



# 2011 Annual Report



**MASTERS  
SWIMMING**  
Australia



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# NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

## NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

President - John Pugh (until May 2011)

President - Craig Smith (commenced May 2011)

Finance Director - Gerry Tucker

Director - David Cummins

Director - Therese Crollick (commenced May 2011)

Director - John Pollock

## NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Bill Lough 1975 - 1978

Peter Jackson 1978 - 1984

Ivan Wingate 1985 - 1988

Graeme McDougall 1989 - 1992

Glenys McDonald 1993 - 1998

Mary Sweeney 1999 - 2005

John Pugh 2005 - 2011

Craig Smith 2011 - Present

## LIFE MEMBERS

Kay Cox

David Cummins

Darryl Hawkes

Gary Stutsel

Glenys McDonald

Mary Sweeney

Ivan Wingate

Pauline Samson

John Pugh

Peter Gillett (deceased)



April General Meeting members

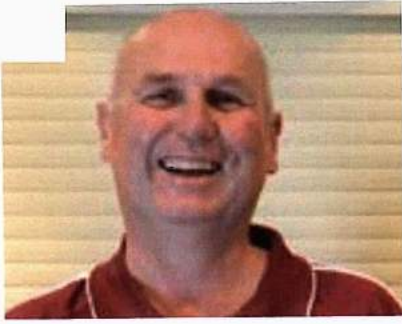
## NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

General Manager - Noeleen Dix

Operations Manager - Sarah Roach



# PRESIDENTS REPORT



## CRAIG SMITH

There were quite a few transitions in 2011, and they started with John Pugh retiring as President of Masters Swimming Australia in May.

John had been Finance Director for six years and then President for six, which had given him a very good handle on the affairs of the organisation. He took on many tasks that were unseen by the membership and managed them in a very professional manner. He monitored and regularly communicated with the Directors and staff, which of course was essential in the smooth running of the organisation. In recognition for the fine work that John did, he was presented with a Life Membership of Masters Swimming Australia at the Presentation Function in April. We wish him well and know that he will continue supporting the organisation as a participant and an advocate.

As a direct result of John's departure, the vacancy on the Board was filled by Therese Crollick who was well known to the membership through her roles as President and Delegate of the Queensland Branch and chairperson of the Membership and Participation committee. The other members of the National Board of Management have also been unstinting in their efforts and commitment to the affairs of the organisation. I particularly appreciate David Cummins' willingness to continue on the Board.

Another area of change was in the long running area of education of our coaches. After three years of planning, the Intro and Club Coaching Courses were piloted to replace the Level 1M course. After initial testing in Victoria, the course was held in three other branches and has been received very well. The new

courses make use of the online learning option that is a far more flexible approach to learning. The process for participants in the courses may seem more arduous than it was previously but the changes have been made to ensure that our coaching course continues to provide the best outcomes possible.

### Service Awards

There were three Masters Swimming Australia service awards presented at the Presentation Function. Lynne Malone received a Conspicuous Award for ten years service as Delegate and member of various national committees; Judith Crawford, a Meritorious award, for her five years of service to the National Technical Committee; and Jacinta Stirrat for her five years membership on the National Coaching Committee.

### Events

The 2011 National Championships were delivered by MSWA at Challenge Pool. It was a very successful meet that was managed by a hard working and well organised Committee and the combined support of most of the WA Clubs.

South Australia hosted the Australian Masters Games in October and attracted a small but enthusiastic number of entries. The swimming was held at the recently completed State Aquatic Centre in Adelaide. John Gamlen ably led a small committee and wonderful volunteers in making sure that all entrants had a great time in and out of the pool.



# PRESIDENTS REPORT cont....

## Congratulations

Gary Stutsel, Life Member of Masters Swimming Australia, was inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame in September 2011 for his outstanding contribution to and promotion of masters swimming in Australia and around the world.

Gary became the organisation's founding secretary and went on to hold many masters swimming positions, including president of Masters Swimming International for about six years. He was until just recently, the National Technical Committee chairman and is still the NSW Technical Director. This is a well deserved honour and we thank him for the contribution he has made to our organisation since its inception.

Sally Thomas was the President of Masters Swimming NT for the past seven years and she was appointed the Administrator of the Northern Territory (a position similar to that of State Governor in the Australian states) in late 2011. We congratulate Sally on this appointment and hope that she can still take the time for an occasional swim with her Darwin Stingrays club.



Sally Thomas

## Thankyous

Vorgee have continued to provide wonderful support for our sport throughout 2011. They are involved in national and branch projects and programs and of course the national championships. They share our passion for providing opportunities for swimmers to enjoy their participation in their sport.

It has been a very busy year in masters swimming and I thank all the people who have contributed to the sport, particularly those who continue to serve at the national level.

For Masters Swimming to thrive in Australia we need to continually look for new ways to engage with the community and find innovative ways to attract new members to our organisation. While we have a strong membership and are financially in a sound position; as our membership ages, we are seeing a gradual decline in numbers. To counteract this, we need to attract the younger members of the community to join us. Club based organisations around Australia are struggling with generations that don't necessarily see joining a club as the best way to achieve their sporting goals. It is important for us to get out into the community and show the advantages to being a member of a masters swimming club. If we can do that successfully, we will ensure a strong and vibrant future for our organisation.



Gary Stutsel



# GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT



## NOELEEN DIX

Masters Swimming Australia is made up of a network of clubs, programs and activities for adult swimmers. The original reason for its establishment in 1975 was to provide pool competition for adult swimmers. It has certainly come a long way since then!

When you delve into the reasons why people become members, it all boils down to the motto of the organisation: "Fitness, Friendship and Fun".

Fitness for health reasons; training for open water swimming and triathlons and for a third of the membership, to compete in interclub, branch, national and international swimming events.

Friendship is a direct benefit of being a member of a group, and the company and camaraderie that comes out of training and working as a team and of course sharing a drink or a meal after the hard work is done.

Fun is there through the friendships, challenges, travelling opportunities and being part of a worldwide community. And of course, there is the sheer pleasure of just being in the water!

### Governance

In May 2011, John Pugh handed over the Presidency to Craig Smith. The association rewarded John for the 12 years of service as Finance Director and President by presenting

him with a Life Membership. Therese Crollick was successfully elected to the vacancy on the National Board of Management, having been the MSQ Delegate for five years.

The Finance Director, Gerry Tucker, continues to contribute an enormous amount of his time using his accounting skills to the benefit of the financial affairs of Masters Swimming Australia.

Three of the national committees were disbanded - Information and Technology, Membership & Participation and Records. These committees have served the organisation well over the years and we thank the people who volunteered their time to serve on them.

### Committees – Coaching and Technical

The Level One M Coaching Course was replaced with two separate courses called Intro and Club Coach. These courses were piloted in Victoria by Bruce Allender, the NCC Chairman, and were received enthusiastically by the coaches.

Gary Stutsel, the long serving Chairman of the NTC handed over the role to John Marshall. Gary has been a diligent and passionate ambassador for the technical aspects of our sport for many years. His reports, papers and interpretations of rules have been a wonderful asset to this organisation.

# GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT cont....

## **Administration**

The National Office is staffed by two people who both work .8 of a week and the Office continues to provide administrative support to MSV.

The AGM and Autumn General Meeting were held in Perth; the Spring General Meeting was held in Melbourne and there were five National Board of Management teleconferences.

