

MASTERS SWIMMING AUSTRALIA

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



40th ANNIVERSARY

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Ivan Martinovich (retired October 2015)

Neal Bertram (commenced November 2015)

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Bill Lough - 1975 - 1978

Peter Jackson - 1978 - 1984

Ivan Wingate - 1985 - 1988

Graeme McDougall - 1989 - 1992

Glenys McDonald - 1993 - 1998

Mary Sweeney - 1999 - 2005

John Pugh - 2005 - 2011

Craig Smith - 2011 - Present

BRANCH DELEGATES

Jon Hawton (MSNSW)

John Pollock (MSNT)

John Barrett (MSQ)

Robert Harris (MSSA)

Pauline Samson (MSTas)

Archer Talbot (MSV)

Lynne Malone (MSWA)

LIFE MEMBERS

Gary Stutsel (New South Wales)

Peter Gillett (South Australia - deceased)

Ivan Wingate (Western Australia)

Pauline Samson (Tasmania)

David Cummins (Western Australia)

Glenys McDonald (Western Australia)

Kay Cox (Western Australia)

Darryl Hawkes (South Australia)

Mary Sweeney (Queensland)

John Pugh (Tasmania)

NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

General Manager

Administration

Administration

Administration

Noeleen Dix

Emma Evans (resigned January 2015)

Jane Banes

Rachael Minton (commenced January 2015)

COACHING COMMITTEE

JANUARY - OCTOBER

Bruce Allender

Di Coxon-Ellis

John Pugh

Mark Erickson

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Bruce Allender

Di Coxon-Ellis

John Pugh

Mark Erickson

Kim Tyler

Elena Nesci

SWIM MEET COMMITTEE

JANUARY - OCTOBER

John Pollock

Jeanette Holowiuk

Jane Noake

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

John Pollock

Jeanette Holowiuk

Jane Noake

NATIONAL RECORDER

Pauline Samson

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

JANUARY - OCTOBER

Phillip Beames

Neil Mitchell

Neil Keele

Stan Pearson

Diane Partridge

Ray Brien

Gary Stustel

Jayna Gordon

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Phillip Beames

Neil Mitchell

Peter Maloney

Neil Keele

Stan Pearson

Diane Partridge

Ray Brien

PRESIDENTS REPORT

On behalf of the National Board of Management thank you to everyone who has contributed to our masters swimming community in 2015.

Our member Branches and Clubs are the hub of our organisation and it is the efforts of the volunteer coaches, officials and committees that provides the community swimming structure for the 6625 adult swimmers across Australia who are to be congratulated on their work throughout the year.

September 22 marked the 40th anniversary of the founding of Masters Swimming in Australia. Our original organisation was known as the Australian Masters Swimming Association, which in turn became Australian Union of Senior Swimmers International, or as it was fondly known - AUSSI. Life Member Gary Stutsel (MSNSW) was the first financial member and is the only remaining current member of the founding group. All clubs were encouraged to celebrate our birthday at training during that week and raise their water-bottles to our founders!

Gary Stutsel launched his well researched "AUSSI 1974 – 1984" history of the organisation's early years, which can be found on the website; and he has thrown out the challenge for others to continue to tell the story.

A huge thank you to the two Branches and the volunteers involved in hosting national events during the year – Masters Swimming Tasmania who hosted the 40th National Championships at the Hobart Aquatic Centre in April and Masters Swimming South Australia who hosted the Swimming at the Australian Masters Games in

Adelaide in October. Both events were wonderful successes and involved a lot of volunteer hours.

In August, thirty-two MSA members travelled to Kazan, Russia to compete in the 16th FINA World Masters Championships. Joining the

swimmers were two technical officials from MSWA, Ken Phillips and Lynne Duncan, who are to be congratulated on their selection to officiate on the international stage. This was the first FINA Masters Championships to be staged at the same location and immediately after the World Championships.

Congratulations to the members who were awarded for reaching their Vorgee Million Metres milestones in 2015, including a special mention to Barb Brooks (North Lodge, MSV) who received her 10 million metres award. Barbara Brooks swam in the original swim in 1974 when a delegation of Americans came to Sydney and ignited the idea of forming a masters association; and she has now swum in 40 subsequent National Championships by being in Hobart for the 40th in 2015.

The National Recorder, Pauline Samson was very busy with 312 world, national and branch records set by our members; the Vorgee Endurance 1000 had 144 Clubs and 1965 swimmers take part throughout the year; and the National Swim Series produced good results in its second year. We thank Pauline for her dedication to this task.



Craig Smith
President

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

We are pleased to present the Masters Swimming Australia 2015 Annual Report, which provides a snapshot of our activities across our fortieth year.

The Directors and Branch Delegates met in Hobart after the National Championships to focus on the future of Masters Swimming in Australia. It was a very productive day and the meeting agreed on the following imperatives for the future success of masters swimming:

Adult swimmers to engage with MSA in a way that suits their lifestyle, interests and passion for swimming

- MSA provides, and/or provides access to, a suite of high profile, popular swimming events and membership products
- Total membership increases each year
- Members are actively engaged with MSA and kept informed through a variety of communication channels
- Members are advocates of MSA and its events

MSA has a presence at every community swimming pool in Australia

- Clubs are vibrant, social hubs with members participating in training, programs and events
- MSA supports the formation of new masters swimming clubs.
- MSA explores other options to communicate with swimmers at community pools, including partnering with organisations.

MSA is a gateway to swimming locally and around the world

- MSA attracts greater participation by designing new format swim events and building iconic swim meets

- Australia hosts a leg of an international swim series
- MSA provides a gateway for its members to premium swimming events held internationally

MSA is widely recognised as a recreation and health-enhancing organisation for adults in Australia

MSA is a progressive organisation responsive to members evolving needs and the changing operating environment

- There is strong cooperation and strategic alignment between the national, state and club groups
- MSA officials have world class technical credentials

The challenges for Masters Swimming Australia are still providing a range of services and management using volunteers at all levels of the sport. As a member funded organisation MSA is in good shape but we need to address the changing nature of sport, access to facilities and modern communications in our communities so that we are prepared for the future.



Noeleen Dix
General Manager



Redlands Bay Masters Celebrating MSA 40 Years

FINANCE MANAGER REPORT

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

Preamble

The 2015 financial year reflected continued savings by the National Office of Masters Swimming Australia Inc (MSA), resulting in another surplus for the year and a sound balance sheet.

Income and Expenditure Statement

MSA recorded a net operating surplus of \$22,328 (before special project) for the year, after allowing for depreciation of \$1,549 and a provision for long service leave of \$9,604, against a budgeted net operating surplus of \$0.00.

The difference of about \$22,300 between the budgeted and actual net surplus is primarily made up of net savings in expenses of about \$19,200 against budgeted expenditure not required over the course of the year, together with actual receipts exceeding budgeted receipts by approximately \$3,100. In addition, MSA made an unbudgeted surplus on the sale of ordered gear and apparel of approximately \$750.

Income

This year's revenue reflects receipt of membership subscriptions from 6,625 members for 2015, compared to 6,704 members in 2014. The resulting revenue level is complex to compare between the two years because of the change in the amount of membership fee from 2014 to 2015 and the change in mix of full year memberships compared to 16 month and 4 month memberships, both of the latter categories were less than the numbers for 2014. Suffice to say that the 2015 membership revenue exceeded budget by about \$1,900. It also exceeded 2014 membership revenue by about \$500 after adjusting the 2014 revenue for the 2015 price increase.

Bank interest received in 2015 was \$13,500, down from \$14,807 in 2014, due to a fall in market interest rates over the two year period.

