner on Saturday night at a local eatery. This coincided with a Royal Wedding so there was a bit of bling flashing around.

The aim of the weekend was two-fold: to attract local swimmers and potential swimmers in the Bathurst region to enjoy some coaching and see what was involved in a relaxed mini-meet with a mix of strokes and distances to compete in, and to offer a weekend away for members in the Bathurst region.

The coaching session on Saturday afternoon attracted over 40 participants and was run by three masters-accredited coaches. A handful of those who hopped in the water were local people.

NEW SOUTH WALES (MSNSW)

The fun mini-meet on Sunday morning was well attended, with about the same number of swimmers and again with a handful of local people trying it out.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

Coaching Team

MSNSW's Coaching Director, Di Coxon-Ellis ran two Club Coach courses and our thanks go to John Kulhan, Anne Smyth and Paul Bailey who also presented at these. One was held on the far south coast hosted by our newest club the Sapphire Coast Stingrays.

The Coach Project team, led by Anne Smyth, has been active and looked resplendent in new coach shirts celebrating the national initiative of Coach of the Year. Anne and her team visited MSNSW clubs that requested a training session.



Clarence River Masters coaches proudly display the short & long sleeve versions.

Endurance 1000 Recorder

Jenny Whiteley kept the branch up to date with all things endurance and MSNSW finished 2018 with twenty six members achieving maximum points while another nineteen managed all swims. These numbers are up again from previous years.

Again MSNSW thanks Pauline Samson for her tireless efforts in keeping us all up to speed with the E1000 program and with all things record-y!.

Safety

The Branch Safety Coordinator, Jodie Burke, continued to ensure that clubs follow the national safety guidelines at all club and interclub activities.

CPR courses were conducted at cost price to encourage all members to get this life-saving qualification.

Technical and Training Team

Di Partridge, Branch Training Co-ordinator, organised a training calendar for Officials courses and provided support and continuing education for all technical officials throughout the year.

MSNSW continues to have a healthy base of officials on which to call.

Swim Meets

Throughout NSW and the ACT nineteen sanctioned meets were booked to be held in 2018. The calendar was made up of nine long-course and ten short-course meets inclusive of our four Branch meets as follows:

- Long-course championships were conducted at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, with 305 swimmers booked in to compete from 44 clubs.
- The branch relay meet in July was held in the short-course diving pool at SOPAC, attracting 279 swimmers from 16 clubs.
- The short-course championships were held in October over two days at Woy Woy, attracting 245 competitors from 41 clubs.
- The branch long-distance long-course championships were held in November at Lidcombe, with 115 swimmers from 23 clubs.

The Board took the decision to do away with providing single use water bottles so presented officials and volunteers with a MSNSW logo bottle for refilling/reusing.



October saw the branch host an open water swim for the first time in over ten years. The quiet and almost secret location of Lake Parramatta was loaned to us by Parramatta City Council for a test event and happily it went ahead on the first day of their swim season. The few swimmers that took up the option enjoyed the surprisingly clean and almost warm waters.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Jamie Turner and Kevin Stirling continue to support and help run and organize the branch office and I wouldn't want to do it without them. My grateful thanks to them both.

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

Many thanks also go to our national General Manager and Administration team for their consistent support throughout 2018. It is comforting to know they have my back. Thank you, Noeleen, Kath and Lynne.

JILLIAN PATEMAN

MSNSW ADMINISTRATOR

Supported by the



NORTHERN TERRITORY (MSNT)

SWIM MEETS

The NT Branch held five swim meets during 2018. The Branch Short Course Championships were held in March and the Long Course in conjunction with the Alice Springs Masters Games in October, the latter being part of the MSA Swim Series. Three interclub virtual meets were conducted during the year - in January, May and November. The January meet was also an open Australia Day Carnival.



Image from MSNT Interclub

MEMBERSHIP

During the year the Northern Territory overtook Western Australia as the Branch with the highest percentages of its population as members of MSA clubs of the sovereign jurisdictions in Australia. Membership in 2018 reached 161, higher than the previous year's total of 152 – Alice Springs 25, Darwin 121, Palmerston & Rural 9 (First Claim Members)

FUNDING

The Branch in 2018 continued to receive no funding from the NT Department of Sport and Recreation. Funding was withdrawn from MSNT in 2017 because the branch refused to become wholly integrated into Swimming NT, which was in governance, administrative and financial disarray at that time. Changes in administrative personnel in Swimming NT and a change in its constitution allowed MSNT to apply for Affiliated Member status with Swimming NT, which was granted in October 2018. This will allow joint sanctioning of swim meets and should provide access to NTG grant funding in the future.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

A big contingent of Darwin Club members again attended the Singapore Masters' International Meet in October, winning many events, particularly in the older age groups, and breaking several NT Branch and Singapore Masters National Records. Branch members also performed well in the Asia Pacific Masters Games in Penang in September.

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.



Images from MSNT Interclubs

BRANCH MANAGEMENT

At the AGM in November, Neil Ludvigsen of the Darwin Stingers Club was elected as Branch President, replacing Adrian Tonkin, who had served for the previous six years, with John Pollock of Darwin Stingers as Branch Secretary and Robert Magin of Darwin Stingers as Treasurer.

JOHN POLLOCK

MSNT BRANCH SECRETARY



QUEENSLAND (MSQ)

GOVERNANCE

Masters Swimming Queensland continues to be managed by the Branch Management Board (BMB) with positions voted in at the AGM in March 2018.

The BMB members are:

- President: Shane Knight
- Treasurer: Julie Bott
- Vice President North: Cheryl Brodribb
- Vice President Central: Patricia O'Brien-Price
- Vice President Sunshine: Fernando Claro
- Vice President South: Susanne Milenkevich
- Director of Recording: David Findlay
- Director of Technical Services: John Barrett
- Director of Risk Management: Therese Crollick
- Directors of Coaching Services: Mark Erickson, then Sean Williams & Simon Watkins

The BMB meets at one Face-to-Face meeting each year, and also via 3 to 5 teleconferences. The committee has completed a review of the branch's constitution, and has voted to make changes to the structure of the Branch Management Board (BMB). Particular thanks to Cheryl Brodribb and Helga Ward for spending time working on this. The Branch's By-Laws will also be reviewed to bring them into line.

President, Shane Knight has devoted much time to visiting and getting to know clubs for support, assistance and the presentation of awards. Regional Vice Presidents have also travelled to show support to clubs throughout the year. Helga Ward retired from her role as the MSQ Administrator in June 2018 after over eleven years of tireless work.



President Shane visiting Malanda, Atherton & Mareeba Masters

Christina Scolaro replaced Helga in July 2018. Christina is settling in well and enjoying working with the Masters Swimming community in Queensland and Australia-wide. Thanks go to all for the warm welcome and offers of assistance and support offered.

Meet recording instructions are being updated to include procedures for multi-class.

Meet attendance statistics (number of meets swum vs number of competitors):

Number of Meets Attended	Number of Competitors
1	229
2	121
3	91
4	47
5	45
6	28
7	34
8	17
9	13
10	8
11	2
12	1

It is interesting to note that approximately 50% of MSQ membership attended swim meets (636), and the majority of swimmers attended between 1 and 5 swim meets during 2018.

MEMBERSHIP

2018 membership was 1169, with five new clubs formed – Indooroopilly Masters, Cotton Tree Masters, Commercial Swim Club, Rackley Swim Club and Trinity Lismore Masters. Healthstream folded, and Duck Creek Mountain merged with Trinity Lismore Masters, bringing the total number of clubs in Masters Swimming Queensland to 47.