The National Administration Workshop was also held in October and allowed some of the Administrators the opportunity of attending the spring meeting as Observers.

## **Membership**

The membership numbers dropped in 2011 and yet there were twelve new clubs formed throughout the year.

The South Australian, Tasmanian and Northern Territory Branches mandated online registrations this year, proving that this method of collecting fees and members details is the way of the future.

## **Technology**

Social media and online communication is the way of the future and it is important that masters swimming make their activities

accessible to the wider community using this medium. Planning began this year to upgrade all eight of the masters swimming websites to provide a consistent look for the sport, syndication of news across Australia and to integrate YouTube, Facebook and Twitter hosting. If someone wants to know something about masters swimming, they just have to go online.

The online Results Portal is a very valuable tool that archives a complete history of all sanctioned competitive swims by our members. Frank Braun is to be thanked for continuing to maintain the portal with the assistance of Pauline Samson, the National Recorder, in keeping the data "clean".

MSQ were very active this year and produced a wonderful educational video that has been packaged on YouTube promoting masters swimming. We thank them for sharing this resource for the benefit of the sport and acknowledge the Queensland Department of Sport and Recreation for their financial support on this project.

## **National Championships**

The 2011 National Championships were delivered by MSWA at Challenge Pool. It was a very successful meet that was managed by a hard working Organising Committee and the combined support of most of the WA Clubs.



# FINANCE REPORT



## GERRY TUCKER

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

The 2011 financial year reflected continued savings to the National Office of Masters Swimming Australia Inc (MSA), resulting in another surplus for the year and a sound balance sheet.

### Income and Expenditure Statement

MSA recorded a net operating surplus of \$35,538 for the year, including depreciation of \$2,029, against a budgeted net operating surplus of \$5,962.

The difference of \$29,576 between the budgeted and actual net surplus is primarily made up of significant savings in expenses against budget over the course of the year, offset by a shortfall between budgeted and actual membership registrations.

### Income

This year's revenue reflects membership subscriptions from 6,176 members for 2011, against 6,471 members in 2010 and bank interest of \$13,100.

56% of all members used the online system in 2011 compared to 42% of all registrations in 2010.

Actual MSA gross revenue was about \$10,000 under budget as a result of these variations.

### Expenses

Expenditure for the year was well managed and was less than budget in a number of areas of cost. These areas included:

- Staff costs due to reduced working hours of the Operations Manager since February 2011;

- Travel and accommodation costs for our meetings;
- Insurance premiums, as we continue to have a low claims history;
- Subcommittee expenses, and;
- Other office expenses.

### Special Projects

The major project for 2011 was the development of standardized and upgraded websites for the National website and all the Branch websites at a cost to National of about \$2,500 per Branch. At the time of writing, almost all Branches have the new websites activated and it is great to have consistency between all our websites.

MSA budgeted to continue to review the Masters coaching levels program. The project remains as "work in progress" with the decision to support the cost of the ASC training courses required for the coaching course trainers.

The IT Committee obtained approval in 2010 to engage a local consultant to carry out the Endurance 1000 software project at a budgeted cost of A\$5,000. To date, \$2,000 of these fees has been paid.

A Risk Management Policy review was budgeted for in 2011 which was completed on-budget for \$3,060.

### Balance Sheet

MSA continues to be in a sound financial position. Financial obligations to others are minimal and there is sufficient cash available for budgeted operating expenditures and special projects.



## Masters Swimming Australia Inc

# Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2011

|                                    | 2011<br>\$     | 2010<br>\$     |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                      |                |                |
| Branch affiliations                | 1,432          | 1,432          |
| Coaching manuals                   | 1,173          | 1,064          |
| Commission on merchandise sales    | 116            | 938            |
| Interest received                  | 13,100         | 16,230         |
| Registrations                      | 191,129        | 197,716        |
| Sanction fees                      | 5,302          | 4,250          |
| Sponsorships                       | 13,000         | 13,000         |
| Victorian administration fee       | 27,996         | 28,111         |
| <b>Total Income</b>                | <b>253,248</b> | <b>262,741</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                    |                |                |
| Affiliations and subscriptions     | 227            | 255            |
| Audit fees                         | 1,100          | 1,500          |
| Awards, trophies & gifts           | 2,943          | 2,577          |
| Bank charges                       | 119            | 205            |
| Branch administrators workshop     | 1,241          | 1,454          |
| Coaching adult swimmers            | 682            | 148            |
| Computer software                  | 643            | 1,605          |
| Depreciation                       | 2,029          | 3,532          |
| Insurance                          | 30,102         | 31,114         |
| Internet fees                      | 845            | 1,241          |
| Legal fees                         | 926            | 37             |
| Member registration management fee | 6,355          | 5,083          |
| Office IT                          | 40             | 559            |
| Other costs                        | 973            | 1,674          |
| Phone & fax                        | 3,853          | 2,542          |
| Printing, postage & stationery     | 3,167          | 4,143          |
| Publications                       | 1,624          | 1,303          |
| Rental & utilities                 | 10,795         | 10,304         |
| Sponsorship                        | 1,332          | 1,326          |
| Staff recruitment                  | 260            | -              |
| Sundry expenses                    | -              | 32             |
| Superannuation                     | 10,227         | 10,594         |
| Travel & accommodation expenses    | 23,914         | 19,080         |
| Wages & salaries                   | 114,313        | 117,711        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>              | <b>217,710</b> | <b>218,019</b> |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>           | <b>35,538</b>  | <b>44,722</b>  |



**Masters Swimming Australia Inc**

**Income Statement**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2011**

|                                     | <b>2011</b>     | <b>2010</b>    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                     | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>      |
| <b>Less special projects</b>        |                 |                |
| IT committee                        | -               | 7,644          |
| National and branch website upgrade | 17,993          | -              |
| Risk management policy review       | 3,060           | -              |
| IT infrastructure upgrade           | -               | 160            |
| Coaching development of resources   | 1,813           | 1,150          |
|                                     | <u>(22,866)</u> | <u>(8,954)</u> |
| <b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>        | <u>12,672</u>   | <u>35</u>      |



# Masters Swimming Australia Inc

## Balance Sheet

As At 31 December 2011

|                                  | Note | 2011<br>\$     | 2010<br>\$     |
|----------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                    |      |                |                |
| <b>Current assets</b>            |      |                |                |
| Cash                             | 2    | 357,238        | 307,802        |
| Accounts receivable              | 3    | 4,188          | 3,501          |
| <b>Total current assets</b>      |      | <b>361,426</b> | <b>311,303</b> |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>        |      |                |                |
| Property, plant and equipment    | 4    | 7,341          | 9,369          |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>  |      | <b>7,341</b>   | <b>9,369</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>              |      | <b>368,767</b> | <b>320,672</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>               |      |                |                |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>       |      |                |                |
| Trade and other payables         | 5    | 34,204         | 13,872         |
| Revenue received in advance      |      | 40,227         | 25,136         |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b> |      | <b>74,431</b>  | <b>39,008</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>         |      | <b>74,431</b>  | <b>39,008</b>  |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                |      | <b>294,336</b> | <b>281,664</b> |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                    |      |                |                |
| Accumulated funds                | 6    | 294,336        | 281,664        |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>              |      | <b>294,336</b> | <b>281,664</b> |



# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**31 December 2011**

## **1 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the accounts preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) 1981.