Swim Meet sanction fees were reduced from 2014 by about \$5,000 following MSWA's decision to make alternative insurance arrangements for its non-member participants in MSWA's open water swim events. This decision meant that MSWA no longer collects a sanction fee from these participants on behalf of MSA.

Expenditure

Expenditure for the year was well managed and was less than budget by about \$19,200. The reduced expenditure

against budget was spread across a broad range of expenses including:

- Legal expenses budget not required;
- Travel and accommodation costs for NBM and general meetings;
- Insurance premiums, as we continue to have a low claims history;
- Other NBM and subcommittee expenses;
- General office expenses, and;
- awards, gifts, and Vorgee Million-Metre awards.

Special Projects

The two main projects in 2015 were the training and installation of the new coaches' course and the strategic planning conference held after the AGM in Hobart for our strategic plans for the next three years.

Balance Sheet

MSA continues to be in a sound financial position. Financial obligations to others are minimal and all these were incurred in the normal course of our regular activities. There is sufficient cash available for expense accruals, budgeted operating expenditures and special projects.

The term deposits continue to be divided between two banks to ensure that the MSA is protected by the Federal Government's bank deposit guarantee arrangements, which have a per-bank cap of \$250,000. The interest on these term deposits was reinvested on maturity. There was a steady take-up of 2015 membership in December 2015, resulting in a similar amount of 2016 revenue received in advance of January 2016.

Our team in the Office

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noeleen Dix, Jane Barnes, Rachael Minton and our contracted bookkeeper, Gerard Russell, for their management of all matters passing through the MSA Office and for the support they provide to me in my role on the National Board of Management.

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



Gerry Tucker
Finance Director

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
EXPENSES		
Professional Fees		
Bank Charges	\$100	\$123
Audit Fees	\$1,135	\$1,105
Legal Fees	\$99	\$254
Total Professional Fees	\$1,334	\$1,481
NBM & Branch Delegates		
Travel & Accommodation Expenses	\$23,659	\$25,158
Other NBM Expenses	\$561	\$910
Total NBM & Branch Delegates	\$24,221	\$26,068
Premises		
Rent & Storage & Utilities	\$9,856	\$10,179
Total Premises	\$9,856	\$10,179
Operations		
Membership Registration Management Fee	\$31,106	\$15,155
Office IT	\$730	\$2,054
Phone & Fax	\$1,835	\$1,856
Internet Fees	\$1,462	\$1,264
Postage & freight	\$1,441	\$2,208
Office Supplies / Stationery	\$999	\$335
Photocopier	\$323	\$232
Affiliations & Subscriptions	\$200	\$200
ComputerSoftware & IT Services	\$840	\$0
MSAC tenant cards	\$241	\$159
Total Operations	\$39,176	\$23,462

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
EXPENSES continue		
Staff		
Wages & Salaries	\$122,057	\$129,448
Superannuation	\$21,395	\$19,380
Other Staff Costs	\$3,837	\$1,185
LSL Provision	\$9,604	\$0
Total Staff	\$156,893	\$150,013
Other		
Insurance	\$23,298	\$29,696
Annual Report	\$181	\$1,368
Awards, Trophies & gifts, including Swim Series	\$2,951	\$3,332
Other Conferences & Travel	\$475	\$0
Administrators' workshop	\$3,590	\$3,931
Promotional Materials	\$145	\$1,235
Merchandise, purchased on order	\$4,536	\$3,400
Million Metres Costs	\$1,584	\$1,687
Vorgee Club Development costs	\$250	\$1,000
Coach of the year expenses	\$1,017	\$0
Coaching workshop expenses	\$0	\$1,325
Depreciation	\$1,549	\$1,072
Sundry expenses	\$0	\$1
Total Other	\$39,576	\$48,046
Total Operating Expenses	\$271,056	\$259,249
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$22,328	\$20,669
Special Projects		
Coaching Committee	\$7,525	\$0.00
40th anniversary celebrations	\$337	\$0.00
Strategic planning	\$4,678	\$0.00
IT Committee	\$0	\$500
Total Special Projects	\$12,540	\$500
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$9,788	\$20,169

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

ASSETS	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Bank		
Westpac Cheque Account	\$10,343	\$12,578
Westpac Idirect Account	\$110,216	\$112,397
Westpac Mastercard Debit Card	\$997	\$812
Cash on Hand	\$24	\$24
Westpac Term Deposit	\$128,920	\$124,500
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$215,384	\$208,000
Total Bank	\$465,884	\$458,311
Debtors		
Trade Debtors	\$3,643	\$450
Prepayments/Sundry Debtors	\$7,452	\$11,334
Total Debtors	\$11,095	\$11,784
Total Current Assets	\$476,979	\$470,095
Fixed Assets		
Plant and Equipment		
Furniture & Equipment	\$53,642	\$47,709
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$44,447)	(\$42,898)
Total Fixed Assets	\$9,195	\$4,811
TOTAL ASSETS	\$486,174	\$474,906

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

LIABILITIES	2015 \$	2014 \$
Trade Creditors	\$3,826	\$1,183
Revenue received in advance	\$84,358	\$87,490
GST Liabilities - clearing account	\$5,942	\$6,530
PAYG on wages	\$5,296	\$5,504
Superannuation	\$0	\$5,327
Accruals	\$1,754	\$3,267
Provision for LSL	\$9,604	\$0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$110,780	\$109,301
NET ASSETS	\$375,393	\$365,605
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	\$365,606	\$345,436
Current Earnings	\$9,788	\$20,169
TOTAL EQUITY	\$375,393	\$365,606

Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Cash Flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from operations	\$273,443	\$288,808
Payment to suppliers and employees	(\$272,965)	(\$249,533)
Interest received	\$13,616	\$14,807
GST received / (paid)	(\$588)	\$2,528
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$13,506</u>	<u>\$56,610</u>
Cash Flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(\$5,933)	(\$162)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(\$5,933)</u>	<u>(\$162)</u>
Net cash Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$7,573	\$56,448
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	\$458,311	\$401,863
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	<u>\$465,884</u>	<u>\$458,311</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2015

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.

Board's Declaration

31 December 2015

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

- (a) presents fairly the financial position of Masters Swimming Australia Inc as at 31 December 2015 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- (b) satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Victoria) 2012 to prepare accounts; and
- (c) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Masters Swimming Australia Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Director of Finance



Dated

7 March 2016

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE BOARD OF MASTERS SWIMMING AUSTRALIA INC**

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Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Masters Swimming Australia Inc., which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2015, the income statement for the year then ended, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the board's declaration.

Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The board of the association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the constitution and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies and any legislative requirements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Masters Swimming Australia Inc. at 31 December 2015, and of its performance for the year then ended.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the board's financial reporting responsibilities under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Victoria) 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

CROWE HORWATH TASMANIA

Crowe Horwath Tasmania



Malcolm Matthews
Partner

Launceston

Date: 7/3/16

COACHING COMMITTEE

The 2015 National Coaching Committee had the following members:

Bruce Allender (Chair, Victorian Branch)
 Mark Erikson (Queensland Branch) and Jane xxxxx
 John Pugh (Tasmanian Branch)
 Di Coxon Ellis (NSW Branch)
 Kim Tyler and Elena Nesci (Western Australian Branch)
 Robyn Brown (South Australian Branch)

The total accredited coaches with MSA are:

Branch	Total	New in 2015	Reaccredited in 2015
New South Wales	72	7	3 of 6
Northern Territory	2	1	0 of 0
Queensland	81	13	9 of 16
South Australia	13	3	3 of 3
Tasmania	5	0	1 of 2
Victoria	39	5	4 of 7
Western Australia	76	14	5 of 9
Total	288	43	25 of 43

Since the restructuring of the Masters Swimming Club Coach, which was completed and approved by Swimming Australia in early 2015, a pilot coach accreditation course was held in Melbourne in March 2015. Kim Tyler and Elena Nesci (MSWA) presented the session and there were participants from Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. These experienced coaches are now on the MSA register approved to present and assess the Club Coach Course in Australia. The aim is to develop a pool of registered presenters available in each branch to run and

assess Club Coach Courses for the benefit of their member clubs.