SWIM MEETS

24 meets were held throughout the year in Queensland. At two meets, the State Championships and the Pan Pacific Masters Games, Multi-class competition was included. This has been well received by members. This year we expect a number of club meets to include multi-class also.

QUEENSLAND (MSQ)



MSQ swimmers at PPMG18

PPMG18

The final months of 2018 were all about the Pan Pacific Masters Games. It was a busy and exciting time, with our relatively new committee working to prepare for this huge international event. It was a privilege to work with such an energetic and enthusiastic team, and it was an absolute highlight to conclude the year successfully, and with a record attendance of 574. Feedback received was extremely positive, with swimmers enjoying the atmosphere and the experience of participating in an international event. Massive thanks goes to the army of officials, timekeepers, and board members who gave so generously of their time to ensure the efficient running of PPMG18.

Open Water Swims

The MSQ inaugural Big Barrine Bash (3B's OWS) at Lake Barrine on 2 December 2018 attracted 73 entries with 13 of these masters' swimmers. The swim was sanctioned by MSQ and the Rottneest Channel Swim plus was recognised by Swimming Australia for times for junior swimmers. Three distances were on offer, 10k, 5k and 2.5k with 65 swimmers on the day. There were 11 swimmers in the 10k, 17 in the 5k and 37 in the 2.5k. Swimmers were allowed four and a quarter hour to complete the 10k swim.

This is per the Rottneest Channel swim rules. The weather was perfect for an OWS and the lake was like glass. Lake Barrine was an ideal venue for this course and many swimmers have advised that they loved the longer course (2.5k loop) rather than a short course and are looking forward to 2019. Some have started training to enter a longer distance swim than they did in 2018. Local North Region clubs assisted in setting up, providing safety craft and equipment, paddling and recording manual times. Port Douglas Life Saving Club provided paddlers and safety personal.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Regional Competition

The MSQ member/club development program was trialled in the North region for 2018, and will be adopted by all four regions for 2019. This provides each of the four regions the opportunity to compete for an annual cash prize. Clubs were required to have members compete in at least three swim meets to be eligible. The program tallies the number of swim meets members from each club attend throughout the year. Results are then calculated using a percentage points system so that all clubs, be they small or large, have the same opportunity.

There were seven swim meets in the North region in 2018, with nine clubs competing at some of the swim meets. A big congratulations to the Townsville Long Tan Legends, who were the 2018 winners.

Lane Warriors:

Seven clubs and 80 swimmers participated in the Lane Warriors program for 2018. The majority of swimmers were in the 61+ age group. The total distance covered was 15,747,600m averaging 196km per person. The top three clubs for the year were Ipswich City Masters, Gladstone Gropers and Hervey Bay.

MSX:

The MSX program has been calculated for the 2018 season and is pending some further E1000 swims to be added. Due to the complexity added by allowing E1000 swims to be eligible for MSX this option will be discontinued in 2019 as the program is primarily intended to encourage meet competition. The software that enables MSX to be calculated has been rebuilt this year and decoupled from the MSQ Entry System. This means that it would be much easier for other state organisations to adopt it and it will be easier to calculate in the future.



MSQ's Newest Club - Cotton Tree Masters

QUEENSLAND (MSQ)

Endurance 1000:

39 clubs participated in the E1000 program for 2018, with a total of 439 participants. Congratulations to Noosa Masters for being the top point scoring club, and to Ipswich City Masters for having the highest average points per club.

Swim into Spring:

Swim Clinics were held on 4 consecutive Sundays in November at The Maryborough Aquatic Centre. The Fraser Coast Swim Coach, Ray facilitated the clinics. Participants attended over the 4 weeks, with several members of the public expressing an interest in joining the club.

The existing members were so impressed with the dedication of the coach, Ray, that he has been retained by the club to provide stroke correction and training every Sunday morning, which has expanded the activities offered to the members and potential members. Aquatic Centre staff actively promoted the Swim Clinics improving the communication between the club and the pool. Overall this was a very successful Swim into Spring Campaign.

TECHNICAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The most pressing issue from a technical and risk management view point was pool depth for diving. With a few pools in Queensland being older design, this meant cancellation of swim meets and concerns about organised club activities. We appreciate the work of Phil Beams and the MSA Technical Committee in providing an update to the Safety Policy and clarification on this matter.



Maryborough Masters Swim into Spring Clinic

Technical Officials attended many swim meets during the year with one new Referee being accredited and a Starter and a number of Timekeeper courses being conducted. MSQ also conducted an Open Water Swim which was a learning curve for the Technical Officials in attendance.

The major events for the year were the State Championships in Rockhampton and the Pan Pac Masters Games at Southport. Both were well attended by officials with some long days in the sun. Support from NSW officials was much appreciated.

There were no major risk incidents/accidents in Queensland last year and all our clubs are efficient in completing the Risk Management form prior to their swim meets. Councils and schools are very aware of risk issues these days so any pool where our members train would have ongoing risk assessment as part of the management of the facility.

COACHING

Director of Coaching, Mark Erickson presented the Masters Coaching Course (extension) at the ASCTA Convention with Bruce Allender in Brisbane in May. Masters Swimming will continue to work with ASCTA to improve courses and make them more relevant to experienced coaches (with at least a Bronze license). Coaching courses were held in Cairns and in Brisbane during 2018. These were presented by Mark and Raylene Rasmussen, Tony Keogh, Natasha Bletchley and Rachel Keogh.

Many thanks to all our coaches for presenting courses and for doing a great job in promoting Masters Swimming. Mark Erickson has now resigned, and we thank him for his work in support of MSQ over recent years. MSQ welcomed Sean Williams and Simon Watkins as our new Directors of Coaching in August. The new team have already implemented a courses and clinics calendar, and aim to increase the numbers of masters' athletes, and upskill members with coaching qualifications.

QUEENSLAND (MSQ)

Plans are in place to develop a network of coaches to work together to expand delivery across the state. Coaching courses will still be offered, however a major goal is to offer development opportunities with clinics and online questionnaires for further professional education. Our new Directors of Coaching Services are very excited with this opportunity and are anticipating great results in the future.



Jessica Schipper at the PPMG18

FINANCIAL

Julie Bott (MSQ Treasurer) and Amanda Noble (SQ Finance Manager) continue to do an excellent job tracking the finances of MSQ. The Income statement for 2018 shows an annual profit of \$18,250 which is approximately \$15,000 over our budget. The two most significant reasons for this profit are the Pan Pacific Masters Games, bringing in a total of \$11,200 profit (budgeted for \$0), and the membership income of \$44,200 which differs significantly from the budgeted amount of \$39,000. Congratulations to everyone involved in this impressive profit - a wonderful result for MSQ.

COMMUNICATION & PROMOTION

Communication with our membership is through email, our website and through our social media pages. We have Queensland and North Queensland Facebook pages and Instagram accounts, currently maintained by the Administrator and our VPs. The number of followers and interactions through these mediums is gradually increasing, with increased activity surrounding swim meets such as PPMG18.

PATRON

Jessica Schipper continues to be our MSQ Patron. She attended several meets, and was happy to meet and greet swimmers at our recent Pan Pacific Masters Games. Thank you very much to Jess for her continued support.

WEBSITE

MSQ engaged Diego Torres, software engineer from Unify Web Solutions to migrate our MSQ website to the new format and location. We have been very fortunate to have a fellow masters' swimmer with an understanding of our organisation to assist with this task. Many thanks to the MSQ board for engaging Diego's services for this purpose.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Massive thanks goes to all our board members, coaches, officials, volunteers and timekeepers, who gave so generously of their time to ensure that Masters Swimming Queensland had a very successful 2018. Thanks also go to Kath and Noeleen in the national office who never fail to offer friendly and helpful assistance with all facets of operations.