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

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

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

### **(a) Property, Plant and Equipment**

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

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

### **(b) Revenue**

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

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

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

### **(c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

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

# Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2011

|  | 2011<br>\$     | 2010<br>\$     |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>2 Cash</b>                          |                |                |
| Cash on hand                           | 17             | 17             |
| Westpac cheque account                 | 10,998         | 3,991          |
| Westpac Idirect account                | 107,440        | 73,595         |
| Westpac Debit Mastercard               | 769            | 199            |
| Westpac Term Deposit                   | 238,015        | 230,000        |
|  | <b>357,239</b> | <b>307,802</b> |
| <b>3 Accounts Receivable</b>           |                |                |
| Trade debtors                          | 1,862          | 1,578          |
| Sundry debtors                         | 2,326          | 1,923          |
|  | <b>4,188</b>   | <b>3,501</b>   |
| <b>4 Property, Plant and Equipment</b> |                |                |
| Equipment                              | 44,734         | 44,734         |
| Accumulated depreciation               | (38,427)       | (36,399)       |
|  | <b>6,307</b>   | <b>8,335</b>   |
| Trophies & cases                       | 1,034          | 1,034          |
|  | <b>7,341</b>   | <b>9,369</b>   |
| <b>5 Trade and Other Payables</b>      |                |                |
| Trade creditors                        | 2,043          | 331            |
| GST clearing                           | 3,136          | 1,691          |
| PAYG                                   | 6,550          | 6,804          |
| Superannuation                         | -              | 3,546          |
| Accruals                               | 22,475         | 1,500          |
|  | <b>34,204</b>  | <b>13,872</b>  |
| <b>6 Accumulated Funds</b>             |                |                |
| Accumulated funds brought forward      | 281,665        | 245,896        |
| Net income/(loss) for the period       | 12,671         | 35,767         |
|  | <b>294,336</b> | <b>281,663</b> |

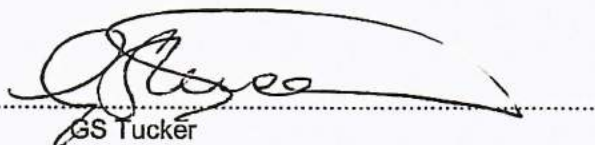


## Board's Declaration

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

- (a) presents fairly the financial position of Masters Swimming Australia Inc as at 31 December 2011 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 Act (Victoria) 1981 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 .....



GS Tucker

Dated 10 February 2012

# NATIONAL COMMITTEES

## NATIONAL COMMITTEES JAN - OCT 2011

### Coaching

Stephen Cornelius\*  
Bruce Allender  
Katherine Heenan  
Jacinta Stirratt

### Swim Meet

John Pollock\*  
Jeanette Holowiuk  
Lynne Malone  
John Gamlen

### IT

Pauline Samson\*  
Helen Rubin

### Membership & Participation

Therese Crollick\*  
Neil Keele  
Owen Sinden  
Mike Walker

### Technical

Gary Stutsel  
John Marshall  
Derek Coghill  
Judith Crawford  
Neil Keele  
Phil Beames

### Records

Pauline Samson\*  
Lynne Malone  
Leanne Beames

## NATIONAL COMMITTEES OCT - DEC 2011

### Coaching

Bruce Allender\*  
Mark Erickson  
Katherine Heenan  
Jacinta Stirratt

### Swim Meet

John Pollock\*  
Jeanette Holowiuk  
John Gamlen  
Jane Noake

### Technical

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

*The other three committees were disbanded in October 2011*

*\* Chairperson*

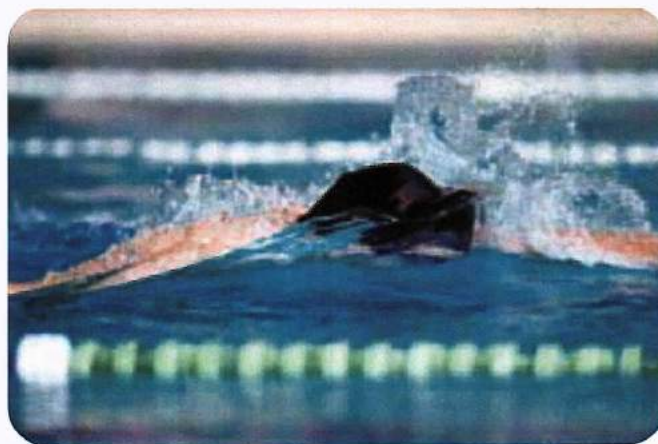


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# COACHING COMMITTEE



## BRUCE ALLENDER

The major activity this swimming year has been the introduction of the newly accredited Masters Coaching program. With the input of masters coaches, consultants and the national office, the Australian Sports Commission ratified the Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) submission. This allows MSA to offer a Masters Coaching credential for the next three years.

A two-part accreditation called Intro Coach and Club Coach replaces the Level 1 Masters Coach qualification. Existing L1M Coaches can re-accredit without doing the new programs, provided they meet the re-accreditation criteria of proving they are still active and effectively coaching Masters Swimmers.

The final L1M Coaching course was run by the Queensland Branch in August 2011.

The new coaching approach focuses on a participatory and workshop style approach to learning, requiring candidates to complete practical and land based sessions and be assessed on their performances. In addition they need to provide workbooks and complete parts of both the General Introduction to Coaching Principles and the Intermediate Coaching Principles courses administered by the Australian Sports Commission.

This is much more comprehensive program than the previous course, but it is designed to improve the skills

and capabilities of Masters Coaches leading to better and more effective coaching of Masters Swimmers.

The Victorian Branch successfully ran pilot programs for the Intro and Club Coach courses in September and October 2011. Conference call workshops were held with the members of the National Coaching Committee to discuss the outcomes, lessons learned and suggestions for improvements.

This was followed by Intro and Club Coach courses being run, again successfully, by the Queensland and Western Australian Branches.

The feedback from both these Branch courses will be the subject of further discussion by the Committee and be incorporated into the program materials for future coach training courses.

Thank you to all members of the Coaching Committee for their contribution during the year.

# SWIM MEET COMMITTEE



## JOHN POLLOCK

The National Swim Meet Committee aims to ensure that the National Championships and other major swim meets conducted with the sanction of Masters Swimming Australia are run to a high standard and in accordance with the Rules and By Laws of the Association. Members of the Committee in 2011 were John Gamlen (SA), Jeanette Holowiuk (Vic), Lynne Malone (WA), Jane Noake (NSW) and John Pollock (NT) (Chairman). Lynne Malone ceased to be a committee member in October 2011.

The Committee produces the National Championships Meet Guide, which provides detailed guidelines and instructions to the organisers of the National Championships and other events such as Masters

Games. The Guide is published on the national website and updated regularly to take account of changes made to the Rules and By Laws and the experience of each year's National Championships.

A new edition of the Guide was published in January 2011.



Photo by Lucas Wroe



# TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



## JOHN MARSHALL

2011 started with the committee consisting of Phil Beames (SA), Derek Coghill (Qld), Judith Crawford (WA), Neil Keele (NSW), John Marshall (Vic) and Gary Stutsel (NSW/ACT) as chair. At the October elections Derek stood down and was replaced by Ray Smythe, Queensland's Technical Director. Unfortunately neither Tasmania nor the Northern Territory has a representative but both branches are copied in on any important discussions.