Kim Tyler (MSWA) leading the Club Coach Course pilot session

The opportunity has been taken to update documentation around the new Club Coach Course. These updates include pre-registration for the Club Coach; running Club Coach Workshops; policies and procedures for the registration of presenters and assessors for the Club Coach course; and re-accreditation requirements for Club Coach.

Club Coach Courses have now been run in Western Australia (September 2015), Victoria (October 2015), South Australia (November 2015) and New South Wales (9 February 2016).

Coach Professional Development courses have been run in South Australia on identifying and correcting stroke errors (November 2015) and in Western Australia on Open Water Swimming (January 2016)

As occurs every year, the Coaching Committee assessed the documentation for MSA Coach of the Year submitted by each of the Branches and made a recommendation for the MSA Coach of the Year to the MSA Board.

**Bruce Allender Chairman
 National Coaching Committee**

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The National Technical Committee (NTC) is a forum for all states to clarify technical issues, have rules reviewed and propose changes if required, and provide guidelines for the training and accrediting of technical officials.

The NTC members for 2015 were Phil Beames (SA), Stan Pearson (QLD), Peter Maloney (WA), Gary Stutsel (NSW), Di Partridge (NSW), Neil Keele (NSW), Ray Brien (TAS), Neil Mitchell (VIC) and Jayna Gordon (NT).

The NTC's longest standing member, Gary Stutsel, did not nominate for re-election at the October NBM and stood

down from the committee. On behalf of the NTC (past and present) I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Gary for his valuable input, participation and leadership during his tenure. Gary's knowledge of masters swimming, swimming in general and of officiating, will be greatly missed.

The NTC has been working on an action item set by the National Board at the general meeting in April 2015. The item being reviewed is if there are further opportunities to align the MSA swimming rules more closely with the FINA swimming rules. Progress has been made and a final

recommendation will be put forward for the October 2016 General Meeting.

Other tasks the National Board has asked the NTC to review but are yet to be undertaken are;

- Explore 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
NTC Chairman

	General Principals of Officiating	Timekeeper	Chief Timekeeper	Check Starter/ Clerk of Course/ Marshal	Starter	Inspector of Turns	Judge of Stroke	Referee	Total
NSW	6	4	5	5	1	1	1	1	24
QLD	2	3	2	1	1	0	1	0	10
SA	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	3	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	10

SWIM MEETS COMMITTEE

The National Swim Meets Committee aims to ensure that the National Championships and other major swim meets conducted with the sanction of Masters Swimming Australia are run to a high standard and in accordance with the Rules and By Laws of the Association. Members of the Committee in 2015 were Jeanette Holowiuk (Vic), Jane Noake (NSW) and John Pollock (NT) (Chairman).

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

A minor revision of the Guide was undertaken in 2015, with a new edition published in October.

John Pollock
Chairman

NATIONAL RECORDER REPORT

2015 has been another successful year for swimmers having the opportunity to compete in over 96 events in the seven branches: the 40th National Championships in Hobart, the 16th FINA World Masters Championships in Kazan, the Euro Games in Stockholm, the Australian Masters Games and two regional masters games.

There were 312 individual (long course 133, short course 149) and 43 relay (long course 18, short course 25) National records achieved in 2015.

Also there were 11 World Records achieved and approved by the World Recorder, including three set at the world championships in Kazan, Russia.

Vorgee Endurance 1000 has been used now by swimmers for 4 years and continues to provide challenges for both individuals and clubs. Clubs which don't actively participate in the program still achieve points through members competing in e1000 swims at swim meets. The Endurance 1000 results included swims across most age groups with the youngest being 18 and the eldest being 91.

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

Statistics of entries from the records/results portal	Total since 2002	2015
Meets	1 822	96
Individual results	788 827	59 807 (incl e1000 19 418)
Relay results	29 997	2 383
National Records – Individual Relay	57 490	343 (310) (33)
	Total since 1978	2015
World records achieved by MSA swimmers	544	11
Individual Relay	57	

The National Swim Series was launched in 2014 and 49 swimmers participated in 3 or more events, however in 2015 only 22 swimmers participated in 3 or more swims. This might be dependent on the location and timing or type of swim meet listed and available.

Although the results in the portal only date from 2002, the results from previous years which were always published as top ten will at some stage be available in a digitised format. It has been interesting researching the history of the world records of our members as many of these people are still active in swimming. This has been another successful year for many swimmers and highly competitive as one age group had 366 rankings in one of their events. Hopefully 2016 will see many shine in their favourite events and some extending their repertoire.

Pauline Samson
National Recorder

World Records Achieved by MSA Swimmers	Total since 1978	2015
Individual Records	544	11
Relay Records	57	

National Membership Statistics

Membership by YEAR and BRANCH

Please Note : includes life members but not second claim member*

BRANCH	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
ACT	153	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	1645	1670	1737	1679	1729	1719	1620	1557	1534	1558	1450
NT	89	109	123	170	169	161	154	148	141	131	136
QLD	1517	1455	1414	1348	1425	1316	1138	1280	1235	1242	1189
SA	611	606	605	600	604	606	577	635	631	657	649
TAS	309	296	298	317	296	296	280	299	288	298	327
VIC	987	1013	929	900	920	975	965	1055	1098	1176	1219
WA	1217	1189	1277	1344	1324	1398	1442	1448	1578	1642	1655
Total	6528	6478	6383	6358	6467	6471	6176	6422	6505*	6704*	6625

TASMANIA

The Branch has returned to a normal level of activity after the successful running of the National Championships in Hobart. Given our small size, all the work required to keep the Branch running smoothly is done by volunteers

Events

The branch staged 5 events – three of which were staged at the Hobart Aquatic centre:

- The Summer (Long Course) Championships held in February in a trial one-day format to assess if the format would encourage more participation - in reality did not make any change to participation rate.
- The National Championships staged in April, which were a great success - further details are contained in a separate report.
- The State Long Course Long Distance championships conducted in November attracted some interstate swimmers along with our average participation from branch members.

The remaining two events were staged at the Launceston Aquatic centre:

- The Short Course Long Distance Championships conducted in June - participation was down on previous years due to pool issues resulting in the event being held on a long weekend,
- The Winter (Short Course) Championships conducted in August attracted a record number of entries, including numerous interstate competitors. The Championships were also part of the National Swim Series.

The Summer Championships also provided a test for the on-line registration system being developed for the National Championships. The success of this trial and the National Championships has led the Branch to introduce the on-line registration system for all the Championship events. Although there is some cost involved to the Branch in supporting the smaller long distance events, overall the system is cost neutral for the year and has reduced the workload on organising committees greatly.

Governance

The branch AGM was held later than normal due to the commitments of most members to the National Championships organisation. Two members of the board retired after serving for a number of years - John Pugh

(Coaching) and Kris Apps (Health and Safety). The board welcomed their respective replacements - Phillip Tyrell from Hobart Aquatic in the Coaching role and Mendelt Tillema in the Health and Safety role.

Branch management meetings are scheduled to coincide with branch championship events to reduce travel and meeting costs.