CHRISTINA SCOLARO

MSQ ADMINISTRATOR



Some of our wonderful Volunteers at the PPMG18

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (MSSA)

Masters Swimming SA continues to be strong in 2018. Membership remained relatively constant, which is encouraging, and the Branch and Clubs worked hard to provide numerous pool, open water and social events that were very well attended.

We have been extremely lucky to have Channel Nine's support for our Open Water Series and Geosnapshot Photography present at a lot of our events throughout the year. The photos have been amazing and have assisted in the promotion of all of our events. We appreciate their support!

GOVERNANCE

Masters Swimming SA changed to a Board structure as of 1st January 2019 as voted at the AGM in May 2018. The interim Board will be in place until the AGM in May 2019. The MSSA Interim Board is filled by Tom Bland (Chairman), Stuart Colla, Katherine Devonshire-Gill, Robert Ferguson, Jack Belfer and Phillip Beames. New Constitution and Bylaws are in place for a smooth transition. Thanks to Frank Lindsay and his sub-committee for all their hard work over the past 5 years!

Thanks to all committee members for their continued support and effort in their roles.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

SA State Masters Games

In 2018 the Games were in Murray Bridge but this was disappointing as they were held on the same dates as our National Championships in Perth. A small group went along and had a great time!



Annual Nine News Australia Day Jetty to Jetty Swim

Channel Nine Open Water Series 2018-2019

It has been another great summer in the ocean so far. Along with the efforts of our Open Water Swim Director, Tim Burfield, and Channel Nine's continued sponsorship of the series with television promotions, we have seen all of the swims being well represented by both members of Masters and SwimmingSA, along with the general public. With SwimmingSA hoping to build Open Water Swimming in their community, they have come on board with our series giving their swimmers the chance to swim in the ocean. We hope that this will grow in the future years

With 4 of our 9 swims left to complete – President's Cup, West Lakes Challenge, Noarlunga Reef and Port Elliot – there are only 20 swimmers who have managed to complete all swims to date and may gain themselves an embroidered towel for their effort, which is down on previous years when the number has been nearly 40. The Annual Nine News Australia Day Jetty to Jetty Swim attracted 385 swimmers with Swimming SA taking part. Rosemary White, Event Convenor, with the clubs that assisted deserve credit for making this a class event.

Again, Alec Townsend designed our t-shirt featuring our sponsors Channel 9 and Australia Swims.

Leila Nazimi from Henley Beach was the fastest female in a time of 23m13.6s, taking home the Wingate Trophy. While the fastest male was Steven McKenna in a time of 22m56.1s winning the Ted Geary Trophy.

Andy Duncan (aged 83) and Barbara Pearce from Marion (aged 82) received the Awards for the Oldest Swimmers to complete the swim; the Darryl Hawkes Trophy presented by Darryl and Simons Trophy presented by Tim Burfield.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA (MSSA)



The Nine News Jetty to Jetty Team Award and the Marj Muller Trophy were both won by Atlantis. This is the first time these two awards have been won by another club other than Adelaide Masters. Howard Muller was on hand to present the trophy in memory of Marj.

The 2019 State Open Water Swim Championships were held at Brighton under the auspices of both SwimmingSA and Masters Swimming SA. This the first time these events have been held concurrently. A new venue and in-water finish with electronic timing added appeal, while the combined resources of the two organisations ensured the event ran smoothly. There were a total of 170 entries (163 who swam) in the jointly sponsored 1.25 and 2.5 km events (146 Masters and 24 Swimming SA members). The overall Masters Male and Female winners in the 2.5km event were Mark Preiss (Aquadome Otters) and Steph Palmer-White (Adelaide Masters). The 1.25km winners were Ian Young (Marion Marlins) and Jo Sutcliffe (Henley Beach). The Marie Dingwall trophy for contribution to open water swimming was awarded to Garth Hayter of Marion Marlins.

Thanks to Garth Hayter, his Marion Team and Leanne Beames, working on behalf of Swimming SA and Masters Swimming SA, for an extremely well organised event. We hope to build on this success!

“Swim into Spring” Campaign

Masters Swimming SA, in conjunction with Vorgee, once again launched the “Swim into Spring” campaign. The promotion attracted new members to coincide with the release of 16 month memberships. Each new 16 month member received a free pair of Vorgee Extreme Competition Missile Goggles (valued at \$25), plus they went in the draw to win a Vorgee prize pack (valued at \$108). This campaign was very well received with 14 new 16 month memberships. We also had 7 x 4 month memberships. The winner of the Vorgee prize was Danielle Moffat from Tea Tree Gully.

Summer Pool Series 2018-2019

Our pool swimming continues with the Summer Pool Series held on the outskirts of the metropolitan area, which we have been building up since its inception in February 2013. This season, due to other commitments, we have only managed to squeeze in to the calendar 3 swims – Woodside, Gawler and the last still to come at SAALC.

2018 Winter Pool Series

Our Winter Interclub Series was a great success in 2018 with participation constant over the four events. Champions for the series were Atlantis, followed by Tea Tree Gully and Marion. Atlantis had only one thing in mind and that was to win this series in memory of their lovely Ruth Zeigeler. Congratulations to swimmers throughout the Series with many National and State records falling! The State Cups, both Long and Short Course, were held at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre with numbers the same as most years. The Short Course was part of the National Swim Series which attracted a few interstate visitors.

This was won by Marion while the Long Course Cup was won by Henley Beach.

Annual Presentation Dinner

Our Annual Branch Presentation Dinner was held on Saturday, 25 November at the Grange Golf Club celebrating another successful year for both clubs and individuals in SA! The event was hosted by Henley Beach who organised a fabulous night with a great floorshow! Ian Young from Marion was awarded Male Swimmer of the Year and the Runner-Up was Glen Walker from Atlantis. The Josie Sansom Trophy and Female Swimmer of the Year was won by Sally Hunter, our Ambassador, from Marion and the Runner-Up was Joy Page from Atlantis. Tom Bland made presentation of Award of Merits to three well deserving members – Melissa Beames – Pool Swim Director, Robert Harris – past President and Frank Lindsay – Member Protection Officer and for all three’s efforts on the Constitutional Sub-Committee.



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

TASMANIA (MST)

Over the past three years the Tasmanian Branch has introduced a number of strategies to address its long-term development. We are now well positioned to explore growth and development strategies in key areas identified with the MST strategic and development plan.

The Branch's financial position is very stable and sustainable into the future, providing a sound platform for further initiatives.

The Branch has a strong focus on the delivery of four high quality championship events, providing support for the development of our coaches and clubs and a rebuild of our officiating resources.

BRANCH GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Branch is managed by an executive and club representatives. Our elected and appointed office bearers for 2018 were:

- Branch President & Recorder: Pauline Samson
- Secretary: Mendelt Tillema
- Treasurer, Publicity & National Board Delegate: Maciej Slugocki
- Registrar, Safety Officer, Technical & Public Officer: Ray Brien
- Coaching Coordinator: John Pugh

Our Committee meets face to face four times a year, usually before one of our championship meets, and monthly via video/phone conference. The video/phone conferences focus on and provide the Branch the opportunity for in-depth consideration of strategic issues. A review of the Branch strategic plan was conducted during the year and will be considered by the Branch during 2019.



2018 Winters Champion Club Trophy winners - Hobart Aquatics

In 2018 the Branch moved to an accrual basis of accounting with the implementation of the Manager accounting software package.

2018 was the second and final year of a transitional program aligning income from club affiliation and individual membership fees and investments with ordinary administrative and operational expenditures. This alignment now allows the Branch to clearly categorize income and expenditures across the range of its operations. Our ordinary operating surplus for the year of \$1,300.