Following the October elections, Gary stood aside as chair and I was elected. The change of chair occurred close to the end of the year so most of the year was in Gary's term and I am indebted to him for the bulk of this report. On behalf of the Association I want to thank Gary for his years of outstanding service as chair of the NTC. Gary's service to Masters Swimming in Australia and internationally has been far wider than just the NTC and it is great that he still continues to work actively on the NTC.

The year was disrupted by Gary's illness however we managed to make strong progress with 3 of our 5 objectives. Our aims:

1. To encourage individuals to become accredited officials,
2. To improve the content and delivery of technical courses and conduct seminars,  
and
3. To develop strategies to retain officials and to

prepare to replace those who stand down.

The smaller branches face the difficulty of too few events for trainee officials to demonstrate their competency. They will need to develop strategies involving cooperation with their state Swimming body.

Of our other two objectives we need to first survey the branches to determine whether "each branch has a Technical Director and, if needed, a Training Co-ordinator". The other objective, "co-operating closely with Coaching Directors to ensure swimmers are made aware of the Rules" is an area where we need to focus our attention in 2012.

A significant new document, Guidelines for Meet Directors and Clubs, was developed and is now available on the MSA web site. This document covers the myriad of mainly technical issues involved in running a swim meet and will be of primary use to clubs/meet directors running a meet for the first time. It should not be confused with the National Championships Meet Guide (often referred to as the Swim Meet Guide) which is specific to the MSA National Championships and assumes the reader is already familiar with the topics covered in the new document.

There were few rule changes affecting swimmers in 2011 but we advised the NT branch on the placement and format of the (then) proposed new rule for swimmers with a manifest disability.



# TECHNICAL COMMITTEE cont....

Our other achievements were more routine and included updating the following technical documents, all log sheets, Candidate Notes for Timekeeper and Referee, DQ code sheets and DQ reporting procedures, Officials Sign on Sheet and Meet Referee Report. There were newsletter articles focussing on 1) what jewellery may be worn in competition (March), Officiating (June) and The Need to Recruit New Officials (September). We have

and will continue to stress to branches and clubs that to record accurate times at meets and the Endurance 1000 program they must work to have members and friends do a basic Timekeeper Course. This will also build a sizeable mass of people who would be able to go on and train for other technical positions. This will continue to be a priority in 2012.

## TECHNICAL STATISTICS

|     | General principles of officiating | Timekeeper | Chief Timekeeper | Check starter/ Clerk of Course | Marshal | Starter | Inspector of Turns | Judge of Strokes | Referee | Total |
|-----|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|------------------|---------|-------|
| NSW | 4                                 | 5          | 3                | 4                              | 4       | 0       | 0                  | 0                | 1       | 21    |
| QLD | 5                                 | 3          | 4                | 4                              | 4       | 1       | 0                  | 1                | 0       | 22    |
| VIC | 2                                 | 1          | 1                | 1                              | 1       | 1       | 1                  | 0                | 0       | 8     |
| WA  | 4                                 | 4          | 4                | 2                              | 2       | 3       | 4                  | 1                | 1       | 25    |



Officials working at the 2011 National Championships



# NATIONAL RECORDER



## PAULINE SAMSON

As seen from the statistics listed below, the Records/Results Portal continues to hold an increasing number of individual and relay results as well as being up to date with the current records for both national and branch events.

In 2011, all world record applications lodged with the World Recorder were approved, which included one relay and three individual. It must be again noted that FINA does not approve a form stroke record application where the swim has been in a freestyle event.

## RECORDS

| Statistics of entries from the records/results portal | Total since 2002 | 2011   |
|---|------------------|--------|
| Meets   | 1271             | 119    |
| Individual results                                    | 582 411          | 33 428 |
| Relay results   | 22 621           | 1082   |
| Records - Individual national and branch              | 52 546           | 1405   |

## MEMBERSHIP

| MEMBERSHIP BY YEAR AND BRANCH |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| BRANCH                        | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| ACT                           | 162  | 169  | 164  | 152  | 153  | 140  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| NSW                           | 1553 | 1724 | 1631 | 1640 | 1645 | 1670 | 1737 | 1679 | 1729 | 1719 | 1620 |
| NT                            | 143  | 156  | 132  | 105  | 89   | 109  | 123  | 170  | 169  | 161  | 154  |
| QLD                           | 1726 | 1886 | 1660 | 1606 | 1517 | 1455 | 1414 | 1348 | 1425 | 1316 | 1138 |
| SA                            | 719  | 658  | 597  | 612  | 611  | 606  | 605  | 600  | 604  | 606  | 577  |
| TAS                           | 321  | 305  | 301  | 281  | 309  | 296  | 298  | 317  | 296  | 296  | 280  |
| VIC                           | 1134 | 1134 | 1065 | 993  | 987  | 1013 | 929  | 900  | 920  | 975  | 965  |
| WA                            | 1238 | 1277 | 1303 | 1227 | 1217 | 1189 | 1277 | 1344 | 1324 | 1398 | 1442 |
| Total                         | 6996 | 7309 | 6853 | 6616 | 6528 | 6478 | 6383 | 6358 | 6467 | 6471 | 6176 |



# NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH

## Governance

Masters Swimming NSW is governed by a Board of seven members assisted by position holders and project teams in Endurance, Coaching, Marketing & Club Development, Technical Officials and Technology (IT). MSNSW offices, located at Sports House in Sydney Olympic Park, are rent free; we pay for outgoings. Funding was again granted and allocated to a Go Country scheme as travel and accommodation subsidies to enable regional members and country officials to attend branch championships. 2011 was the year when NSW/ACT went fully online with Clubs Online, requiring all renewing members to pay online. There was some resistance and unwillingness to comply with concerns needing to be addressed at both Club and Branch levels.

## Promotions

### *Club Development/Marketing Project Team*

Club mentoring is a function of this team and the focus is on mentoring regional clubs and new clubs. Marketing was again combined with the club development team, a new poster was finalised and sent through to all NSW/ACT clubs and the ground work started for the hosting of the 2013 National Swimming Championships.

### *Coaching Education and Training Project Team*

Sadly for NSW/ACT Vicky Watson had to stand down from her role as Branch Coaching Director. The Branch advertised to all clubs for a volunteer and managed to entice Di Coxon-Ellis out of retirement to take on the major task that the Board rates so highly. Throughout 2011 it was known that a new Coaching course was being written so courses were put on hold waiting for the new format.



## Programs & Activities

### *Aerobics Project Team*

Formed in 2010, this team embarked on a schedule to suggest improvements to the current national program and has some great ideas. At the annual presentation luncheon, all MSNSW swimmers who gain maximum points and those who complete all events are awarded towels with their names embroidered on them. Twenty

clubs participated in 2011 with 224 swimmers. Maximum Points trophy goes to Tuggeranong, Campbelltown second and Novocastrians third. Castle Hill RSL club achieved the amazing result of 100% participation while the Average Point score per swimmer was again won by Campbelltown.

Again, difficulties were experienced by half the clubs in respect to the downloading / installation of the aerobics program which necessitated manual entry of these clubs' swim details. The new system is eagerly awaited by all.