The board has undertaken an extensive review of the strategic and management plans and in the process of identifying and instigated changes to improve our performance and public profile. The board envisages having the changes completed over the next year.

We are continuing to build our Officials base with the addition of a referee and chief time keeper late in the year.

Membership

The National Championships in Hobart led to a spike in membership numbers to a record 322 - the highest previously was 310 in 2010 which coincided with the National Championships in Launceston.



Congratulations Kris Apps on Vorgee 7 million meters award

Don (Roo) Reynolds
President

NORTHERN TERRITORY

SWIM MEETS

The NT Branch held five swim meets during 2015. The Branch Short Course Championships were held in March and the Long Course Championships in October as part of the 2015 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.

MEMBERSHIP

The Northern Territory continued to have one of the highest percentages of its population as members of MSA clubs of the sovereign jurisdictions in Australia, third to WA and Tasmania. Membership in 2015 reached 135, slightly higher than the previous year's total of 133 – Alice Springs 27, Darwin 95, Palmerston & Rural 13.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

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

AWARDS

Darwin Stingers member Elyshia Sheldon won the 20-24 age group in the 2015 MSA Swim Series.

FUNDING

The main source of funding for the Branch was again the NT Department of Sport and Recreation, whose grant covered all branch administration costs and provided funds for coaching and travel subsidies, coach development and other activities. Payment of the grant for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 was via Swimming NT Inc, with the proviso in November 2015 that MSNT and SNTI become affiliated by 30 June 2016 – a significant modification of the earlier insistence on integration of the two associations.

BRANCH MEETINGS

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

BRANCH MANAGEMENT

At the AGM in November, Adrian Tonkin of the Darwin Stingers Club was re-elected as Branch President, with John Pollock of Darwin Stingers as Branch Secretary and Louise Hardy of Darwin Stingers as Treasurer. Discussions are ongoing with Swimming NT on how the proposed affiliation of the two bodies by 2016, as mandated by the NT Department of Sport and Recreation, might be effected.

John Pollock
Branch Secretary



Darwin Stingers Team at Singapore meet

QUEENSLAND

Governance

The Board met six times during 2015: five teleconference meetings and one face to face meeting in Brisbane. Development of an updated strategic plan was a focus for the year using the MSA plan as a template. The Board meeting was held at Holy Spirit Conference Room courtesy of Brian Davis and proved to be an excellent location. The Board also discussed many issues by e-mail.

We continue to have a service level agreement in place with Swimming Queensland. This covers the services of our Branch Administrator, Helga Ward, as well as financial administration. There are many benefits of having these services provided by experienced staff.

I attend the autumn and spring meetings of the National Executive as Queensland Delegate. This is an opportunity to not only hear about what is going on at the National level but also a chance to meet other State delegates and hear about activities in other branches.

A key issue to good governance is the financial sustainability of the Branch. Whilst 2015 shows an operating loss this is offset from the 2014 surplus and a surplus budgeted for 2016 on the expectation of a good Pan Pac Masters Games.

Communication

Queensland continues with the 'e-news' as a means of communicating with members. We continue the use of our web site, member forum, facebook and twitter. The odd face to face discussion doesn't go astray and I find it useful to get the chance to talk to members at Swim meets. Vice Presidents are also trying to work with clubs to provide information for the e-news and to be able to raise issues at Board meetings. Swimmers generally take the opportunity to raise any issues they might have with our Vice Presidents or with me when they can.

Programs and Activities

MSX - 2015 was the fifth year of our MSX which has been well received. Many swimmers have been able to progress up a level from last year.

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

Endurance – Queensland clubs continue to perform well in this National program.

National Swim Series – Queensland members participated and the series also attracted interstate swimmers to the State Championships in Townsville.

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

Coaching - Janine Healy in her role of Branch Coaching Director attended the workshop in Melbourne on the new Club Coach program. MSQ has a number of members interested in the course but we are struggling with availability of coaches.

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

Competition

The Queensland State Championships were held in Townsville this year. Numbers were lower than expected with travel and other meets competing for attention. State Director of Recording, David Finlay, attended to run the recording for the meet. Hobart proved a popular venue with Queenslanders for the National Championships, especially the reduced workload compared to 2014.

A few Queensland members made the trip to Kazan for the 2015 World Championships and quite a few of them came back with medals, pbs's and records.

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



Other Branch Activities

2015 has been an opportunity to catch our breath as MSQ prepares for the State Championships and Pan Pac Masters Games in 2016 and the 2017 National Championships all to be held on the Gold Coast.

I've enjoyed another year of catching up with familiar faces especially at the State, National and World Championships. The post-championships tour of Russia was a highlight.

Thank you for the hard work of our Branch Administrator, Helga Ward and to all the volunteers at Club and Branch level who make all this possible.

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

John Barrett
President MSQ

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Masters Swimming SA was very active in 2015. Membership remained relatively constant which is encouraging and the Branch and clubs worked hard to provide numerous pool, open water and social events which in the main were well attended.

Governance

Masters Swimming SA continues to be managed by a branch executive and a committee of representatives of all clubs in SA, which meet monthly at State Association House, Kent Town. We have a sub-committee at present reviewing the Constitution and By-laws.

2015 AGM

At the 2015 AGM most positions on the committee were filled. The few vacancies left were filled at the next Branch meeting in June. We have welcomed onto the Branch Council - Penni O'Shea as Secretary, Ian Young as Open Water Swim Director, Melissa Beames as Meet Director, Robyn Brown as Coaching Director and Andrew Hamden and Alistair Baird as Safety Officers. The role that we struggle with is marketing. Thanks to all committee members for their continued support and effort in their roles.

Ambassador

We were very lucky to gain a new ambassador for Masters Swimming SA with Sally Hunter accepting the role. Sally is a dual Olympian. She competed in the Beijing and London Olympic Games, as well as the Melbourne (2006) and Glasgow (2014)



Commonwealth Games, where she won the silver medal in the 200m breaststroke. Sally has competed in four World Championships, winning one bronze, two silver and a gold medal in the medley relay teams.

Sally is a member of the Marion Swimming Club in South Australia after moving here from WA. Recently Sally has been appointed to fill a casual vacancy as a Director on the Board of Swimming SA.

Sally attended the MSSA Presentation Dinner in November 2015 where she was introduced to our swimmers, inspiring many. Her warmth and friendliness was shown to many on presenting our annual awards with visiting Coaching Director Bruce Allender.

Programs & Activities

Australian Masters Games

The Australian Masters Games were in Adelaide once again in 2015, with the swimming being held from 3 – 5 October 2015 at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre. Entries were up to 190 at close off but with withdrawals and a number of swimmers deciding not to venture to Adelaide, we ended up with 162 competitors in the water. The swimmers that did come went away having greatly enjoyed their experience!

Of those swimmers that did join us from across Australia to compete, we had 105 Masters Swimming Australia members – 16 from NSW, 6 from QLD, 80 from SA, 1 from TAS and 2 from WA. There also were 57 swimmers from around Australia that were not Masters members with 35 of these competitors expressed an interest in joining a Masters club after their participation in the Games. We would also like to extend our appreciation and thanks to all of our hard working officials and volunteers, who without them would have not been such a well organised and run meet. Many of these people not only gave up their time each day, but even travelled from interstate just to help us out!

Medals were presented at the finish of each day's events by our Games Ambassador & President, Robert Harris; Life Member, Des Mulqueen; Asthma Foundation representative, Jodie Bell; and several of our top swimmers in SA – Leila Nazimi, Stephanie Palmer-White, Mark Smedley and Sharon Beaver.