During 2016 the Branch established a Development Fund of \$55,000. This was established from the balance of funds left over from the conduct of previous national championships. In past years, that accumulated surplus had been used to cover annual operating losses. The balance of the fund now stands at \$52,600 following a very modest 2018 investment in development of \$625. The Branch is constrained in the number and scope of the activities and programs it can undertake by its relatively small size and a commensurately small volunteer base - development programs and expenditures are therefore limited by this lack of delivery capacity.

MST competition events are budgeted on an annual basis with the two long distance meets incurring losses while the summer and winter championships delivering surpluses. In 2018 the Branch achieved an overall events surplus of \$3,000. The bulk of this overall outcome was achieved as a result of support from the City of Hobart of \$2,400.

Our use of the Club Assistant system has expanded into using the merchandise facilities for bookings and payment of club events. This service is not charged to the clubs as the bulk of costs for the system are fixed and covered in the Branch's normal operating expenses or apportioned to individual event.

MEMBERSHIP

During 2018 the Branch membership suffered a slight 3% fall. In general, membership has stayed stable over recent years at about 290. The Branch committee continues to regularly discuss membership strategies. Our small population size limits the availability and quality of pools available for participation in masters swimming programs. The number of our clubs has remained stable and there is some scope for growth.

TASMANIA (MST)

OUR COMPETITION EVENTS

The Branch conducted four championship events over the year using the Club Assistant on-line registration system – Summer Long Course (Hobart), Autumn Short Course Long Distance (Launceston), Winter Short Course (Launceston) and Spring Long Course Long Distance (Clarence). The use AOE for the long-distance events is still not financially feasible for the long-distance events but needs to be in place for the Summer and Winter Championships to encourage interstate entries. We are however exploring avenues which may enable the use of AOE at the long-distance events.

The Branch conducts its championship events as an integrated annual program and accordingly, individual events are not subject to a minimum level of entries. Tasmanian and interstate members have the assurance that they can confidently plan their travel to our events, secure in the knowledge that they will not be cancelled unless extraordinary circumstances prevail.

During 2018 entries from MST members increased for all our meets. The Branch was extremely pleased to welcome the Australian Invictus Games team to our Winter Short Championships. Their participation was inspirational.

The Branch has decided to introduce a new event - 4 x 100m relays - into our Summer and Winter championships for 2019. The introduction of the relay events is aimed at both enhancing our racing offering and providing an opportunity to MST clubs to field relay teams in an event that is available in the other Branches.



MST Winter Championships

The introduction of this event in an AOE environment may also entice greater interstate participation. During the year our members competed internationally in France and Poland, at the National Championships in Perth, and at various events in the Northern Territory, Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

COACHING

With the guidance of our Coaching Director John Pugh the Branch welcomed a complement of five newly accredited coaches to its ranks with these coaches now providing their expertise to the Devonport, Launceston, Hobart Aquatic Centre, Hobart Dolphins and Huon Valley Aquatic Clubs. During the year the Branch also authorized a further round of coaching accreditation courses for 2019.

The Branch has now developed a coaching resources page on the MST web site targeted at our coaches. The page was developed in response to a request from them. John Pugh finished in his role as MST Director of Coaching in mid-2018 but has continued to provide his expertise and assistance to the Branch. The Branch is indebted to John for his service.

OFFICIALS

2018 saw an upswing in the development of officials with a significant number of courses being conducted and the accreditation, and re-accreditation of our officials. A change of approach and an innovative way of delivering training courses is due to the energy and enthusiasm of our current Technical Director Ray Brien. The Branch now has three fully accredited referees and plans have been put in place to develop and qualify additional referees to ensure that each of the three regions in Tasmania has at least two accredited referees. A suite of uniforms has been approved for our accredited officials. The suite is composed of MST embroidered polo tops, shorts or long pants and a jacket. Depending on accreditation levels, officials will be provided with uniform items which are fully funded by the Branch from its Development Fund.

COMMUNICATION

Our communication between members has been through Platypus Press and Facebook. These tools only work well if members contribute and acknowledge them. It's the conversations that members have around swimming that can keep the community together.

TASMANIA (MST)

The Branch has a full compliment of social media covering Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Our capacity to exploit these media is hampered by our lack of resources and to a certain extent the limited number of events conducted by the Branch.

Platypus Press a has a focus on capturing and reporting, in magazine style, on Branch events and individual achievements. The magazine style enables greater “in depth” reporting and preservation of the history of masters swimming and its members than the more transient social media is capable of. Platypus Press provides in-depth analysis of our championship events and individual performances, news items as submitted by the clubs, reports on updates to national policies and decisions and now also features technical articles from our coaches. Our magazine also features mini interviews with members and profiles of our life members.

BRANCH RECORDS

A total of 5,559 Tasmanian individual records have now been broken. Tony Forman from the Hobart Aquatic Centre MSC is the top record breaker in 2018. Tony topped the table with 27 records. Seven members broke ten or more records during the year. This compares very favorably to three in the previous year. A total 173 records were broken during 2018 by 33 MST members. 77 of these records were broken by members of the Hobart Aquatic Centre Masters Swimming Club (TAC), closely followed by the 43 broken by members of the Launceston Lemmings club.

Clubs, whose members have broken over 1,000 records number 4. Launceston still dominates the record numbers with 1239, with Talays in 2nd place with 1133, Hobart Dolphins with 1073 and the fast closing TAC club at 1,067. The branch’s top, all time record breaker remains Sue Mayne from Talays with 253 (12 in 2018) followed former National President from the Launceston club John Pugh who has now broken 222 (also 12 in 2018), swapping places with Maciej Slugocki on 214 (10 in 2018).

MST 2018 AWARD WINNERS

The champion club for the Summer Long Course and Winter Short Course Championships was the Hobart Aquatic Centre Masters Swimming Club. The annual relay trophy was also won by the Hobart club. Swimmers of the Meet for the Summer Championship trophies were Megan Wells from the Devonport Devils club and Maciej Slugocki from the Hobart Aquatic Centre club. The Winter Short Course championship winner were Christine Brown from Launceston Lemmings and Brent Walker from Hobart Aquatic Centre. The New Norfolk Trophy, determined by the total points of a club at the Long Course Championships, divided by the number of registered members at the end of the previous year was won by the Huon Valley club.

The 2018 Vorgee Endurance 1000 average points award trophy was won by the Talays club. Vorgee Two Million Meter Club Awards were presented to Lesley Gould from the Hobart Dolphins and for Five Million Meters to Steve Richards from the Hobart Dolphins and Steve Muir from the Launceston Lemmings.

The decentralized nature of MST clubs means that the Branch is expanding the scope of the Summer and Winter Championship presentations by including presentations and recognition of achievements such as World Top Ten rankings, and the attainment of Coaching and Technical Officials accreditations.

CHALLENGES

Over the last few years we have reported that the Branch faced three challenges – the costs of hire of facilities and the engagement and training of club coaches and officials. To these we should add maintaining and increasing the number of members prepared to assist in the administration of clubs and the Branch. These challenges still remain but solid progress was made during the year in the development and accreditation of coaches and officials.

THANKS

Masters Swimming Tasmania thanks all our members especially those that have gone the extra mile in their involvement in every aspect of Masters Swimming and especially thanks for their continuing support at meetings, as officials at swim meets, in running their clubs and on deck coaching. In all of this we need to not forget that Masters swimming is about Fitness, Friendship and Fun!

MACIEJ SLUGOCKI

BRANCH DELEGATE - TASMANIA



VICTORIA (MSV)

GOVERNANCE

Masters Swimming Victoria has a small executive committee which endeavours to strategically lead the organisation. The participants contribute an enormous amount to masters swimming as a whole, and I would like to thank them for their continued work and support, ideas and enthusiasm.