### *IT/Communication Project Team*

The IT team assists with posting swim meet programs to the website before the meets and listing results promptly after each meet. Splash, the MSNSW quarterly newsletter, is available on the web; hard copies are mailed to the small number of members who have opted to receive it in that form. Communication with clubs is also mainly electronic via a branch Monthly News and associated documents. These documents are also posted on the website each month.

The volunteer team spent over six months working towards the upgrade of the website.

### *Safety*

The Branch Safety Coordinator continued to ensure that clubs follow the national safety guidelines, particularly in completing Incident Report Forms at all club and interclub activities. The importance of safety for Masters Swimmers is recognised as an essential part of our meets and all Meet Directors are mindful of safety regulations and requirements.

### *Technical Project Team*

The national/branch Technical Director, Gary Stutsel, was honoured with inclusion into the International Hall of Fame for his contributions to Masters swimming, both in Australia and internationally. He is only the fifth person and the second non-American to achieve this honour.

The Branch Training Coordinator organises training courses on request and provides support and continuing education for all technical officials.

2011 was the year for all qualified Chief Timekeepers in Masters Swimming NSW to undertake Re-accreditation workshops. Seven workshops were conducted across the state in various locations. Congratulations to the eleven new officials who gained their accreditation in 2011.

Thanks to the members of this project team and all



those who coordinated and presented courses during the year, MSNSW continues to have a healthy base of officials.

#### *Top Ten System*

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

#### *Swim Meets*

23 sanctioned meets were held throughout the NSW and ACT in 2011. This was made up of 10 long course and 13 short course.

Branch Long Course Championships were held at SOPAC over two days in April. (333 entries from 41 clubs)

The Branch relay meet in July also held at SOPAC, but in the Diving Pool, attracted 317 swimmers from 17 clubs.

The Branch long-distance short-course championships were held in August at Kurri Kurri, attracting 95 swimmers from 28 clubs.

The 2011 Branch short-course championships were held in October over two days at CISAC in the ACT. They attracted 260 competitors from 38 clubs.

#### **Acknowledgements**

A major change for the NSW Branch in 2011 was the retirement of Administrator Di Coxon-Ellis after thirteen years in the position. Both clubs and individual members have recognised the service provided by Di with her standard efficiency and humour. It is with great pleasure that she has been welcomed back in the role of Branch Coaching Director.

We again had the assistance of Volunteering NSW at branch championships with timekeeping and running and are most appreciative of their presence. We have two dedicated members who volunteer their time on a regular basis to assist in the branch office.

Many thanks also to the National General Manager and Operations Manager for their great support during 2011 particularly assisting the new Administrator, often on a daily basis.

MSNSW extends best wishes for 2012 to all administrators and members of other branches.



Ryde AUSSI Masters Swimmers

Helga Duncan and Barbara Briggs  
from Campbelltown Collegians



Masters Swimming Australia 2011



# NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH



## Swim Meets

The NT Branch held five swim meets during 2011. The Branch Short Course Championships were held in Darwin in April and the Long Course Championships were held in Katherine in October. Three email interclub meets were conducted during the year - in January, March and November. The January meet was also an open Australia Day Carnival.

## Membership

The Northern Territory continued to have the highest percentage of its population as members of MSA clubs of any jurisdiction in Australia. Membership in 2011 reached 159, down on the previous year's total of 173, but still comprising 0.071 of the population - Alice Springs 41, Darwin 95, Katherine 23. NT Club Registrars continued to promote the Clubs Online registration system in 2011, achieving 100% on-line registrations.

## International Links

A small contingent of Darwin Club members attended the Singapore Masters' International Meet in September 2011.

## Funding

The main source of funding for the Branch was again the NT Department of Natural Resources,

Environment, the Arts and Sport, whose generous grant covered all branch administration costs and provided funds for travel subsidies, coach development and other activities.

## Branch Meetings

Regular branch meetings were held in Darwin, with Darwin members representing the Alice Springs and Katherine clubs when delegates from those clubs were unable to attend. The AGM was held in Katherine in October.

## Branch Management

Steve Mullins of the Darwin Stingers Club was elected Branch President at the AGM held in Katherine in October 2011, replacing long-term office holder Sally Thomas, who was appointed Administrator of the Northern Territory in October.

Report by John Pollock, Secretary



Above: Alice AUSI  
Right: Darwin Stingers





# QUEENSLAND BRANCH

## Governance

The Board met six times during the year: four teleconferences and two Face-to-Face meetings in Brisbane, the second of which was attended by National President, Craig Smith and National GM, Noeleen Dix.

Following the introduction of the new Branch Constitution the Board now comprises the Branch President, four Vice Presidents (1 from each region), Risk Manager, Treasurer, Coaching Director, Technical Director and an appointed Minutes Secretary.

Helga Ward continued in her role as Branch Administrator, however there were some changes to Helga's position. The membership registration and accounts work is now being done by two Swimming Queensland staff members while Helga has taken on newsletter and website work for Swimming Queensland. The arrangement seems to be working well with Helga still spending 90% of her time looking after MSQ matters. The challenge for future Boards will be to manage the Administrator's workload so that they can continue to have enough time for Masters' swimming work.

The MOU between Masters Swimming Queensland and Swimming Queensland was signed for a further twelve months with no major changes being made to the document, which will be reviewed again in June 2012.

Our financial and accounts' system was overhauled with our banking transactions moved to CommBiz, which should make our system quicker and easier and make our Branch Treasurer's job a little less time consuming.

## Competition

A successful State Titles was held at Banora Point Pool, the home pool of the Twin Towns Masters Club. The members of the Twin Towns Club did an excellent job organising the social activities and looking after everyone over the two days of the meet. This was the second time that we used our new format of Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday morning and apart from agreeing that Friday needs to start earlier, everyone seems happy with the changes and we will continue with this now for future State meets.

The State Open Water swim meet was held in conjunction with the open water event of the Lismore Masters Games and was organised by the Duck Creek Mountain Club. Although the numbers competing were not as large as in other years, due to a number of factors, it was successfully run without any major issues. The Ballina Lighthouse Surf Club provided excellent support on the day.

The usual number of club meets was held, but it was noticeable that, with the exception of four meets, the numbers competing were lower than in previous years and this was not confined to any particular region. A number of clubs are holding Sunday meets and different formats in 2012 to try to encourage more members to participate.

## Programmes and Activities

At the beginning of 2011 the Excellence programme, which consists of four levels of achievement – Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze - for competitive swimmers, was launched as well as the "Lane Warriors" programme, which encourages all members to swim consistently and often and to log their laps to see how many metres they can swim in a year. The latter runs on an annual basis and the top five distances in each of three age groups – 18 - 34, 35 – 60 and 61 + - receive an award. At the beginning of June two other programmes, the Improvement and Participation programmes were launched, which aim to encourage all members of a club to participate in club and Branch activities, including coaches and officials. There are excellent prizes on offer for those who qualify for the Excellence levels and who participate in the other programmes. The major prize for the Excellence programme was a return trip for two to the FINA Masters World Championships in Italy in 2012 and was won by long time Brisbane Southside member, Heather McDonald.

Other major activities were the production of a poster to accompany the launch of our new programmes, the production of a Masters Swimming DVD, updating and improving our Facebook page and the launch of our Branch on Twitter.

Five Branch newsletters were produced during the year with regular technical articles to keep members



# QUEENSLAND BRANCH cont....

informed of any rule changes, and coaching articles to assist both swimmers and coaches with interesting programmes on training for different events.