National Records fell to Dorothy Dickey in 400m Freestyle and 800m Freestyle, Mark Smedley in 200m Breaststroke, 400m Individual Medley and 200m Individual Medley, and Judy Thomas in 50m Backstroke.



Mildura Murray Masters Carnival

We have again assisted Mildura Murray Masters with the running of a Carnival since the Mildura Masters Games were stopped some 5 years ago. This biannual event has now become part of the calendar and is well supported. Be good to get more entries from Victoria and NSW though as most of the entrants come from SA. A good weekend was had by the 92 swimmers that ventured to Mildura for their Carnival on 15 & 16 August. The Mayor visited to open the Carnival and then everything was in full swing. Masters

Swimming SA supported this event by donating the medals for Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd of each age group. The winners of the Relays were presented with a bottle of wine for their effort. Pizza was served during the medal presentation which went down a real treat!

A National Record was broken by Mark Smedley in 200m Individual Medley in a time of 2m29.28s

SA State Records were broken by Mark Smedley, Laurance Brett and Tubby Ramsay and a VIC Record was broken by David Kellam.

As by the photo below you can see what a lovely complex the Waves Pool is!

Channel Nine Open Water Series 2015-2016

We have 10 club organised swims over the series ranging from 750m to 10km and held along the SA coast from Port Elliot to Port Augusta. Water cover is provided by Surf Life Saving SA clubs at all events. These swims are well represented by both Masters members and the general public alike, with numbers increasing.



Channel Nine have continued their sponsorship with on the beach promotions at several of our Open Water Swims as part of their three year deal. With only 3 of our 10 swims left to complete, the President's Cup, Port Elliot and Noarlunga Reef, the series has been well represented. We have 22 swimmers who have managed to complete all swims to date.

The Annual Nine News Australia Day Jetty to Jetty Swim which was first swam in 1917 celebrated 100 years since the

first swim between jetties this year attracting numbers of 429. Rosemary White, Event Covenor, with assistance from John Gamlen and Leanne Beames along with the clubs that assisted deserve credit for making this a fantastic event. We had a display of old photographs from 1917 – 1923



with acknowledgement going to the State Library of South Australia and Lynton White.

Georgy Faster from Marion was the fastest female in a time of 26m51s taking home the Wingate Trophy while in the males Christopher Deegan in a time of 24m32s won the Ted Geary Trophy. Andy Duncan aged 80 and Barbara Pearce from Marion aged 79 received the Awards for the Oldest Swimmers to complete the swim, the Darryl Hawkes Trophy and Simons Trophy respectively. The Nine News Jetty to Jetty Team Award and Masters Swimming SA Cup were both won by Adelaide Masters.

Our State Open Water Championships, hosted by Marion Marlins, attracted 162 entries at West Beach. Georgy Falster and Garth Tierney were first to finish in the 3km swim and Leila Nazimi and Grant Simpson first in the 1km swim. The Club Trophies went to Marion for Aggregate Points and Atlantis for Average Points per Swimmer.

"Swim into Spring" campaign

Masters Swimming SA with Vorgee, launched once again the "Swim into Spring" campaign. The promotion attracted new members to coincide with the release of 16 month memberships. Each new 16 month member received a free pair of Vorgee Extreme Competition Missile Goggles valued at \$25 plus they went in the draw to win a Vorgee prize pack valued at \$108. This campaign was very well received with 19 new 16 month memberships. The winner of the Vorgee prize was Neil Sylvia from Henley Beach Sandcrabs.



Summer Pool Series 2015-2016

Our swimming continues with the Summer Pool Series held at pools on the outskirts of the metropolitan area. Woodside was held on Sunday, 29 November with 70 swimmers competing. A lovely day was turned on by Mother Nature with the sun shining and warm weather. After Woodside the swimmers were invited to the President's home for a BBQ which just topped the day off!

The second event at Gawler was also well attended with 68 swimmers. The Aquademe Otters and the Kingfishers had a picnic in the park with an open invitation to all. The Otters really knew how to lay back and relax at one of these meets!

2015 Winter Pool Series

Our Winter Interclub Series was a great success in 2015 with participation constant over the four events. Champions for the series were Adelaide Masters followed by Tea Tree Gully and in third Atlantis. Congratulations to swimmers throughout the Series with many National and State records falling!

The State Cups, Long and Short Course, were held at the South Australia Aquatic & Leisure Centre with numbers the same as most years. The Short Course was part of the National Swim Series which attracted 8 interstate visitors. Long Course Cup was won by Adelaide Masters while the Short Course was won by Tea Tree Gully.

Annual Presentation Dinner

Director, Bruce Allender the trophies were presented.



Mark Smedley from Adelaide Masters was awarded Male Swimmer of the Year and the Josie Sansom Trophy while Diane Ross from Marion was the recipient of the Female Swimmer of the Year. Tea Tree Gully had another good year winning the Long Distance Meet Shield, the Summer Pool Series Trophy, SC State Cup, Interclub Proficiency Cup and the Vorgee Endurance Cup. Adelaide Masters took out the Trophies for the LC State Cup, Interclub Relay Shield and Interclub Cup.

Special thanks to Leanne for her effort in the organising of the Presentation Dinner. The photo placemats from throughout the year were a big hit and talking point!

Bruce Allender, National Coaching Director from Victoria was astounded at the Dinner that all clubs cheered 1st, 2nd or 3rd no matter the club. Sally Hunter, our new Ambassador, was amazed at the number of trophies and

medals as she entered the venue. Sally was one of the toasts of the night! Everyone was surprised at how easy going and down to earth she was.

Coaching Course

Bruce Allender, the MSA National Coaching Director, successfully conducted the coach workshop with 5 participants attending on Saturday 14 November - Heather Carbone, Meredith Ryan, Jen Sturm, Joanne Porter and Karen Mentha.

A Masters Coaches PD Session followed on Sunday 15 November with another very useful morning with Bruce. Nine of our coaches including 4 from the Saturday course attended, some bleary eyed after the excellent Presentation Dinner the night before.

Once again this session was intently listened to and participated in with a session in the pool following some theory. It was not only educational but gave our coaches a chance to meet each other and discuss issues affecting their club coaching situations.

Our Annual Branch Presentation Dinner was held

Thanks to the Branch for supporting this activity which will only enhance the quality of coaching in this state. We hope to run another course soon as interest has been shown!

Acknowledgements

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

Leanne Beames

Administrator, Masters Swimming SA

NEW SOUTH WALES

Governance

MSNSW is governed by an elected Board of seven members assisted by position holders, Technical Officials, Webmasters and Social Media Administrators. The Board meets every month at Sports House.

Membership figures at the end of February 2016 total 1,155 financial members including second claimers, lower than the same time last year.

Promotions

MSNSW has an active Facebook site that has to date, 1715 likes. Facebook has proved to be an efficient communication tool and our posts transfer over to our twitter page. Any links direct the user back to our website which is the formal platform for information.

Once again MSNSW is a sponsor of the Fine Ocean Swim series in NSW. An informal partnership with oceanswims.com sees MSNSW support nine ocean swims with a prize offered of a 2016 membership going to a competitor through a random draw at each event. To date two swimmers have taken up this offer and we hope to meet them on pool deck soon.

Programs & Activities

On 12 September 2015 MSNSW hosted a 40th Anniversary dinner with honoured guest and one of our founding members Gary Stutsel. Gary was one of six Life Members present plus Noleen Dix, General Manager of Masters Swimming Australia.



Since the Spring report, eight Branch Point Score (BPS) meets have been held, seven of which were regional meets plus one metro BPS and also two interclub meets. The NSW Short Course Championships were held in Canberra at the Australian Institute of Sport in October.