- Susie Kempson - President (Malvern Marlins)
- Katie Mee - Vice President (Malvern Marlins)
- Tim Boness - Finance Director (Powerpoints)
- Paul Watmough - Recording Director (Surrey Park)
- Neil Mitchell - Technical Director (Victorian Masters)
- Mark Sendecky - Coaching Director (Glamourhead Sharks)
- Rosa Montague - Promotions Director (Powerpoints)
- Leanne Sheean - Committee Member (Doncaster Dolphins)
- Rachael Cairns - Committee Member (Boroughcoutas)
- Steve Cronk - general member (Powerpoints)

Thank you to all of the Board Members and Club Delegates who have attended the committee meetings throughout the year - your attendance and support is greatly appreciated. The board meets every second month, and the management committee meet in the alternate month, thereby covering the whole year.

HIGHLIGHTS/COMPETITIONS

MSV Championships

In 2018 MSV held 3 very successful Championships with a total of 639 swimmers taking part. Leading up to the MSV Short Course event over \$2,000 was raised for the Maddie's Vision, in memory of Jane Barnes who sadly lost her 2 year fight with Leukaemia.



While undergoing her treatment she managed to raise the awareness of blood donation and the bone marrow registry in the Masters Swimming community amongst others. Jane was part of the MSA/MSV administration team from 2012 - 2018.

MSV Championships in 2018:

- MSV LC: 230 swimmers from 35 clubs
- MSV SC: 213 swimmers from 24 clubs
- MSV Relay: 196 swimmers from 12 clubs

In 2016 the Battle of Divisions was created where clubs are ranked according to their relative size and pitted against others with similar memberships to win their division. This Battle proved to be very competitive and successful at the Relay Meet.

In 2018 the battle of Divisions winners were:

- Division 1: Malvern Marlins for the 3rd year in a row
- Division 2: Melbourne H2O for the 2nd time (first in 2016)
- Division 3: Brunswick Belugas for the 3rd year in a row
- Division 4: Inclusive Sports Training for the 2nd year in a row

Interclubs

Six MSV clubs held their popular Interclub Meets. The 26th Marlins Interclub, the Casey Seals Splash, the Frankston Interclub and the new event on the MSV Calendar was the rescheduled Roughies Races which were postponed from 2017. We also saw the return of the popular Glamourhead Sharks Interclub and Trifle competition where there is fierce competition, both in the pool and in the kitchen and Powerpoints held a fantastic Summer Smash in beautiful weather at the end of the year.

Surrey Park Seahorses revival of the Baddaginnie Animal Swim - Postal Swim (held yearly from 1 April - 30 June) is going from strength to strength and will be repeated in 2019. MSV members and Clubs also support the MS 24 Hour Mega Swims around Victoria. Interclubs in 2018:

- Marlins 26th Interclub
- Powerpoints Summer Smash
- Casey Seals Splash
- Frankston Interclub
- Roughies Races
- Glamourheads 2018 InterClub Swim Meet and Trifle Competition
- Yarra Roughies 100 x 100's

VICTORIA (MSV)



Masters Showcase

Partner events with Swimming Victoria (SV)

- Kyabram/Echuca
- OW Clinic at Williamstown LSC with Chloë McCardel and Sam Sheppard
- Great Victorian Swim Series with Cousins Tours and Travels
- 2017-18 GVSS saw the Brunswick Belugas win for the first time.
- KickStart
- Masters Showcase – was held on the Thursday 26th October at the Australian Short Course Championships with Doncaster Dolphins, Frankston Peninsula, Glamourhead Sharks, Malvern Marlins, Powerpoints and a team swimming for Bucky Beavers made up of MSA members taking part. A great time was had by everyone involved.

MILLION METRES

2018 was a good year for MSV swimmers with Gerry Tucker (Malvern Marlins & MSA President) completing 10 Million Metres, 4 Million Metres for John Marshall (VMV), Dee Greenwood (VSP) completing 3 Million Metres and fellow Seahorses, Sue Lyon and Catherine Watmough completing 2 Million Metres.

2018 MSA SWIM SERIES

Congratulations to the 16 MSV swimmers who won their age category in the 2018 MSA Swim Series - out of 1435 swimmers from across Australia. MSV once again topping the list of winners across the Branches. MSV swimmers sure like to travel!

John Cocks (VMV) won his age group (M80 – 84) for the fifth consecutive year and topped the points table for the third year. He deserved to with his attendance at 5 Series Meets. Dorothy Dickey (VDC) won her age group (F85-89) for the fourth consecutive year. Alice Kinnaird (VFR), Daphne Briggs (VMV) & Gerry Tucker (VMV) topped their age group for the third time. Jacinta Humphrey (VPP), Darius Schultz (VPP), Mark Sendeky (VGS) & Rod Clarke (VDC) are dual winners.



Patrick Galvin receiving his Fina World Record Certificate from MSA President Gerry Tucker

CONGRATULATIONS

- Patrick Galvin (Malvern Marlins) who won a Fina World Record in the 100m Breaststroke of 1.49.64 in his 85-89 age group in 2018 in South Australia.
- Team Melbourne & Glamourhead Sharks on winning the bid to host the 2020 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships #IGLA.
- Maria 'Maz' Strong (Powerpoints) who won the 2018 Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards - Masters Sportsperson of the Year.
- Liz Gosper (Inclusive Sports Training) for winning the 2018 Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Award - Coach of the Year.
- Daphne Briggs (Malvern Marlins) who is known and loved by many and was recently honoured with a Higgins Community Service Award.
- Doncaster Dolphins celebrated their 35th anniversary in style with over 80 guests including MSA President Gerry Tucker who attended and presented Derek Mandy with his 25 Years' Service Award.

Sports Development Officer

Sal Cuming continued the year in her role working for Swimming Victoria 4-days per week, and for MSV 1-day per week. Sal was a key resource in the promotion of MSV in regards to the GVSS, Summer Smash and 100x100s and provides MSV with the many great photos of the swimming meets that you see on Facebook. Sal finished up with MSV in October 2018 to take up a full time position with Swimming Australia and we wish her all the very best in her new role.

VICTORIA (MSV)



NORTH LODGE MEMORIAL

AWARDS

The North Lodge Neptunes Committee proposed Vouchers of \$50 each to be presented in memory of Grace Day, Sid Krasey and Trudy Bullivant, their dedicated and sadly missed members who passed away in 2017 which was approved by the MSV Board. If no swimmers compete in those particular age groups the Memorial Awards go to the winner of the next higher age group.

MEMBERSHIP/CLUBS

MSV's membership at the end of the membership/calendar year was a total of 1146 members (including second claims).

At the end of 2018 MSV was incredibly saddened to learn that North Lodge will no longer affiliate as a club due to declining member numbers. We are pleased to say that remaining members are transferring to other MSV clubs. The MSV Committee will be looking at how best to honour North Lodge at future Championships.

Another club - Hoppers Crossing will also no longer exist in 2019 and we wish them all well.

Yarra Plenty are taking time to work on how to best manage Masters Swimming within their Club in 2019 and we look forward to working with them.

MSV welcomed 1 new Club in 2018: DVE Aquatics (VDA) and a virtual club was created to service Second Claims for Invictus Swimmers.

2018 North Lodge Award Winners

	LC Championships	SC Championships
Sid Krasey Award Men 50-54 years 50m Breaststroke	Barry Carp (H20)	Alan Shepherd (VGS)
Trudy Bullivant Award Women 60-64 years 200m Backstroke	Kay Gravell (VGS) (65 - 69 age gr)	Sue Graham (VGP)
Grace Day Award Women 55-59 years 100m Backstroke	Andrea McNeil (VMV)	Andrea McNeil (VMV)

FINANCES

The annual result is a net surplus of \$2170 after depreciation of \$3,960 and overall the organization is in a good financial health.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our sponsors, we greatly appreciate your support. Vorgee and the The Way Funky Company (Funky Trunks & Funkita) support us throughout the year. Cousins Travel support us with an incredibly valuable partnership in the Great Victorian Swim Series.