There were a number of technical courses run during the year, particularly in the north region. The result has been a significant increase in officials over the last two years and we are now encouraging those officials to obtain further qualifications. The aim is to increase the number of Branch referees in the near future.

The Branch Coaching Director, Mark Erikson, held two coaching courses during the year. The numbers completing the post course requirements are good and the first course for 2012 has already been organised. There continues to be a steady demand for coaching courses and bridging courses for qualified junior coaches. Mark is setting up a coaching sub committee to assist him in the organisation and running of future coaching courses, as the distances involved travelling in Queensland make it difficult for him to be at all the courses which are required.

## Acknowledgements

We'd like to thank Vorgee for their ongoing sponsorship support and the CEO and staff at Swimming Queensland for their assistance, work and support of Masters Swimming. The Queensland Department of Sport and Recreation does not directly fund us anymore, but has given Swimming Queensland a small increase in funding which indirectly comes to us and we thank them for their ongoing support of swimming in our State.

The Board of Masters Swimming Queensland would also like to acknowledge the support and assistance of the National office.

Report by Therese Crollick, President



Photos by Lucas Wroe





# SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH



## Governance & Membership

The SA Branch AGM was held in May 2011 with all Branch positions being filled at the meeting or shortly thereafter. The Executive now consists of Robert Harris (President), Russell Wood and Doug Morton (Vice-presidents), Robert Ferguson (Treasurer) and Neal Bertram & Jane Sutton (Secretaries).

The Branch continues to be managed by the Executive & a Committee of representatives from all clubs which meets monthly. A relatively inexperienced administration team has successfully navigated through the current year under the presidency of Robert Harris.

Renewal of membership at the date of this report is at 506.

The SA Branch continues to be in a sound financial position, helped again by the support of the SA Office of Recreation & Sport which has approved a grant of \$12,000 for the next financial year.

A number of new clubs have affiliated with the SA Branch being Mildura Masters and One Club affiliates Strathalbyn and Onkaparinga swim clubs. We are in the middle of discussions with 3 other potential One Club members.

## Programs & Activities

Our annual Presentation Dinner was held at the Royal Adelaide Golf Club in November 2011 – numbers were up with a new organizing committee and guest speaker (former Olympian Phil Rogers). A great night enjoyed by all with entertainment by one of our members. A substantial donation was made to Phil's nominated Cancer Research charity on the night.

By April we will have completed another successful Open Water Swim season with 10 events over the

summer. State OWS titles were introduced this season – hosted by Marion Club this year. The Branch run Australia Day Jetty to Jetty swim attracted 450 swimmers – a record number since this event was taken over by Masters Swimming over a decade ago. Numbers in other swims were slightly higher on average with well over 100 swimmers per event. The Branch is investigating the introduction of standard electronic timing for all OWS events next season.

Our Branch run pool swim series was run through the winter months starting with the Long Course State Cup in April and ending in November. Numbers were slightly down but the competition was still fierce (in the spirit of Fun, Fitness and Friendship of course).

The Branch 'Special Events Committee' headed by John Gamlen has successfully run the 13<sup>th</sup> Australian Masters Games swimming (October) & is on target for the 2012 National Titles (April). Both events are scheduled for the new SA State Aquatic Centre at Oaklands Park.

The Branch sanctioned the swim meet for the Mildura Masters Games held in late August 2011. A large contingent from SA attended this meet.

## Acknowledgements

MSSA acknowledges the work of its many volunteers in all areas of the organisation. All Branch or club committee members, technical officials or just those members who are prepared to 'help out' are essential to the success of MSSA and their continued efforts are appreciated.

Report by: Robert Harris, President & Neal Bertram, Secretary

Australian Masters Games officials from the SA Branch





# TASMANIAN BRANCH



The Tasmanian Branch continued to move along in a quiet, efficient manner, conducting events and slowly building membership numbers.

## Governance

The AGM was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2011 at Hobart Aquatic Centre. There were two changes to the committee, Amanda Duggan was elected President, replacing Anne Horner who had reached the constitution limit of 4 years, and John Pugh accepted the role of Coaching and Education co-ordinator. The position of Publicity officer remained vacant. Branch management meetings are usually held quarterly in conjunction with State swim meets.

## Events

The Branch also staged our regular events – the Summer Long Course (March) and Long Course Long Distance Championships (June) at the Hobart Aquatic Centre and the Winter Short Course (August) and the Long Course Long Distance Championships (November) at Launceston Aquatic. Participant numbers seem to be reducing over the years, perhaps as many Masters Members are involved in other sports, such as triathlons and open water

swimming. Competition in the pool is not necessarily a priority for them.

Numerous members took part in the MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Tasmania Mega 24 hour swims in Hobart and Launceston in June.

The Branch continued with the sponsorship of a coaching workshop. Unfortunately, due to a number of problems, the workshop was only held in Launceston coinciding with the Long Course Long Distance Championships. The workshops included presentations from sports physiotherapists and an exercise specialist. The coaching component was presented by Janette Jeffrey and Gerry Tucker from Victorian Club, the Malvern Marlins.

## Clubs

The state continues to maintain the seven established clubs, although some of the smaller clubs experienced minor financial problems over the winter months with increased pool hire charges and a drop off in session attendances. Our virtual club 'The Van Diemens' has maintained its small membership.



Launceston Lemming Members: L-R  
Alwynne McMahon, Chris Zethner (coach), Ray Brien,  
Chris Davey



# VICTORIAN BRANCH

## Governance

Masters Swimming Victoria is governed by a board of seven wonderful volunteers. They put a lot of their time, expertise and effort into the running of the State body. The Vice Presidents Linus Cresp (External Affairs) and Jeanette Holowiuk (Operations, Head of the Swim Meet committee, National Swim Meet Committee), Viv Merrill (Finance Director), John Marshall (Technical Director, Chairman of the National Technical Committee), Bruce Allender (Coaching Director, Chairman of the National Coaching Committee), Paul Watmough (Recording Director), and Ebony Ebenwaldner (Publications Director).

## Key Project

When I took over from Danny Smith in August, my key focus was to form much stronger ties with Swimming Victoria, as had been agreed in the MoU signed in 2009. The negotiations were extensive, however they ultimately failed. MSV asked SV to provide administration services, which is currently outsourced to MSA, but SV did not wish to go down this path. Through the endless meetings and discussions one very positive thing became clear - that masters swimming is an independent, long-lived, successful organisation, supported by a vast number of wonderful people, and that we should continue to work with SV, but not be absorbed and dissolved.

## Membership

MSV numbers are down, there are no two ways about it. For the past four years MSV have had less than 900 financial members, with 2011 being the second lowest year since the early days of 885 members.

## Finance

Viv Merrill continues to work hard for the organisation. MSV are in good shape at the end of 2011 which is our half year. The last 6 months of the year ran at a \$9000 surplus, and we have nearly \$60,000 in the bank.

## Administration

Thank you to Sarah Roach for all of her work over the past three years. She has been efficient in the office and has provided our members support and service far above what we expected. Sarah has done a brilliant job, and we wish her all the best for her future work in education and gymnastics. We also must

thank Noeleen Dix for all of her work and office support that she gives me, as President. The administration of MSV has been done superbly through the administrative agreement we have with MSA and we will look to continue in the future.