These SC Championships were the NSW leg of the national Swim Series and had 189 entries on Saturday and 188 on Sunday, a very even spread across the weekend including 8 interstate members.

In January 2016 the Board launched an open swim meet at a brand new 50m pool (Hornsby) that hadn't been utilised previously. This was a trial meet for using an online entry system and allowed our members to test entering their own individual entries. This was extremely well received.

The meet was open to entries on the day, timed as a twilight meet to ensure it was short and sharp, had a 8 x 50m handicap relay and welcomed non-members as a try-before-you-buy day. This proved thoroughly successful and will be considered as a regular event at the same time every year with the view that clubs can promote it to prospective new members who are tentative about joining Masters. The time of day (6pm) encouraged family groups to come along and the two ½ hour time frame ensured that everyone came, swam and went home in high spirits. While some came early to enjoy the afternoon others stayed on in the area and met up at local eateries.



National sponsors Vorgee again funded the MSNSW events calendar printed for each member and provided male & female Swimmer of the Meet prizes at the Branch Championships. For this we are extremely grateful.

The 2015 Endurance 1000 results have just been finalised after a lot of work by both the Branch Recorder Jenny Whiteley, and the National Recorder Pauline Samson. MSNSW had 21 members gain maximum points and nine others achieved all 62 swims.

The Volunteer of the Month award has seen regular submissions for members who are very well appreciated by their club members and usually are not aware of how much their efforts are noticed. Members are asked simply

to write a few words describing their nominee's positive attributes that they bring to their club.

Acknowledgements

MSNSW acknowledges the work of its many volunteers in assisting to conduct the activities in all areas of the organisation, on branch level, in the office, on pool deck and in all clubs. While our coaches on pool deck are the

backbone for our swimmers the Technical Officials on pool deck at swim meets are guiding lights. Thank you to all of them.

Jillian Pateman

MSNSW Administrator



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Although membership numbers increased only marginally MSWA again topped the nation again with its highest ever member numbers at 1,648. This is a huge achievement, of which all WA members should be extremely proud as general growth has been achieved through a concentrated team effort at both State and Club level highlighting the benefits of pro-active membership growth strategies and the importance of relationships with aquatic centre management, stakeholders, sponsors etc.

The membership growth program continued to be successfully implemented by our part-time Project Coordinator Nadine Georgiades through sponsorship from Healthway promoting the LiveLighter health message. In addition Nadine continued to manage the website and FaceBook plus implement many other marketing and development projects across the organisation. As part of our team Nadine has a wonderful and positive manner with everyone she deals with and brings excellent skills and a passion to our sport which is invaluable.

Governance

The WA Board met eight times during the year and continued to monitor finances on a monthly basis as part of due diligence. Special projects funding was again made available to Clubs from interest from the investment account and a record number took advantage of this opportunity to purchase equipment or use for other great initiatives.

Four Council of Clubs meetings were held and the 2015 AGM conducted in February in conjunction with a Council meeting which included several award presentations. Sadly the Director of Swimming Peter Maloney resigned mid-term after 11 years on the Board and Executive however he will continue in is Technical Officiating role and on the NTC. Subsequent to the AGM the Board appointed Perth City's Fiona Wilkins to fill the vacancy. Fiona brought her management skills and Meet Convenor/Director experience from the 2008 World Masters and 2011 National Championships to the position as well as her Club President expertise.

The Board continues to thrive and enjoy their roles whether at strategic or operational level and is a great team. Most strategies were achieved in our 2015 Operational Plan, many with the President and/or Board members, State Officers, Project Coordinator, Coach Education Team and Investment Committee.

New initiatives and major highlights in 2015:

- Member numbers at highest ever again and with largest number of Clubs

- Established new MSWA office as sub-lease with Sports Medicine Australia in Daglish
- Supported new LiveLighter Bunbury Skins meet as part of regional development
- Conducted new LiveLighter Coaching Clinic for country members as part of LiveLighter Skins meet
- Annual All Club Challenge (previously known as State Championships) meet conducted in March specifically for National Championships' participants
- New OWS volunteer team established to coordinate upgraded processes and event documentation
- MSWA's Coach Educators Kim Tyler and Elena Nesci revised and rewrote MSA Coach Accreditation Course, which also included presenting the pilot course
- Established branding and stronger Masters presence for LiveLighter OWS Series events conducted by MSWA Clubs with new equipment and signage
- New license plate frames promotional program conducted with fundraising aspect for Clubs
- New hats produced for Technical Officials and other relevant MSWA volunteers
- Development of new Strategic Plan for 2016 - 18 commenced with assistance of former President Jack Busch
- Development of MSWA Risk Management Plan commenced

Other 2015 projects and activities:

- Annual Country Correspondence Carnival coordinated by MSWA
- Coaching Courses – new MSA Club Coach Course conducted in September
- Coach PD workshops – 3 conducted in 2015 as part of accreditation updating program
- Special Projects Funding Project criteria revamped and awarded to successful clubs
- 2015 HBF State OWS held successfully at Coogee Beach with stable participant numbers
- Annual awards presentation & function held with May Council of Clubs meeting
- Technical Officiating annual workshop and courses conducted
- Annual OWS Coordinators workshop conducted in June
- Club Captains meeting conducted in September
- 2015/16 LiveLighter OWS calendar advertisers produced with 40 adverts, up from 32 in 2014/15
- 2015 LiveLighter Swim into Spring membership growth project conducted with several Clubs participating in activities to increase membership
- 5, 10 & 15 service awards program well established

Sponsorship and Stakeholder Relationships

- Secured new Lotterywest funding for MSWA's OWS equipment and signage

- Secured additional sponsorship from Healthway for naming rights of MSWA's Open Water Swim program after HBF did not extend previous arrangement
- Secured once-off ICT (Internet Communications Technology) funding from DSR which enabled purchase of laptop specifically for State Recorder, new copier/printer and MYOB support
- Confirmed continuation of Vorgee sponsorship for 3 years
- Promotional advert in Rottnest Channel Swim racebook highlighting Club membership benefits
- Continued promotion of MSWA to increase awareness through monthly column in Have a Go News which included promotion of LiveLighter Novice Swims and December front cover, Seniors Have a Go Day, and general promotional articles and photos
- LiveLighter Novice swims conducted by Maida Vale and Fremantle clubs in conjunction with their OWS swims
- Excellent ongoing relationship with MSA including contributions to workshops
- Continued excellent relationship with DSR with positive feedback on meeting Operational Plan key result area strategies
- Continued relationship with Swimming WA with meetings on regular basis
- Relationships continued with Have a Go News, HBF Stadium (Venues West) and Cottesloe Crabs
- Ongoing partnerships with other organisations eg. Triathlon WA, Swimming WA, Rottnest Channel Swim Association, Water Polo WA, Surf Life Saving WA, LIWA Aquatics, WA Sports Federation, AUSTSWIM, Royal Life Saving WA
- Member of Aquatic Steering Group re facilities and requirements for our sport



Mandurah Masters Members with Dawn Fraser at Mandurah AC opening

Acknowledgements

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

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

Samantha Noall
Executive Officer

VICTORIA

Governance

MSV has a small Executive Committee comprised of Mark Sendecky, Vice President; Tim Boness, Finance Director; Paul Watmough, Recording Director and National Convenor for Melbourne 2016; Neil Mitchell, Technical Director, which includes the rostering of all officials at meets and working on the training and re-accreditation process; Bruce Allender, Coaching Director, who organises all of the training courses throughout the year; and myself, Archer Talbot as President.