Thank you to our MSV Ambassadors: Linley Frame and Chloë McCardel who continue to promote Masters swimming within the wider sports community.

FINAL WORDS

I am looking forward to another positive year in 2019 to continue to implement the MSV Business Plan 2018/2019 with the 3 main initiatives including:

1. Leading the promotion & awareness of blood donation and the bone marrow registry
2. Capability building across clubs (fundraising, membership models & marketing)
3. Increase the number of social events across the organisation.

Thank you to Noeleen, Gerard and Kath in the National office for everything they do to support MSV and our members.

SUSIE KEMPSON

MSV PRESIDENT

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MADDIE REWOLDS VISION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (MSWA)

OVERVIEW

Masters Swimming WA has had a very busy year commencing with a recruitment campaign for a new Executive Officer, which ultimately was filled by Sophie Row. Alongside this, the N18 Committee were working towards delivering the Nationals 2018 in April. In addition, a number of changes at board level meant MSWA has faced a challenging year but it is very pleasing that the board, staff and volunteers have risen to the challenge and finished the year very strongly financially and in terms of membership growth and development of programmes to support our clubs and swimmers.



GOVERNANCE

The MSWA Board met seven times during the year as well as four Council of Club meetings and the AGM in February. An updated Rules of Association was ratified by members during the year to comply with the new Act and there has been much additional work undertaken in identifying policy revisions and inclusions necessary for good governance.



Sports Recreation N18 Breakfast

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

Nationals 2018

The Nationals 2018 were hosted in Perth in April and was resoundingly successful both in the pool and out. This premier event on the MSA calendar attracted 632 registrations, a record for a Western Australian hosted Nationals and almost 15% more swimmers than originally projected. One World Record was set by Perth local, Helen Bird and there were 21 individual and three relay National records broken.

The event was entirely organised by in excess of 120 volunteers and officials, ably led by the N18 Committee comprising Fiona Wilkins, Nick Wyatt, Elena Nesci, Siobhan Wilkins, Lizzie O'Brien, Erica Thomas, Heather Whitehead and Sandra Mutch. Through the high attendance, significant sponsorship and very successful sale of merchandise, the event exceeded all budgeted income expectations and provided a significant surplus for MSWA to use for new programmes in 2018 and beyond.

WOW Swims, 'the community swim series for all'

The surplus derived from Nationals 2018 aided in the establishment of a new brand for our open water swim series over the summer months. MSWA and our clubs host seven open water swims, each iconic and unique in their own way. WOW Swims seeks to differentiate from what is becoming a saturated market here in WA through creating a sense of community and inclusiveness at all our events.

Cross promotion of all events with the umbrella brand, website and Facebook page has shown significant increases in swimmers for each of our events with the Lake Swim up 23%, Coogee Christmas 10k up 55% and Fremantle Ports Swim Thru up 26% and all achieving all-time record participation levels. With four more swims in early 2019, we are looking forward to each of our WOW Swims becoming the events of choice for open water swimmers in future years.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (MSWA)

New Strategic Plan 2019-2022

The MSWA board, Executive Officer and various key stakeholders from our committees and clubs have worked to develop the Strategic Plan for 2019-22. This will be an exciting time for MSWA with a growth strategy aiming to increase membership, build on existing programmes and deliver new initiatives to encourage recreational swimmers to enjoy the benefits of becoming a member of a Masters Swimming Club. Work has already commenced in this regard and 2019 is going to be a busy year.

POOL MEETS

In addition to hosting the Nationals, thirteen LiveLighter events were held during 2018, including four interclub challenges, four LiveLighter long distance events, the LiveLighter Golden Groper Relay Championships and a further three smaller interclub events. This saw 392 swimmers competing during the year, with nearly two thirds of swimmers being over 50s. Many state records were achieved across these events with a number of swimmers recording over five state records each.

COACHING

A number of coaching and swimmer education clinics have been held throughout the year with very strong attendance. A Club Coach Course was conducted in October with twelve candidates attending and in addition, and from the 2017 course, 16 candidates achieved their accreditation during 2018. The popularity and positive feedback from these courses has seen an extended programme of education planned for both swimmers and coaches during 2019.



*Lynne, Ron and Sue - Chief Referees
Nationals 2018*

TECHNICAL

Our Technical Officials had a busy year in 2018 with a large number of events to officiate including the Nationals 2018. The Nationals saw the opportunity to collaborate with Swimming WA officials, proving very beneficial for both organisations. A number of workshops were held during the year attracting some new faces to the Technical Official line up.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thanks must go to our sponsors and funding partners. MSWA continues to receive significant funding from the Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries as well as through our partnership with Healthway, which sees MSWA supporting the LiveLighter message across all our programmes. We also received sponsorship from asb Marketing and Hopgood Ganim and we look forward to continuing our relationship with these organisations in 2019.

Very special thanks to the MSWA Board, various committees and all our volunteers for their ongoing support through 2018. Masters swimming is largely run by volunteers, with minimal paid staff and as an organisation, we punch well above our weight. Our volunteers and the contribution they give are a constant source of envy from other sporting organisations. Thank you for all your time and efforts.

SOPHIE ROW

MSWA EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Siobhan Wilkins Coaching

MSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

FACTS

632

REGISTRATIONS

WONDERFUL BRANCH
SURPLUS

120+

VOLUNTEERS & OFFICIALS

The 2018 Masters Swimming Australia National Championships (N18) was held at HBF Stadium, Perth from 18-21st April 2018.

The premier event on the Masters Swimming Australia calendar attracted 632 registrations, a record for a Western Australian hosted Nationals and almost 15% more swimmers than originally projected.

Just under half of all entrants came from interstate, as well as seven international competitors and the remainder from regional and metropolitan WA.

The event consisted of four days of competition and was packed with other activities in which swimmers could participate. The Hon. Roger Cook MLA opened the meet at an opening ceremony which also saw new MSWA Patron Priya Cooper introduced. Other activities included a welcome function with welcome packs given to each swimmer, a souvenir program, daily raffles, a presentation dinner as well as the sale of a range of N18 merchandise on the poolside each day.

The event was supported by six Event Partners and 30 sponsors, being the largest line up of sponsors at a Masters Swimming National Championships.

The mammoth event was organized and run by over 120 volunteers and officials and was without doubt a huge success for MSWA.

"This is the best run Meet I've ever been to - and I've been to a lot!!!"

"Thanks so much for a wonderful carnival, beautifully staged, well organized and a sheer delight for all and sundry."