## Competition

The Swimming Meet sub-committee is chaired by Jeanette Holowiuk and she has done another brilliant job in 2011 running our five state meets and providing on-deck pool staff, recording and online entry systems, at the interclubs. Thank you to Jeanette, Paul Watmough and John Marshall, but also a big thanks to the officials and volunteers.

A large number of MSV members travelled to Challenge Stadium in Perth for the Nationals, congratulations to all of them for their individual and relay swims. One highlight of the meet was for two Victorian swimmers to be awarded National Swimmers of the Meet - Jennie Bucknell and Mark Thompson.

## Coaching

Five candidates completed both the new Intro Coach and Club Coach courses last year - thank you to Bruce Allender for all his work on this.

## Technical

Victoria has a small group of committed officials who have done a superb job at all of the meets run this year. The group however is too small and the need to increase the number of officials has been a recurrent theme in the Technical Director's reports to board meetings. There have been a number of officials training courses run which have introduced some new trainees but their numbers have not quite matched the retirements, so the overall number of active officials has declined slightly. Increasing the number of officials needs to be a priority for all clubs in Victoria.

## Future development

The aim for 2012 is to work on key projects. With \$60,000 in the bank I believe it is time to spend some of this money on promoting Masters Swimming in Victoria, while also reinforcing/rewarding the structures we have in place.

Report by: Archer Talbot, MSV President.



# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

It is most pleasing to report that in 2011 WA was again successful through various membership growth strategies in achieving a 5% increase in membership to 1,442 from 1,376 in 2010 (when we achieved a 4% increase).

## New initiatives in 2011

- Membership Growth achievements - new Clubs Ballajura, Kwinana and Central Aquatic affiliated and Barracudas re-affiliated. Thornlie replaced Gosnells with affiliation including Forest Lakes village project participants. Bunbury grew after coaching clinic & promotions. Wanneroo established after much work and Western Suburbs (Claremont Pool) is work in progress. Sandgropers membership extended to metro swimmers.

- New Project Coordinator in place since February 2011 with focus on membership growth strategies and other marketing projects.

- New pop-up banners produced for all Clubs.

- New pull-up banners produced (including old one re done).

- Extended relationship with Vorgee for OWS calendar sponsorship and additional overall support.

- Achieved sponsorship funding from DSR for 2011 National Championships & increased annual funding.

- Display at World Sports Expo

- Swimming WA joint OWS event project investigated.

- Regional Coaching Clinics (3) held in Bunbury, Albany and Esperance with some success in membership increases.

- Bunbury open swim meet conducted to trial for 2012 State Championships.

- Kay Cox country coach scholarship redesigned and implemented.

- New website developed by Project Coordinator via Clubs On-Line (COL).

- E-News now produced through COL.

- Clubs Online workshops held during Nationals and again in August.

- Separation of Technical Officer role and responsibilities implemented.

- New Merit & Excellence Service Awards established.

- Secured GM of Volunteering WA as guest speaker for annual Presidents meeting.

## Other Promotions and Highlights

- 2011 National Championships held and a huge success with good surplus.

- 2008 FINA World Masters Championships financial legacy project ongoing with a further 3 rounds offered in 2011 – now included in Special Projects Funding Project.

- 2011 Dale Alcock State OWS had good numbers.

- Successful coaches workshops (2) conducted.

- 2011 Annual Awards function conducted in conjunction with BE ACTIVE State Swim presentations and Volunteers appreciation awards including 3 new Life Members.

- Promotional advert in Rottnest Channel Swim program.

- 2011/12 OWS calendar advertisers up from 34 to 36 advertisements.

- Continued promotion of MSWA to increase awareness through monthly column in Have a Go News which included promotion of BE ACTIVE Novice Ocean Swim (front cover Nov edition), Seniors Have a Go Day, and general promotional articles and photos.

- Slightly lower participant numbers for BE ACTIVE Novice Ocean swim (60) after excellent promotion through November's Have a Go News front cover.

- Ongoing partnerships with other organisations eg. Healthway, Swimming WA, Rottnest Channel Swim Association, Surf Life Saving WA, Heart Foundation, LIWA Aquatics, WA Sports Federation, Volunteering WA.

- The annual BE ACTIVE Spring into Swimming project was supported by some Clubs which organized displays and open sessions for potential members. Clubs which achieved the greatest increase in membership growth within the spring period won ZOGGS packs which were presented at the February Council of Clubs meeting.



# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH cont...

- Coach Pam Badani saved Thornlie club member Helen McPherson in October 2011 after Helen had a heart attack in the pool. Pam received awards from Royal Life Saving WA and the City of Gosnells.

## Sponsorship

- Continued good relationship with Department of Sport and Recreation resulting in increased sponsorship for 3 years from July 2011. Positive feedback received through achievement of Key Performance Indicators.

- New sponsorship for the annual Open Water Swims calendar was achieved from Vorgee who agreed to support Masters Swimming WA with prize packs through the year for several events and activities.

- Patron Dale Alcock finished his sponsorship for our annual Dale Alcock OWS series and the Dale Alcock State OWS events at the end of 2011.

- Vorgee again provided sponsorship for 2012 pool events calendar.

## Club and member support

- Successful coaches workshops (2) and new Masters Coaching Courses conducted.

- The annual open water swimming workshop for club coordinators of OWS events was conducted by our Technical Officer.

- The Technical Officer coordinated and conducted many Technical Officiating workshops and courses in 2011 in particular for 2011 National Championships.

- We continue to recognise our wonderful members and volunteers where possible by nominating them to external awards and enabling attendance at professional development seminars and workshops.

- National record certificates and Officiating certificates were presented to members at Council of Clubs meetings to acknowledge achievements and express appreciation to volunteers.

- Weekly eAlert continues to be main communication link with Clubs providing regular updates on activities and administration.

- Website is updated regularly for members and general adult swimming community.

We look forward to another great year in 2012 with planned expansions on some 2011 initiatives to encourage more adults to share the Fitness, Friendship and Fun provided by our Clubs in the pool and open water!

Report by Wendy Holtom, Executive Officer



The 2011 National Championships Founders Trophy Winners - Claremont Masters



# 36TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Western Australia provided a 2011 Masters Swimming National Championships that will be remembered fondly by many for quite some time.

The input of the Organising Committee contributed to the overall success of this event. Many of the members of the committee had worked on the World Masters Swimming Championships committee in 2008 and their knowledge and action in the 18 months prior to the event helped to make the event run efficiently. Each member of the committee was excellent in their respective roles which is imperative when running an event at National level.

Secondly, it was essential to have the help of Masters Clubs as the volunteer team. These members were superb in their roles and helped to make the event run smoothly over the duration of the championships.

The committee also had a clear vision as to how we wanted the event to be seen. Quality was imperative when designing and ordering medals through to merchandise, safety of swimmers and ensuring the appropriate water temperature at the OWS.

Just over half of the sixty or so volunteers who helped to deliver the event were non-swimmers, with the remainder sharing roles and swapping red shirts for bathers.

84 clubs from across Australia competed in this event. 28 clubs were from Western Australia, 4 from South Australia, 11 from Victoria, 21 from New South Wales, 14 from Queensland, 3 from the Northern Territory and 3 from Tasmania.