The Management Committee for MSV is made up of Archer Talbot, Tim Boness, Neil Mitchell, Mark Sendecky and Paul Watmough plus Club delegate representatives Rosa Montague and Leanne Sheean. Thank you to all of these people for their time, care and effort in working towards the best interests of the organisation.

Thank you also to all of the board members (club delegates) who have been able to attend the committee meetings throughout the year.

As a consequence of the new constitution in 2014, the financial year now aligns with our membership year and the calendar year. This resulted in the extension of the current year from July 2014 to December 2015. Therefore the current MSV committee and Management committee have remained in office until the end of the year.

Administration

MSV's administration continues to be performed by the Masters Swimming Australia Office under a Service Agreement.

Sports Development Officer

Sal Cuming has continued to do an excellent job in the position of sports development officer. Sal's key targets include: (1) raising both the number of MSV clubs and individual members, (2) raising the profile of masters swimming in the public arena, and (3) increasing our sponsorship. The increase of the

individual membership fee by \$10 per person in order to fund this position has worked well.

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

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

In November 2015 Sal was employed by Swimming Victoria to work on their Club Development. An agreement with SV has been reached to engage her in MSV development work as part of her duties. This will commence in 2016

Membership

MSV's membership at the end of the calendar year was an increase on the 2014 membership, which ended on 1114, to take us to 1219. There is a feeling of momentum in the community that "things are happening, that things are going well".

There have been four "one club" affiliations during the year and most of them are entering meets and actively participating in programs that are on offer.

Competitions

The Swim Meet Committee was disbanded and the Management Committee now manage MSV Meets.

Our major State meets, being the Long Course and Short Course meets at MSAC, were both run very successfully and with high member participation. An inter-club meet was hosted by Malvern Marlins, but unfortunately three others were cancelled – something to work on in 2016. The popular relay carnival was held in September.

Acknowledgements

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

Paul Watmough is Convenor for the Melbourne National Championships in 2016. Paul is leading his team in the preparations for this major event and they should be recognised for all of their work to date, and look forward to welcoming national swimmers to Melbourne in April!

Linley Frame continued in her role as an Ambassador of MSV and she was joined in 2015 by Chloe McCardel who accepted the role as MSV Open Water Swim Ambassador.



World Champ Dorothy Dickey (VDC), Mark Sendeky (VGS, VP MSV) and Chloe McCardel (OWS MSV Ambassador)

Swimming Victoria

Following the appointment of Gillian O'Mara, a long term masters swimmer, as the new CEO of Swimming Victoria the cooperative arrangements between our two organisations has improved markedly. Provision has been made for eligible MSV swimmers to take part in SV Meets and SV swimmers were invited to enter the MSV LC event. The appointment of Sal Cumming to SV staff will also benefit the further development of MSV.

Archer Talbot President

2015 MASTERS SWIMMING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOBART, TASMANIA

Staging the 2015 MSA 40th Masters Swimming National Championships in Hobart provided a unique challenge for the Tasmanian branch. How to harness a small membership base, with relatively few members possessing the event specific expertise to complete the delivery. Pauline Samson and Maciej Slugocki were appointed the Co-convenors of the Championships and they made a decision to introduce event staging innovations and imprint a style of championships unique to the city of Hobart and Tasmania.

The innovations introduced included:

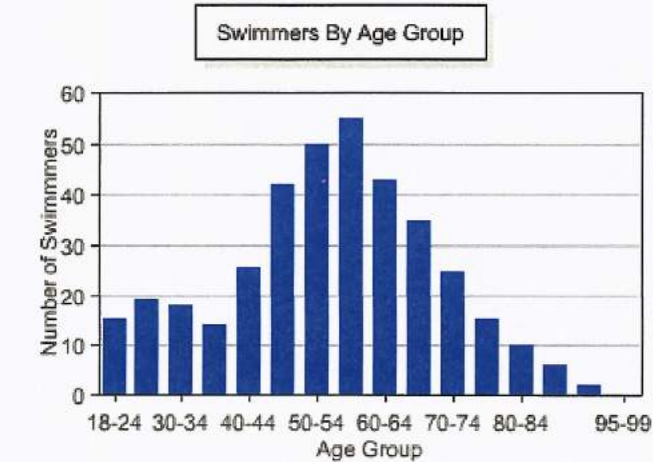
- adding Inclusiveness to complement the emphasis on Fitness, Friendship and Fun
- marketing Hobart and Tasmania as a must see destination
- introducing a new, US online registration system called "Club Assistant"
- shopping cart facilities were provided for all attendees
- design and creation of the Showcase Racing Arena
- measured and tailored social marketing
- parking and "walk to the pool" instruction videos
- social events centred around the Salamanca and Wharf areas of the city
- provision of a souvenir program for all competitors
- using a downloadable online event and heat programme
- branding consistency covering medal ribbons, publications and video clips
- provision of an additional free results service using SwimPhone
- creation of a YouTube channel and the posting of short competition event video clips

- direct emails to competitors

For MST the staging of the event was an outstanding financial success. Expenses met budget with additional surpluses generated through merchandise and program sales. The 627 competitor registrations posed a significant challenge to the organising committee especially in the conduct of the 800 and 400m freestyle events. This large number of competitors required the hiring of an additional short course pool for those events and the provision of additional warm up space to meet the demand of the 50m sprint events.



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2015 AWARD WINNERS

2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Trophy	Winner
Founders' Trophy	Blacktown Beavers (MSNSW)
Runner-up Trophy	Malvern Marlins (MSV)
Visitors' Trophy	Powerpoints (MSV)
President's Trophy	Tomatoes (MSTas)
Life Members Trophy	The Van Diemens (MSTas)
Vorgee Female Swimmer of the Meet	Clary Munns (Blacktown Beavers, MSNSW)
Vorgee Male Swimmer of the Meet	Mark Thompson (Powerpoints, MSV)
Coach of the Year 2014	Anne Smyth (Tuggeranong, MSNSW)
Official of the Year 2014	Ron Gray (Thornlie, MSWA)

2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RELAYS

Age Group Relay Trophy	Winner
Under-119 years	Blacktown Beavers (MSNSW)
120-159 years	Powerpoints (MSV)
160-199 years	Powerpoints (MSV)
200-239 years	Claremont Masters (MSWA)
240-279 years	Malvern Marlins (MSV)
280-319 years	Doncaster Dolphins (MSV)
320-359 years	Malvern Marlins & North Lodge Neptunes (MSV)

VORGEES ENDURANCE 1000

Trophy	Winner
Vorgee Endurance 1000 Award 2014	Noosa Masters (MSQ)
Vorgee Endurance 1000 Club Champion 2014	Talays (MSTas)

2015 SERVICE AWARDS

Trophy	Winner
Conspicuous Award (10 Years)	Frank Braun (MSV)
	Judith Crawford (MSWA)
Meritorious Award (5 Years)	Bruce Allender (MSV)
	Phillip Beames (MSSA)