2018 VORGEE MILLION METRES AWARDS

DISTANCE	NAME	CLUB	BRANCH
ONE Million Metres Club	Naomi McGilvray	North Mackay Sinkers	MSQ
	Tomasz Dobrzanski	Claremont Masters	MSWA
	Jane Davies	Darwin Stingers	MSNT
	Jeannette Casotti	Swan Hills	MSWA
	Marin Slunjski	Henley Beach Masters	MSSA
	Robin Carson	Novocastrian Masters Swimming	MSNSW
	Jo Matthews	Noosa Masters Swimming	MSQ
	Janet Bell	Aquadome Otters	MSSA
	Elaine Beavis	Twins Towns	MSQ
	Andrew Sugerman	Cronulla Sutherland	MSNSW
	Melinda Lutton	Noarlunga	MSSA
	Graeme Williams	Ipswich City Masters	MSQ
	Fran Moroney	Gladstone Gropers	MSQ
TWO Million Metres Club	Liz Little	Brisbane Northside Masters	MSQ
	Cecelia Kaye	Tuggeranong Masters	MSNSW
	Jack Belfer	Henley Beach Masters	MSSA
	Shiralee Bielenberg	Ipswich City Masters	MSQ
	Sue Lyon	Surrey Park Seahorses	MSV
	Imogen O'Neill	Castle Hill RSL	MSNSW
	Catherine Watmough	Surrey Park Seahorses	MSV
	Robert Kirkbride	Oak Flats Aussi Masters	MSNSW
	John Miles	Sunshine Coast	MSQ
	Dee Greenwood	Surrey Park Seahorses	MSV
	Dennis Moore	Cessnock Masters	MSNSW
	Anne Edmondson	Stadium Masters	MSWA
	Anne Smyth	Tuggeranong	MSNSW
THREE Million Metres Club	Bob Tarr	Perth City	MSWA
	Robert Kirkbride	Oak Flats Aussi	MSNSW
	Richard Sargent	Brisbane Northside Masters	MSQ
	Nerida Murray	Blue Mountains Phoenix	MSNSW
	Clive Griffin	Ipswich City Masters	MSQ
	John Marshall	Malvern Marlins	MSV
	Lynn Bartlett	Ipswich City Masters	MSQ
	Nicholas Grinter	Tuggeranong Vikings	MSNSW

2018 VORGEE MILLION METRES AWARDS

DISTANCE	NAME	CLUB	BRANCH
FOUR Million Metres Club	David Davies	Carine Masters	MSWA
	Caroline Makin	Tuggeranong Masters Swimming ACT	MSNSW
	Mark Thompson	Campbelltown Masters	MSNSW
FIVE Million Metres Club	Tracy Clarkson	Brisbane Northside Masters	MSQ
	Michael Lynch	Twin Towns Masters	MSQ
	Robert Morse	Noosa Masters Swimming	MSQ
	Karina Horton	Albany Creek Masters	MSQ
	Patricia Moore	Darwin Stingers	MSNT
TEN Million Metres Club	Gerry Tucker	Malvern Marlins	MSV
	Jen Thomasson	Brisbane Southside Masters	MSQ
	Kiku Mukai	Brisbane Southside Masters	MSQ
	Rob Lucas	Noosa Masters swimming	MSQ



A very happy new
ONE Million Metre Member
Naomi McGilvray
(North Mackay Sinkers)



Surrey Park Seahorses - **Catherine Watmough** and **Sue Lyon**
have joined the TWO Million Metres club in 2018



Mark Thompson from Campbelltown
Masters has swum FOUR Million
Metres



2017 VORGEE ENDURANCE 1000 AWARDS

Trophy	Winner
Vorgee Endurance 1000 Award 2017	Campbelltown Collegians (NSW)
Vorgee Endurance 1000 Club Champion 2017	Noosa Masters (MSQ)

2018 SWIM SERIES

Eight Meets made up the **2018 National Swim Series** – the MSA National Championships on the West Coast in Perth and one nominated event from each of the Masters Swimming Branches. The Series is about participation and performance! MSA members were encouraged to support these selected pool events throughout the year to be in the running for awards. Attending multiple meets gave any swimmer a better chance to compete against the “super fish” in their age group. A minimum of two Meets had to be swum to be eligible for prizes.

Age Group	Winner	Club	Meets Attended	Total Points
18 – 24	Jackie Fraser	Powerpoints	2	1191
25 – 29	Jacinta Humphrey	Powerpoints	3	3175
30 – 34	Melissa Beames	Atlantis	3	2045
35 – 39	Susanne Milenkevich	Yeronga Park Yabbies	3	2031
40 – 44	Rachael Keogh	Genesis Aquatics	5	5385
45 – 49	Annie Kitto	Claremont Masters	3	2482
50 – 54	Caroline Makin	Tuggeranong Masters	4	5353
55 – 59	Daphne Briggs	Malvern Marlins	4	5035
60 – 64	Sue Boekel	Malvern Marlins	5	6628
65 – 69	Janette Jeffrey	Malvern Marlins	4	6517
70 – 74	Rosa Montague	Powerpoints	3	3224
75 – 79	Gerda Williams	Mandurah Masters	3	3112
80 – 84	Alice Kinnaird	Frankston Peninsula	3	2736
85 – 89	Dorothy Dickey	Doncaster Dolphins	3	2844
90 - 94	No winner			

Age Group	Winner	Club	Meets Attended	Total Points
18 – 24	No winner			
25 – 29	Darius Schultz	Powerpoints	3	3896
30 – 34	David Hann	Glamourhead Sharks	3	2661
35 – 39	Mark Sendeky	Glamourhead Sharks	4	5342
40 – 44	Aaron Cleland	Blacktown City	2	1787
45 – 49	John Mckaig	Long Tan Legends	3	3590
50 – 54	Paul Lemmon	Ettalong Pelicans	2	1956
55 – 59	Mark Huggins	Malvern Marlins	3	2846
60 – 64	Craig Smith	Genesis Aquatics	5	2250
65 – 69	Gerry Tucker	Malvern Marlins	5	7852
70 – 74	Rod Clarke	Doncaster Dolphins	3	2795
75 – 79	George Green	Rum City Aussi Masters	2	1616
80 – 84	John Cocks	Malvern Marlins	5	8118
85 – 89	Patrick Galvin	Malvern Marlins	2	1417
90 - 94	China Johnson	Miami Masters Swimming	2	1119

2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS

Trophy	Winner
Founders' Trophy	Claremont Masters (WCM)
Runner-up Trophy	Powerpoints (VPP)
Visitors' Trophy	Blacktown Masters (NBT)
President's Trophy	Blacktown Masters (NBT)
Life Members Trophy	Geraldton Masters (WGT)
Female Swimmer of the Meet	Leigh Rodgers (VMV)
Male swimmer of the Meet	Mark Thompson (VPP)

Age Group Relay Trophy	Winner
72-119 years	Blacktown Masters (NBT)
120-159 years	Powerpoints (VPP)
160-199 years	Powerpoints (VPP)
200-239 years	Claremont Masters (WCM)
240-279 years	Malvern Marlins (VMV)
280-319 years	Claremont Masters (WCM)
320-359 years	Stadium Masters (WSU)

2018 MASTERS SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

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

Congratulations Jenny Whiteley (Ryde AUSSI) who was a standout winner for 2018.

In 2018 Jenny broke an incredible 11 Fina World Records, swam in all 62 E-1000 swims and broke nearly 40 National Records.

Jenny joined Ryde AUSSI Masters in 1986 and in 2013 was Inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame – Sept 2013

Congratulations Jenny!



2017 OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Pamela Walter for being named 2017 OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR. Pamela has been a member of MSWA's Stadium Masters Swimming Club for 24 years and qualified as a Referee five years ago. In that short time she has become a well liked, respected and integral member of the Tech Officials fraternity.

In 2017 she took over as the Officials Coordinator for all Pool events including the State Championships, the Livellighter Club Challenges, all the pool Distance swims and any other competitions at which Masters Swimming WA Technical Officials (TO's) were required.

This takes a lot of work on Pamela's part and she approaches this task with professionalism and calmness and always manages to achieve the desired outcome without upsetting or offending any of the volunteers.

In her capacity as Referee, Pamela officiated at eleven Meets, which included the State Championships, Livellighter Club Challenges, Distance Swim events and a number of OWS's in 2017. She is always fair, when dealing with swimmers, fellow officials and trainees and promotes a positive image of officiating as she has excellent interpersonal skills.

Pamela is a worthy recipient!