565 athletes entered with the majority of these using the online system in conjunction with the Team Manager software program. This made all other aspects of recording much easier to manipulate. Of this, 549 athletes actually competed in the event which consisted of 286 males and 263 females.

During the event, 41 National individual records were set – 25 female and 16 male. 3 National relay records were set of which 2 were for female relays and 1 relay for the men.

Overall the event was very successful from a financial perspective. After the Budget (based on 500 entrants) was adopted by the OC, grant funding was sought and obtained from the State Government through the Department of Sport and Recreation.

A significant saving was eventually made on the cost associated with the venue hire (Challenge Stadium) compared to Budget. This essentially is the main reason that the final event surplus being higher than Budget.

The event began with the Welcome Function held at Dalkeith Nedlands Bowling Club on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. This successful function was well attended by swimmers and invited guests and included the official opening of the event. Swimmers were welcomed to Western Australia by the Sports Minister Terry Waldron and National President John Pugh.

44 Technical officials were given officiating tasks during the meet, covering 433 positions.

Judith Crawford, Hilary Arber, Ron Gray, Richard Hughes, Warren Cassidy and Lynne Duncan lead the different officiating areas under Technical Coordinator Peter Maloney.

We acknowledge the time and effort of the Technical Officials - Event Referees, Starters, Judge of Strokes, Inspector of Turns, Marshals and Recording teams.

Eight Masters Swimming officials from other States and 2 Swimming WA officials nominated to officiate at this meet.

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

The Open Water Swim for the 2011 Masters Swimming National Championships was held in perfect conditions on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May in Matilda Bay, Swan River. It was calm and sunny and the water temperature was approximately 19°C – 20°C. The water quality was also good.

Of the 163 swimmers entered, 26 did not register at the UWA Watersports complex on the morning of the swim leaving a starting field of 137 split into two waves based on nominated time. There were two withdrawals (DNF) during the race with the remaining 135 swimmers completing the course within the generous 1 ½ hour time limit.



# 36TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Sundowner functions were held at the conclusion of swimming on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. These were informal barbecues where swimmers could get-together and socialise after a hard day of competition. The final function was the Presentation Function held at the impressive Royal Perth Yacht Club. Proceedings went smoothly with an excellent buffet lunch followed by the presentation of the many trophies and awards.



The team of Officials for the National Championships



# AWARD WINNERS

## 2011 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

| TROPHY                           | WINNER                 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Founders' Trophy                 | Claremont Masters (WA) |
| Runner-up Trophy                 | Blacktown City (NSW)   |
| Visitors' Trophy                 | Blacktown City (NSW)   |
| Female Swimmer of the Meet       | Jennie Bucknell (VIC)  |
| Male Swimmer of the Meet         | Mark Thompson (VIC)    |
| National Heart Foundation Trophy | Elena Nesci (WA)       |
| Coach of the year 2010           | Francis Godden         |
| Official of the Year 2010        | Noel Partridge         |

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RELAYS

| AGE GROUP RELAY TROPHY | WINNER              |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 72-119 years           | Powerpoints (VIC)   |
| 120-159 years          | Claremont (WA)      |
| 160-199 years          | Claremont (WA)      |
| 200-239 years          | Claremont (WA)      |
| 240-279 years          | Miami Masters (QLD) |
| 280-319 years          | Osborne Park (WA)   |
| 320-359 years          | Osborne Park (WA)   |

## VORGEER NATIONAL AEROBIC TROPHY & AWARD

| TROPHY                              | WINNER       |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Vorgee National Aerobic Trophy 2010 | Talays (TAS) |
| Vorgee National Aerobic Award 2010  | Talays (TAS) |

2011 is the last year for this trophy as Endurance 1000 will be implemented in 2012. This year involved 66 clubs, with 985 individuals participating in the competition with one club reaching 100 % participation with their members. Eighty five competitors completed all the swims with 65 achieving 390 points. Talays Masters has finished this competition on a high note having now claimed the Vorgee National Aerobic Trophy from 2007-2011.

In 2010 and 2011 work continued on developing an online recording system for Endurance 1000 to

replace the Vorgee National Aerobic Trophy Program. This will see a new points system and a change in the times for some age groups. Compiling of results will be done online anytime, anywhere without the need for a designated software program. As swims from swim meets which include 400m, 800m and 1500m events will be automatically included in the Endurance 1000 results, it is expected that more clubs and swimmers will take part.

Report by: Pauline Samson



## MILLION METRE AWARDS

| DISTANCE                 | NAME                | CLUB                    | BRANCH |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Ten Million Metre Club   | Diana Fabijan       | Adelaide Masters        | SA     |
|                          | Colin Cliff         | Wests Auburn            | NSW    |
| Five Million Metre Club  | Moiria Wigley       | Darwin Stingers         | NT     |
|                          | Penny Lucas         | Hobart Aquatic Centre   | TAS    |
|                          | Roy Swan            | Coogee Randwick         | NSW    |
|                          | Cyril Baldock       | Coogee Randwick         | NSW    |
|                          | Pamela Walter       | Stadium Snappers        | WA     |
|                          | Annette Philpot     | Talays Masters          | TAS    |
| Three Million Metre Club | Kent Nelson         | Adelaide Masters        | SA     |
|                          | Tricia Summerfield  | Stadium Snappers        | WA     |
|                          | Tracey Clarkson     | Brisbane Northside      | QLD    |
|                          | Oliver Harris       | Hornsby Masters         | NSW    |
|                          | Barbara Briggs      | Campbelltown Collegians | NSW    |
|                          | Roger Dibden        | Logan Aquatic Masters   | QLD    |
|                          | Michael Lynch       | Twin Towns              | QLD    |
|                          | Brian Cairns        | Noosa AUSSI             | QLD    |
| Two Million Metre Club   | David Misson        | Twin Towns              | QLD    |
|                          | Hilary Arber        | Belmont                 | WA     |
|                          | Susanne Apted       | Hobart Aquatic Centre   | TAS    |
|                          | Sue Vincent         | Hobart Dolphins         | TAS    |
|                          | Sandi Rigby         | Seaside Pirates         | NSW    |
|                          | Brenda Day          | Tuggeranong             | NSW    |
|                          | Steven Aird         | Hobart Aquatic Centre   | TAS    |
|                          | Robert Shand        | Stadium Snappers        | WA     |
| One Million Metres       | Cas Brown           | Stadium Snappers        | WA     |
|                          | Theresa Elliott     | Stadium Snappers        | WA     |
|                          | June Maher          | Stadium Snappers        | WA     |
|                          | Elizabeth Edmondson | Stadium Snappers        | WA     |
|                          | Lesley Gould        | Hobart Dolphins         | TAS    |
|                          | Michael Mansfield   | Duck Creek              | QLD    |
|                          | Maaikie Spinks      | Twin Towns              | QLD    |
|                          | Alan Atherinos      | Gladstone Gropers       | QLD    |
|                          | Heather Butler      | Albany Creek            | QLD    |
|                          | Kerryn Blanch       | Wests Auburn            | NSW    |
|                          | Darryl Flukes       | Surrey Park Seahorses   | VIC    |
|                          | Leanne Markey       | Noarlunga               | SA     |
|                          | Jelle Lahnstein     | Adelaide Masters        | SA     |
|                          | Neal Bertram        | Marion Marlins          | SA     |
|                          | Anne Reid           | Tuggeranong             | NSW    |

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