2015 VORGEER MILLION METRE AWARDS

DISTANCE	NAME	CLUB	BRANCH
Ten Million Metres Club	Barbara Brooks	North Lodge Neptunes	VIC
Seven Million Metres Club	Kris Aps	Talays Masters	TAS
	Rod Oliver	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
	John Pollock	Darwin Stingers	NT
Five Million Metres Club	Ray Brien	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
	Katie Lewis	Campbelltown Collegians	NSW
	Leanne Markey	Noarlunga Masters	SA
	Ken McDonald	Brisbane Southside	QLD
	Tricia Summerfield	Stadium Masters	WA
Three Million Metres Club	Theresa Elliott	Claremont Masters	WA
	Gordon Ferguson	Ettalong Pelicans	NSW
	Richard Fox	Claremont Masters	WA
	David Misson	Twin Towns Masters	QLD
	Jennifer Mulqueen	Tea Tree Gully Masters	SA
	Jamie Turner	Ryde AUSSI Masters	NSW
Two Million Metres Club	Scott Andrews	Castle Hill RSL Masters	NSW
	Paul Bailey	Warringah Masters	NSW
	David Bale	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW
	Neal Bertram	Marion Masters	SA
	Heather Butler	Albany Creek Masters	QLD
	David Davies	Carine Masters	WA

DISTANCE	NAME	CLUB	BRANCH
	Nicholas Grinter	Sutherland Sandbern	NSW
	Sally Hatcher	Penrith Masters	NSW
	Peter Kaupert	Warringah Masters	NSW
	Peter Lord	Surey Park Seahorses	VIC
	Caroline Makin	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW
	Jim Milne	Yarra Roughies	VIC
	Jennifer Mulqueen	Tea Tree Gully Masters	SA
	Adam Parker	Cockburn Masters	WA
	Ann Reid	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW
	John Reugebrink	Ipswich City	QLD
	Anne Smyth	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW
	Wendy Twidale	Noosa Masters	QLD
ONE MILLION METRES	Paul Bailey	Warringah Masters	NSW
	Rowena Burch	Armadale Masters	WA
	Leisa Cass	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW
	Georgy Falster	Marion Masters	SA
	Alison Green	Gladstone Gropers	QLD
	Valerie Hristova	Darwin Stingers	NT
	Jane Lawrence	Clarence River	NSW
	David Lovering	Marion Masters	SA
	Studley Martin	Noosa Mastes	QLD
	Susan McCaughtrie	Duck Creek Masters	QLD
	Jennifer Mulqueen	Tea Tree Gully Masters	SA
	Patricia O'Brien-Price	Darwin Stingers	NT
	Jillian Pateman	Blue Mountain Pheonix	NSW
	Margaret Sadow	Singleton Masters	NSW
	Trudy Zussino	Gladstone Gropers	QLD

2015 MSA MASTERS SWIM SERIES

Eight Meets made up the 2015 National Swim Series – the MSA National Championships in Hobart Tasmania and one nominated event from each of the Masters Swimming Branches.

The Series is about participation and performance! Masters Swimming members were encouraged to support these selected pool events throughout the year to be in the running for awards. Attending multiple meets gave any swimmer a better chance to compete against the “super fish” in their age group. A minimum of two Meets had to be swum to be eligible for prizes.

Age Group	Winner	Club	Meets Attended	Total Points
18 – 24	ELYSHIA SHELDON	CDW	2	1248
25 – 29	EMMA PENDLEBURY	VPP	2	1594
30 – 34	ROWENA BURCH	WAM	5	5855
35 – 39	SUSAN MCCAUGHTRIE	NSA, QDU	5	5440
40 – 44	NICKY KERR	VMV	3	3223
45 – 49	PAMELA NIX	NBT	2	1755
50 – 54	DAPHNE BRIGGS	VMV	3	2994
55 – 59	DEE SHEFFRIN	VDC	3	3221
60 – 64	LEIGH RODGERS	VMV	2	2221
65 – 69	JENNIFER NOCK	QTT	4	4307
70 – 74	CLARY MUNNS	NBT	2	2390
75 – 79	SUE MAYNE	TAC	2	1366
80 – 84	DENISE ROBERTSON	QMM	2	1818
85 – 89	DOROTHY DICKEY	VDC	2	2161

Age Group	Winner	Club	Meets Attended	Total Points
18 – 24	NICHOLAS GRINTER	NSA	2	1431
25 – 29	BRENTON FORD	VPP	2	1396
30 – 34	WILLIAM HALL	QLT	2	1599
35 – 39	TODD PATRICK	VGS	4	4492
40 – 44	ARCHER TALBOT	VPP	3	2045
45 – 49	MARK THOMPSON	VPP	4	7912
50 – 54	ANTHONY DUNN	WCM	2	1718
55 – 59	PAUL BLACKBEARD	WCM	2	1824
60 – 64	MACIEJ SLUGOCKI	TAC	5	9127
65 – 69	DON TAYLOR	VMV	3	3054
70 – 74	PETER KAUPERT	NWG	2	1405
75 – 79	JOHN COCKS	VMV	5	8270
80 – 84	PATRICK GALVIN	VMV	4	5817
85 – 89	MAX VAN GELDER	NWG	2	938

Highlights:

Congratulations to the four repeat winners from last year – Daphne Briggs (VMV), Mark Thompson (VPP), Maciej Slugocki (TAC) & John Cocks (VMV).

Winners came from six of the Masters Branches – NSW had six, Nthn Territory had one, Queensland had four, Tasmania had two, Victoria had thirteen and Western Australia had three.

A great effort by Maciej Slugocki (TAC) who swam at five Meets and topped the points table with 9127 points. Susan McCaughtrie (NSA, QDU) and Rowena Burch (WAM) also swam at five Meets; with Rowena taking the honours for scoring the most points in the Women’s age groups with 5855 points.

2015 NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

CLARY MUNNS AND JANETTE JEFFERY

Clary Munns

Clary Munns from the Blacktown Masters Swimming Club in western Sydney has achieved six World Records, 26 National Records and 28 State/Branch Records in the Masters Swimming 70-74 years age group during 2015. She was awarded the 2015 SPORT NSW Masters Athlete of The Year.

These records have been achieved across different strokes and distances - the world records being swum in 200 & 400m IM, 50m backstroke and 200m backstroke. The National Records include 25m freestyle, 50, 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500m backstroke; 50, 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 breaststroke; 25, 50, 100m butterfly; 50m freestyle; and 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m Individual Medley; and Branch Records in 25m, 800m freestyle and 100m breaststroke, 200m butterfly in both long and short course pools. Many of these records were already held by Clary in 2014, and a year older at 71 she has bettered most of these records during 2015.



Clary has been swimming for many years in Masters Swimming competitions and has continually broken records, but the last 2 years have been her finest in the number of records she has achieved. She has also been the Swimmer of the Meet at the last five NSW state meets, including Short Course State in 2013, Short and Long Course in 2014 and Short and Long Course in 2015 - a feat never achieved by any other swimmer in the Association's history. She was named Swimmer of the Meet at the National Championships in 2015.

Janette Jeffery

Janette is a member of the Malvern Marlins MSC in Victoria and she broke four Breaststroke World Records in the Women's 65-69 year age group in 2015. Three of these records had stood since 2010.

Her first two records were set here in Victoria at MSAC:

- 17 May 2015 MSAC 200m Breaststroke LC 3:21.61 (taking 3.18sec off previous record)
- 18 July 2015 MSAC 200m Breaststroke SC 3:10.75 (taking 4.14sec off previous record)

The second two were achieved whilst competing at the 16th FINA World Masters Championships in Kazan, Russia in August 2015:

- 11 August 2015 Kazan 100m Breaststroke LC 1:32.66 (0.57sec off previous record)
- 15 August 2015 Kazan 200m Breaststroke LC 3:21.27 (rebroke her own record)

Jan also currently holds 13 National and 48 State records. Her 400m Backstroke record set in the 45-49 year age group back in 1999, still stands.

She is also an enthusiastic and accomplished open water swimmer having won every event she competed in over the 2014-15 season

Jan is coached by her sister Bev Tate and she in turn regularly coaches the Malvern Marlins Tuesday morning training sessions.



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