2017 COACH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Peter Johnston from Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club in NSW who is the 2017 COACH OF THE YEAR. This is the second time Peter has been recognised with this award, having won it in 2013 as well.

Peter has been Head Coach of the Merrylands club for 13 years having been a coach since 1994. He has become an integral person within the operation and development of the Club, holding a number of key positions within the Club Committee, including the Vice-Presidency. His Adult Squad Program consists of 8 different squads, ranging from Novice to Masters and Adult squads and there are currently over 80 swimmers participating, with Swimmers ranging in age to over 60.



The Masters and Adult squads provide particular focus for a range of abilities. The Adult squad focuses on technique & basic racing skills to improve fitness; and the Masters squad focuses on improving steady pace and sprint performance using ideal stroke technique in all strokes. Racing skills are developed, including race strategies. Through squad development and training Peter has developed the ability of participants to achieve higher levels of performance, ranging from swimmers initially achieving 50 metre distances, participating in club races for the first time; and participation at the FINA World Masters Championships.

Peter has taken responsibility of and revitalised the Learn to Swim program offered by the club. The Learn to Swim program was expanded in 2017 to provide Adult lessons for the first time. This expansion has seen adults from a range of cultures and ages across the diverse local community take the first step towards learning to swim. We have already seen progression from these Learn to Swim classes to squad training and this program can provide our club with new members and participants. Given the growth over the years and size of the squad program, Peter engages a number of assistant coaches, who have a range of qualifications. During 2017 Peter mentored an assistant coach who is currently a Bronze Licence Trainee after mentoring the coach to achieve Teacher of Competitive Strokes accreditation.

Well done Peter!

2017 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Bruce Allender from Malvern Marlins MSC is a champion for masters swimming coaches and Masters Swimming Victoria has successfully nominated him for the inaugural MSA 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Building on his involvement in Masters Swimming since 1978, Bruce achieved the following in 2017:

- During 2017 as Chair of the National Coaching Committee, Bruce presented reports to the MSA Board meeting, attending in person the 2017 MSA Spring General Meeting to present the NCC Report.
- He also meets at least monthly with Office personnel on coaching matters.
- Bruce successfully petitioned for 2018 to be the Year of the Coach – to promote the role of coaches in the Club network, and for financial support from MSA for training of Club Coaches.
- As Chair of the NCC Bruce was responsible for liaising with other members of the Committee and in particular in 2017 updating and improving the selection process for the MSA Coach of the Year awards.
- Bruce revised the ASCTA Coaching Adult Swimmers Course to be presented in 2018, and will present the first course at the annual ASCTA Conference in Brisbane May 2018.
- He also coordinated the updates of the Club Coaching course in 2017 and the By Laws that pertain to the NCC. Bruce assesses Club Coach applications and if required tutors prospective Coaches through the process for accreditation.
- He is only meant to manage MSV Coaches, but is often involved in personnel from other Branches. Bruce delivered national Club Coach Courses in Victoria.
- He also assessed individuals from all Branches on their suitability to become a Club Coach Presenter for their Branch.
- When the ASCTA Coaching Adult Swimmers was identified as not “hitting the mark” in 2017, Bruce worked with Mark Erickson and Lynne Sheehan to re-design the course and he has volunteered to pilot the course in 2018. Bruce received a Meritorious Service award from MSA in 2015 and MSV in 2017.



Congratulations Bruce on being awarded the Inaugural Volunteer of the Year Award.

THANKYOU THERESE CROLLICK

MSA would like to acknowledge and thank Therese Crollick who retired from the National Board of Management in 2018.

Therese has been a member of Masters Swimming for 34 years, joining her first club Summerland AUSSI Masters in October 1984 and she attended her first Masters carnival at Armidale in February 1985.

Therese has been active in the national governance of Masters Swimming in Australia for 15 years as Chair of the Membership & Participation Committee (2003 – 11), MSQ Branch President and Delegate to Masters Swimming Australia (2007 – 2011) and then a member of the National Board of Management since 2011 (7 years).

Thank you Therese and all the best for the future!



2018 NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

'NOT all superheroes wear capes. Some of them wear caps instead, and 99-year-old Australian swimmer George Corones is one of them'

James McKern - The Bulletin 20th March 2018

What a wonderful inspiration George Corones has been to Masters swimmers all over the world during 2018. George turned 100 on the 6 April 2018, broke 4 Fina World Records, became an honorary member of the Australian Commonwealth Games Team and went on to lead the Team Masters Swimming Australia with Dawn Fraser AC, MBE for Lap Australia.

George is a true gentleman in and out of the pool.



2018 FINA WORLD RECORDS

We would like to congratulate the 5 MSA swimmers who between them broke 17 Fina World Records during 2018. Please note Kirsten Cameron's (VMV) Fina World Record application was not processed by the MSA National Recorder

GEORGE CORONES (100 - 104 AGE GROUP)

- 50m Freestyle (LC) 0m56.12
- 100m Freestyle (LC) 2m24.21
- 50m Freestyle (SC) 0m55.75
- 100m Freestyle (SC) 2m19.02

JENNY WHITELEY (60 - 64 AGE GROUP)

- 50m Freestyle (LC) 0m28.90
- 100m Breaststroke (LC) 1m23.37
- 200m Breaststroke (LC) 3m04.15
- 200m Breaststroke (SC) 2m57.05
- 50m Freestyle (SC) 0m28.50
- 100m Breaststroke (SC) 1m20.50
- 50m Breaststroke (SC) 0m37.08
- 200m IM (SC) 2m36.81
- 100m Freestyle (SC) 1m02.60
- 200m Freestyle (SC) 2m15.93
- 100m IM (SC) 1m12.19

HELEN BIRD (80 - 84 AGE GROUP)

- 50m Backstroke (LC) 46.14

PATRICK GALVIN (85 - 89 AGE GROUP)

- 100m Breaststroke (LC) 1m49.64

KIRSTEN CAMERON (45 - 49 AGE GROUP)

- 400m Freestyle (LC) 4m35.00



George Corones (QTT)
with MSA President Shane
Knight



Jenny Whiteley (NRY)



Patrick Galvin (VMV) with
Marlins President Dan Wallace



Helen Bird (WOP) with MSA
President Fiona Wilkins



MSA NBM AND DELEGATES (SPRING MEETING)

STANDING L-R

NOELEN DIX (MSA GENERAL MANAGER)
JON HAWTON (NSW DELEGATE)
LEANNE BEAMES (SA DELEGATE)
SHANE KNIGHT (QLD PRESIDENT & DELEGATE)
MACIEJ SLUGOCKI (TAS DELEGATE)
SUSAN KEMPSON (VIC PRESIDENT & DELEGATE)
FIONA WILKINS (WA PRESIDENT & DELEGATE)
JANE NOAKE (NBM - DIRECTOR)
JOHN POLLOCK (NT DELEGATE)

SITTING L-R

ANDREA MCNEIL (NBM - FINANCE DIRECTOR)
GERRY TUCKER (NBM - PRESIDENT)
NEAL BERTRAM (NBM - DIRECTOR)



MSA ADMIN WORKSHOP

BACK L-R

KIM BACK (MSNSW MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS)
KATH DAVIS (MSA ADMINISTRATOR & SERVICING MSV)
CHRISTINA SCOLARO (MSQ ADMINISTRATOR)
NADINE GEORGIADIS (MSWA PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR)

FRONT L-R

NOELEN DIX (MSA GENERAL MANAGER)
MARK HEPPLE (MSNSW MEET RECORDER & WEBSITE GURU)
JILLIAN PATEMAN (MSNSW ADMINISTRATOR)
MENDEL TILLEMA (MST ADMINISTRATOR)
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